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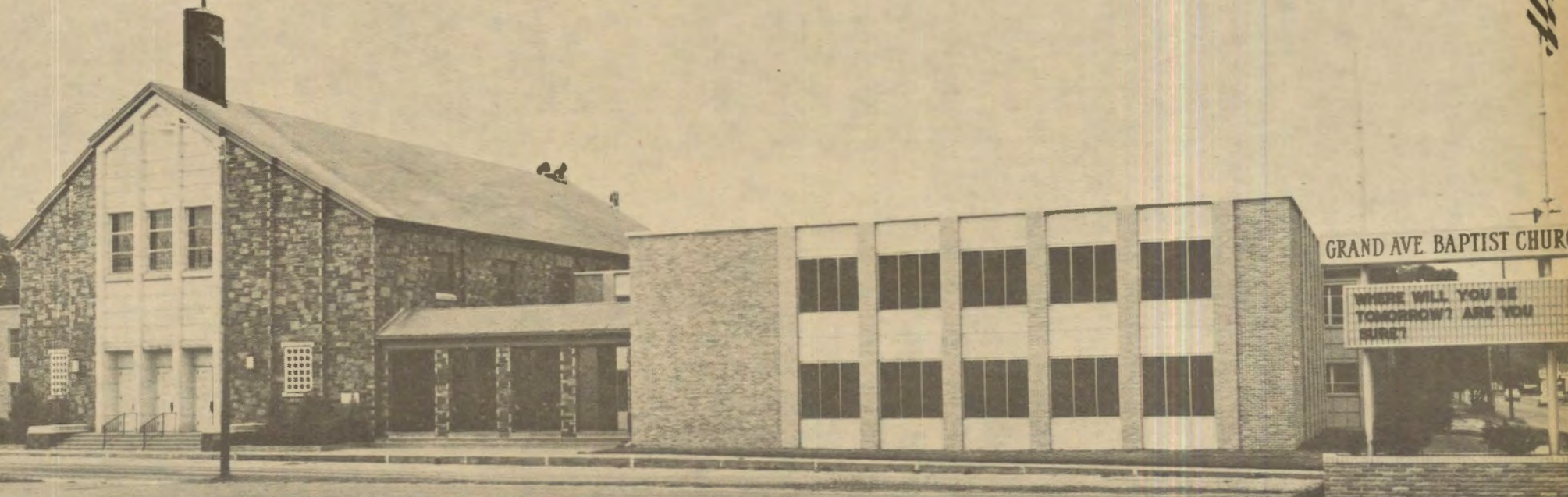
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# Knowing how and where not to witness



Dr. Grant

Most of us have come to be pretty good experts on the subject of how and where not to witness for Christ. As modern, sophisticated, and sensible people, we have learned that certain methods of Christian witnessing are crude and obnoxious, and only turn people off rather than turn people to Christ.

Or at least that is what I keep thinking I have learned until I continue to hear of persons who became a Christian because of some highly "unorthodox" method of presenting the Good News to a non-Christian.

At the recent meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Committee on Religious Liberty and Human Rights, I heard a strange story with a setting in Communist China. It reminded me once again that dignity and sophistication are not always the unshakable commandments for Christian witnessing. I was told of a distinguished musician in this officially anti-Christian country, the first violinist in the Peking National Symphony Orchestra, who had a series of strange encounters with a man in the audience during several symphony concerts. At certain times during the concert the man in the audience would, without warning, slip quickly up to the stage and place a piece of paper in the hand of the first violinist, and then melt back into the crowd. The slip of paper had a Bible verse on it. This went on over a period of weeks, with nothing more nor less than this mysterious handing of notes to the musician, in each case a Bible verse.

Because of his acquaintance with Premier Chou En-lai, the violinist was able to leave the country and go to Hong Kong. He immediately went to Hong Kong Baptist College and asked if someone could direct him to a church where these Bible verses might be further explained and discussed. The distinguished violinist found his way into one of the Baptist churches in Hong Kong and it was not long before he had made a personal commitment to Christ as Saviour. He has now dedicated that wonderful musical talent to Christian witnessing in his own special way.

It is stories like this one that help to remind me that I do not have all truth for all time in the matter of how to share the Good News about the redeeming love of Christ. What might seem to be silly behavior to some, might simply be an innovative way to gain attention, in the mind of others. I still do not look with favor on grabbing a man by the lapels and asking "Are you saved, Brother?" But who am I to say that God cannot accomplish a good result even in such a crude approach?

I have an idea our biggest problem in Christian witnessing in the nineteen-seventies is that we spend far more time talking about how not to witness than

we do talking about how to witness effectively. And the risks are not nearly so great here as they are in Communist China. — Daniel R. Grant, President, Ouachita Baptist University

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## What is the function of a deacon?



Editor Sneed

Every Baptist would agree that a deacon is one of the most important people in a church. Across the years, however, many ideas have developed as to his role. Some have viewed him as a church business manager, while others have seen him as one who keeps the pastor straight. A few have felt that the system is a way of honoring outstanding men.

The word deacon in the New Testament is derived from the Greek word "diakonas," meaning "servant." In the time of Paul life was cheap. A man's power or station in society was often measured by the number of servants he owned. The word "servant" might be spoken like "leper." But the word was given a new and lofty meaning by the inspired men of the early church, for a deacon is a servant of the most high God.

It is our belief that the seven men appointed in Acts, the sixth chapter, were deacons although this name was not specifically assigned to them anywhere in the scriptures. These men were chosen out of a definite need. The Greek widows were complaining that the Hebrew widows were receiving a larger portion of the resources. (Acts 6:1.) The disciples said that it was not desirable that they would leave off the proclaiming of God's Word to distribute resources to these needy. The men functioned well. They solved the problem of fellowship as well as relieving the load of the apostles.

By the time of the writing of Philippians, the office seems to have been well established, for Paul addresses "All the saints in Christ Jesus which are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons." (Phil. 1:1.) As an heretical ecclesiastical structure developed, by the end of the second century, the deacons' position was changed. From the position of lay servant he was moved to the lowest position of the professional clergy.

The New Testament gives us great insight into the office as it outlines the requirements for these dedicated men. A deacon is to be one who is grave. (Serious.) That is, one who has Christian purpose (I Tim. 3:8.) This does not imply that he should not enjoy a good joke. Every pastor agrees that a good sense of humor helps. He also is to be doctrinally sound (I Tim. 3:9), mature in Christian service (I Tim. 3:10), a man with a Christian family (I Tim. 3:12), a man of controlled speech (I Tim. 3:8), a man who is temperate (I Tim. 3:8), and a good steward of his possessions (I Tim. 3:8.) In short, the requirements for a deacon are the same as those for a preacher, with the exception of being "apt to teach." (I Tim. 3:2.)

Many concepts have developed concerning the function of deacons. They are often referred to as the "board of deacons." This conveys the idea of decision making, implying that they should have the responsibility of dealing with the business affairs of the church. On the other hand, it should be clearly noted that there are to be no levels of authority in a Baptist church. Every member is equal to every other member and the congregation, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, must have the final decision in all matters.

We believe the New Testament pattern indicates that a deacon should be a part of the pastoral ministry or spiritual team. They would work under the leadership of the pastor to assist the congregation in accomplishing its spiritual objectives. As a part of this endeavor deacons would:

- Assist in promoting the spiritual fellowship of the church. There is no group who can do more to strengthen the harmony of a congregation. Usually, deacons are people who have been a part of the church for a considerable period of time. They know the people. They are loved by the members, so they can assist greatly at this point.

- Assist in proclaiming or carrying the gospel. A deacon should be a witness both in his life and in his word. Often dedicated laymen can do more in reaching the lost than can a pastor.

- Assist in caring for the needy in the community. A part of every church's responsibility is to minister to those who have real needs. It is tragic that we have not always fulfilled our God-given responsibility at this point. We believe that every deacon's meeting should provide a time for reporting on the witnessing and benevolent activities of the deacons.

The office of deacon is an exciting and rewarding calling. We thank God for the dedicated men who serve in this capacity. Today we have some of the finest men we have ever had serving as deacons.

### Worth quoting

O God, in mercy bless us; let your face beam with joy as you look down at us. Send us around the world with the news of your saving power and your eternal plan for all mankind. How everyone throughout the earth will praise the Lord! How glad the nations will be, singing for joy because you are their King and will give true justice to their people! Praise God, O world! May all the peoples of the earth give thanks to you. For the earth has yielded abundant harvests. God, even our own God, will bless us. And peoples from remotest lands will worship him. — Psalm 67, *The Living Bible*



I must say it!

# A college is not a church



Dr. Ashcraft

An association is not a church, neither is a district or a convention. A board, agency or a commission likewise cannot be identified as a church. A ministry, children's home or student center is not a church. A college is not a church.

While a college is not a church, nor any of the above mentioned entities, it is cut from the same broad cloth which comprises all our Baptist fellowship. It is of the identical material as is our churches. As such a great part of the purpose, philosophy, and theological identity is carried over into the institution. This is good, normal, right and inevitable. The whole idea of the church may be couched in one sentence. The business of the church is to find, reach, teach, train and send people. This is the essence of evangelism and missions.

The church remains, however, the only institution which bears immunity from defeat and wears the badge of eternal permanence (Matt. 16:18.) While Matthew 16:18 has not spoken of other institutions

it is of interest to observe that the invulnerability and permanence of any institution is in direct ratio to the degree of attachment and identity with the redemptive concerns of Almighty God.

The only real commodity or stock in trade (these terms used for lack of better ones) which the church has is the message of the atoning grace of our Lord. The church is the custodian of the message of the atonement, not the atonement. The church's invulnerability and permanence is assured only as its identity and attachment to this atonement (redemptive concerns of Almighty God) is real and vital.

Institutions desiring permanence and immunity from defeat may wish to embrace more realistically the redemptive concerns of our Lord. This offers greater security than financial endowment.

Perhaps this is the reason the churches of Arkansas are making such elaborate provisions for their two schools. A college is not a church but is basically of the same stuff. My reputation as a prophet is on the line. I predict it will ever be so, hence permanence and invulnerability is in our horoscope.

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

## Letters to the editor

### Cooperative revival

I feel that I want to share with you and possibly with your readers a bit of newsy information.

I have been an ordained Baptist preacher for something over 19 years and have had the privilege of serving First Baptist Church here at Desha for a little over five years as pastor. During that 19 years I have heard many people talk about how God blessed them during the "good ole days" when the Baptists and Methodists would get together in the summer when the crops were "laid by" and have an old time tent revival or a brush orbor revival. "But", they would say, "times have changed." Well, sirs, let me be one to say that times have changed but God has not changed.

This summer (Aug. 1 thru 8) the First Baptist Church and the First United Methodist Church here at Desha came together in a joint community tent revival. The people just met in love and concern for the lost people and had an "ole time" revival. There was an average attendance of 272 people for nine services. There were 18 people saved (nine joined the Methodist Church and nine joined the Baptist Church — by their choice, God is still not playing favorites) and 33 rededications.

We didn't have a "big name"

evangelist. Bro. Paul Husky, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wooster, was our preacher. Doctrine was no problem. He just preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified. People prayed, the Holy Spirit visited, and God gave the increase. Our community will feel the impact of this meeting for a long time. I say "Amen" to the absence of prejudice. —Forrest Bynum

### Prayer calendar

for

#### Superintendents of Missions

- Dewey W. Stark ..... Sept. 5  
Carey Assn.
- Conway H. Sawyers ..... Sept. 8  
Liberty Assn.
- Ray W. McClung ..... Sept. 12  
Pulaski Assn.
- James A. Griffin ..... Sept. 14  
Concord Assn.
- Peter L. Petty ..... Sept. 21  
Washington-Madison Assn.
- Refus Caldwell ..... Sept. 22  
Conway-Perry &  
Van Buren Assns.
- Carroll W. Gibson ..... Sept. 26  
Greene County Assn.

## Revivals

**Buffalo Chapel**, Sept. 3-9; evangelist will be Russell Pitman, song leader will be Carl Fielder.

**Bellaire Church**, July 29-Aug. 5; Harry Garvin, evangelist, Jim Sadler, music; six for baptism, three by letter, 30 rededications. Eddie Simpson is pastor.

**First, Hoxie**, July 22-29; Jesse Reed, evangelist, Herbert "Red" Johnson, song leader; 10 professions of faith, two by letter. James Fitzgerald is pastor.

**Rosie Church**, July 29-Aug. 5; Jackie Thomason, evangelist, three for baptism, one by letter, one surrender to ministry, eight rededications. Leonard Bunch is pastor.

**Spring River, Hardy**, July 30-Aug. 5; Frank Hall, evangelist; four professions of faith, three for baptism.

**First, Kensett**, July 29-Aug. 5; Jack Parchman, evangelist; Thad Hamilton, song leader; five for baptism, one by letter. A. W. Upchurch Jr. is pastor.

**Bethany, Georgetown**, Aug. 5-11; Jack Parchman, evangelist, Charlie Cleaver, song leader; 15 for baptism. W. J. Black is pastor.

**Fitzgerald Church, Wynne**, Sept. 3-9; Paul Stender, pastor, First Church, Corning, will be evangelist, and M. J. Jordan will direct the singing.

**Forrest Park, Pine Bluff**, Sept. 6-9; Paul Jackson, Little Rock, will be evangelist, Mrs. Tom Rutherford will be in charge of the music.



## Arkansan on faculty of Bible institute

GRACEVILLE, Fla. — Baptist Bible Institute will open Sept. 5, with two new teachers, one as Professor of Religious Education and another as a contract teacher in English and speech.

The Professor is James L. Ryan of Little Rock, who succeeds William G. Caldwell, recently called to work with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. George Edens, wife of George Edens, pastor of First Church, Samson, Ala., is the new English teacher.

Ryan holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Ouachita University and the M.Div. and M.R.E. degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He expects to receive the doctor of education degree from the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in December.

Ryan completed his residency at Louisville and handed in his dissertation before moving here earlier this month. While in his two years of graduate work there he was pastor of Franklin Street Church, Louisville, and taught classes at Simmons Bible College.

Other college and seminary pastorates were at Holly Springs, and Unity Baptist churches in Little Rock and Arkadelphia; and at First Churches of Walnut Springs, Tex., Foreman, Ark., and Eldon, Mo.

Mrs. Ryan, the former Judith Fisher of Jefferson City, Mo., is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College. They have two sons, Jimmy B, and Jeffrey, 6.

## News about missionaries

**Rev. and Mrs. James A. Lunsford**, missionaries to Brazil, have a new furlough address in the States (address: Star Route 4, Lamesa, Tex. 79331.) He was born in Paducah, Ky., and also lived in Jonesboro, Ark.; Mrs. Lunsford, the former Jewel Conway, was born in Jackson County, Okla., and also lived in Lawton, Okla., and Jonesboro Ark. Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1940, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, O'Donnell, Tex.

**Miss Irene Branum**, missionary who has completed furlough in the States; was scheduled to depart Aug. 16 for Korea (address: P.O. Box 76, Pusan, Korea). A native of Leslie, Ark., she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1946. Previously, she was a nurse in St. Louis, Mo., and Arkadelphia, Ark.

## Employee appreciation day

By Dan McKee

Administrator, First Church, Fayetteville



McKee

How long has it been since your church employees have been publicly thanked for their good work? Hey! Hey! Well, that's too long.

September is an excellent time to show appreciation to your employees because by then folks have usually settled down from the summer. Also, your church probably has some new members it acquired from employment transfers or in other ways effected by summer moves. These folks need to be introduced to the employees of the church.

Employee Appreciation Day can be as simple or as elaborate as imagination permits. Usually, time in the Sunday morning worship service is set aside for public introductions. Appropriate sermons may be preached encouraging both church employee and church member to a better stewardship of the personnel section of the church budget. Brief resumes may be printed in the church paper or similar information prepared as bulletin inserts. This will not only make it easier for the church members to grasp these personnel facts but it can conserve precious moments of the worship hour. The pastor should lead in Employee Appreciation Day and be responsible for planning the agenda, but it would not be out of order to ask applicable supervisory personnel to make appropriate remarks concerning employees they supervise.

Your church may have only one employee or it may have dozens, but each is an indispensable factor on the church reaching maximum efficiency. Include the pastor, staff members, secretaries, custodians, nursery workers, yard keepers and anyone else on the church payroll regardless of how much they are paid. Your church might be surprised to know how many employees it has.

Employee Appreciation Day will do something for your church. It should instill a sense of pride in the church as the church family takes pride in their employees. Employee Appreciation Day is a great way to promote your church budget, for these people must be monetarily cared for. It will acquaint new members with those who serve the church. In all cases a spiritual law is

experienced when the one who says, "Thank you" is blessed as much as the one who is thanked.

Most churches appreciate their employees, but many church employees drag on, day after day, attending to the thankless task of church business, taking complaints and criticism from most everyone. This ought not to be so. Believe it or not, church employees are as much "people" as the church members but many times find no recourse available without repercussion, and being no less human than the members themselves, they may be constantly searching for new employment.

Employee Appreciation Day also does something for the employee. "Thank you" is the best available morale builder. Every church employee needs to feel important to his task. Church employees also need an occasional reminder that they serve all the members, not just the pastor and staff. "Thank you" will almost always inspire church employees to do a better job. Further benefits will become evident once your church has formed the good habit of properly using those two divine words, "Thank you."

Perhaps the greatest good to come from Employee Appreciation Day is the good that befalls God's Kingdom when every church employee is told publicly that his particular task is a spiritual task. All service, whether rendered by church member or church employee is essentially service rendered to God and church membership or church employment is but a vehicle for our service. Each church employee, if he is to reach premium efficiency, must feel he is serving God through church employment. He needs to be told publicly and in private that this service rendered is just as important to God as preaching the sermon. A clean rest room, a well-typed letter and a well-preached sermon all should possess the intent to glorify our Heavenly Father and to bring men to Christ.

Plan now to have an Employee Appreciation Day in your church soon. A few moments of public recognition may just be the spark to ignite pride, self-confidence, maximum efficiency and productivity in your employees. Educating the church to say "Thank you" might just be the greatest benefit.

Try it. You might like it.



## The Southern accent

# Our Christian college

As we face the beginning of a new school year, will you examine with me the question "What makes a college Christian?" The answer at Southern Baptist College is threefold:

One, the curriculum has a foundation and integration in the Christian faith. At the center of this faith is God as revealed in Jesus Christ and the Bible. Neither man nor the natural world in which he lives can be properly understood without considering the nature and purposes of God. Facts may be discovered and knowledge may be gained, but the ultimate meaning of life which enriches daily experience must be found in the Creator whose creation man and the world are.

Knowledge, like life, consists of many things. Knowledge may remain fragmented and unrelated. The person who is committed to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord has found a unifying center for both his knowledge and life, and so has moved from knowledge to wisdom. This does not imply that he knows

everything but that he realizes that all truth is of God and that life is to be studied for what God has to make known.

Two, the professors are committed Christians who hold truth and life to be sacred trusts. Southern Baptist College is founded upon a profound conviction of the truth of the Christian revelation and the authority of the Bible. Because knowledge and life are held to be intrinsically sacred, the Christian scholar must be careful in his analysis and cautious in his conclusions. He is opposed to dogmatic attitudes which indicate closed-mindedness. The depth of his religious faith produces confidence on the part of the student and leads to the greatest possible trust in the educational process to arrive at realized truth.

Three, the Christian ethic undergirds the college as a community and produces a particular quality of living and learning. The dignity and worth of the individual are nowhere more honored

than in a Christian college. Intellectual integrity and religious compassion are both virtues of high importance. Southern Baptist College is Christian in its commitment and tries to be completely fair to students from all backgrounds and situations. The function of the Christian witness is persuasive and inviting. Christian faith is presented not as an academic option but as a compelling choice, both taught and demonstrated.

This is your college — committed to Christ for your service. Support her well! — Lawrence A. Tucker

## Staff changes



Harrison

**Lawrence Wayne Harrison** is now serving Parkview Church, El Dorado, as assistant to the pastor with duties in music and youth ministries. He comes to the church from First Church, Tillar, where he has served for the past four years. He holds

the B.A. degree from Ouachita University and has studied at Southwestern Seminary and the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He will enroll at Henderson State College this fall to complete studies for a masters degree. He is married to the former Donna June Mason. They are the parents of three children.

**Marvin E. James** has resigned as pastor of Woodland Heights Church, Harrison, to accept the pastorate of Friendship Church, Clinton. During his 15 months serving the Harrison church, the church air conditioned the education building, renovated the choir loft, completed the fellowship hall, and purchased an organ.

Second Church, Little Rock, has called **Bob Wright** as associate pastor for outreach. He has served the past eight years as pastor of First Church, Harrison. Wright is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary. He has served as pastor of Waldenburg Church in Arkansas and of Fairview Church, Rhome, Tex. He is married to the former Billie Ruth Garrison. They are the parents of two children.

## Woman's viewpoint

# Why do we like Peter?

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

him:

Most of us have some admiration for Peter. Why? Not because of what he was, but because of what he became. In preparing to teach her Sunday School class, Daughter No. One made up an outline on Peter that expresses how we feel about

Annas commanded them to preach no more in the name of Jesus, and Peter responded, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

**Peter was a great preacher at Pentecost.** . . Because they were in one accord, because they were filled with the Holy Spirit, because they waited till God's time to receive the power, Peter and the other disciples were able to witness with great power. (Would we not be able to do more if we waited till God's time, allowed the Holy Spirit to fill us and were all in one accord?)

**Peter was a great healer of those who suffered.** . . In Acts 5 we are told how many signs and wonders were wrought among the people (and again they were all in one accord.) The people were so impressed that many believers were added to the Lord . . . insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets. . . that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them."

We like Peter, not because of his weaknesses, but because he overcame them!

### Why I like Peter

He was mouthy. . . So am I.

He lacked faith. . . So do I.

He denied Christ. . . I have also denied Christ.

His faith was wishy-washy. . . So is mine. . .

### But God used Peter

**Peter became a great defender of the faith.** . . In Acts 4, we read how Peter and John were thrown into prison because of their healing and preaching, and were brought before the high priest: Annas then asked them by what power they had done these things, and Peter then "preached to them Jesus."



The Cooperative Program  
**TAKES NO REST!**



Wall to wall boys and girls; that's what we had in Mitchell Hall at Ouachita during Older Children's Music Camp. This group was giving their full attention to a puppet show.



## Young musicians' music camp held on Ouachita campus

Six hundred Young Musicians on one college campus for three or four days means plenty of action all the time. That's just what we had at Ouachita Aug. 6-9 at our annual Young Musicians Camp. Total enrollment reached 619 for these singers who will be in grades four through seven this school year.

Outstanding work was done under the capable leadership of each of our choral directors. The fourth graders sang "Fanfare for the King" under the leadership of Mrs. George Vandegrift of Little Rock. The fifth graders were directed by Kent Jackson, Minister of Music of Trinity Church, Memphis. Their choral work was "Children of Bethlehem," a brand new Christmas cantata for children's voices.

The Sixth graders were directed by Mrs. Linda Boyd, Associate to the Church Music secretary in Missouri. They performed a new musical based on the Old Testament story of Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego, who found it to be "Cool in the Furnace." This musical for children's voices was written by Buryl Red, a native Arkansan.

The seventh graders learned and sang a series of six anthems under the leadership of Dick Ham, children's music consultant with the Sunday School Board.

The worship services were capably led by Morris Ratley of Central Church in Magnolia, and Winfred Bridges, of First, Bentonville. We were thrilled to see 10 boys and girls make professions of faith, along with 16 others who came recommitting themselves to the Lord. —Ervin Keathley, Secretary



*(Center) Meal time is always a popular time at Music Camp. If you can imagine 600 Juniors in one dining room at one time, you know there must have been a little noise and confusion.*



*Time to change classes. The weather was warm enough that no one wasted any time getting from one cool building to another.*



## Your state convention at work

# State missions depend on Offering



Dorris

Statistics and figures are not always conclusive on any subject. They may never tell all the story, but the story they tell can often be quite sobering. This is particularly true of last year's record-shattering response to the Dixie Jackson

Convention did not share at all in state missions except through the Cooperative Program, which is indeed a vital and major source of mission funds. But it can't all be done through the Cooperative Program since state missions receives only 14.21 cents of each dollar given. With record giving to the Cooperative Program last year, state missions' share was only enough to engage in convention-authorized mission programs for six months — January through June.

Work agreements with the Home Mission Board provided for another two months operation — July and August.

In 1972 the 546 churches who gave "offerings" above the tithe enabled the mission programs to continue for the rest of the year. Without the Dixie Jackson offering the Missions Department would have turned off the lights and closed the offices leaving the chaplains, mission center directors, many small churches and associations without the vital support they needed to continue their ministries — September through December.

offering to state missions.

Only 546 of the 1192 churches in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention gave to the offering, but these churches gave \$93,866.46 for an all-time high in gifts to state missions, and well above the \$85,000 goal.

Think of it! Less than half the churches gave nearly \$100,000 in "over and above" gifts to this mission cause. It was a thrilling and notable achievement that resulted in substantial gains in all areas of mission endeavor in Arkansas in 1972.

Now the sobering part: More than half of the churches — 646 — in the

The appeal this year is to the 646 non-sharing churches to learn about state mission achievements, to pray effectually for the workers, to set a worthy goal for their congregations and to give to the Dixie Jackson offering.

The statewide goal is 999 churches giving \$99,999 to state missions in 1973.

The churches who gave last year will give again, and rejoice in the giving as they learn how God is blessing right now with souls saved, missions established, churches strengthened, and many personal and purely human needs being met in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Doesn't it make you want to be a part of those 49 exciting and spiritually rewarding mission outreach ministries afforded by the state mission program? Help state mission personnel "put it all together" for Arkansas Baptists by supporting the Season of Prayer and the Dixie Jackson offering for state missions in September. — R. H. Dorris, Director, Department of State Missions.

## Navy chaplains in Greece serve many Arkansans

An interesting news item comes to us from Southern Baptist Chaplain Leo Stanis, LCDR, of the U.S. Navy. He serves about 1500 men in Squadron 12, sixth fleet, USN, plus their dependents, stationed in Athens, Greece. Chaplain Stanis says that about 10 percent of those assigned to his squadron are Southern Baptists.

Some of those assigned to Squadron 12 are from Arkansas. They are MM3 Scott L. Moon, Hensley; GMGSN Jeffrey Moulder, Little Rock; GMGSA Ronald L. Ennis, Texarkana; BM2 Michael C. Young, Little Rock; MMFN Gary A. Callahan, Madison; SA Rodney L. Wallace, Stamps; RM3 Richard A. Zornes, Shirley; SA Walter L. Key, Caddo Gap; FA Ronald W. Seay, Bentonville.

Chaplain Stanis is a graduate of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. and entered the Navy Chaplaincy in 1966.

Chaplain William M. Strickland of the Little Rock Air Force Base has recently been transferred to the Air Force Base in Athens, Greece.

This is another report of our missionaries in a great mission field. They deserve our prayerful support. —Wilson Deese

## Associational Sunday School Training Schools '74

Leader training has surfaced as the number one critical issue in the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist Sunday School Board, State Sunday School Departments, and Associational Sunday School organizations are making all out effort to provide help for Sunday School leaders in the churches.

One avenue is the Associational Sunday School Training School. Some plan central schools and others plan to have group schools.

Listed below are the associations that have agreed to plan some type of school in 1974. Each association sets its' own dates. All of these listed will be in February or March, 1974.

Arkansas Valley  
Bartholomew  
Boone-Newton  
Buckner  
Caddo River  
Calvary  
Carey  
Caroline  
Centennial  
Concord

Dardanelle-Russellville  
Faulkner  
Green County  
Harmony  
Hope  
Liberty (group schools)  
Little River  
Mississippi County  
Pulaski  
Trinity

Other schools are in the making. The faculty for these schools will be trained at a one-day meeting on Jan. 15, 1974. This meeting will be hosted by the State Sunday School Department and conference leaders will be from Baptist Sunday School Board.

If your association is not listed, we would like to hear from you. We want to help every association to have a school. Write to us. —Don Cooper — Sunday School Department



Wall to wall boys and girls; that's what we had in Mitchell Hall at Ouachita during Older Children's Music Camp. This group was giving their full attention to a puppet show.

## Young musicians' music camp held on Ouachita campus



Six hundred Young Musicians on one college campus for three or four days means plenty of action all the time. That's just what we had at Ouachita Aug. 6-9 at our annual Young Musicians Camp. Total enrollment reached 619 for these singers who will be in grades four through seven this school year.

Outstanding work was done under the capable leadership of each of our choral directors. The fourth graders sang "Fanfare for the King" under the leadership of Mrs. George Vandegrift of Little Rock. The fifth graders were directed by Kent Jackson, Minister of Music of Trinity Church, Memphis. Their choral work was "Children of Bethlehem," a brand new Christmas cantata for children's voices.

The Sixth graders were directed by Mrs. Linda Boyd, Associate to the Church Music secretary in Missouri. They performed a new musical based on the Old Testament story of Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego, who found it to be "Cool in the Furnace." This musical for children's voices was written by Buryl Red, a native Arkansan.

The seventh graders learned and sang a series of six anthems under the leadership of Dick Ham, children's music consultant with the Sunday School Board.

The worship services were capably led by Morris Ratley of Central Church in Magnolia, and Winfred Bridges, of First, Bentonville. We were thrilled to see 10 boys and girls make professions of faith, along with 16 others who came re-committing themselves to the Lord. —Ervin Keathley, Secretary



*(Center) Meal time is always a popular time at Music Camp. If you can imagine 600 Juniors in one dining room at one time, you know there must have been a little noise and confusion.*



*Time to change classes. The weather was warm enough that no one wasted any time getting from one cool building to another.*



# BSU Advisory Committee meets at Marble Falls

The Baptist Student Advisory Committee attracted 60 persons, including wives and children, to its summer meeting at Marble Falls recently.

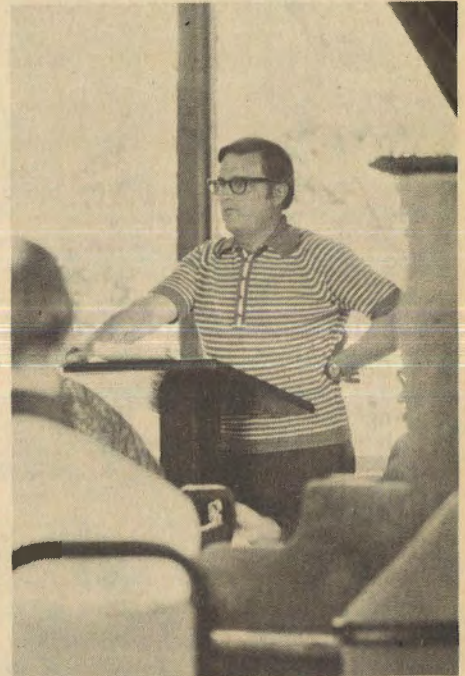
The meeting opened with a banquet in the new Convention Center. Committee members, directors, and their families heard Dr. Charles Ashcraft, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and committee chairman Don Moore, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, express gratitude for student victories of the past. They also challenged directors and committeemen to think in terms of twice as many summer missionaries and of an associate BSU Director on each campus with major responsibility in the area of campus evangelism. Moore said the latter was possible by 1976 with the securing of student-to-student workers, recent college graduates who would serve one year with minimum pay to reach the campuses for Christ. Dr. Ashcraft was complimentary of Arkansas BSU's involvement in the salary of three BSU directors in Utah.

Conferences were held in the ski lodge and reports were heard from Bob Parker, chairman of the finance committee, Paul Sanders, chairman of the promotion and communication committee, and David George, chairman of the personnel committee.



Darrell Coleman was elected to head a fund drive.

The meeting was highlighted with the disclosure of plans to give a Christian witness and a portion of the Scriptures to every college student in Arkansas by 1976 and the same witness and Scripture distribution to each home in every college town in Arkansas by the same date.



Committee Chairman Don Moore was one of the speakers.

Darrell Coleman of Little Rock was elected chairman of a drive to double the Student Department's gifts in Baptist Foundation by the summer committee meeting of 1974. Coleman, former Arkansas BSU Director, now works with IBM. The present investment stands at \$6,500.

## News briefs

- Plant Church, Clinton, recently installed new pews, Lord's Supper table, and pulpit. They also air conditioned the auditorium. Thomas Simmons is pastor.

- The 50th anniversary of the ordination of Lloyd A. Sparkman was held Aug. 26 at South Side Church, Pine Bluff. Sparkman pastored the church from 1937 to 1954 which was his longest pastorate. Joining in the celebration were Mrs. Sparkman and daughters, Mrs. Roald Sorensen of Raleigh, N. C., and Mrs. H. T. Turner, Corinth, Miss. Sparkman is available for supply and may be contacted at #5 Fairmont Dr., Little Rock, where he and Mrs. Sparkman now make their home.

- A reception was held after the evening worship service Aug. 19, honoring Pastor Padgett C. Cope, and his family as Cope begins his eighth year as pastor of Calvary, Little Rock.

- Bethel Station, Paragould, recently installed central heating and air conditioning in the church.

## Child Care

### Home for Children adds staff member



Mrs. Armstrong

of our Child Care ministry.

Working with youth through the churches and in her own home has been a "real job" for Mrs. Armstrong for many years. She has touched many young lives with her Christian enthusiasm, sincerity and deep belief in the worth and potential of each individual life. Mrs. Armstrong earned an associate of arts degree from Westark Community College.

Mrs. Armstrong has led conferences for the state Sunday School Department

Mrs. Eula Armstrong, Van Buren, joined the staff at the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, effective Aug. 15, as Child Care Worker. In addition to other responsibilities Mrs. Armstrong will direct the sponsorship program, which is a vital part

as a state-approved worker for youth for several years. She also has led conferences for youth workers with the Church Training Department. She has served as an associational officer for youth Sunday School work in Clear Creek Association since 1962. This included leading conferences for Vacation Bible School. From 1967 to 1972, Mrs. Armstrong served as youth director for First Church, Van Buren.

Mrs. Armstrong, with her husband, E. O. Armstrong, and three nephews, Bill, Chip, and Bruce, will reside on the campus of the Children's Home. Armstrong will be employed in the community.

We are grateful to have the Armstrong family as a part of our child care team. Mrs. Armstrong states, "I am sure the most exciting thing in the world is to be where God wants you to be, and we are grateful to him for leading us to the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children."



## Support of Cooperative Program makes possible support of OBU

Parents of Ouachita University students recently received a letter from President Dan Grant, accompanied by a schedule of student expenses for the 1973-74 school year.

The schedule of expenses indicated a modest increase in tuition and fees, but no increase at all in the cost of room and board. Referring to this, two statements at the bottom of the expense schedule are of great significance.

Dr. Grant said, "Ouachita costs continue to be among the lowest of all Baptist senior colleges in the nation. This would be impossible without generous, annual support from the Cooperative Program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention."

It may be that many Arkansas Baptists are unaware of the truth of these two statements, but I can personally attest to the accuracy of both. My responsibilities bring me into frequent contact with denominational workers from other states. Since most of us have college-age children, the conversation frequently

turns to the cost of college education.

In comparing information, my colleagues from other state conventions are constantly amazed at the fact that my son can secure a quality education at a well known and highly respected Baptist university at a total cost far less than most of them are paying.

The second statement by Dr. Grant may be equally unfamiliar to Arkansas Baptists. I would call attention to two words used in that statement.

The first word is "generous." Arkansas Baptists provide a higher percentage of Cooperative Program gifts for Christian education than is true of most other state conventions. We do not have as many institutions as some states, and we do not have as large a budget as many of our sister state conventions. However, the percentage of our total gifts represents a generosity that is prompted by a confidence in our schools and a commitment to the support of Christian education.

The second key word in that second statement is "annual." Ouachita University, like most Baptist colleges, receives a large portion of its support from endowment income, tuition and fees, private gifts, and special campaigns (such as the current Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign.) However, the Cooperative Program is a consistent and perennial source of income to the university, which helps make possible the quality education our students receive at a lower tuition cost.

The Cooperative Program does not usually receive the intensive, aggressive promotion necessary for a special campaign, nor does it usually receive the special attention given, and properly so, to large, individual gifts. Nevertheless, it is constantly there, month in and month out, year after year, in support of Ouachita University and dozens of other worthy Christian causes.

Ouachita University and the Cooperative Program are both worthy of the continued support of Arkansas Baptists. —Roy F. Lewis, Secretary, Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department

## OBU-SBC Campaign leaders challenged to work



Leaders in the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign enjoyed dinner in the Longworth Restaurant atop the Worthen Bank Building Tuesday evening, Aug. 21. The purpose of the meeting was to express appreciation to the workers and to challenge them to finish the task. It was agreed that the Campaign is meeting with great success, but the victory cannot be claimed until every Arkansas Baptist church is participating.



Russell Newport of Springfield, Mo., presented a repertoire of solos including secular, spiritual, and sacred music. Along with thrilling the Campaign Leaders with his outstanding performance, he gave his personal testimony of being a product of Christian Higher Education. Newport congratulated the people of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for their support of the Campaign.



## Church Training

### Something new for youth

*Baptist Youth*, a new periodical designed for all ages of youth, will be available beginning with the October, 1973, issue.

If you have wished for some familiar characteristics in Church Training curriculum materials for youth, this periodical may fit your needs.

The self-contained periodical of 100 pages will include pupils' materials, leaders' guidance material, and department features. Other features include dated sessions and a daily Bible reading guide.

Not more than four sessions, simplified planning procedures, and the application of Bible truths will be stressed.

Emphasis will be given to Baptist doctrine, youth ministry and witness, and the development of the Christian life.

"The Baptist Faith and Message" statement serves as a guideline for *Baptist Youth*.

The *Baptist Youth Resource Kit* will include learning aids to correlate with suggestions in the leader's material. Should the leader desire to use the kit rather than to prepare his own learning aids, this will permit him to spend his preparation time in a study of the guidance material — Ralph W. Davis

## Student works at home for boys



Willard

Dear Arkansas BSUers:

After working four weeks at Siloam Springs Baptist Assembly, I began the remainder of my summer work at the New Life Home in Little Rock. From the noise of hundreds who attended Siloam to the quietness of the foster parent home for six boys a big adjustment was required. The home, which is sponsored by the Arkansas Guidance Foundation, has just recently moved to its present location in five acres of peaceful wooded area in the western part of Little Rock. During the move, all of the boys who were living in the old location were either released to their families or sent back to an agency.

My work at the home, thus far, has included setting up the home for the new boys to arrive, helping with work at the Foundation office, and getting acquainted with the house parents. I've become a painter, mover, yard worker, furniture restorer, and housekeeper in two short weeks.

One of the interests of the Foundation is weekly prison worship services at the state prisons. These informal services are very unique experiences for my Christian life. I was very uneasy at first, but soon felt God's presence and realized that even these men need to know God's love. The weekly prison visit enabled me to see the need for the home situation for the boys now before their actions possibly lead them to correctional institutions.

The main aspect of the New Life Home is a Christian atmosphere with parental guidance that is missing in many homes. During these two weeks, I have witnessed many lives that are torn and destroyed because of past home conditions such as divorce, separation, or child abuse. I thank God for the Christian home I was raised in by good Christian parents. By working at the home I have learned that love is essential in the lives of young people. The house parents try to give every boy something that he has never had before, such as a clean bed, clothes, and great food. A true personal relationship with Christ is the greatest gift they have to offer.

I have really enjoyed my work at the New Life Home thus far and am anxiously awaiting the next two weeks. I believe God led me to this home to strengthen my relationship with Him and others.

Thank you for caring and sharing through Christ.

Sincerely,  
David Willard

(David is serving as one of the Arkansas BSU Summer Missionaries. He has been at Siloam Springs and New Life Home and is a student at Arkansas State University.)

## Clinic is a must for all Brotherhood leadership



Dr. Isbell

W. J. Isbell Jr. will be one of the conference leaders for the Brotherhood Leadership Clinic on Sept. 28-29, 1973 at Camp Paron. Dr. Isbell is the director of the Baptist Men's Department of the Brotherhood Commission.

Before coming to the Commission Isbell served for several years as director of the Brotherhood Department of the Alabama Baptist Convention.

He was a deacon and active in Brotherhood work while practicing veterinary medicine before becoming director of the Brotherhood Department.

Dr. Isbell's responsibility as director of the Men's Division of the Commission keeps him in close contact with churches and mission needs across the country. Being a layman he has a keen

insight into the possibilities of men and their involvement in the total mission picture.

Not only does Dr. Isbell understand the needs and possibilities of men in missions, he also has some answers to involving men in missions through their church. Because of his interest in and concern for people he is constantly seeking better ways to meet the needs of the needy through mission activities.

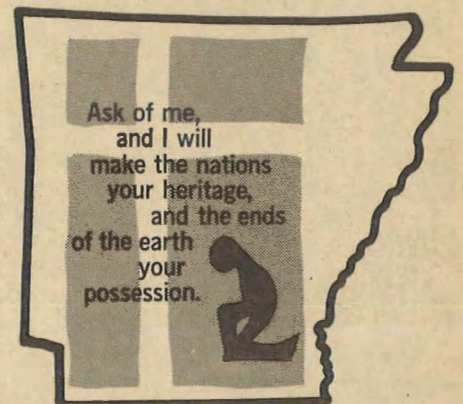
Every Brotherhood director or Baptist Men's president will be helped by attending the Leadership Training Clinic. Make your plans now to attend. All associational Brotherhood officers should attend. This includes directors, Baptist Men's leader or president and Royal Ambassador leaders.

Church Brotherhood officers are invited and urged to attend. They will receive much helpful information and inspiration.

The cost for attending the clinic is nominal, \$6 per person. This covers

cost of room, meals and some instructional materials.

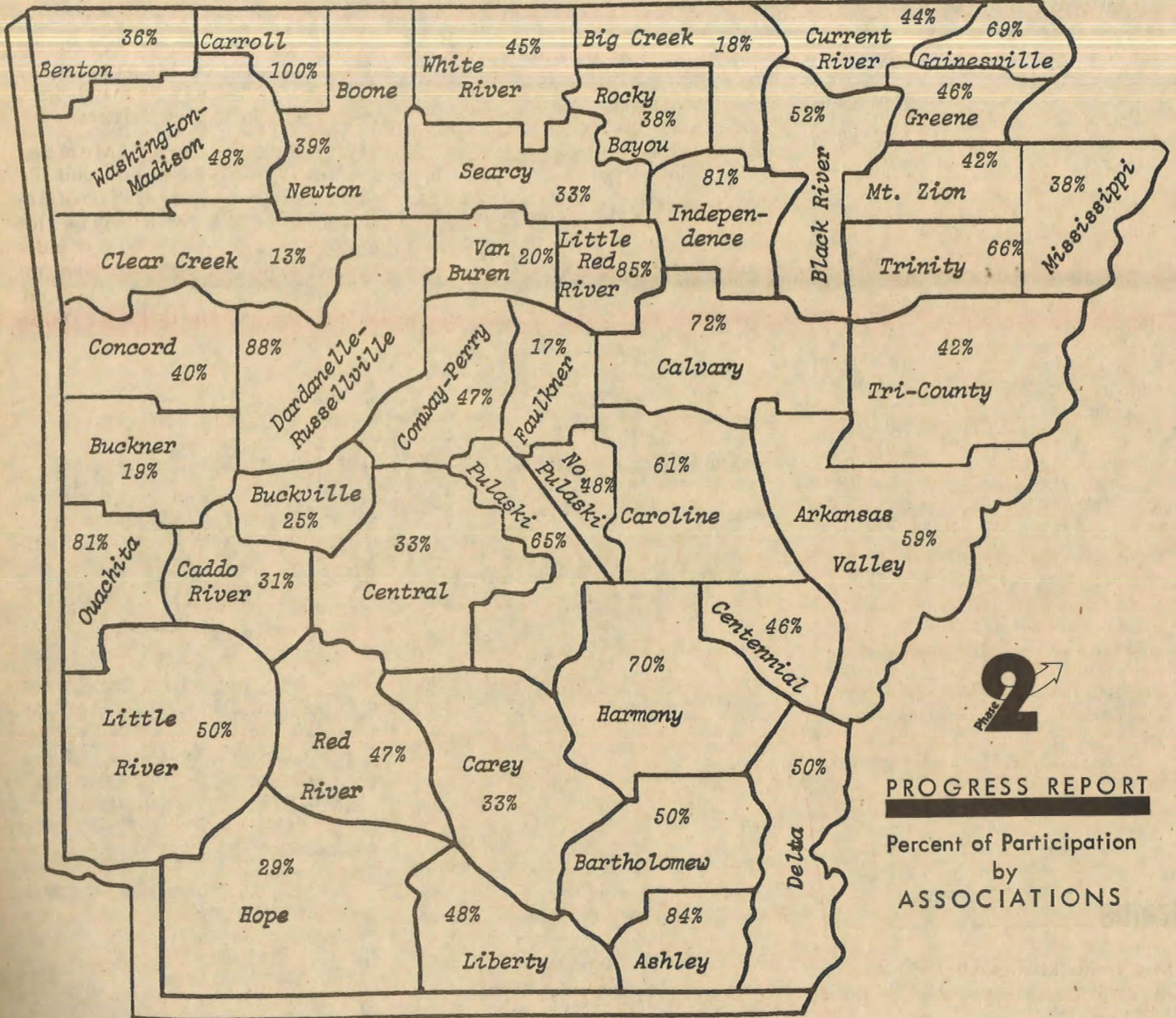
Plan now to attend! Make a reservation now. . . Prepare to serve the Lord better. — C. H. Seaton, Director



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



# OUACHITA-SOUTHERN ADVANCEMENT CAMPAIGN



Phase **2**

**PROGRESS REPORT**  
 Percent of Participation  
 by  
 ASSOCIATIONS



# Something new for new church members

By Forrest H. Watkins  
Baptist Sunday School Board



Being involved in Baptist Student Union this year has helped me in many ways. The most important thing was that, through the people I came in contact with there, I saw that being a Christian was more than going to church on Sunday. When I went to the BSU State Convention it really hit me that even though I'd gone to church all my life, I still couldn't call myself a Christian because I didn't have a personal relationship with Christ. It was that weekend at the convention that I accepted Christ into my life. When I look at this year, I find it hard to realize that so much has happened to me; and yet, when I look ahead and to all I have left to learn, share, and experience, I can see that the distance I've come is really short compared to how far I still have to go.

**Deanna Gobert is a student at Henderson State College.**

In response to numerous requests for a shorter training course for new church members, new materials will be available Oct. 1 from the Materials Service Department of the Sunday School Board.

The new materials present a four one-hour session approach which may be lengthened to eight sessions if a church desires. Each session includes a Bible study, creative activity, scripture memorization, and a "how" session on prayer, Bible study, or some other necessary subject for growth.

The themes for the sessions are, "The Lordship of Jesus Christ," "The Holy Spirit," "The Church Covenant," and "My Life and My Church."

The new materials include:

*New Church Member Training Workbooks for Adults, Youth, and Older Children.*

*New Church Member Training Guide for Leaders.* Dr. James L. Sullivan, President of the Sunday School Board, has written the resource material for the Guide. The Guide also contains administrative and enlistment helps and teaching plans for the workbooks.

Any size church may use the new materials although the one staff church is the target audience. The pastor or any church leader may use the materials by age groups or in combined classes.

The *New Church Member Orientation Manual* (Revised) and the pupil and teacher edition of *In Covenant for adults, Belonging for youth, Promises to Keep for older children, and A New Commitment for an ungraded class* may still be secured. These materials are for a 13 week course of instruction.

## Church music

### Arkansas/Alaska music mission

Preparation for the Alaska Music Mission is beginning its final stages for 22 men and six women from Arkansas who plan to go to assist the churches of Alaska this fall. Their work will center around revival music leadership and organization of music programs in the churches, but they are making preparation for help in other areas, also.

The only problem at the moment is that we need several more men to fill the requests for leadership which we have received from the Alaskan churches. There is still time for others to decide to go. The group will be leaving Little Rock on Friday, Oct. 26; and will return on Saturday, Nov. 10. This will give us two full weeks to serve.

Churches desiring information about sending their music director on this mission trip are urged to contact the state music office immediately. The approximate cost will be \$500. We feel this is a worthy mission investment.

Orientation and training for this mission group was held at Camp Paron on Aug. 27 and 28. Allen Meeks, State Music Secretary for Alaska; John Chandler, Music consultant from Nashville; and Jim Tillman, from our own state convention; were on hand to lead in training and inspiration.

We covet your prayers for this group as they continue their preparation. Pray with us that God will use the group mightily.

## Deaths

**Mrs. Dollie Starnes**, 69, McHue, died Aug. 7. She was a member of Rosie Church.

**Miss Leda Opha Dodson**, 77, Springdale, died Aug. 10. She was a charter member of Caudle Avenue Church.

**J. O. Miles**, 73, Paragould, pastor of Oak Grove Church for three years, died July 13. During his 47 years in the ministry he had served 18 churches in Arkansas and one in Missouri.

August 30, 1973

## BWA sends \$1,000 for flood relief

WASHINGTON (BP) — When the Baptists of the world provide disaster relief through the Baptist World Alliance, announcement of that fact usually conjures up visions of distant lands.

But that's not always the case.

The BWA has sent a \$1,000 check to

Robert L. Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, to aid victims of flooding in Louisiana last spring.

Carl W. Tiller, BWA associate secretary, told the Southern Baptist executive in a letter, "The money comes from the Baptists of the world, and we hope that you will let your people know that this is an expression of brotherly concern from colleagues in distant places."





# The State Sunday School Convention

**Grand Avenue Church**  
**40th and North Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith**



Following is the program for the State Sunday School Convention:

## Monday afternoon

**Sept. 24, 1973**

- 2:00 Music ..... Phil Whitten
- Welcome ..... Don Moore
- Recognitions — Introductions — Announcements
- The Baptist Book Store ..... Robert Bauman
- Hymn
- Special Music
- Message "Using the Sunday School  
To Reach People" ..... Lawson Hatfield
- 2:55 Move to Conferences
- 3:00 Age Group Conferences
- General Officers ..... D. Lewis White
- Adult ..... Robert Dean
- Young Adult ..... Jim Fitch
- Youth ..... Elgene Phillips
- Older Children ..... Mrs. Nell Fuller
- Middle Children ..... Mrs. Thelma Arnold
- Younger Children ..... Dan Fowler
- Older Preschoolers ..... Nora Padgett
- Middle & Younger  
Preschoolers ..... Ada Rutledge
- 4:00 Adjourn

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## Monday evening

**Sept. 24, 1973**

- 7:00 Music ..... Phil Whitten
- Feature: "Achievement Guide"
- Special Music
- Message "First Corinthians for Today,  
The Sexual Revolution" ..... Robert Dean
- 7:55 Move to Conferences
- 8:00 Age Group Conferences
- 9:00 Adjourn

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## Tuesday morning

**Sept. 25, 1973**

- 9:15 Music ..... Phil Whitten
- Feature — "Associational Work" ..... Don Cooper
- Announcements
- The Baptist Book Store ..... Robert Bauman

Hymn

Special Music

Message — "Bus Outreach" ..... D. Lewis White

10:35 Break — Move to Conferences

11:00 Age Group Conferences

12:00 Adjourn

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## Tuesday afternoon

**Sept. 25, 1973**

- 1:30 Music ..... Phil Whitten
- Feature — Training
- Announcements
- The Baptist Book Store ..... Robert Bauman
- Special Music
- Message — "Reaching Young Adults" ..... Jim Fitch
- 2:25 Move to Conferences
- 2:30 Age Group Conferences
- 4:00 Adjourn

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## Tuesday evening

**Sept. 25, 1973**

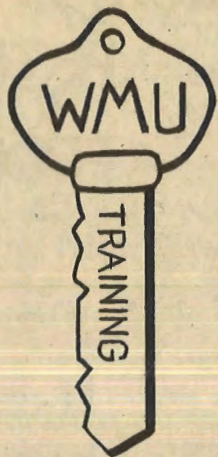
- 7:00 Music ..... Phil Whitten
- 7:05 Feature — "Children's Emphasis" ... Harold Vernon
- 7:15 Bible Study — "First Corinthians For Today,  
Gifts of the Spirit" ..... Robert Dean
- 7:30 Special Music
- 7:35 Message — "The Pastor and  
the Sunday School" ..... Anton Uth
- 7:55 Move to Conferences
- 8:00 Age Group Conferences
- 9:00 Adjourn

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Pastor Don Moore, host pastor and his staff, are making preparations for the convention. Concord Association Superintendent of Missions James Griffin and his office are making many promotional contacts encouraging high attendance from the churches in the area.

Are you ready for the new church year and a new year of outreach and teaching through your Sunday School? Plan now for People-To-People Commitment Week. Write me for additional details. Next week will discuss the Lay Witnessing Campaign and Sunday School Revival. — Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School Dept.





# The key to effective leadership State W M U Leadership Conference

Sept. 6, 1973 — 10-2:45

Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock

WMU Directors and Assistants .....	Mrs. Wayne Friday
WMU Director/BW Presidents .....	Mrs. R. E. Hagood
Enlistment and Enlargement Directors (GIANT STEP) .....	Mrs. R. E. Snider
Mission Action Directors, Chairmen, Group Leaders .....	Mary Hines
Experienced Baptist Women Presidents .....	Mrs. T. Shad Medlin
Inexperienced Baptist Women Presidents .....	Margaret Bruce
Mission Study Chairmen and Group Leaders .....	Mrs. Phillip May
Mission Support Chairmen and Group Leaders .....	Mrs. Bob Peek
Baptist Women Members .....	Mrs. Roy Hilton
Baptist Young Women .....	E. Jane Hix
Acteens. Directors and Leaders .....	Betty Jo Lacy
Experienced Girls in Action Directors and Leaders .....	Mrs. James Zeltner
Inexperienced Girls in Action Directors and Leaders .....	Julia Ketner
Mission Friends Directors and Leaders .....	Mrs. Ervin Keathley

Bring a Sack Lunch  
Nursery will be provided for Preschoofers



# RAs storm gateway arch

By Lee Hollaway

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Almost 3,000 teenage Pioneer Royal Ambassador (RAs) and their counselors pledged themselves to serve others in Christ's name with a traffic-stopping, 16-block, downtown march to the Gateway Arch during the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress here.

"Commitment" and "involvement" were recurring themes throughout the three-day meeting of 2,967 Southern Baptist boys and their counselors from 25 states. They echoed throughout the lyrics of a new mission musical which premiered at the opening congress session and in challenges delivered by Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Apollo 15 astronaut James Irwin, country comedian Jerry Clower and Baptist entertainer Grady Nutt.

A fast pace, marked by extensive use

of multi-media techniques and numerous musical groups, was tailor-made for boys who tire quickly of long speeches and traditional approaches. The entire floor of the massive Keel Auditorium, as well as the large exhibit hall, were used in telling the story of missions.

The dramatic march to the arch, which fell in the middle of the congress program, was led by McCullough, National RA Director Jay Chance and Pioneer Department Director Charles Doggett.

Kept off the sidewalks and in the street most of the time by parade marshalls from South Carolina, boys sometimes broke ranks to give sidewalk spectators and curious office workers a tract or a booklet containing the gospel of John.

Other boys hoisted a variety of signs which told St. Louis citizens that "our

mission is to tell of Jesus' love for you" or advised them to "try Jesus; you'll like him."

At the arch, The Messengers, an 18-member musical group from Memphis, played and sang "When the Saints Go Marching In" while the boys knelt in small groups for prayers of commitment. After a brief lunch the boys and their leaders fanned out across the city to conduct evangelistic meetings in parks, take surveys for the Key '73 evangelistic campaign and to witness door-to-door.

"To the Ends of the Earth," the new musical, used 20-foot high color slides and dialogue mixed with nine songs. Two of the songs, "Not Some Day but Now," and the title song, "To the Ends of the Earth," have recently been published by Broadman Press.

The lyrics to the musical were written by Bill O'Brien, Southern Baptist

*JOIN THE BIG PARADE — A challenge to involvement in life and Christian missions was issued to 3,000 Royal Ambassadors through the words and music of a new mission musical, "To the Ends of the Earth."*





# Challenged to commitment

missionary to Indonesia; Ed Seabough of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; and Rob Sellers, minister of youth, St. John's Church, Charlotte, N.C.

The musical tells the story of Marc, a teenage boy who discovers that missions is more than giving to a Christmas offering. Marc was portrayed at different spots around the auditorium by Darrell, Gerald and Harold Ware, identical triplets from Oklahoma Baptist University. O'Brien also was a featured soloist.

McCullough urged the boys to stay in the church, but chided church leaders for "setting standards they weren't willing to meet themselves.

"The real need," he said, "is for us to get in the fight but get in the right fight. The church needs those who are going to stay inside and fight."

He noted that in some instances this might mean enduring the opposition of family, neighbors, or even church leaders, but he called on the boys to "have the kind of courage to do what God's pioneers have always been called on to do."

Former astronaut Irwin, who received a standing, cheering welcome from the Royal Ambassadors, told of his trip to

the moon and of feeling the presence of God there. He also described the work of High Flight, a non-profit organization for sharing Christ which he started a year ago when he retired from the U.S. Air Force and the space program.

In the final congress session, Baptist preacher-turned-entertainer Grady Nutt reminded the boys of the depth of Christ's commitment. "What you want to reap you had better sow. The kind of maturity you see in Gethsemane, Golgotha and on the road to Emmaus — all the places our Lord gave himself — must be resident in others too. If you want to be that mature, you should begin now to do what you need to do to get there."

Final registration figures showed the Georgia delegation in the lead, with 281, followed by South Carolina, 271; Missouri, 268; Illinois, 223; Kentucky, 219; Texas, 216; Tennessee, 205; Louisiana 185; Oklahoma, 179; Alabama, 158; North Carolina, 136; Florida, 126; Virginia, 129; and Mississippi, 105. Registration was scattered among 11 other states.

The national RA Congress, sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission, is held only every five years.

*NEIGHBORHOOD CENSUS — Steve Wooderson, 18, and Michael Houser 13, of First Church in Jefferson City, Mo., share their faith with two boys during a neighborhood census conducted as one of the mission activities at the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress. The census was part of the Key 73 evangelistic campaign in the St. Louis area.*



## Size of witness task impresses Arkansans

ST. LOUIS — "The big city was quite an experience for us," Ed Ball of Eudora Church said as the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress drew to a close. Two men from Eudora had brought eight boys to the Congress.

"Wednesday afternoon we took part in the mission activities. That's where the difference between the small town of Eudora and the big city of St. Louis really hit home."

Ball said his boys witnessed door-to-door on a four block section in mid-town St. Louis.

"They were all apartment houses. It would have taken us four weeks to talk to everyone. My boys could witness to a good part of the town of Eudora without talking to many more people than live in this four block area.

"We weren't used to the kind of response we got. The boys would knock on the door several times with no response many places. Finally, they would give up and leave the tracts we brought in the door. As we left we would notice the door gradually creep open and someone would reach out to see what we had left."

A total of 84 boys and counselors from Arkansas attended the Congress.



*STAN THE MAN — Meeting former Cardinal great Stan Musial was a fringe benefit for Glendon McCullough, left. Brotherhood Commission staff member who took part in pre-game activities at Busch Memorial Stadium in St. Louis prior to the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress.*



just a typically growing boy.

But perhaps the most significant change came during Alvin's identity crisis.

During the winter most of the neighborhood kids had watched a TV western movie where the Indians scalped some settlers. While playing the next day, a friend asked Alvin, "since you're an Indian, you gonna scalp me?"

"This really affected Alvin," says Don. "And later during lunch he started crying — in a way he had never turned his emotions loose before. I let him go to his room and in a few minutes I went in. He was still in tears and not speaking."

After Don learned what had happened, he told Alvin that he should have accepted the boy's apology, and that he should "never be ashamed of being an Indian." Don talked to Alvin about Indian pride and heritage; after a long discussion, Rutledge remembers that "he perked up and seemed to have a new sense of dignity."

This dignity kept shining through. Once Alvin saw a color slide Don had taken in Wyoming of a statue of Buffalo Bill Cody. "He killed all our buffalo," said Alvin.

"He did his share, but there were others too," responded Don.

"They did it for money and for fun," said Alvin. "You know what we call these people?"

Don was expecting a strong invective from the boy whose anger was rising.

"A bunch of palefaces!"

Current Indian affairs haven't interested Alvin. He shrugged off the Wounded Knee episodes with "they're not our tribe."

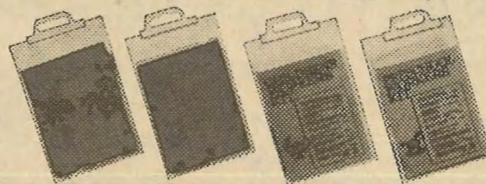
Tribal unity runs strong in Alvin. After he finishes his schooling, he plans to return to the reservation where his family raises sheep. "I have lots of brothers — we can't break up the reservation," he says.

Meantime Alvin has gone home to the reservation for the summer. Excited about seeing his family again, he won't concede any plans for next year. The Rutledges want him back, but Alvin will only say, "I'll make up my mind when the time comes."

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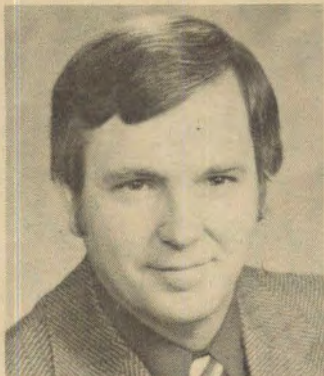
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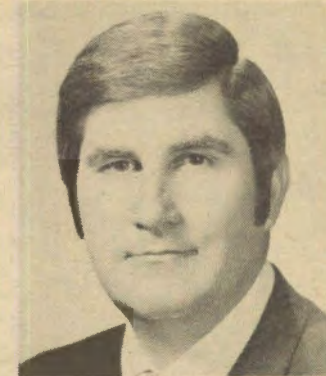
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Sincerely,  
Derrell Whitehurst, Pastor

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- 11:00 Second Worship Service
- 6:00 Church Training (Pastor-led seminars for College-Career Dept.)
- 7:00 Evening Worship

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## A divided church

By Paul W. Dodd  
West Helena Church

**International**  
Sept. 2, 1973  
1 Corinthians 1:10-15  
2 Corinthians 12:19-21

Sunday's lesson begins a three months' series of Sunday School lessons based on the writings of Paul. Each of these lessons will be taken from "the Gospel according to Paul," as recorded in the books of Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians. The study is comprised of four units, beginning Sunday with Unit I, "God's Word for a Threatened Church." Other units of study are: Unit II, "God's Word for the Sinner;" Unit III, "God's Word about Salvation;" Unit IV, "God's Word about the Victorious Life." In the course of these studies, we should be challenged and inspired in the practical, day-to-day disciplines of Christian living.

1 Corinthians was a very real letter, addressed to a very real church, experiencing some very real problems. Placed side by side, the shortcomings at Corinth appear to outweigh the merits. The church was weakened and threatened by disunity. Dissension and disharmony were the order of the day. Paul appeals to the church members to strive for unity and 'togetherness' in their work, and to be perfectly joined together through the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ.

### Paul's appeal for unity (1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 12:20)

Paul appealed to the church members, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to overcome their divisions. He uses the same urgent language in making an appeal for unity here, as he did in urging the Romans to present their own bodies as living sacrifices in Romans 12:1. It is no trifling matter when the body is diseased and defiled, whether it be our physical bodies, or the church which is the body of Christ. In either case, strength and health need to be recovered.

In 1 Corinthians 12:25, Paul writes "that there should be no schism in the body." The Greek word Paul uses for "schism" literally means a split, tear, or crack. The church should not be weakened by splits or fractures in its fellowship. Such schisms hinder the purpose and functions of the church. The famous Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, was cracked by a stroke of its clapper at the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall in 1835. In the course of

the last 138 years, it's been a fine museum piece and an interesting attraction, but the crack destroyed its tone, and it was taken out of service.

Paul admonishes the Corinthian church to avoid divisions and schism, and to ring out the good news of Jesus Christ clearly and attractively. Cleavages within the fellowship of a church always result in a loss of harmony, and always distort the sweet, clear strains of that "old, old story of Jesus and his love." In many instances, they render a church powerless and inserviceable.

It's tragic when churches become useless and ineffective because of broken fellowship. It's sad when a community knows a church more for its bickering than for its ministering. It's unfortunate when church members spend more time and energy "spreading the misery" than they do spreading the Good News. Paul would appeal to such as these in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to amend the divisions.

### Man's hindrances to unity (1 Cor. 1:11-15; 2 Cor. 12:20-21)

In the final analysis, the basic problem of human society has always been a spiritual problem. Sin interferes with God's ideal for life at its best, and "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23.) Because of sin, discord and disharmony entered into our lives as unwelcome intruders.

The problem at Corinth, then, was basically a sin problem. It was a spiritual problem that had its roots in the very hearts of the church members. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 1:11 that word had reached him of "contentions" within the church. There was quarreling, envy, anger, selfish ambition, backbiting, gossip, conceit, and unruliness. (2 Cor. 12:20.) In his first letter, he speaks of carnality, fornication, fraud, drunkenness, heresy, and even incest. Small wonder that contentions had arisen in the church! Sin always gives birth to discord and disruption. Sin and unity cannot long dwell together

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within one church. Division is inevitable.

If disunity in the Corinthian church was caused by sin then it was compounded by unrepentance. Paul expressed concern in 2 Corinthians 12:21 that many church members were unrepentant and unconcerned. He was well aware that the absence of concern

and repentance over sin provided fertile soil for contention and disunity. Like a cancerous growth that goes undetected and untreated, sin would sap the spiritual power and strength of the church. Allowed to spread unchecked, it would destroy their usefulness and effectiveness.

### God's provision for unity (1 Cor. 1:10)

Paul's appeal to the church family at Corinth was that they all speak the same thing, and that they allow no divisions among them. From a strictly human standpoint, such a request is idealistic and unattainable. It could never be achieved by mere human institutions.

However, the church is unlike other institutions in that it is spiritual in nature, and her help is spiritual. (See Eph. 6:10-17.) God's ideals for Christ's church are super-human, but the resources at her disposal are supernatural. He has made supernatural provision for unity. Paul points out that the church should "be perfectly joined together in the same mind," and this is the mind of Christ. In Philippians 2:5, Paul wrote: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Christ is the common denominator of our thinking, and we can be perfectly joined together in the same mind through the supernatural, indwelling presence of Jesus.

In 1 Corinthians 1:13 Paul asks "Is Christ divided?" Naturally, the answer is no. In Ephesians 1:23 he identifies the church as the body of Christ, and it is just as unthinkable that the church should ever be divided. It is a serious thing when divisions within a church threaten its message and mission. Such should be rare, indeed, among those churches where Christ is exalted, and the word is honored. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1.)



## Habakkuk: through doubt to joy

By Andrew B. Setliffe  
Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock



Setliffe

Doubt is an experience that comes to all men. Doubt can be a frustrating experience which will conquer and enslave one; or, it can be a challenging experience which will cause one to find proper solutions that culminate in joy.

Joy is sought by all men. Only as we submit to the Lordship of Christ can we find real and lasting joy. Any other is temporal.

In our lesson today, Habakkuk overcame his doubt and experienced real joy in God.

Habakkuk's name means *Embracing*. He does not teach as other prophets do. Instead, he addresses God and questions the justice of divine providence.

### Habakkuk complains (Hab. 1:2-4)

We see here the prophet complaining to God about his own nation being destroyed, because of its wickedness, by a nation that is more wicked. He raises the question: "Why?"

Doubtless Habakkuk had prayed time and again about the plight of Judah. He cried out for deliverance from violence, iniquity, social disorder, and strife of his own people.

The prophet did not claim that the people of Judah were righteous. His claim was that they were more righteous than the Chaldeans. Were they? In light of the opportunity they had to know God, to know right, to have a covenant with God; were they really more righteous? The Chaldeans had received no special knowledge of the true God and his way.

Are we guilty of saying our nation is righteous? more righteous than our enemies? Have our religious opportunities been greater than theirs? Are we God's messengers? and are we fulfilling the responsibility of God's messengers?

Read Habakkuk 1:2-4 from the *Living Bible*. If this little book had been written today, it could not be more up to date. Can you write a more complete and descriptive enumeration of the sins of our time? Have you not cried out in your own heart the same plea? Have you not questioned in your heart "Why?"

### God answers Habakkuk's complaint (Hab. 2:1-4)

The prophet takes his stand ("set me upon the tower") to see whether Jehovah will answer. He felt he had a responsibility to hold on to. In a time seething with disorder he would not desert the truth of a great heritage. God would speak and he would be waiting to hear.

Habakkuk removed himself from the swirl of daily events and found a quiet place. You ask God your questions. Do you pull aside to listen? Are you too busy to hear God's answer? Could it be that you are afraid to hear God's answer? If God answers will you recognize it? Have you already determined what God's answer is to be and if it differs will you hear? Will you accept God's answer?

God spoke to the prophet. The answer was a promise of a vision. He was instructed to write the vision for clearness and permanence; and to hasten the message to all the inhabitants. Habakkuk's responsibility was to spread the message so that all could hear and understand. Yes, today we have the same responsibility to hasten the message to all people.

God told the prophet to wait; that the answer to his questions would come in due time. God's reply to man's questions today may delay but will surely come.

We are impatient. God says "just be patient." We want quick and final solutions and we want them right now. God says "these things I plan won't happen right away." We have limited vision. God sees all within his appointed time. God is never late.

Concerning the Chaldeans, God pointed out that their evil way was self-defeating. The sin of selfish pride would eventually destroy the Chaldeans.

On the other hand, the righteous shall live by faith. It is a little surprising to find this spiritual concept in the Old Testament. This is New Testament teaching. This is Paul preaching. This was Martin Luther's theme. Habakkuk was really saying "the just shall live by faithfulness."

The Hebrews were a practical people who dealt in concrete terms. They

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### Life and Work

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Habakkuk 1:2-4;

2:1-4; 3:17-19

talked about the results found in the life of individuals. By trusting God regardless of any and all experiences which challenges one, the righteous man will hold on in loyalty to God. Thus, shall he live!

### Habakkuk expresses joy (Hab. 3:17-19)

Habakkuk was given a vision of Chaldea's destruction to the land. They would leave neither blossom, fruit, harvest, nor flock. Destruction would be terrible. It would be almost total. However, he had learned that God would punish the Chaldeans in due time; and in the meantime he would rejoice in the God of his salvation.

When Habakkuk had drawn close to God he found that he did not have to have an answer. This is a result of the life of faith. Problems will arise. Answers will be desired. We have the assurance that answers will some day come. However, the closer one draws to God, the less he needs to have the answers.

In the midst of his nation's darkest hours, Habakkuk found and gave expression to a triumphant faith in God. Many a Christian has experienced similar triumph when faced with crisis. A triumphant faith brings insurmountable joy!

Now what does this mean for us? What can Habakkuk teach us about meeting the problems of life?

1. The problem, the tragedy, the crisis, regardless of its severity, may not be the thing that is weighing us down and wearing us out. It may be the small amount of faith we have in God. It may be because we are not trusting enough!

2. If we draw close to God we will definitely find the strength to meet whatever comes our way.

Through the years we have referred to the United States as a Christian nation. Although founded upon a desire for freedom for worship and faith in God, we know that our nation is not Christian. More Christian than others? May be! We are aware that sin is rampant in our land. Is it possible that God might use a godless Communist nation to punish us for our wrongs?

Ours has been referred to as an affluent society. Which is a greater hindrance to Christian faith, times of trouble and hardship or times of prosperity and ease? Why?

How do you feel when you see un-

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# Life and Work lesson

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ethical, ungodly, unlawful people going unpunished? Do you despair? Do you allow them to drag down your faith? The fact that punishment is delayed and justice hindered becomes obvious. Does that justify in us loss of faith in God's justice?

How big are your doubts? Are they a hinderance or do they build your faith in God? Do you have that real joy in Christ?

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## A smile or two

A housewife was having difficulty with her gas bills. It seems that every month after she mailed her check she was notified that she had sent either too much money or not enough. After a few months of this, it appeared she and the gas company would never agree on how much she owed. The problem was finally solved when one kindly soul in the company's office checked into the payments and sent the customer a little handwritten note that read: "Please pay the amount. You have been paying the date."

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A woman walked into a meat market, pointed to a large steak and asked the price. "Seven ninety-five," said the butcher.

"How can you tell the price without weighing it?" demanded the woman.

"Lady," replied the butcher, shaking his head mournfully, "since I opened up this morning that steak has been weighed nine times."

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A pretty young girl was walking down the street, carrying a heavy suitcase in one hand and dragging a soldier's kitbag on the ground with the other. A sailor saw her struggling along and realized she was having difficulty with all her luggage. So he walked up to her and said, "That's not the right way to carry a kitbag, you know." He picked it up and put it on her shoulder.

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Overheard: Two old ladies crossing against the lights: "We shouldn't have done that, dear; if we got knocked down we wouldn't have a leg to stand on."

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Noah had assembled all the animals but when morning came the Ark had disappeared. "Where did it go" he asked the elephant. "It wasn't here when I awoke," that great animal replied. "I can't see it anywhere," said the giraffe from his vantage point. "I would have guarded it but I didn't think anything would happen," said the lion. Then off to one side a groan was heard and they turned to see a termite, staring down at the earth, saying over and over again, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing, I can't believe I ate the whole thing."

## Attendance report

Church	Aug. 19, 1973 Sunday School	Church Training	Ch. addns.
Alexander, First	62	35	1
Alicia	51	35	
Alma, First	371	82	
Alpena	69	33	
Bentonville, First	229		
Berryville			
First	192	71	
Freeman Heights	113	55	3
Rock Springs	86		
Blytheville			
Gosnell	188	101	1
Trinity	193	103	
Booneville, First	231	200	
Cabot, Mt. Carmel	189	71	2
Camden, First	399	42	
Conway, Second	313	80	
Crossett			
First	450	147	2
Magnolia	161	114	
Mt. Olive	314	161	
Dardanelle, First	167	69	
Dermott, Temple	143	60	
Des Arc, First	176	49	
Ft. Smith			
First	1049	215	3
Grand Avenue	704	237	
Mission	26		
Haven Heights	174	92	
Temple	120	58	
Trinity	151	45	4
Grandview	89	65	
Greenwood, First	320	86	
Greers Ferry, Westside	83	36	1
Hampton, First	196	117	5
Hardy, First	40	26	
Harrison, Eagle Heights			
Helena, First	248	80	6
Hope			
Calvary	150	88	
First	429	115	
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	240	148	1
Leonard Street	96	81	9
Park Place	346	113	1
Hughes, First	184	48	3
Jacksonville			
First	366	49	6
Marshall Road	248	103	
Jonesboro, Nettleton	235	77	
Lake Village, Parkway	47	34	
Lavaca, First	332	140	10
Lexa	150	86	1
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	132	53	
Geyer Springs	599	183	6
Life Line	574	141	8
Martindale	109	55	
Sunset Lane	204	84	4
Woodlawn	97	29	
Magnolia, Central	556	165	7
Melbourne, Belview	144	92	1
Monticello, Second	222	92	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	538	140	
Gravel Ridge	174	61	
Park Hill	616	78	3
Calvary	351	103	1
Paragould			
Center Hill	165	77	
East Side	230	103	3
First	470	142	3
Paris, First	364	75	1
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	143	60	
East Side	195	104	
Second	156	58	
Prairie Grove, First	159	79	
Rogers, First	570	68	5
Roland, Natural Steps	101	65	6
Russellville			
First	444		1
Second	178	70	
Springdale			
Berry Street	105	48	
Caudle Avenue	104	29	
Elmdale	326	89	2
First	902		28
Oak Grove	80	24	
Van Buren, First	505	179	1
Mission	24		
Vandervoort, First	49	21	
Vimy Ridge, Immanuel	56	38	
Warren, Immanuel	213	51	
West Helena, Second	166	74	1
W. Memphis, Vanderbilt Ave.	121	69	
Wooster	118	74	



## Southern Baptist datelines

### FMB hears Uganda report; appoints 16 missionaries

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — A report that two missionary couples will remain and continue serving in the troubled East African nation of Uganda and the appointment of 16 new missionaries highlighted the meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

The two couples remaining in Uganda, the G. Webster Carrols and the Jimmy D. Hootens, initiated Southern Baptist foreign mission work in Uganda. Four younger couples who had been living in outlying areas of the country will leave Uganda for reassignment in other parts of Africa.

Uganda's recent government ban on a

number of Protestant groups did not include the Baptist mission or associated churches in the country, reported Davis L. Saunders, area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa. However, a number of rural Baptist congregations were mistakenly included by local officials and refused permission to worship, Saunders said.

"The missionaries in Uganda have set a high standard of dedication through their recent troubled times," said Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary.

"They have been aware of strong, consistent prayer support by Southern

### \$17 million set for USA missions by Baptists

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Southern Baptists, through their Home Mission Board, will spend \$17,172,754 in 1974 for national missions, an increase of more than \$1 million over 1973.

The budget, adopted by the agency's directors during their summer session at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here will support a mission force of more than 2,200 working in every state, Panama, and Puerto Rico.

Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge said the increased budget will allow the agency to keep its personnel at the same level despite inflation and also make possible some strengthening of its major programs.

He said some of the added funds will open new work in church extension, will meet some special mission needs and strengthen evangelism efforts, such as the denomination's new attempt at evangelism on national television, "Spring Street, U.S.A."

Major budget expenditures will go for language missions — \$3.1 million; church extension — \$2 million; social ministries — \$1.5 million; cooperative ministries with National Baptists — \$.5 million; church loans — \$1.9 million; associational services — \$1.3 million; chaplaincy — \$234,955; and interfaith witness — \$499,677.

Rutledge said that the agency is also making special efforts to use volunteers requiring little or no funding.

"The laymen have become a key force within the three major emphases of the board. Evangelism has activated a force of more than 125,000 lay evangelists through the lay evangelism schools.

Christian social ministries depend 90 percent on volunteers for their work, and church extension enlists the lay person to lead in Bible fellowships," he added.

Such volunteers multiply Baptist mission efforts, he said, adding that the agency also places more than 1,000 student volunteers on the mission fields of the nation for 10 weeks each summer.

The agency leads Southern Baptists in implementing a single, uniform witness program in the nation, especially in developing a national missions strategy in cooperation with the Baptist state conventions.

"We seek to establish priorities for the nation and provide for long range planning and correlation of all the mission work which the SBC has assigned to us," he said.

Rutledge said the funds are provided for the most part by Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program, the unified mission offering, and through the special offerings for national missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

He said both sources have made possible the increase in the budget, and recent reports of the 1973 Easter offering show it to be 10.4 percent ahead of last year with \$6,329,504 in hand.

Rutledge expects the offering to exceed the goal of \$6.6 million before the books close in December.

The balance of the \$17 million budget is provided by investments, special gifts, church loans, insurance premiums and materials that are sold.

Baptists. In the days ahead their need for this support will continue to be crucial," he said.

The 16 new missionaries, along with two reappointments, bring the total appointments during 1973 to 176, already five more than the total appointed last year.

These appointments, coupled with a 10 percent increase in income from Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings, represent a strong flow of missionary support among Southern Baptists according to Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the board's mission support division.

Saunders also reported that the C. Ernest Harveys, who had been awaiting visas to enter Mozambique since 1970, have now been granted resident visas. They moved to the Portuguese state, Aug. 1, to begin work with the Baptist Bible Institute in Lourenço Marques.

Among the new appointees are seven couples and two single women. They will serve in six countries.

Appointed as career missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Marcus L. (Mark) Driggers of Trent, Tex., to Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Linebarger of Flint, Mich. to Taiwan; Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. (Bob) McEachern Jr., of Riverton, Wyo., to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. Winston W. McNiell of Tunnel Springs, Ala., to Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. James E. McPherson of Hearne, Tex., to Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. David H. Roberts of Bradenton, Fla., to Zambia; Mr. and Mrs. Roy N. Tucker of Waco, Tex., to Mexico, and Miss Diana L. Hall of Ft. Worth, Tex., to Colombia.

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