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NEWSMAGAZINE

Paul explained it to the congregation at Corinth. Some plant the seed of the Gospel, some water and some gather the harvest, but in all of the process God gives the growth and we are all laborers together. Arkansas Baptist people labor together in a multitude of enterprises that are each a part of that process of planting and watering and counting on God to bring to maturity the fruit.

The individual members of local churches join others over the state to commission some to specific tasks. Some are teachers and trainers, some writers, some evangelists, some careful accountants of the money and some are cheerful answerers of the phone.

These who labor together with the local church staff, the lay leaders and all members of the local congregation are Arkansas Baptists' state convention staff. They are dedicated members of an organization that exists for planting and watering the Gospel seed, but they are also teachers, singers, nursery workers and tithers in a local congregation.

Part of the vision, the hope that Executive Secretary Don Moore has is that each member of the team view the other as a fellow laborer in Christ. The laborers of the state convention and the areas in which they labor are the subjects of the next eight pages of this issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine. It is the kind of information to clip out and keep to answer the question "Who do I call or write about this?"

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

The body organized to promote evangelism, Christian education and benevolent work around the world through the cooperation of Arkansas Baptist churches. The Convention proper is made up of messengers from local churches to the annual meeting.

Institutions

Ouachita Baptist University

Arkansas Baptists' four-year institution at Arkadelphia offers bachelors and masters degrees in a wide range of academic fields.

Southern Baptist College

The state convention's two-year school at Walnut Ridge offers the associate of arts degree.

Agencies

Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care

Growing from the orphanage concept to a full range of services to help children and families with problems, this agency provides counseling for families, foster care arrangements and other help through five area offices around the state, in addition to residential care at the home for children at Monticello. The agency is meeting another need with emergency receiving homes for neglected and abused children, and provides a group home for boys at Jonesboro.

Arkansas Baptist Foundation

This separate agency of the convention serves as the "trust agency" of the ABSC. It has a 16-member board of directors and is responsible directly to the convention messengers. The Foundation manages and holds in trust various monies donated to institutions and agencies of the state convention or SBC and then distributes the income as designated. Agency staff members help individuals become good stewards of possessions through conferences and individual counseling.

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

Arkansas Baptists' state paper is the vehicle to inform individuals as well as leadership of the churches about events in state, Southern Baptist Convention and world circles. The publication is under the direction of a nine-member board of directors elected by state convention messengers.

Executive Board

As the board of trustees for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Executive Board is business and legal agent for the convention between annual sessions. The board is composed of persons from all associations and districts who are elected by the Convention in annual session.

Executive Secretary/ Treasurer

As full-time officer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer oversees the total program of service to the churches by the staff employed by the Executive Board.

Associate Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Besides assisting the Executive Secretary, the associate is director of business services and supervises accounting, printing, building services, library and tract room as support for the work of Executive Board personnel.

Annuity

Through joint financing by the Southern Baptist Convention and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, ministers and church employees in Arkansas have a representative to help them with retirement, life insurance and health insurance needs. The representative works to enlist new persons in the program of protection and counsels those who elect pre-retirement, have claims for disability or apply for benefits as survivors of members of the plan.

Woman's Missionary Union

WMU works to help local churches teach missions and get members to do missions through a local organization. WMU is an auxiliary of the state convention and often combines resources with departments in missions education projects. They also promote three special missions offerings each year in conjunction with weeks of prayer for state, home and foreign missions.

Departments

Brotherhood

Helping local churches involve men and boys in missions is the work of the Brotherhood Department. Through Baptist Men units and Royal Ambassador chapters, Brotherhood tries to get men and boys involved in ministering to others as Jesus did. Training is available for local church leaders. Missions activities on a statewide scale are organized by the department.

Christian Life Council

Helping Christians see themselves as the salt of the earth and light of the world is the goal of the Christian Life Council. Practical Christian living is the area of concern and conferences and informational materials are the vehicles the department uses to educate Baptist people.

Ministry of Crisis Support

Counseling ministry to pastors and staff members of Arkansas Baptist churches and their families in times of stress is a primary function of this department of the Executive Board. A six-member advisory committee also helps direct the department in supporting persons in crisis. Conferences, workshops and seminars are provided to churches and associations on request.

Church Music

The Church Music Department functions as a support system for the music programs of local churches around the state. Besides statewide conferences and clinics to develop music leader skills, the department offers help in developing laypersons as vocal and instrumental musicians for the churches. Performance opportunities each year cover vocal, keyboard and handbell skills and camps each summer train leaders and individuals.

Church Training

While the department's priority task is in Church Training, they also seek to provide help in equipping leaders in several areas, including church administration, family ministry, church library-media and church recreation. This leader training is offered on both church and associational levels.

National Baptist Cooperative Ministries

As a joint effort of the SBC Home Mission Board and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the department works to help Southern Baptists relate to National Baptists as brothers and sisters in Christ and co-workers in various Christian ministries. Through programs such as in-service training for black pastors, summer camps for youth and a joint meeting of National and Southern Baptist women the department tries to strengthen black churches.

Evangelism

By teaching and training Arkansans, the Evangelism Department works to lead all Christians to share Christ with every lost person in the state. Staff members teach methods for the individual witness as well as programs for the entire church and mass evangelism techniques. Statewide conferences inspire witnessing and associational, area-wide and local church revivals are used to witness to individuals. The department also trains persons to train others.

Stewardship

Teaching Bible-based stewardship is a task of the local church which is aided by the Stewardship Department through church, associational, regional and state conferences. Information and printed materials on budget, programs, stewardship, missions support and money management are provided.

Student Department

Campus ministries through Baptist Student Union at 27 schools in the state are Student Department's vehicle for Christian witness. Personal growth for Christian students is stressed and outreach opportunities are provided through projects such as summer missions supported by fellow students.

State Missions

The directors of five areas of missions in Arkansas work to help individuals to reach out to people with the Gospel. Chaplaincy, church starting and building aid, financial aid for those who do missions, help to work with language groups and ministries to people at the point of need are all part of the work of the department.

Sunday School

Leadership training and other kinds of support for the Sunday School program in the local church are the aims of the state department. The activities focus on evangelism and Christian education through the local church organization. Help is offered by department personnel for enlargement campaigns. The department also is responsible for helping churches in planning for building, and Sunday School directs the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs.

The laborers



Don Moore has been executive secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention since October, 1982. A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has served churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Immediately prior to coming to his present position, he had been pastor of Grand Avenue Church in Fort Smith since 1970.

He and his wife, Shirley, have two children, Cindy, 25, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Jeff, 20, a student at OBU in Arkadelphia. They are members of Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock.

Associate Executive Secretary and director of business services **L.L. Collins** has worked for the state convention since 1981, serving as interim executive secretary from November, 1981 until October, 1982. Coming here from Southwestern Seminary, where he was director of admissions and registrar, he has been a pastor in Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma churches and taught at the Criswell Bible Institute and at Southwestern.

He and his wife, Cleo, have three children, Debra Lee Parker, Sharon Kay Fox and Leo Bryan Collins. The Collins are members of Calvary Church in Little Rock.

Joy Faucett is administrative secretary, **Joyce Thomas** is secretary to the executive secretary and **Darriel Scott** is secretary to the associate executive secretary.

Nadine Bjorkman, a native of Charleston, has been Annuity representative for Arkansas since 1971. She has also served as secretary to the executive secretary and as administrative secretary.

Mrs. Bjorkman and her husband, Bernie, are the parents of a son, Tom and grandparents of Anne, who is 17 months old. The Bjorkmans are members of Central Church in North Little Rock, where she sings in the choir and is Sunday school secretary.

Neal Guthrie, a Ouachita Baptist University graduate, has been director of the state Brotherhood Department in Arkansas since 1980. He was previously director of Pre-college Evangelism and Renewal in the state Evangelism Department.

Married to the former Linda Bennett of Judsonia, they have three sons, Eric, 17, Jeff, 14 and Lane, 13. They are members of Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

Peggy Jones is secretary in the Brotherhood Department.

Bob Parker, a Morrilton native, is director of the Christian Life Council. Before coming to his present position, he was, for

four years, executive secretary treasurer of Florida's United Christian Action, the counterpart of Arkansas' Christian Civic Foundation. He has also been a pastor at several churches in Arkansas and served 21 years as a Naval Reserve chaplain.

Parker and his wife, Thelma, have five children, Robert, David, Kathryn, Suzanne and Ellis. They are members of Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock.

The Christian Life Council secretary is **Mary Louise Humbard**.

Ervin Keathley, a native of Van Buren in southeast Missouri, is director of the church music department. He attended Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo., Oklahoma Baptist University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Kentucky and Missouri.

He and his wife, Marsue, have two daughters, Monica, a missionary to Upper Volta and Leslie Marsden. The Keathleys are members of First Church in Little Rock.

Glen Ennes is associate in the church music department. For several years before coming to Arkansas he was a bi-vocational music minister in churches in Missouri and Tennessee while employed as a public school music teacher. Ennes is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University.

He is married to the former Trudy Lynn Toliver. They have two sons, Ronald Glen, 14 and Alex Lynn 12. They are members of Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock.

The Music Department secretary is **Peggy Pearson**.

Robert Holley, in his 15th year in the Church Training department, has been direc-

tor since 1973. He is a graduate of Samford University and Southwestern Seminary. Prior to joining the state convention staff, he was minister of education in Arkansas and Alabama churches.

He and his wife, Lucille, have two married daughters, Mrs. Jeff Root, a student at OBU and Mrs. Norman Pumphrey, a student at Purdue University. They are members of Lakeshore Drive Church in Little Rock.

Gerald Jackson, an associate in the Church Training Department for the past nine years, is a graduate of OBU and Southwestern Seminary. He was formerly pastor of several Arkansas churches.

Jackson and his wife, Ruby, have two children, Larry, 20, a UALR student and Rose, 18, a graduating senior from McClellan High School. The Jacksons are members of Life Line Church in Little Rock.

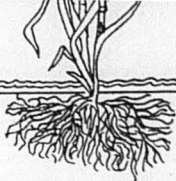
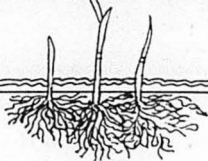
Bill Falkner has been an associate in the Church Training Department for nearly five years, coming after serving as minister of education in churches in Arkansas and Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary.

He and his wife, Frankie, have two sons, Gavin, 7 and Kyle, 3. They are members of Lakeshore Drive Church in Little Rock.

The secretaries in the Church Training Department are **Pam Wharton** and **Betty Wilfong**.

Robert Ferguson is director of Cooperative Ministries, National and Southern Baptists. He is a graduate of Samford University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in Alabama, Louisiana and Oregon as well as director of race relations for the Louisiana Baptist Convention.





He and his wife, Mary Creighton, have five children, Susan Marie, Robert Jr., Kathryn Ann, Nancy Louise and L.E. (Buddy). They are members of Pleasant Hill Church in Bauxite.

Dr. Lacy K. Solomon, BSU director at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and **Rev. James Threet**, resident manager at Camp Paron work in the Cooperative Ministries department as does **Brenda Smith**, the department secretary.

Clarence Shell, a native of Saline County, is director of the Evangelism Department. A graduate of OBU and Southwestern Seminary, he has served as pastor of churches in Arkansas and Texas. Prior to assuming his present position, he served as rural, state evangelist and first associate evangelist.

Married to the former Virginia Lowder, Clarence and his wife have three children, Carol Joy, Larry Wayne and Judy Lynn as well as five grandsons.

Wes Kent, a Jonesboro native, is Pre-college Evangelism associate. He graduated from OBU and attended Southwestern Seminary. He has served Arkansas and Tennessee churches as youth director and minister of evangelism.

He and his wife, the former Judy Philliber, have two children, Jodi, 12 and Samuel Wesley, 7. They are members of Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

Margaret Wright is the secretary in the Evangelism Department.

Johnny Biggs has been director of Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services for 12 years. Prior to assuming his present position, he was director of the Little Rock area office for the agency, was a social worker in a Veterans' Administration hospital and was a child welfare caseworker.

He and his wife, Joyce, have two daughters, Janis and Jenny, both of whom are attending Baylor. The Biggs are members of Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock, where he is a deacon and a church training worker.

Homer Shirley is associate in the Family and Child Care agency. A graduate of OBU

and Southwestern Seminary, he has been pastor of churches in Arkansas and Texas.

He and his wife, Wilma, have two children, Brenda Jameson and Michael Shirley. The Shirleys are members of Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

Charlie Belknap is superintendent for Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services and **Royce Aston** is director of social work services. **Doug McWhirter**, **Thomas Stafford**, **Gary Gray**, **David Perry** and **Erlene Clearman** are area directors of Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services. Staff assistants are **Clint Morrison** and **Laura Morrison**. Special work assistants are **Greg Hardin** and **Rose Jones**. Activities director is **Guy Ripley**. Secretaries in the agency are **Lucille Holley** and **Carolyn Pence**.

Harry Trulove, for nine years president of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, is a native Georgian. He is a graduate of Mercer University and Southwestern Seminary and has held pastorates in Texas and Oklahoma. He formerly served as associate secretary and department secretary in the Estate Stewardship Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He and his wife, Carolyn, have three children, David, Teresa Walker and Tim. They are members of Baring Cross Church in North Little Rock.

Secretaries in the Foundation are **Susie Shirley** and **Joyce Keyser**.

Conway Sawyers has been director of the Missions Department since 1979. A graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary, he has been pastor of churches in Indiana and Arkansas as well as a director of missions for two Arkansas associations.

He and his wife, Marcella (Marcy) have two children, Kathy Weatherly and Larry. They are members of Life Line Church in Little Rock.

Pete Petty has been director of Missions Ministries since 1978. He has previously served as a pastor of churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma and as a director of missions.

He and his wife Bonita have three daughters, Ruth Poyner and Ronita West and

Rebecca and a son, Harley.

The Pettys are members of Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock.

Leham Webb, a native of Walnut Ridge, is director of church extension in the Missions Department. A graduate of OBU and Southern Seminary, he was formerly a missionary to Singapore as well as pastor of several Arkansas churches.

He and his wife, Virginia, have one daughter, Mrs. Jerry Blaylock. The Webbs are members of Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

A native of North Carolina, **Leroy Sisk** is director of Chaplaincy Ministries in the Missions Department. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in North Carolina and was a career chaplain in the U.S. Army.

He and his wife, Nancy, have four children, Linda, Cheryl, James and Timothy. The Sisks are members of Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

Randy Cash is director of Language Missions in the Missions Department. A graduate of the University of North Carolina and Southern Seminary, he has previously served in various ministries to the deaf and blind.

He and his wife, Martha, are members of Lakeshore Drive Church in Little Rock.

Secretaries in the Missions Department are **Bonnie Williams** and **Ruth Eckhardt**.

Glen McGriff is director of the Ministry of Crisis Support. He had previously served for 25 years in pastoral ministry in various Southern Baptist churches as well as been a director of associational missions. He is a graduate of Samford University, the University of Alabama and Luther Rice Seminary.

He and his wife, Helen, have three children, Lamar, Glenda and Donna.

A native of Harrison, **James Walker** is director of the Stewardship/Cooperative Program Department. He has been pastor of churches in Arkansas and Texas. He is a graduate of OBU and Southwestern Seminary.

He and his wife, Mattie Lou, have two

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sons, Karl and Jim. The Walkers are members of Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock.

Johnie McCumpsey is the secretary in the Stewardship Department.

Since 1955, **Tom Logue** has been Baptist Student Union director for Arkansas. A native Texan, he graduated from both Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. He has previously held college teaching and BSU posts.

Logue and his wife, Ethel, are the parents of three children, Louise, Tom Jr., Timothy and John. The Logues are members of Lakeshore Drive Church in Little Rock.

George Sims is the associate in the Student Department. He previously worked as a social worker and a BSU director. He is a graduate of South Eastern Louisiana University and New Orleans Seminary.

George and his wife, Shirley, are the parents of three children, Ralph, Rebecca, and Donna. The Sims are members of Life Line Church in Little Rock.

Thelma Anderson, Patsy Dillman and **Gayle Paul** serve as secretaries in the Student Department office.

Baptist Student Union Directors around the state are: **Linda Anderson**, at OBU; **Richard Boyles** at the University of Central Arkansas; **Jackie Burton** at Southern Baptist College; **Arliss Dickerson** at Arkansas State and **Raye Nell Dyer**, associate director at the University of Arkansas/Fayetteville.

Other BSU directors are: **Gary Glisson** at Henderson State; **Jamie Jones**, at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville; **Lynn Loyd** at Southern Arkansas University; **Steve Masters** at Arkansas Tech University; **Danny McCauley** at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; **James Smalley** at the University of Arkansas for medical services; **Rosie Simpkins** at Westark Community College; **Pam Taylor**, associate at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and **Mike Weaver** at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Since 1981, **Freddie Pike** has been assistant director and adult consultant in the Sunday School Department. He was formerly a director of missions, a minister of education and a minister of music in Arkansas and Texas churches. He is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas and Southwestern Seminary.

He and his wife, Linda Carole, are the parents of one daughter, Melodie Carole. The Pikes are members of Central Church in North Little Rock.

Youth consultant in the Sunday School Department is **Martin Babb**. Having held positions as music, youth and activities director in Arkansas and Texas churches, he is a graduate of OBU and Southwestern Seminary.

Babb and his wife, Beverly, are the parents of one daughter, Meredith. He is a member of Calvary Church in Little Rock.

Pat Ratton, pre-school consultant in the Sunday School Department, is a graduate of Southern Arkansas University and attended Southwestern Seminary. She has been a public school teacher, a minister of education and a director of children's work in Arkansas churches.

She is a member and pre-school Sunday school teacher at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

Jackie Edwards is children's consultant in the Sunday School Department. She has previously worked in day care. She is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas.

She and her husband, Elvis, have three children, Jim, Brian and Bo. They are members of Pike Avenue Baptist Church.

Bert Haley and **Mollie Morgan** are the secretaries for the Sunday School Department.

Julia Ketrner has been executive director of the Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union since 1975. She had previously been a public school teacher and state GA/Mission Friends

director. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Seminary.

She is a member of Calvary Church in Little Rock.

GA/Mission Friends director for the state is **Pat Glascock**. She is a graduate of Bowie State College in Maryland and New Orleans Seminary. She has previously worked in the medical field, as a public school teacher and as a staff member in WMU programs.

She is a member of Calvary Church in Little Rock.

Betty Jo Lacy has been Acteens director since 1973. She has previously been a public school teacher and minister of education and youth in Texas and New Mexico churches. She is a graduate of OBU and Southwestern Seminary.

She is a member of Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

Baptist Women/Baptist Young Women director in Arkansas is **Carolyn Porterfield**. She is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. She has been a missionary journeyman and a summer youth minister in a Colorado church.

She is a member of Calvary church in Little Rock.

J. Everett Sneed has been editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine for 11 years. Sneed, a Batesville native, is a graduate of Arkansas College, Southwestern Seminary, Baylor University and the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

He and his wife, Mary Ellen, are the parents of two daughters, Chere and Cathy. The Sneeds are members of Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

Betty J. Kennedy, managing editor of the ABN, has been with the magazine since 1969. A graduate of OBU, she has previously worked as news editor of the *Daily Siftings-Herald* in Arkadelphia.

She and her husband, Bill, are the parents of a daughter, Amy. They are members of Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock.

Millie Gill is ABN reporter/photographer. She served for 10 years as society editor of the *Courier News* in Blytheville. She is the mother of one girl, Lucretia Ann, and is a member of West Side Church in Little Rock.

Secretary in the ABN is **Mary Giberson**. Circulation manager is **Ann Taylor**. **Kevin Jones** is 1983 staff intern.



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Your state convention working

Families in the Fayetteville area are aided by counseling by the staff of the area office of Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services who hold sessions in the building of a local church and even make house calls.

An Arkansas Baptist family found they could accomplish more in memory in their son through an endowment fund through the Arkansas Baptist Foundation than they could through a private foundation they set up.

The *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* is available on tape for the blind through an endowment left by a Plummerville woman and the volunteer labor of the women of Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

Ouachita Baptist University students raised enough money through Tiger Traks Weekend this year to award 33 scholarships for the 1983-84 academic year.

Southern Baptist College has established The "President's Scholarship" to begin in the fall of 1983 for students. The scholarships pay tuition.

State Convention staff assisted individual churches 886 times in the past six months, for an average of 148 times per month.

Because of mixups, an Arkansas pastor's insurance was about to be cancelled, but the state annuity program representative helped him right the errors and keep the coverage.

When tornadoes raked Little Rock in December, Arkansas Baptists Men's mobile disaster relief van was among the first aid on the scene for cleanup in the southwest part of town. Within days the van and Baptist men were helping flood victims in the northwest part of the state.

Church Music Department staff and volunteers are conducting clinics for church keyboard musicians in all Arkansas associations during this year of emphasis on instrumental music.

As part of their leadership in family ministry, the Church Training Department sponsors marriage enrichment retreats twice each year to help make good marriages better.

Baptist Student Union provides a ministry to students in a tough section of Chicago. The project is new this year.

Evangelism Department staff teach Win our World (WOW) classes at camps and assemblies around the state.

In 1982 the State Missions Department supplemented the pastoral salary of 32 churches and missions in the state for a total of \$60,000 in aid.

Through Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists 15 black college students and 11 seminary students have been helped with scholarships.

In one South Arkansas church members increased their pledges to the church budget for 1983 by 10.22 percent after Stewardship Department staff helped the church staff present the Great Challenge program.

Woman's Missionary Union will provide a missions display with missionaries and free materials at Baptist Youth Day at Magic Springs late this summer.

A South Arkansas church credits a Sunday School enlargement campaign by state personnel with dramatic increases in baptisms (34 compared to 4) and additions by letter (32 over 6) in the year after compared to the year before.

Thirty-two students registered for one or more courses for the spring semester of the Seminary Studies program in Little Rock.

Nine "Student-to-Student" workers have been placed on the campuses of Arkansas colleges thanks to the Third Century Endowment Campaign for Baptist Student Union work.

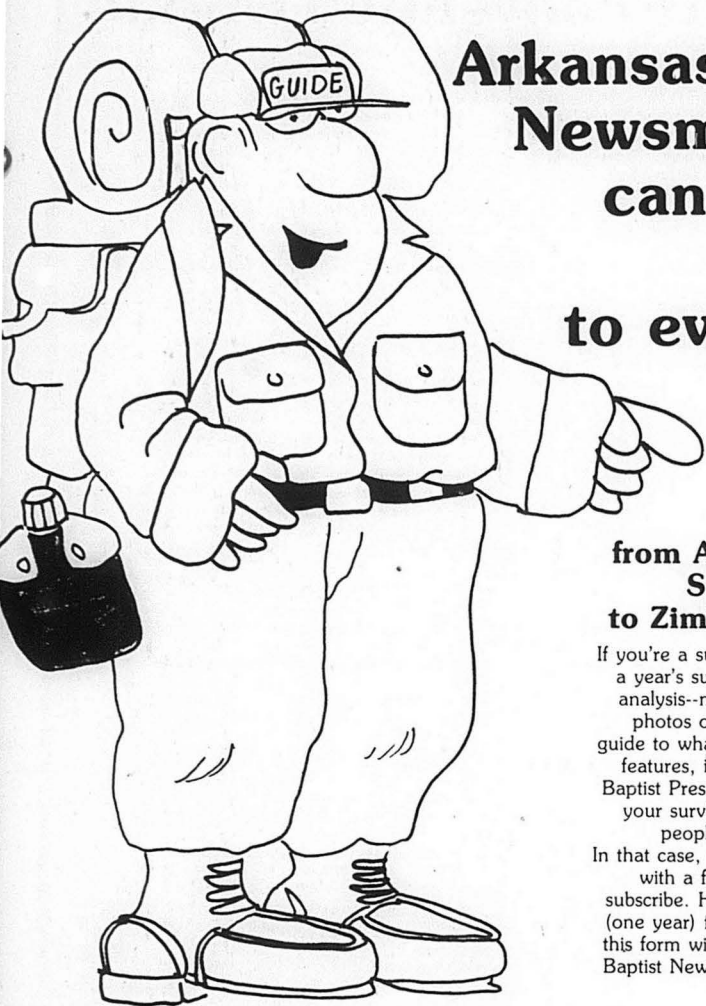
Twenty-nine church handbell choirs attended the 1983 state handbell festival sponsored by the Church Music Department in March.

Family and Child Care Services admits abused, neglected or abandoned children to its emergency receiving homes 24 hours a day and care for them until they can be placed by state or private agencies.

Extension centers for in-service training of black Baptist pastors and laymen enrolled 161 in Beardon, Lewisville, Little Rock, Pine Bluff and Memphis.

State Missions Department provides help for churches and associations to develop Christian social ministries through the services of Dean Preuett, Central Arkansas CSM consultant.

Royal Ambassador Pioneers from the state will make a trip to Alaska in July to help home missionaries there.



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from Arkansas Baptist State Convention to Zimbabwe missions

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Make disciples, don't just scatter seeds

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — When missionaries Sam and Virginia Cannata wrote a book about being thrown out of Ethiopia, they were forced to ask themselves what they really left behind.

The answer knocked the wind out of them when they realized they had only scattered seeds, not planted them.

Even more sobering was their realization Christians everywhere were making the same mistakes; baptizing multitudes but not making disciples.

"We haven't made disciples," Cannata told a chapel audience at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. "We have made professions of faith. We have them sitting in pews all over America and all over the world.

"It's easy to go out and baptize folks. It's a different ballgame to make disciples."

Cannata said MasterLife, the intensive discipleship training method originated with missionaries in Indonesia, is the best thing that has happened to Southern Baptists.

It seems to Cannata, a medical doctor, the church and God have two different plans of operation. The church has speakers and listeners, he said, neither of which are the "doers" Jesus calls Christians to be.

He said God's plan is outlined in Matthew 25, the well-known but little heeded passage which explains a person who feeds the hungry, clothes the naked and gives drink to the thirsty does it as if to Jesus.

"The world gets tired of seeing our cars backing out of the driveways going to church," Cannata said. "Why do they get tired? They don't see anything they want.

We're entertaining ourselves in church. That takes bigger and fancier buildings and programs and constantly more money.

"When we get to heaven, God is not going to ask us what translation of the Bible we used or ask us how conservative we or liberal we are. He's going to ask us how we ministered to a world in need and most of us are going to be empty handed.

"We think we can scatter seed by using television and radio and all that and think that will grow disciples. It won't."

Cannata said Jesus actually laid down his life for his friends three years before he died, when he began an earthly ministry that denied even the menial luxuries of his day for life of a homeless, maligned, itinerant evangelist.

"We need to get in on God's program," he insisted.

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How much exercise is too little and how much is too much? This week's senior adult column addresses the question of fitness for seniors.

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An Arkansas couple who are foreign missionaries will be heading to the capital of the West African country of Mali as SBC work is opened there.

Baylor cancels play, reprimands prof

by Bob Darden

WACO, Texas (BP) — A recent performance of a Baylor University theater production has resulted in the cancellation of all Baylor performances of the show, the virtual dismissal of a professor and doubts about the future of the university's interpretive theater program.

Baylor president, Herbert Reynolds, confirmed that James Pearse, associate professor of communication studies, has been reprimanded and recommended to receive a terminal contract after directing "The Moon In Its Flight."

The interpretive theater production drew fire from Reynolds for "vulgar" language and "trashy" content. The production, adapted from a short story by Gilbert Sorrentino, involves the audience in the story of a young man growing up in the late 1940s and his infatuation with a younger girl.

The reprimand comes 20 years to the month since Paul Baker, then chairman of the Baylor drama department, resigned in a dispute with the administration concerning the production of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night" at Baylor.

While Pearse and some students have

described the university's action as "censorship," Reynolds disagrees. "I simply believe it is a matter of trying to uphold the high standards of Baylor University with regard to the arts and public presentations we sponsor," he said. "We are trying to combat, I hope, the increasing secularization of human life." Reynolds defined secularization as "the moving away from everything sacred to a position that we do not believe anything is sacred."

Pearse has presented several interpreter's theater productions since coming to Baylor from Western Kentucky University two years ago. The program offers undergraduate and graduate classes and Pearse said it has attracted top flight students from across the country, continuing a 50-year history of interpreter's theater at the university.

The Baylor theater group participated in a North Texas State University festival Feb. 25-26 and Pearse scheduled four performances at Baylor for the following week. Reynolds said he first learned of a possible controversy concerning the production when he received three or four telephone calls after the performance at NTSU.



Occasionally conflict still persists between educated and uneducated ministry. The educated preacher may look down his nose at those who have not had his opportunities, while the man without formal training may accuse the other of relying on books rather than the Holy Spirit. Both attitudes are wrong. The same God called each man.

In the past there has been a great tide of anti-intellectualism. This philosophy reached such an extent that some preachers actually refused to prepare their messages. On one occasion a man adhering to the "no preparation" idea boasted, "When I enter the pulpit, God fills my mouth."

A trained minister replied, "Yes, your mouth is filled with hot air. But don't blame that on God."

The fact is that a preacher should do his utmost to be at his best in the pulpit. This involves prayer, study, and being open to the Holy Spirit during study, as well as in the delivery of the message.

Those who oppose education point to the fact that Peter and John were uneducated. The scripture, they emphasize, in Acts 4:13, says, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled..." Those using this for a proof text to oppose education fail to note the balance of the same verse which says, "And they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." The fact is that three years with the Master Teacher was the best possible education a man could have.

The miracle of Christianity is the fact that God uses men of all types of background in his work. God used the apostle Paul to give impetus to Christianity. Paul was one of the best trained men in the world, having studied under Gamaliel (Acts 5:34; 22:3).

The Bible itself declares the wide diversity of people used by God. The Holy Spirit inspired people with almost every type of background. In giving us the Holy Writ, God worked through kings (David and Solomon), fishermen

(Peter and John), the philosophers and highly trained men (Paul and Moses), the farmer (Amos), etc.

Therefore, some mistakes need to be corrected. We should never equate ignorance with spirituality or conservatism. The scripture clearly instructs us to, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

Paul was clearly advising Peter about the importance of studying so that he could "rightly divide the word of truth." The Greek word for "rightly divide" is "orthotomized" which means, "to cut straight." Our English word "orthodontist" (one who straightens teeth) uses the same prefix. The idea is that one who presents the Word of God is to teach it straight without bending or distorting it with his or anyone else's human prejudices.

We should recognize that God uses people of all educational levels. Thus, we should be supportive of each other. God has a place for each person whom he has called into his service, and all are important.

The tragedy is that when servants of God fight over such things as education versus spirituality the Lord's work suffers. Paul warned, "The servant of the Lord must not strive (quarrel); but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient (II Tim. 2:24).

Finally, it is clear that each person whom God has called into his service should do everything possible to be effective. Different callings have different requirements. Some demand a great deal of education and others less. All must continually rely upon the Holy Spirit.

A key factor in the success of Southern Baptists has been our willingness to use people of various educational backgrounds. If we are to continue to grow, we must never change this concept. We should, however, put behind us forever the conflict between preachers of different educational standing. May God help us to do this.

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You'll be glad to know . . .

... Great signs of life are appearing. For some weeks now all of the flowers, shrubs and trees have been trying to break out into full bloom with foliage. A very cold and late spring has made it difficult, to say the least. But it's coming. For a much longer time, eager pastors and restless churches have been trying to do the same. Praise God that it is happening, too.

I've recently assisted First Church of Baytown, Texas, in revival. An Arkansan, Roy Parker, has pastored there for seven years. After years of struggle and decline it has all turned around. Though the neighborhood has gone multi-national and the facilities are less than ideal, this inner city church has come to life, increasing its average Sunday School attendance from around 250 to over 400 in just two or three years. The love and excitement were a joy to experience.

Without a doubt the work is more than the work of a good pastor and staff. It is the miracle of God. After all, when you see "red and yellow, black, and white"; rich and poor, illiterate and professionals, joyfully sharing their Christian life, you know something supernatural is going on.

Lee Walker, Church Services director for San Jacinto Association, led the singing for the meeting. He documented numerous other situations like the one I have described. He reports that it is happening all across the state of Texas.

Surely "You'll Be Glad to Know" that if it isn't happening where you are, it can. Surely you would want it to. Surely God wants it to. When Christ is so honored, souls are saved, and fellowship is so sweet, surely God would want that to happen everywhere on whatever scale the population would allow.

What are the common factors allowing God to so bless? Revitalized Sunday School organizations with the pastor enthusiastically leading; a great caring fellowship that really ministers to all of its people; a warm and relaxed atmosphere in worship with music that everyone can get into with ease; a soul winning strategy such as C.W.T. or E.E. It seems God does not really bless a church in reaching many until they are committed and working toward reaching all.

It's happening in Arkansas, too! Hallelujah!

Don Moore is executive secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.



Moore

Designation favored

If Dale Moody can remain on the staff of Southern Seminary and teach apostasy, I wonder if there is anything that cannot be taught at Southern. In fact, I wonder if there is anything that is not being taught!

For a man to sign a statement of faith which he does not agree with is dishonest. For a man to say that he can live with the "Abstract of Principles" and then teach contrary to Article XIII of the Principles is deception. For the administration to approve of Dale Moody's position by refusing to fire him is a breach of trust with the churches who pay the bills! Would your church pay the salary of a Methodist, or General or Freewill preacher? But that is precisely what we are being forced to do with Dale Moody. It is sheer audacity for one man to violate the doctrinal conscience of 13 1/2 million Southern Baptists.

Roy Honeycutt has said that we in Arkansas "violated Baptist polity" by asking for Moody's resignation. Yet he feels that it is no violation of any kind for one of his professors to call eternal security, or once saved always saved, "the great Baptist heresy".

In my opinion Southern Seminary does not deserve our trust nor our financial support as long as the administration advocates its moral responsibility and manifests a flagrant disregard for the conscience of Southern Baptists. I have never done this before, however beginning now I am urging Arkansas Baptists to designate their gifts so as to exclude Southern Seminary. It seems this is the only language they will understand. — David Miller, Heber Springs

Severance of church, state

You cannot have a complete severance of church and state. You have to strike a happy medium somewhere along the line. No government can survive on one fraction only as a system.

The definitions do fascinate me somewhat. They are (1) Church: individuals as a whole and their denominations comprising the Christian religion and their governing bodies thereto as opposed to state or civil government; and (2) State: individuals as a whole and their sub-cultures comprising a nation of people and their governing bodies thereto as opposed to religious and ecclesiastical.

You add it all up, however, when you put a non-Christian in the President's chair. He will discharge his office in a like manner. A public official must embellish his job performance with tolerance, fellowship, patience and a profound consideration for the feelings of his fellowman. In order to respect the innermost feelings of co-citizens, there must be a manifestation of compas-

sion in infinite amounts. It would be virtually impossible that a person not believing in God could do this in a political setting.

Whenever there is a political position open, regardless how large or how small (that is from president to dog catcher) there should be individuals from all denominations running for the position.

Another ramification, the city churches should take an interest in municipal government. This is true of all levels of government. All municipalities should have a ministerial alliance or an association of local clergy in existence. If the congregations do not get involved (in the capacity of congregations), let their demands be known, and assert their influence upon the city government, what can you expect from such city governments?

Congregations complain during their service. They question: Why don't these "people" in City Hall do something? However, the majority, a vast majority you might add, do not want to do anything themselves.

Let's get the "old time togetherness" back into our government at all levels.

Many judges, lawyers, policemen, and many others are Christians. Why can't they all be Christians?

P.S. I could not find an adage that would be applicable. I believe this one is close enough: "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works" (Matt. 16:27). — George W. Douglas, Black Rock

Too many offerings

Before Southern Baptists had the Cooperative Program there was one special offering after another. The one with the best sob story got the most money. Then there was a long period of time when there were few special offerings except for the Christmas, Easter and state mission offerings. We are now getting back to having a lot of special offerings and they are hurting our mission offerings.

If we have too many special offerings, will it discourage people to the point that total giving will decrease?

Fifty years ago we heard the comment that the church was always asking for money. I had not heard that very often until a short time ago. Now I hear it quite often.

There is a question in my mind whether or not it is wise to send preachers on a few weeks trip to foreign countries. Our missionaries who are there for years at a time probably do a lot more good.

Some church members call preachers' trips to foreign countries "paid vacations". They have been compared to "congressional junkets". — Ben Fried, Mensa

BSU Summer Missionaries

Right: Willis Bell, ASU, Youth Ministry, Germany
Far Right: Jama Best, UALR, Camp Ministry, Israel



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Above: (seated) Michael Donahou, ATU; Jim Dachs, SBC; (back row) Evelyn Givens, UAM; Cindy Hibbard, HSU; Ralean Aubrey, HSU, Youth Home, Inc., Little Rock.
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Left; (front) Carol Lemon, SAU; Teresa Harmon, ASU-Beebe, General Missions, Colorado; (second row) Kurt Caddy, SBC, Utah; Jeanette Goacher, OBU, New Work Team, Missouri; (background) Michael Rhodes, UCA and Linda Brenchley, UAM; Resort Ministries, Missouri
Below: (seated) Gregg Ginn, ASU; Tammy Carter, HSU; Joel Wofford, ASU; (back row) Vickie England, UAM; Kim Whatley, UAMS; Debra Robinett, ASU; Eddie Caldwell, UofA; Helen Powell, UofA; General Missions, Illinois and Indiana



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One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant/President, OBU

Tax credits and tax deductions are not the same

At the risk of seeming to meddle in a hot political issue, I want to try to clear up a common misunderstanding of tax credits. For many years, supporters of Catholic schools have advocated tuition tax credits for parents who send their children to parochial schools. More recently they have been joined by some non-Catholic supporters of Christian academies, and there are those who would like to extend such tax credits to the tuition paid to private colleges and universities.

Proponents of tuition tax credits argue strongly that without them an unfair financial burden is placed on those who want a religious education for their children and who are already paying the full load of public school taxes. Opponents have traditionally argued that such subsidies are violations of the constitutional principle of separation of church and state and, more recently, have argued that it would be sowing the seeds of destruction of the public

school system.

Without getting into the pros and cons of the argument, I want to clear the air of one common mistake — using "tax credit" and "tax deduction" interchangeably. These two terms are not the same thing, and church people have a lot at stake in making certain we don't confuse the two.

A tax credit is subtracted from the actual taxes that would otherwise be paid by a taxpayer. A tax deduction is merely subtracted from the income a person declares, before the tax is ever calculated. Both have the net effect of reducing the amount of taxes to be paid, but a tax credit is a 100 percent reduction in taxes, while the tax deduction may reduce taxes paid by a percentage such as 20 percent or, at most, 50 percent. All persons are allowed income tax deductions for charitable contributions, whether to a church, a hospital, or a Christian school.

The case for the tax deduction for reli-

gious contributions is basically the same as the case for giving to the Boy Scouts or the Red Cross. The basic purpose is not to lend tax support for organized religion. Society has simply decided it wants to encourage charitable contributions to all kinds of worthwhile, nonprofit organizations, including churches. The issue will be confused tremendously if we equate tuition tax credits with tax deductions for charitable contributions.

It may be that the American people, through Congress and the courts, will approve tuition tax credits for those attending religious schools. If it is done, however, I hope it will not be done in ignorance of the difference between tax credits and tax deductions. Tax credits are much deeper into that gray zone toward using tax dollars to support organized religion.

Daniel R. Grant is president of Ouachita Baptist University.



Woman's viewpoint

Kay Young

For many are called?

"Why did you decide to become a church secretary?" was a question that was asked of me and perhaps a dozen other secretaries at a conference last year. All of us answered, "Because God called me."

A good friend of mine told me that she surrendered for special service in her teens knowing that God wanted her to be a school teacher, "to love children no one else would."

Many people believe that God calls only ministers and missionaries. I beg to disagree. We are told that "if any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). I believe that God has a special place of service for each person who calls him Lord. Each of us must decide where Christ wants us to serve. That he wants us to serve is not in question (Luke 6:46).

To know God's will and be in the center

of that will should be the greatest desire of every Christian. In my own experience God has shown me the path one step at a time. In my impatience I have tried short-cuts, blazing new trails, and striking out on my own. Each time God has brought me back from the dead end that we reach when we travel on our own, back to the place he has for me.

I hope that you are seeking God's will for your life, and that you are available and willing. When we are called, it is not to be served, but to be as Christ was, a servant of many.

Kay Young is secretary at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock and also directs a sixth grade Sunday School department. In her spare time, she loves to read, watch old movies, cook, camp, whitewater float and play with her two cats.

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Arkansas men's work featured

The work of Baptist Men from the North Arkansas Baptist Association is included in the April issue of *World Mission Journal*.

The Baptist Men in Action Today column

reports the men raised more than 5,000 pounds of potatoes for the Children's Home in Monticello.

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

Glenn Morgan

has been called as pastor of East Main Church in El Dorado, going there from Warren First Church.

Johnny Justin Baker

is serving as pastor of Mount Olive Church in Crossett, going there from Stamps First Church. A native of Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana College at Pineville and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently enrolled in the doctor of ministries program with Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, meeting in Little Rock. He has been pastor of both Louisiana and Arkansas churches and has served in Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board.

Pete Ramsey

observed his fifth anniversary as minister of education at Fayetteville First Church May 1.

Steve Holdaway

will begin serving May 15 as special ministries coordinator at DeQueen First Church. A native of Wichita, Kans., he is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as youth worker with the Home Mission Board and has been involved with lay renewal work. He is married to Susan Stefanie. She is a graduate of Baylor University.



Morgan



Baker

Henry H. Sennett

began serving May 1 as pastor of Searcy Trinity Church. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University, Memphis State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He formerly served as pastor of the Dublin Church in Dublin, Ohio. He and his wife, Beverly, are Arkansas natives.

Lawrence Dale Phelps

resigned April 3 as pastor of the Uniontown Church.

Jonathan Payne

is serving as pastor of the East Mount Zion Church, Clarksville. He and his wife, Linda, have been serving as music evangelists.

Joe Craft

has been called as pastor of the Beck Spur Church at Forrest City.

Jimmy Hogg Sr.

is serving as pastor of the Faith Church at Forrest City.

Nelson Tucker

began serving March 13 as pastor of the Emmanuel Church in Forrest City.

David Birkhead

is serving as pastor of the Harris Chapel at Wynne.

Ty Berry

has resigned as pastor of the Wilson First Church to become pastor in the pioneer mission field of Bettendorf, Iowa.

Raymond Routon

has accepted the call to become pastor of the McCrory First Church, moving there from the Cole Ridge Church.

Woody Wicker

has resigned as pastor of the Manila West Side Church.

Jack Auten

has resigned as pastor of the West Memphis Second Church to become pastor of a Miami Springs, Fla., church.

Buddy Burton

is serving as pastor of the Eagle Lake Crossroads Church. He and his wife, Carolyn, reside in Crossett

briefly

Osceola First Church

recently honored pastor Bob Wilson for five years of service.

Yorktown First Church

was in revival April 29-May 1, according to pastor Dennis Tyner. J. Phillip Allison, executive vice-president of Mid-America Seminary, was evangelist.

Grady First Church

deacons received the practical part of their training in family ministry April 14 when they spent the day with the pastoral care department at Little Rock's Baptist Medical Center. The three had a chance to learn ministry methods they could use in the homes of members, according to pastor Kyle Johnson. The deacons were John Manly, Norman McPherson and Arly Hubbell.

Blytheville First Church

observed Air Force Appreciation Day April 24 by recognizing those church members and their families serving with the U. S. Air Force at the Blytheville Air Force Base.

El Dorado Second Church

celebrated its 60th anniversary April 30-May 1 with a Saturday evening fellowship, Sunday worship services and a dinner. Special guests included Rev. and Mrs. Lehman Webb, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Reed, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Bray and Rev. and Mrs. Richard Johnson, former staff members.

Alma First Church

held deacon ordination services March 13 for David Robertson and James Quince Teague. Moderator was George Domeser, director of missions for Clear Creek Association.

Clarence Shell, director of evangelism for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was speaker. Others assisting were Harold Oliver, Clayton Weidecker, Ralph McClure, Ray Van Camp, Nancy McClure, Skip Kelley and T. C. Farrar.

Augusta First Church

was in a revival April 10-14 that resulted in five professions of faith, according to pastor Martin Thielen. Jon Stubblefield, pastor, and Don Fellers, minister of music, both of Central Church in Magnolia, were revival leaders.

Biggers Church

dedicated a baptistry April 10. Pastor Bill Jenkins reported John Colbert, director of missions for Current-Gains Association, as speaker and James Hambrick as the first baptismal candidate.

Air fare to Pittsburg is discounted

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist flying to the annual meeting in Pittsburg in June are eligible for a special rate from Delta Air Lines.

According to Robert Thompson, sales coordinator for the airline, Delta will discount its normal day coach fare 25 percent for those taking advantage of the offer. If a lower promotional fare is available to Pittsburg for a particular city, Delta will offer that fare.

Anyone interested should tell the travel agent or the Delta ticket agent that he is attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburg on June 14-16 and would like to accept the Delta Air Lines offer of "YE-186 25 percent discount fare," or any lower fare that may be available. The agent can verify

the offer by calling the Delta convention office, 1-800-241-6108, or individuals can call the same number for additional information.

Since Delta does not fly to Pittsburg on a non-stop basis, there will be a connection in Atlanta. Delta will also make travel arrangements on other carriers for anyone in a city not served by them who is connecting with a Delta flight.

by Jerry Johnson

David says in Psalms 139:14, "I will praise the Lord for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." I think all of us would have to agree with this statement when we stop and take a look at how tremendous the human body is made and delicately put together. There are many examples of this but let me just point out one at the present time.

Example 1: Can you imagine that in the last 24 hours your heart has pumped approximately 4,000 gallons of blood through 12,000 miles of blood vessels and capillaries. If you converted that 4,000 gallons of blood into fuel, it would be enough to operate your car for its lifetime and 12,000 miles is the average distance each of us drives in a year. **Your heart does that in one day's time!** Praise him!

We must recognize that the human heart is a very important pumping muscle. In order for it to do its job efficiently and effectively it must remain strong.

A muscle that is not used begins to waste away or atrophy. Maybe you or a member of your family have had a broken bone and that area of your body has remained inactive in a cast for a period of time. Do you remember what the muscles were like when the cast was removed? If you do, you remember the muscles were in fact wasting away, very weak and without much definition. This is in actuality what happens to the heart over a period of time of inactivity. The longer you are inactive the less efficient your heart becomes.

Cardiologist and cardiovascular surgeons have discovered that the quicker they can get a patient up after surgery the faster the recovery. Patients are put on a rehabilitation program of walking immediately upon release from the hospital.

Our society today is spending millions and millions of dollars to cure or mend sick hearts when we could practice a little preventive medicine by getting up out of that easy chair or bed and get out and walk, jog, ride a bicycle, swim or participate in any other form of cardiovascular exercise.

This brings me to the how little is too little or how much is too much. Dr. Richard Couey in his book *Lifelong Fitness and Fulfillment* presents a method by which all of us can improve and strengthen our heart muscle. The method was developed by exercise physiologist Karvonen and has been expanded by Dr. Couey.

The formula by Karvonen uses the number of heart beats as a determination of cardiovascular fitness. His feelings were that almost anyone could be

taught to take their pulse rate and monitor their activity level by this method.

In order to determine your threshold of activity or the point at which cardiovascular fitness begins you use the following formula. First subtract your age from 220. This figure is your maximum heart rate. Next your should subtract from your maximum heart rate your resting rate. Your resting heart rate should be taken early in the morning before eating or any activity preferably on the side of the bed. Once you subtract your resting rate you then multiply the answer by 60 percent. Finally add back in your resting rate to this answer. Your final answer is your threshold of train-

For and about



senior adults

ing. It looks like this for a 60 year old with a resting rate of 70:

220	
- 60	Age
160	maximum heart rate
- 70	resting rate
90	answer
× 60	percent
54.00	
+ 70	resting rate
124	threshold of training

You should work above this rate for a minimum of five minutes up to 30 minutes. However, you should never exceed your maximum heart rate which is 220 minus your age.

To count your pulse rate you find your pulse in your wrist just below wrist bone at the radial artery or in the neck just beside the voice box. Count the number of beats for 15 seconds and multiply by four to determine your rate for one minute.

After the first two or three minutes of exercise count your pulse and if you haven't reached your threshold you need to speed up or if you are beyond your maximum you will need to slow down.

There are many benefits of this type of training including reduced pulse rate, blood pressure stabilized and better

utilization of cholesterol and fats for energy thus delaying atherosclerosis or hardening of the arteries.

The beauty of this type of training is that it uses factors that are just yours. Once again let me remind you to get a check up from your doctor and then get busy with your cardiovascular activity. Review what these activities are at the beginning of this article. May the Lord bless you and give you a better life and the quality of life you desire through your discipline in presenting your temple complete in him.

Johnson is Christian Family Life Minister of Little Rock's First Church and is widely used as a conference leader. He has spoken to many groups in the Southern Baptist Convention on the subject of personal fitness.

Questions or comments on this column for and about senior adults should be sent to Senior Adults, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

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Student Department

Westark BSU Receives Gift

Recently the Baptist Student Union at Westark Community College in Fort Smith was recipient of a gift of nearly \$1,000 from the estate of Elsie Mae Roam. Mrs. Roam, the widow of William L. Roam, died several years ago. She had been a resident of Fort Smith all of her life and had a real interest in young people. Mrs. Roam's daughter, Mrs. Louise Hoffman of Georgia, served as a volunteer with the Wednesday lunch program at the Baptist Student Center at Westark for several years. Her mother's will contained a provision that a certain part of the estate go to an organization beneficial to young people. Mrs. Hoffman chose the Baptist Student Union of Westark Community College.

The gift will be used in providing books for the library in the Baptist Student Center. "Mrs. Roam was not only a great lover of young people," said Rosie Simpkins, BSU director at Westark, "but she also was a great lover of good books. We cannot think of anything better to memorialize her life."

The only other gift received for student work by a will has been a gift from the late Mrs. N. S. Garrott of West Memphis.

What better way to minister in Christ's name than in challenging the hearts and minds of our students on 27 Arkansas campuses? — **Tom J. Logue, director**



Logue

Church Training

MasterLife Workshop

Arkansas' second MasterLife Workshop will be conducted the week of May 16-20 on the campus of Ouachita Baptist University. Jimmy Crowe, MasterLife workshop coordinator from the Sunday School Board, will direct the workshop. Assisting in the workshop will be Robert Carlton from Richmond, Va., and Valton Prince from Fresno, Calif.

The MasterLife Workshop is a prerequisite for pastors and others who plan to lead a MasterLife group in their churches. A MasterLife group in a church must meet for one and a half to two hours each week for 26 weeks to complete the in-depth discipleship training course. Attendance at the MasterLife Workshop prepares the pastor to lead the group in his church and qualifies his church to purchase materials for their participants.

There are still openings for this year's workshop. Housing is available on campus for those attending. Reservations should be in by May 9. — **Robert Holley, director**



Crowe

Christian Life Council

Citizenship improvement opportunity

Growth in grace ought to include being vitally concerned about earthly citizenship. Jesus clearly indicated that Christian citizenship responsibilities include both God and Caesar (Matt. 22:21). Paul pointed out that Christians are ambassadors for Christ (II Cor. 5:20). There are those who pay great sums of money for such a title. The Christian already holds such an office. An ambassador, either for Christ or country, has ample room for growth and improvement.

Arkansas Baptists will be afforded a fine opportunity for civic improvement on Friday, the first day of July. A Christian Citizenship

Conference, originally scheduled for two days, will be held at Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock, beginning at 1 p.m. The conference will conclude at 9 p.m. There will be a two hour break at 5 p.m. for the evening meal.

A detailed program will be published shortly in this newsmagazine. Please mark your calendars now to include attendance at this conference in your busy schedule. This will be a splendid way to begin the long fourth of July weekend. Observance of Christian Citizenship Day on Sunday July 3 should give special emphasis to patriotism and love of both God and country. This would also be a good time to extend special recognition of veterans and public servants and their families. — **Bob Parker, director**

Evangelism

Other attitudes that affect witnessing

Many Christians may not realize the importance of soul winning. The following are pet expressions of this group: "It's good but I have so many other irons in the fire," "I work all day and I must spend some time with my family," "I just don't have the time to come to visitation." God's Word teaches that soul winning is the most important business on the face of the earth. God stated in Proverbs 11:30, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." It is so important that Jesus said, "for the son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost."

If it means rearranging our schedule, we should determine to give certain times each week for sharing Christ with the lost.

Another attitude that affects the personal witness is that of the lack of a special talent. Witnessing is not to be considered a special gift. Witnessing is a way of life. Some have felt, "This is not my calling." Each Christian needs to realize that witnessing is God's command to every believer. The last words that Jesus spoke before going back to heaven were, "Ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judaea, in Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth."

Some have the attitude that it won't do any good to go. These say, "He won't listen to me. I'll just be wasting time." We never waste our time when we share Christ. We never fail if we introduce Jesus to lost people. We are responsible to share the message. God does the convicting. God does the saving. The Bible says that God gives the increase. The result of witnessing is God's business. — **Clarence Shell, director**



Shell

Stewardship

VBS mission offerings

Southern Baptist churches enrolled 28,167 in Vacation Bible School in 1926. Last year our churches enrolled 3,276,977. Arkansas Baptist churches enrolled 100,793 in 1982 including mission schools and Backyard Bible Clubs.

Bible schools are effective in outreach. Over 1,600 professions of faith were recorded last year.

A Vacation Bible School provides an opportunity to teach stewardship. Pupils are invited to share their resources with world mission causes.

Total gifts to missions from Arkansas Bible Schools reached \$38,013 last year with \$26,552 earmarked for Cooperative Program ministries.

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Your state convention at work

Family Ministry

Christian Home Week

Christian Home Week, May 1-8, 1983, highlights a major Bold Mission Thrust goal, "that 500,000 families be committed to regular worship and Bible study in the home."

Using the theme, "Families: Opening the Word Together," churches will call families to commit themselves to begin or improve regular times for Bible study and worship. Resources are provided to assist these families learn how to conduct more effective Bible study and worship sessions.

A special planning packet, "Family Worship and Bible Study Commitment Day Leader's Kit," and commitment cards are available for church leaders to use in planning an effective Christian Home Week.

Sunday school and church training programs are supporting the Christian Home Week emphasis in their dated and undated materials. The equipping center module, "How to Lead Your Family in Bible Study and Worship," has been prepared for this special emphasis.

Many churches plan to conduct Christian Home Week during May 1-8. Others plan the emphasis at another time more convenient to their local church calendar. Your church can and needs to plan to help strengthen families through Christian Home Week in 1983.

Contact the Church Training Department for additional information about how to lead your church families to open the Word together regularly for Bible study and worship. Stronger families help strengthen churches to meet the opportunities provided by Bold Mission Thrust. — Gerald Jackson, associate



Jackson

Family and Child Care Letter to God

If any of us in this ministry to children ever has questions about its meaning and importance, they are answered by the children who live at the Home in Monticello. Some time ago, during a vespers service, the children were asked to write a letter to God and share it with us. The following excerpts from their letters give a fresh meaning to our ministry and to your support.

"I thank you for all you've done for me, which is a lot. And I know now that you sent me here for my own good and I know that you have something special for me to do, and maybe sometime soon I will find out what it is. Thank you for sending people who care."

"I'm so thankful for all you have done for me. Without you, my life would not have much meaning. Through all my good times and bad you have always been there to help me. It's really been a blessing all the things you have done for me. I can't be thankful enough. I'm thankful for my salvation, family and friends. I'm thankful for what I see you doing for others. I pray you will continue to bless and guide me."

I want to thank you for all the blessings you've given me, like allowing me to be in this home instead of out on the streets."

They have said it. What an incentive to each of us to give our best to this ministry. —Johnny Biggs, executive director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

Sunday School

Preschoolers need special teachers

In preschool conferences we usually talk about how the characteristics of preschoolers and the ways they learn determine

how we teach them in Sunday School—and every time they are in church. We then establish the fact that preschoolers need teachers with special qualities. Not just anyone can teach these people who are in a time when their characters and personalities are being formed, and when their minds are absorbing a lot of facts and attitudes and feelings. Preschoolers can learn, even from birth.

Preschool teachers need many qualities: love for children, patience, dependability, willingness to visit, plan, and train. Many more qualities can be added to this list.

One of the most important qualities is that a preschool teacher should be a Christian and a member of the church in which he or she teaches. Preschoolers are very impressionable. They learn through the teacher's example and attitude. It does matter who teaches them.

When preschool teachers are enlisted for Sunday School, extended session, Vacation Bible School, and all the organizations of a Baptist church, Christians and church members should be selected and elected.

It is awesome to know that a person's feelings about God, Jesus, the Bible, and his church can be determined by what is done or by what is not done for him in his preschool department. The teacher holds the key to these feelings. — Pat Ratton, preschool consultant



Over 200 recently elected BSU officers gathered at Camp Paron March 25-27 for the annual Leadership Training Conference. Campus BSU presidents were installed as the State BSU Council, and 40 BSU summer missionaries were appointed. At a banquet, Juanita Straubie, retired director at the Baptist Medical Center, was named BSU Woman of the Year, and David McLemore, pastor of Dermott Baptist Church was named BSU Alumnus of the Year. BSU state officers elected were Mark Lewis, Southern Arkansas University, President; Tammy Carter, Henderson State University, Vice President; and Debbie Cadbury, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Secretary.

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Crucial Questions for Christians

by Glen D. McGriff



McGriff

Dr. McGriff, do you think a pastor should be discriminating when using people to lead in public worship?

Most pastors desire to share the ministry with others. Although the pastor is expected to lead the service of worship, most congregations want others to participate in some public function.

The recognition that all believers are ministers is an incentive to include others in congregational worship. For a member to voice a prayer, make announcements, express greetings, read the scripture, or bring a message is expressive of basic doctrine.

The pastor is usually concerned that persons used in functions of ministry be respected for their Christian character. The pastor may not possess the information which you indicate to "know". It might be well to lovingly confront this person regarding their inconsistent behavior. Such redemptive concern for an erring fellow-believer is admonished in Scripture.

Should your expression of redemptive love be rejected, then perhaps it would be proper to privately inform the pastor of "known" information. There is need for consistency of character on the part of all believers. When persons in leadership are known to be living immoral lives, the credibility of the Christian witness is seriously eroded.

Dr. McGriff is director of the Ministry of Crisis Support, Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

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International Conflict in Corinth

Basic passage: Acts 18:1,4-17

Central truth: The Gospel breaks out of its Jewish setting.

"This passage continues the general theme "Breaking into the World." When Paul left Macedonia, he ultimately came to Corinth where he occupied himself testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. When he was opposed by the Jews, Paul made the drastic decision, "from now on I will go to the Gentiles." This indicated a certain, dramatic break with the synagogue.

Paul moved his ministry into a home next door to the synagogue. There he began to see results from his preaching mission. The Lord was with Paul, giving him inspiration and assurance. When the Jews sought before Gallio to have Christianity declared a non-religious religion, Gallio would have nothing to do with this squabble and dismissed the case. There are several applications for life.

1. Assurance from decisiveness (6-7). Paul is portrayed as making the dramatic decision to change the focus of his ministry to the Gentiles. Paul would not straddle the fence. He made up his mind about the direction God wanted him to go. Indecisiveness saps many Christians' efforts for the Lord.

2. Joy from success (8). The Lord blesses those who serve him with success. No matter how seemingly insignificant or how small one's ministry or work may be, the Lord provides results which encourage. In this case, many Corinthians believed and were baptized. What evidence of success do you see from your efforts?

3. Strength from inspiration (9-10). Whenever people have a vision, their ministry will flourish. The Lord said to Paul, "Do not be afraid . . . for I am with you." That promise is one which has inspired innumerable saints for the Lord.

Even in the Jews' attempts to have Gallio declare Christianity illegal, Paul would not have to fear — God would be with him. From now on Paul would indeed "go to the Gentiles" with his message.

Life and work Sharing the good news

by Al Sparkman, First Church of Crossett

Basic passages: Isaiah 49:1 to 52:12

Focal passages: Isaiah 51:4-8; 52:7-10

Central truth: As we have clearly learned from Scripture passages already studied that God's redemptive plan will indeed be victorious, God wants his people to acknowledge that his redemptive message is to be proclaimed to every nation to the very ends of the earth.

For Israel, the time of release from exile had come. God's promised victory was near and the trek home to Jerusalem was soon to start. No wonder that God, his prophet and his people rejoiced. The burden of exile was being lifted and return to the land of their God and their fathers was upon them. All would be well again. Really? A wise God knew that with victory and answered prayer there are dangers that must be prepared for and avoided as well as age old truths that must be remembered. God gives his redeemed some guidelines.

1. Let the redeemed listen! In Isaiah 51:4 and 7, KJV God said, "Hearken unto me, and I . . . [and] ye that know righteousness." In both places, God said "Listen carefully to me." For Israel as well as for every believer, this lesson is hard to learn. In the time of success, of joy, of ease, we need to be attentive to the Word more than at any time. Victory time is careless time. To remember our past, our calling, and our God is needed in good times.

2. Let the redeemed witness to a lost world! Isaiah 52:7-8 sets forth the beauty of the messenger and the message. Truly, the realities and gracious deliverance of God to Israel were "good tidings" that must be shared. One who is blessed of God and introverts his sensations of joy and gratitude will not only fail in his stewardship of the blessing, but will also diminish its glory. Good news from God is to be accepted and relished in our own being, but is also to be shared with others.

3. Let the redeemed rejoice! Israel was to listen, to witness and to rejoice. Isaiah 52:9 says, "Break forth into joy, sing together." In the return of Israel from captivity, the entire world would witness "the salvation of our God." It was a time of rejoicing; and with every blessing of God our hearts should rejoice openly for the whole world to see!

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Bible Book Series Israel blessed as Solomon keeps the covenant

by Paul R. Sanders, Geyer Springs First, Little Rock

Basic passage: 1 Kings 9:1 to 10:29 (2 Chron 7:11-9:28)

Focal passage: 1 Kings 9:3-5a, 17-21, 26; 10:1, 22-24

Central truth: Our faithfulness affects our future and that of many others.

Solomon completed that which God placed in his heart. God always blesses our faithfulness and obedience. Even though there is blessing as you are building or serving, there is a special joy when you have finished what the Lord led you to do. Notice that this temple would have an influence on the lives of people even to this day.

1. Note the importance of prayer (v 3). God both hears and answers our prayers. God places great importance on the prayers of his people. Prayer is a must in any work we do for the Lord. God said he hallowed the house that prayer built. Jesus called the temple the house of prayers. Has your house been hallowed because of prayer?

2. We see the influence of parents (v 4). God mentioned the good character qualities of David, such as integrity of heart, uprightness and doing all God's commands. Parents have a tremendous influence over their children's future, values, standards and response to God.

3. God's invariable provision was to establish the throne of Solomon upon Israel forever (v 5). This is another of God's conditional promises. High importance is placed on a Godly life, obedience to God and faithfulness. God's blessings are conditional upon our "walk" or the way we live.

4. We also observe the influence of prosperity (10:1). Solomon sought after wisdom. God also gave him wealth. Only those with God's wisdom can handle wealth without it becoming their God (Jas 1:5). The queen of Sheba heard and came to see for herself (Jn. 4:42). What she observed was greater than she had heard. Heaven will be like that. Note that she had heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the Lord. Prosperity does have influence but is it influence for the Lord or oneself? What do other people see in your life that attracts them to Jesus?

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The bonds are the first to be issued under the new "Broadway Plan" church bond program administered by the HMB's subsidiary corporation, which serves as broker-dealer for the bonds.

Robert Kilgore, director of the HMB church loans division and president of the HMB Service Corp., called the action "a historic step in Southern Baptist life." Kilgore noted the HMB's ability to make bonds available "will benefit not only our

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by H. Leo Eddleman, Phd.

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- * Is it time to consider taxation for all religions? (p.56ff)
- * Has the Constitution or government restricted religion? (p5ff)
- * The constituents of what religious traditions prevailed in the U.S. Constitution? What was their posture concerning Mary, the most famous of all women? (p8-11ff)
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Del City to build

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — Construction of the "largest Southern Baptist auditorium in the world" has begun at First Southern Church of Del City.

Bailey Smith, pastor of the 15,539-member congregation and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has told church members that a new site for a proposed 7,000-seat auditorium has been secured and construction is underway.

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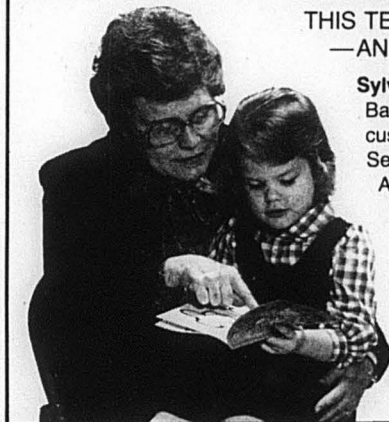
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Arkansan ministers on Chicago streets

by Gail Rothwell

CHICAGO (BP) — The job description read, "Wanted: One tough Christian to work in Uptown Chicago."

At first glance, Diane O'Connell, 32, knew she wanted no part of a work where 144,000 persons crowd a 10-square-block area that has the highest crime rate in Chicago.

"But God had other plans for my life," said O'Connell, who began working with students in the Uptown area last September. O'Connell's work is sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist Convention's Third Century Campaign and their student ministry alliance with the Illinois Baptist State Association.

O'Connell said her reluctance to take the position was not because of fear, "but be-

Community College campus got off to a slow start (in December her first group of five students was attacked by a local street gang and disbanded) but now she averages 35 students during weekly Baptist Student Union meetings.

Despite negative responses from school officials reluctant to have a Southern Baptist ministry on a campus of 6,000 international students, O'Connell was determined. "God sent me here to begin a ministry. I found boldness in Christ to start again," she said.

Located in the midst of Uptown, O'Connell lives just three houses from the headquarters of one of the area's many street gangs. Since her arrival in early September, her car has been burglarized five times.

"Looking on the bright side, there's hardly anything left for them to take," she quipped.

Although O'Connell can still see humor in much of what has happened to her, she admitted, "Sometimes the poverty and violence get me down. Once, after my car was broken into, I just sat down on the curb and cried. I didn't cry out of fear, I cried out of

love. I have been where these people are and I can look into their faces and see the pain and hopelessness."

She explained that before she became a Christian eight years ago, "I didn't trust anyone because I was afraid of getting hurt. I discovered God came to offer us options for our lives and that is why I am here."

O'Connell said sometimes the work gets emotionally painful. "But I know God is helping me to grow. Sometimes I get homesick for the people I love, but God protects me and fulfills all my needs."

In June O'Connell will return to Arkansas before moving to Fort Worth, Texas, and entering Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Even though I am leaving in June, I know God is preparing someone to continue the work he has started here," O'Connell said. "I don't know what God has in store for my life, but he has always been there, helping me to take one step at a time and whatever I do I know God won't open the door until I am ready."

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Coads head to Timbuktu

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — Southern Baptists are now set to go all the way to Timbuktu (Tombouctou) for Bold Mission Thrust.

Well, almost. Arkansas natives Norman and Beverly Coad will transfer Sept. 1 to become the first Southern Baptist missionaries in the West African nation of Mali, but they will work in the nation's capital, Bamako, rather than the more famous city to the northeast.

Presently, the Foreign Mission Board has missionaries assigned to 96 countries and geographical entities around the world. Unless there are other changes by Sept. 1, the Coads' transfer will bring that number to 98.

The Coads will be moving from Upper Volta to its sparsely populated neighbor to the northwest. Mali, a traditional crossroads between Arabic North Africa and black West Africa, is half covered by the Sahara Desert. Most of the population is Moslem; less than 20 percent is animist and about two percent is Christian. The Coads will work in church planting and development ministries.

Mali is one of nine countries surveyed by former missionary Lavelle Seats during a sabbatical from his duties as professor of missions at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. Seats visited Mali, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Zaire and Gabon to investigate the current situation and the need for additional mission work.



Missionaries Norman and Beverly Coad will transfer Sept. 1 from Upper Volta to Mali to begin Southern Baptist work there. The Coads will carry out evangelistic and developmental ministries in Bamako, the nation's capital, but the country is better known for Timbuktu.

cause I grew up on the streets in St. Louis and I was afraid of all those painful memories."

The Uptown situation presented a ministry challenge unlike other inner-city areas. "When Chicago cleaned up skid row a few years ago, they sent all the 'undesirables' to Uptown," O'Connell explained. "More than 80 percent of the population live below poverty level. Nearly 13,000 mentally retarded persons live in more than 25 halfway houses and now international refugees comprise a large portion of the population."

O'Connell's student work at Truman