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# Arkansas Baptist



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Churches need to identify creative ways to meet the needs of families and aging parents. Services can range from the simple, like telephone reassurance and visits, or move to higher levels of involvement such as providing meals or chore services. Larger churches or groups of churches may even be able to venture into more complex endeavors such as senior centers or housing communities.

### 10 Trueman Moore honored

"Celebrating a Life of Service" was the theme when East Side Church in Fort Smith honored W. Trueman Moore for 40 years of Christian service. Retiring after 18 years as pastor of the congregation, Moore and his wife, Jane, also served on the foreign mission field.

### 11 Finn retires from CCF

A retirement banquet was held for John Finn, executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation, on Jan. 17. In the eight years Finn has served the organization, he has participated in efforts opposing casino gambling and legalized lottery and assisted in a successful fight against several of the pornography outlets in Little Rock.

### 17 Embattled Elder retires

Sunday School Board President Lloyd Elder and trustees have mutually agreed to end Elder's tenure as head of the denomination's 100 year old education and publication agency. Speculation had been rampant that Elder faced possible dismissal as president during a special called meeting of the trustees Jan. 17.

### 22 Workers escape missiles

Southern Baptist personnel in Israel endured attacks from Iraqi Scud missiles on Jan. 18 and Jan. 22, but all representatives avoided injury. An Arkansas volunteer, Suzanne Griffin, was to leave Israel at the end of her two-year tour just minutes before the missiles landed; she reportedly made it out of the country safely.

### 23 Arabs need sensitivity

With war raging in the Persian Gulf, both national and local Baptist Student Union leaders caution Christians to use special sensitivity in dealing with persons of Middle Eastern origin, especially students. These individuals feel very threatened by the situation, and the opportunity to minister to them should not be overlooked.

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Christian Life Commission photo



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A two-part series on "being saved."

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# To our readers

J. EVERETT SNEED

The editor and staff of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* are currently taking steps to improve your state Baptist paper, both in content and dependability. Every issue will contain a feature story designed to meet the needs of the individual in the pew. Subscribers also can expect the paper on a regular basis, every other Thursday.

Each issue of the ABN in 1991 will contain a feature story designed to meet the needs of our Baptist people. Currently, Contributing Editor Mark Kelly is writing a series of articles dealing with the difficulties of caring for aging parents.

Other feature articles will deal with such things as salvation, money management, making a good marriage better, parenting, dealing with teenagers on drugs, etc. The staff has listed more than 25 such topics. Suggestions from our readers are welcome.

The staff also is working to improve the appearance and readability of the *Newsmagazine*. The front cover has been redesigned so that several articles can be spotlighted. Page two gives our readers the opportunity to become acquainted with several items in each issue at a single glance. The feature article each week will be printed in larger type and, combined with its design, will encourage readership.

Additional efforts currently are being made to obtain in-state news. The editor presently is calling directors of missions to obtain information and provide content that will meet the needs of our readers. Directors of missions are being asked to provide information about churches, to make suggestions for feature stories of benefit to Arkansas Baptists, to provide suggestions on stories which are uplifting, and to share inspirational experiences, particularly stories of answered prayer.

The change in frequency necessitates the need for readers to share information as soon as possible after an event has transpired. It often is helpful for the *Newsmagazine* staff to be alerted in advance of an upcoming event. We look forward to working with our readers so that we can report Arkansas news rapidly.

Postal increases have dramatically impacted the finances of the *Newsmagazine*. In 1971, the *Newsmagazine* budgeted \$14,000 for mailing the ABN. Our actual expenditures, that year were a little more than \$9,000. If we were printing the



*Newsmagazine* every week our postal costs would be approximately \$200,000 this year. This represents a 2,200 percent increase. To cope with this problem, two steps have been taken. These are: (1) reduction in number of issues; and (2) reduction of staff.

Although the number of issues has been reduced, it is our intention to provide complete and comprehensive news coverage. We believe our new approach will provide adequate news for all our Baptist constituencies, as well as provide a significant savings.

We also have reduced staff. Beginning with February we will have reduced staff by more than 75 hours per week. The reduction in frequency of publication and the utilization of part-time people should prevent any decline in service to the Baptists of Arkansas.

The most significant staff change is Mark Kelly's requested change of status. He will remain with the *Newsmagazine* as a contributing editor, rather than serving as full-time managing editor. In his new role, Kelly will continue to write a weekly feature story and assist the *Newsmagazine* in weekend coverage of news events. Kelly made this change to provide him opportunity to develop a personal business, as well as to assist in alleviating the financial burden on the *Newsmagazine*. We believe

that this new arrangement will assist both the *Newsmagazine* and Contributing Editor Kelly.

This editor is grateful for the commitment of the *Newsmagazine* staff. Most, if not all of the staff, feel that his or her service to the *Newsmagazine* is not only vocational, but a matter of Christian service. The staff's commitment makes the editor's job an easier one.

Finally, the commitment of the staff of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* is to provide our readers with even better coverage of Arkansas events. We will continue to provide interpretation of current events through the editor's page and to report the events of the Southern Baptist Convention and our mission endeavors around the world. Our primary thrust, however, will be to assist the individual in the pew to deal with the problems that confront him day by day.

Since the Baptist state paper is a vital medium of contact between local church members and their elected denominational leaders, information and interpretation are essential. This becomes even more important because every church makes its own decisions. We believe that Southern Baptists will do the right thing when they receive the facts. Our continuing commitment is to provide such information for Arkansas Baptists.

We solicit your help in providing news. Your prayer support for the staff of the *Newsmagazine* is essential. It is our desire, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to provide a product that will assist individuals in being the kind of people God would have them to be, as well as to provide the information, interpretation, and inspiration necessary for every Baptist.

## Arkansas Baptist

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DON MOORE

## You'll Be Glad To Know

I have before me a list of requests for volunteer assistance. They range from work with seamen, refugees, youth, senior adults, food and clothing distribution, clerical, general maintenance, music, outreach ministries, construction, interim pastors, bookkeeping and computer workers, women's crisis center, educational directors, church starters, literacy and leadership training.

These volunteers are needed from La Mesa, Calif., to LaRange, Saskatchewan, to Richfield, Utah. The assignments can be for a week or a year-round project, as time permits. Some projects may have housing, and some funds for assistance with meals and lodging. Others will have to be at the expense of the volunteer.

The largest army emerging as resource people for our churches and denomination are retirees. They have time, skills, commitment, and sometimes financial resources. With a heart to help they need to be linked up with these opportunities of service. But how could those connections ever be made?

Here is how: contact John Ragsdale, P.O. Box 8, El Dorado, AR 71731. He can help you. He is a volunteer helping volunteers to get together with opportunities of service. He and his wife have also served as Christian Service Corps volunteers in other states.

You could also write the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30367-5601, and get more information. You need to apply for Christian Service Corps service so they can match your interests and abilities with the requests that have been sent to them.

The other side of this picture is that we have many needs in Arkansas that could be met by volunteers. Volunteers from Arkansas as well as other states could come and help you and your church. Why don't you consider needs you have thought couldn't be met and contact Mr. Ragsdale to see if a helper or helpers could be found to stand beside you to get the job done?

Don Moore is executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.



ERWIN L. McDONALD

## The Golden Years

### 'Good for all of us, even me'

*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it" (Jn. 15:7, GNB)*

Surely the Lord used our 91-year-old reader, Mrs. Annie N. Marks of Smackover, to bring Christian comfort and assurance to Mrs. McDonald and me at a time when we were needing it.

The time was Saturday, Dec. 8, they day before my Maria was going into Baptist Medical Center for total replacement of a knee. The comfort and assurance were in the form of a Christmas card from Mrs. Marks, a resident of the Smackover Nursing Home.

Quoting a slogan from this feature, "Grow, Glow, and Go," the venerable Baptist lady wrote: "This is good for all of us, including me, at 91."

The card brought to Maria and me our favorite Old Testament scripture, the 23rd Psalm, which took on new meaning for us in our particular situation.

Mrs. Marks and her husband, the late Carl C. Marks, of Camden, were the parents of three sons and two daughters, all of whom were brought up to be active in church and community affairs. Two of the sons are ministers, and the other son is a deacon. One of the daughters is an educational director and the other, an active church member and teacher of young people. Three of the children graduated together at Ouachita College in the class of 1950.



Annie N. Marks

The senior Markses celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary shortly before the husband's death, three years ago, at the age of 95. Mr. Marks, who with Mrs. Marks was co-founder of two Arkansas Baptist churches, was honored by the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* in 1969 as Arkansas Baptist Father of the Year.

Mrs. Marks is currently serving as news reporter from her nursing home for the *Smackover Journal*. She writes that she is thankful for "reasonable good health" and likes to listen to "many tapes of Scripture, messages (sermons), and children's programs."

Erwin L. McDonald, editor emeritus of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, is an active member of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.



Week of Prayer  
for Home Missions  
March 3-10, 1991

Annie Armstrong Easter  
Offering Goal: \$41,000,000

MISSIONS-GIVING PEOPLE HOPE



RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY FEB. 10

## *'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'*

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"

Nathanael's disparaging reaction to Philip's invitation to meet Jesus resulted from the prejudice that existed between the villages of Cana and Nazareth. Each held the other in such contempt that Nathanael could not imagine that the one about whom Moses and the prophets had written could emerge from a rival place.

We too often question the value of other people based upon their color or place of origin. Whites frequently disdain people of color; people of color view whites with contempt.

Racial hatred erupts in the public square when we paint a swastika on a synagogue, burn a cross on a church lawn or stereotype facial features.

Racial prejudice surfaces in our language about one another. We hurl racial slurs in anger or with humor.

Even those with the same skin pigmentation frequently have hostile attitudes toward one another. Prejudice between Arabs and Jews, Germans and Poles, Irish

and English, Ethiopians and Eriteans, and many other groups is widespread.

Prejudice comes from many roots. It grows sometimes out of ignorance. It comes at other times out of familiarity leading to jealousy. It results oftentimes from fear. It is always the bitter fruit of a sinful and prideful heart.

Regardless of the cause of prejudice, its perpetuation is never justified for Christians. God is the creator of all people and Christ is the one who breaks down the dividing wall, bestowing upon his followers the ministry of reconciliation.

Philip responded to Nathanael's critical exclamation about Jesus with a challenge: "Come and see for yourself."

We too ought to learn first hand about people of color and people with different ethnic backgrounds. Do not simply accept the prevailing racial attitudes of your community. Get to know other racial and ethnic groups. See for yourself.

Good can come out of the most unexpected places!—Robert Parham, SBC Christian Life Commission

## BOLD MISSION THRUST

### Prayer requests

"Look at the nations and watch and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told" (Ha. 1:5, NIV)

— Ed and Greta Pinkston, Ivory Coast missionaries, are requesting prayer for two small village churches, Bribouo and Gokra, that have begun preaching services in two neighboring villages. Pray for three satellite churches and their young pastors of the Daloo Church: Labia, Quartier Garage and Soleil. Thank God for the land recently granted the Daloo Baptist Church after an eighteen-year wait.

— Pray that we will reach the priority project goal of starting 75 multi-family housing ministry projects this year. We need to pray that our churches and associations will have a vision for reaching the multitudes of persons living in apartments. We must have a burden for these people, 97 percent of whom are unchurched. The doors to multi-family housing are open to the gospel witness. Let us pray that Arkansas Baptists will not be reluctant, but eager to undertake this mission challenge.

— Arkansas has an evangelism team going to Guatemala Feb. 5-12 consisting of Dennis Coop, Jonesboro First Church; Wes Kent, Meadow Brook Church; and Roy Cooper, Jonesboro First Church. The project will take place in the town of Jutiapa, an eastern section of Guatemala bordering El Salvador. The groups will help strength the work of church planning in that area. Pray that the groups will be effective in their work, and pray for their safety.

— Pray for students who are applying to serve as summer missionaries. They will give 10 weeks of ministry in an intense program of outreach and witnessing for Jesus Christ.

— Pray that the goal of 990 churches giving to the 1991 Annie Armstrong Easter offering for the Home Mission will be met.

— Pray for God's leadership as we work with Arkansas prison chaplains to introduce MasterLife in the correctional institutions in our state.

LAST IN A SERIES OF THREE ARTICLES

# What's a church to do?

*There are many services that a church can provide for senior citizens. These can include simple services like telephone reassurance and visits, or a higher level of involvement such as providing meals or chore services, or even more complex endeavors such as senior centers and housing communities.*

by Mark Kelly

Contributing Editor, Arkansas Baptist

Caring for the needs of aging parents is a major challenge. It places enormous demands on family members and society alike.

The problem will grow more serious. Arkansans age 85 and up are the fastest growing segment of the state's population. When the "baby boom" generation matures, nearly one Arkansan in four will be age 65 or older. Citizens and social services will strain to meet the increased demand for services and resources.

Arkansas Baptist churches need to begin now identifying creative ways to meet the needs of families and their aging parents.

A first step is becoming more sensitive and informed about the situations faced by families with parents who no longer can care for themselves. Understanding the emotional, physical, financial, and spiritual dimensions of the problem will help church staff and laypeople minister more appropriately.

A second step is identifying the specific needs felt by families. Comparing those needs to a list of services and resources available in the community will help a congregation identify prime opportunities for ministry.

Finally, then, a congregation can survey its own resources for ministry and try to match those resources with the opportunities for ministry previously identified.

In every community, congregations can choose from a wide range of ministry options. Although some will require investing considerable time,

energy, and money, others can be launched with far less overhead.

Among the less complicated and expensive options:

— Telephone reassurance. Volunteers make daily phone calls to check on elderly persons living alone. The phone calls brighten a person's day and may identify opportunities for ministry.

— Visiting volunteers. Church members stop by regularly to talk with elderly persons. They may write letters or run errands for them.

— Chore services. Church members, perhaps youth, offer to make minor household repairs, clean house, or do yard work at a low hourly rate plus cost of materials.

— Nursing home ministry. A team of church members visits a local nursing home regularly to talk with residents, hold worship services, or conduct holiday programs.

— Referrals. A church staff member or layperson accepts the responsibility of becoming informed about services and resources locally available for the elderly and their families.

Requiring more involvement, but still within the reach of many congregations:

— Home-delivered meals. Volunteers prepare and deliver nutritious hot meals once or twice a day to elderly homebound persons. Costs may be recovered through small fees.

— Respite care. Volunteers fill in for family members caring for an elderly parent at home. The service gives family members from a few hours to several days of relief from caregiving.

— Day care. A service growing in popularity. Adult day care centers provide services ranging from social activities to health assessment and maintenance.

— Support groups. Fellowship activities are planned for families caring for aging parents. Meetings give families a break from their responsibilities and provide them social contacts with others facing similar challenges.

Large congregations or groups of smaller congregations could consider:

— Senior center. A meeting place for older persons. Senior centers offer a variety of services: legal, financial, recreational, etc. Usually staffed by volunteers.

— Board and care home. Residential facilities providing room and meals for older persons. Personal care services such as help with bathing and dressing also may be offered.

— Congregate housing facility. A communal living arrangement in which several older adults live in a single dwelling and share meals, chores, and common rooms while maintaining private sleeping quarters.

— Continuing care retirement community. A major undertaking requiring enormous investment. Such facilities provide lifetime housing and comprehensive services in return for substantial entry payments and monthly charges.

For more information about resources, services, and needs in your community, contact the Area Agency on Aging office listed in the governmental pages of your local telephone directory.

# Resources

The following resources, available from the organizations listed below, may help you in learning more about long-term care before you make a decision. There may be a charge for some material. Check with the publisher or distributor listed for more information.

**Building Bonds Between Adults and Their Aging Parents**, an Equipping Center module published by the Baptist Sunday School Board and available through Baptist Book Stores or the Sunday School Board's undated literature order form.

**Building Bonds Between Adults and Their Aging Parents** also is the title of a book, written by Gary Hauk and published by Broadman Press. The book is available through Baptist Book Stores.

**All About Home Care: A Consumer's Guide**, Council of Better Business Bureaus and National HomeCaring Council, 235 Park Ave., NY, NY 10003

**Hospice: A Handbook for Families and Others Facing Terminal Illness**, Bear and Co., P.O. Drawer 2860, Santa Fe, NM 87504

**Living in a Nursing Home: Complete Guide for Residents, Their Families, and Friends**, Seabury Press, Seabury Service Center, Somers, CT 06071

**Home Care**, National Association for Home Care, 519 C Street NE, Stanton Par, Washington, DC 20002

**All About Home Care: A Consumer's Guide**, National HomeCaring Council, 235 Park Avenue South, NY, NY 10003

**The Basics of Hospice**, National Hospice Organization, 1901 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 401, Arlington, VA 22209

**Directory of Members**, American Association of Homes for the Aging, 1050 17th Street NW, Suite 770, Washington, DC 20036

**Eldercare: Starting an Adult Day Care Center in Your Church**, by Elizabeth J. Loughhead, Abingdon Press, 1987.

The following materials are available free of charge from the American Association of Retired Persons, Fulfillment Section, 1909 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20049:

- A Checklist of Concerns and Resources for Caregivers
- Handbook About Care in the Home

• Information on Home Health Services

• Long-Term Care: A Guide to Solving the Crisis Facing America's Families

• Making Wise Decisions for Long-Term Care

• Miles Away and Still Caring: A Guide for Long-Distance Caregivers

• Nursing Home Life: A Guide for Residents and Families

• A Path for Caregivers

• The Right Place at the Right Time

Additional materials are available free of charge from the Resource Center on Aging at the Arkansas Division of Aging and Adult Services, 1417 Donaghey Plaza South, P.O. Box 1437, Little Rock, AR 72203; telephone 501-682-2441:

• About Adult Day Care

• About Entering a Nursing Home

• Age Page: When You Need a Nursing Home

• Arkansas Aging Network

• Taking Care of Your Elderly Relatives

• What is Long-Term Care? Why You Need to Know

Arkansas Baptists interested in ministry with senior adults may contact the Discipleship Training Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203; phone 376-4791. The department will offer training for individuals leading senior adult ministries during its Senior Adult Celebration, May 20-23 in Little Rock.

Persons trying to make decisions about caring for aging parents may contact the National Association of Private Geriatric Care Managers at 1-602-881-8008 for a free referral to a local office, which will offer counseling, needs assessment, and make recommendations and referrals for a fee.

Information also is available from Children of Aging Parents, 2761 Trenton Road, Levittown, PA 19056; telephone 215-547-1000.

Arkansas residents may contact their local Area Agency on Aging for more information on services for older persons in their area.

Region I: Northwest Arkansas  
910-B Northvale Shopping Center  
P.O. Box 1795  
Harrison, AR 72601  
Phone: 741-1144  
Toll Free: 1-800-432-9721

Region II: White River  
3998 Harrison Street  
P.O. Box 2637  
Batesville, AR 72503  
Phone: 793-4433  
Toll Free: 1-800-382-3205

Region III: East Arkansas  
311 South Main  
P.O. Box 5035  
Jonesboro, AR 72403  
Phone: 972-5980  
Toll Free: 1-800-382-3265

Region IV: Southeast Arkansas  
115 East Fifth Street, Room 301  
P.O. Box 8569  
Pine Bluff, AR 71611  
Phone: 534-3268  
Toll Free: 1-800-272-2025

Region V: Central Arkansas  
706 West Fourth Street  
P.O. Box 5988  
North Little Rock, AR 72119  
Phone: 372-5300  
Toll Free: 1-800-482-6359

Region VI: West Central Arkansas  
624 Malvern Avenue  
Hot Springs, AR 71901  
Phone: 321-2811  
Toll Free: 1-800-272-2138

Region VII: Southwest Arkansas  
Calhoun Road  
P.O. Box 1863  
Magnolia, AR 71753  
Phone: 234-7410  
Toll Free: 1-800-272-2127

Region VIII: Western Arkansas  
115 North Twelfth Street, Suite 119  
P.O. Box 1724  
Fort Smith, AR 72902  
Phone: 783-4500



## Arkansas All Over

MILLIE GILL

## People

**Ronald Young** of Little Rock is serving as pastor of First Church in Lepanto.

**Harrison Johns** has completed his service as interim pastor of First Church in Lepanto and is now at his home in Harrisburg.

**David Tate** was recognized Jan. 13 by First Church in Batesville in recognition of 10 years of service as minister of music and education.

**Ron Herrod** has resigned as pastor of First Church in Fort Smith, following more than three years of service. He has accepted the call to serve as senior pastor of Central Church in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

**Quentin Wilson** is serving as pastor of Big Flat Mission.

**Kay Mansell**, pastor of South Side Church in Heber Springs, left Jan. 15 for a mission trip to Nigeria in West Africa, where he will preach in a church planting crusade.

**Paul Hicks** is serving as pastor of Palestine Church at Quitman. A graduate of Mid America Baptist Theological Seminary, he pastored a church in New York prior to moving to Arkansas.

**John Vose Jr.** has resigned as minister of youth at First Church in Blytheville to move to Colorado.

**Frankie L. Reed**, a member of First Church in Fayetteville since 1953, died Jan. 1 at age 95. She previously was a member of Johnson Church. Survivors include a son, John Penn Reed of Fayetteville; a daughter, Frances Springall of Montgomery, Ala.; and two sisters. Memorials may be made to the hymnal fund of First Church in Fayetteville.

**Ron Mayes**, pastor of First Church in Beebe, recently received his doctor of ministry degree from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Jimmie Walker** of Corning is serving as pastor of First Church in Peach Orchard.

**Terry Bryant**, associate pastor of Hebron Church in Little Rock, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the church Jan. 6. Dewey Hickey, an uncle of the candidate and executive director of the Dakota Southern Baptist Fellowship, preached the ordination message.

**Paul Jackson** began serving Jan. 13 as senior pastor of Forest Highlands Church in Little Rock.

**Robbie Isom**, youth director of Newark Southern Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry Jan. 13.

**Dennis Swanberg** completed his service Jan. 27 as pastor of Second Church in Hot Springs. He has accepted the call to serve as pastor of First Church in West Monroe, La.

**Craig Price** has resigned as pastor of Richwoods Church in Arkadelphia to move to Florida.

**Carl Kluck** retired Dec. 31 as pastor of Second Church in Arkadelphia, following more than 30 years of service. The church honored him with a retirement banquet Dec. 29 for which Mike Huckabee, pastor of Beech Street First Church in Texarkana and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was speaker. At a church wide-reception Dec. 30, Kluck and his wife, Margie, were presented with a \$5,410

money tree and a bound volume of appreciation letters. In addition, the church has established a Carl and Margie Kluck Educational Scholarship Fund. Five Bibles have been placed by Gideons International in recognition of Kluck's retirement.

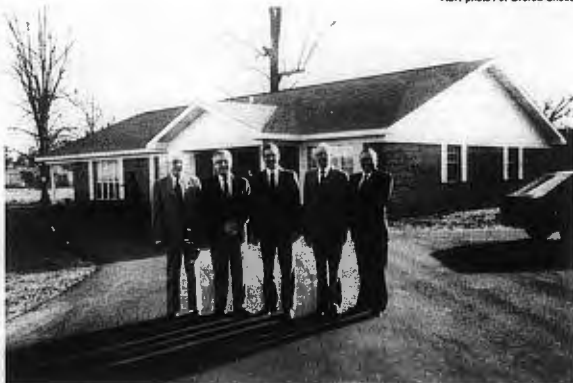
**Jonathan Payne** has resigned as pastor of First Church in Coal Hill.

**Denny Neff** is serving as pastor of Shady Grove Church, Van Buren.

**Sarah Louisa Kellar**, a member of First Church in Brinkley, has been named to the 1991 Acteens National Advisory Panel. In her Acteens group at Brinkley, Kellar has completed the Queen Regency level in Studiaid, the individual achievement plan for Acteens. She also is a member of her church's youth choir and choir ensemble.

**Maurice Hitt** will begin serving Feb. 1 as director of missions for Red River Association with offices in Arkadelphia. Hitt, former pastor of Black Oak Church, has served churches in Ohio, Texas, and north-east Arkansas since 1976.

ABN photo / J. Everett Sneed



The Caroline Association dedicated a new 2,340 square foot mission center Jan. 13. The new building, located in Lonoke, was erected at a cost of approximately \$115,000. The center includes a director of missions office, a secretary's office, a reception area, library, resource center, workroom, a kitchen, and a 110-seat conference room. Guest speaker for the occasion was Editor J. Everett Sneed. Building committee members pictured (left to right) are Harold White, pastor of Coy Church; Tom Hoskins, pastor of Biscoe Church; Chairman Mitch Tapson, moderator; Otba Jones, a layman from Cabot First Church; and Jim Edwards, director of missions. Not pictured is committee member Don Hubbard, pastor of First Church, Carlisle.

**Claud Bumpus**, 68, a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil for 35 years, died Jan. 15 of lung cancer in El Dorado. Since retirement from foreign missions service in 1988, Bumpus had been pastor of Reader Church. Born in Sherrill, he grew up in Almyra and prior to missionary appointment had pastored churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Survivors include his wife, Frances Beindorf Bumpus; two daughters, Linda Lingerfelt of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and LaDonna Ugalde of La Paz, Bolivia; two sons, Larry Bumpus of El Dorado, and Allen Bumpus of the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; one brother; and 10 grandchildren.

**John Baker** of Bentonville, who has pastored Arkansas churches, has been called into active military duty, serving as a chaplain for U.S. military forces in Saudi Arabia.

**Pam Craig** observed 10 years of service Jan. 12 as financial secretary for First Church in Blytheville.

**Richard Bishop** has joined the staff of Brookland Church, Jonesboro, as minister of music.

**Barry Walker** was ordained to the preaching ministry Jan. 27 at Central Church in Jonesboro.

## Briefly

**Whiteville Church** dedicated new classrooms and fellowship hall Jan. 20. Carl White, whose grandfather pastored the church 100 years ago, was speaker.

**Harrison First Church** recently ordained Doug Dees to the deacon ministry.

**Crossett First Church** dedicated its newly remodeled sanctuary Jan. 13.

**Brinkley First Church** mission team will be in Belize Feb. 4-14 where they will be completing work on a two story education building for the Baptist church in the capitol city of Belmopan. Mr. and Mrs. Drury Taylor of Brinkley are directing the work in the Belmopan area in behalf of missionary Cliff Scarbrough who is on furlough. The Brinkley church has annually worked in Belize since 1984.

**Alzheimer First Church** dedicated a \$50,000 building improvement program debt free in December. Benny Hatcher Jr. served as building improvements committee chairman. Bill Lewis, director of mis-

sions for Harmony Association, was speaker. Lynsol B. Richmond is pastor.

**Elmdale Church** in Springdale honored Elijah Pearce Jan. 15 in recognition of 25 years of service as business administrator. A slide presentation, chronicling his 25 years of service, was shown during the evening service, at which time personal testimonies also were shared. A reception concluded recognition activities.

**Conway First Church** ordained Jim Bruckner, Dickie Leffer, and Joe Norton to the deacon ministry Jan. 20.

**Mountain Home First Church** observed Everett Wheeler Day Jan. 20, recognizing his 32 years of service as financial secretary.

**Camden First Church** has launched a "Homebuilders" ministry, designed to help strengthen marriages and families. The group will meet every other week.

**Grand Avenue Church** in Fort Smith ordained Tom Harris, Doug Hasley, Tim Hawkins, Don Lehman, and Kirk Martin to the deacon ministry Jan. 20. Vathana Simbandit was ordained to the gospel ministry.

**East Side Church** in Osceola conducted its January Bible study Jan. 6-9 with Pastor J. Wayne Moore serving as teacher. Average attendance was 20.

## Seminary classes announced

The Little Rock Center of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary announces the following classes beginning Monday, Feb. 11:

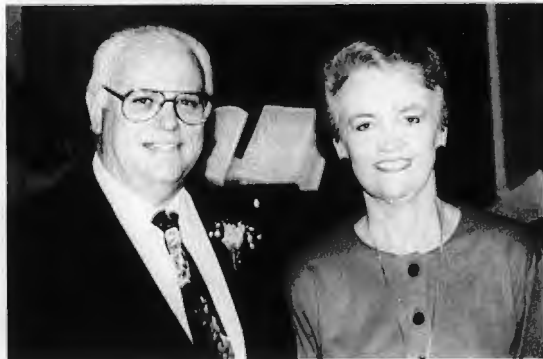
10 a.m.-1 p.m., 172 English, American and Baptist Church History, taught by Leon McBeth, Southwestern Seminary;

2-5 p.m., 41006 The Small Church, taught by Charles Allen, director of religious education, First Church, Conway;

6-9 p.m., 120 Old Testament: Beginnings through David, taught by Randall O'Brien, Calvary Church, Little Rock.

These courses will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1000 Bishop, Little Rock.

For further information, please contact Lehman Webb, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203; telephone 376-4791, ext. 5149.



**Moseley honored**—Don Moseley celebrated in December 15 years of service as pastor of Sylvan Hills First Church in North Little Rock. He also celebrated 15 years in the preaching ministry. His congregation honored him and his wife, Margaret, with a special service at which he was presented a plaque and she was presented with a bouquet of yellow roses by Bob Bitens, chairman of the church personnel committee. The couple also was given a meal at their favorite restaurant and a Caribbean cruise. The Moseleys have two sons, Jeremy, and Justin, both students at Abundant Life School in Sberwood.



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## Trueman Moore honored

"Celebrating a Life of Service" was the theme when East Side Baptist Church in Fort Smith honored W. Trueman and Jane Bassett Moore for 40 years of Christian ministry.

An afternoon program Jan. 20 featured testimonies from church and family members and tributes from dignitaries such as Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, Fort Smith Mayor Ray Baker, ABSC Executive Director Don Moore, and Harmony Association Director of Missions Ferrell Morgan. The 2 p.m. service was followed by a reception in the church's fellowship hall.

U.S. Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt presented Moore with a White House flag, and Mayor Baker proclaimed Sunday "Trueman Moore Day" in honor of his many civic contributions. Moore also received a resolution of commendation from the state legislature.

Moore is retiring after 18 years as pastor of the congregation. A native of the Union Grove community near Fort Smith, Moore graduated with an agricultural degree from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and a master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He pastored the Jenny Lind First Baptist Church from 1949 to 1957, when he and his wife were appointed as a Southern Baptist Foreign missionaries to Bangladesh.

During their 15 years of service overseas, the Moores established the Immanuel Baptist Church of Dhaka, which has grown from 26 members to more than 600 in attendance and has started 18 other con-

gregations. Moore wrote a Bible dictionary and other religious literature in the Bengali language that are still in use today.

The Moores returned to the United States in 1972 after civil war broke out in Bangladesh. He assumed the pastorate of East Side Church, which had 27 members in attendance his first Sunday. After 18 years, the congregation posted 588 in attendance the Sunday before he retired. Moore led the congregation through six building programs during his tenure. The most recent was the 1990 construction of a \$2 million worship center with a 1,500-seat capacity.

Moore also has completed a doctor of ministry degree from Southwestern Seminary since his return from the mission field.

Although his retirement from East Side is prompted by health concerns, Moore says he intends to remain active in the ministry. He says he looks back on his previous ministry with joy and satisfaction and looks to the future with excitement and anticipation. "Winning people to Christ and seeing them grow to maturity, planting and building churches, is the greatest privilege in life," he said. "I've always been excited about serving the Lord. I've never been bored doing his will."

The congregation plans to name their former sanctuary (now serving as a chapel) in Moore's honor. The church media center/library will be named after Mrs. Moore. During the Jan. 20 program, the congregation presented the Moores with an \$18,000 love offering and elected Moore pastor emeritus.

ABN photo / Mark Kellay



Trueman and Jane Moore



Ruby and Don Hook

## Hook celebrates 60-year ministry

Don Hook observed his 60th anniversary in the preaching ministry when a recognition service was held Jan. 13 at Parkway Place Church in Little Rock.

Approximately 275 friends gathered to honor Hook and his wife, Ruby, during a worship service and the reception that followed.

Churches paying tribute to their former pastor were: Parkway Place (formerly Baptist Tabernacle) and Crystal Hill of Little Rock, Malvern First, Paris First, Ozark First, Amity First, and Indianhead Lakes, Sherwood.

He also was honored in a tribute from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, having served as ABSC president and for 15 years on the state Executive Board. In addition he has served as chairman of the ABSC Constitution and By-Laws Committee, History Commission, and of the committee named to define "alien immersion" and "open communion." Hook also has served as a trustee of the Home Mission Board.

Recognition also came from Pulaski Baptist Association, where he currently serves as Crisis Closet director, and Woodson Church, where currently he serves as pastor.

A commemorative plaque was presented by Pleasant Plains Church, where he grew up and delivered his first sermon on Christmas Eve 1930.

# Finn retires from CCF

by J. Everett Sneed  
Editor, Arkansas Baptist

A retirement banquet was held for John Finn, executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation, Jan. 17. Speakers for the occasion included Charles Stanford, president of the CCF and pastor of the Emmanuel Church, Mountain Home (a part of the Independent Liberty Fellowship); Don Moore, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Bobby Glover, a former member of the Arkansas House of Representatives and member of First Church, Carlisle; and J. Everett Sneed, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*.

The invocation was given by Norman Carter, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Conway, and the closing prayer was given by Robert Parker, retired director of the ABCS Christian Life Council.

Finn has been the director of the CCF for eight years. His services were begun Jan. 1, 1983. Previous places of service include the director of missions for North Arkansas Association. His pastorate include the Antioch Church, Rose Hill, Mich.; Emmanuel Church, Harrison; First Church, Cotter, and Calvary Church, Hope.

His denominational service includes president of the ABCS, member of the ABCS Executive Board and co-chairman of the Arkansas Baptist Student Union campaign to raise \$1 million.

During his tenure as director of the Christian Civic Foundation, he has participated in the second effort to legalize casino gambling in Arkansas and stopping the 1990 attempt to establish a legalized state lottery and assisted in waging a suc-



Charles Stanford presented a check to John Finn given by friends and supporters of the Christian Civic Foundation.

cessful fight against several of the pornography outlets in Little Rock. He also has assisted several dry counties in successful efforts to prevent the legalization of the sale of alcoholic beverages. Finn observed, "Usually when the Christian Civic Foundation is involved from the beginning, the local dry forces are successful."

Finn is married to the former Bette Crawford. The couple has one adult son, Rod.

In retirement, Finn will be a staff member at the Life Line Church, Little Rock, in charge of evangelism, outreach, and coordination of the senior adult ministry.

Finn said, "I want to express my appreciation to Arkansas Baptists for all the opportunities they have given me. I am a product of the convention's activities. I was converted in a tent revival conducted by an associational missionary and was educated by our Baptist schools—Williams College (formerly Southern Baptist College) and Ouachita Baptist University. I plan to continue to be involved in our Baptist work in Arkansas. My activities simply will be going in another direction."

ABN photo / J. Everett Sneed

## Looking Ahead

### February

- 2 "Carry the Torch" 1991 Rally Evangelism Training Day, Beech Street First Church, Texarkana (Ev)
- 4-5 Interfaith Witness Awareness, Lakesboro Drive Church, Little Rock (Ms)
- 8-9 ASSIST Training, Immanuel Church, Little Rock (SS)
- 8-9 State Church Renewal Workshop, Levy Church, North Little Rock (Bbd)
- 12 Starting Multiple Sunday Schools, Otter Creek Holiday Inn (SS)
- 14 Church and Community Ministries Workshop, Levy Church, North Little Rock (Ms)
- 15-16 State Single Adult Conference, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock (DT)
- 16 "Carry the Torch" 1991 Rally Evangelism Training Day, Springdale First Church
- 22-23 Volunteer/Part-Time Music Leader Retreat, Camp Paron (M)
- 27/3-1 Directors of Missions Retreat, DeGray Lodge, Arkadelphia (Ad)

### March

- 1-2 Handbell Festival, Immanuel Church, Little Rock (M)
- 1-2 State Church Recreation Conference, Camp Paron (DT)
- 3-10 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, (WMU)
- 5 State Vacation Bible School Clinic, Immanuel Church, Little Rock (SS)
- 7-8 Total Church Life Seminar, Camp Paron (Ev)
- 11-12 Pastors' Retreat, Camp Paron (Ad)

#### Abbreviations:

Ad - Administration; Bbd - Brotherhood; CL - Church Leadership; DT - Discipleship Training; Ev - Evangelism; M - Music; Mn - Missions; SS - Sunday School; SA - Stewardship/Annuitiy; Stu - Student; WMU - Woman's Missionary Union

**Notice:** The Pastor Deacon Conference scheduled for May 3-4 has been cancelled due to the conflict with the World Missions Conferences in the eastern half of Arkansas at that time.

## Migrant Missions Conference

March 2

**Date Changed** First Baptist Church, Lake City  
Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

For directors of missions, pastors, associational and church missions directors and ministry leaders.

For more information contact: Tommy Goode  
Missions Department, ABSC  
376-4791 Ext. 5249

# Arkansas Baptist State Convention

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Total cash contributions through the Cooperative Program and Designated Gifts received in the office of the Executive Director of the Executive Board, from January 1, 1990-December 31, 1990. If any errors are found in this report, please notify Don Moore, P. O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203

<b>Arkansas River Valley</b>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>	Antioch-Hermitage,	340.00	428.92	Imboden First-Imboden,	4,190.70	6,783.56
Arkansas River Valley-Rus	148.81	0.00	Batholomew-Warren,	100.00	0.00	Immanuel-Newton,	939.00	4,078.00
Atkins-Atkins,	3,327.25	6,342.11	Clary-Monticello,	3,567.28	7,674.50	Jackson-Backscroop,	1,062.00	2,810.23
Bakers Creek-Russellville	252.25	2,898.00	Combs-Monticello,	0.00	6,651.00	Murphy's Corner-Norman,	0.00	0.00
Bluffton-Buffton,	225.00	540.34	Corinth-Wilmar,	592.84	1,842.13	New Hope #1-Black Rock,	244.33	639.96
Calvary-Dardanelle,	320.00	2,237.67	Eagle Lake-Hermitage,	632.29	1,680.68	New Hope #2-Hardy,	776.40	1,874.49
Crane-Craneville,	1,051.59	459.83	Hammond-Hermitage,	1,269.69	1,269.69	Newton-Newtonport,	11,624.00	6,747.66
Crow Mountain-Russellville	495.00	523.57	Boon-Monticello,	625.75	3,624.00	Old Walnut Ridge-Walnut R,	105.00	520.94
Davenville First-Davenville	13,032.58	24,364.92	Florence-Monticello,	331.00	594.21	Pitts-Cash,	704.26	261.52
Dardanelle First-Dardanelle	6,429.53	27,996.07	Hermitage-Hermitage,	2,753.10	6,680.96	Ravenden First-Ravenden,	62.00	824.00
Delaware First-Delaware,	1,071.82	6,342.11	Hillsboro-Flo-Whitship-Warre	11,385.40	41,177.47	Seidwick-Sedwick,	1,619.10	3,358.19
Dover-Dover,	6,070.94	19,794.50	Immanuel-Warren,	0.00	947.84	Smithville-Smithville,	1,619.10	3,358.19
East Point-Russellville,	613.86	2,019.78	Ladelle-Monticello,	0.00	1,380.57	Spring Lake-Willford,	1,292.89	2,982.65
Fair Park-Russellville,	443.00	1,141.75	Macedonia-Warren,	361.00	417.32	Swiftton-Swiftton,	1,252.55	2,905.55
Grace Memorial-Belleville	208.00	356.90	Madison-Hermitage,	25.00	50.00	Tuckerman First-Tuckerman	2,413.76	2,349.50
Havans-Havans,	1,000.00	2,287.66	Monticello First-Monticello	11,194.44	56,317.63	Walnut Ridge First-Walnut	10,306.05	33,316.68
Hector First-Hector,	244.44	318.43	Monticello Second-Monticello	7,226.12	11,552.22	White Oak-Walnut Ridge,	699.63	400.00
Hopewell-Atkins,	0.00	787.97	North Side-Monticello,	277.22	7,911.44	<b>Black River</b>	<b>42,148.38</b>	<b>147,412.82</b>
Kelley Heights-Russellville	214.65	2,391.92	Old Union-Monticello,	0.00	0.00	<i>Bookner</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>
Knoxville First-Knoxville	1,532.66	3,181.59	Pleasant Grove-Warren,	0.00	0.00	Abbott-Manfield,	285.00	472.94
London First-London,	584.00	2,245.50	Prairie Grove-Fountain Hl	0.00	363.52	Bates-Waldron,	0.00	666.26
Morland-Russellville,	0.00	55.00	Salis-Hermitage,	150.06	1,577.62	Baylor-Manfield,	464.22	1,964.00
New Hope-Dardanelle,	529.99	1,826.12	Salina-Tillamook,	0.00	20.00	Calvary-Booneville,	1,039.32	574.38
Ole First-Ole,	2,861.93	7,796.41	Southside-Warren,	1,000.00	4,971.99	Caution-Waldron,	0.00	0.00
Plainview First-Plainview	1,845.47	2,202.60	Union Hill-Hermitage,	1,000.00	4,971.99	Center Creek-Waldron,	25.00	534.69
Pleasant View-Russellville	129.00	726.00	Warren First-Warren,	18,505.74	63,121.03	Deaton-Manfield,	464.22	1,964.00
Portville-Portville,	675.15	1,357.18	West Side-Warren,	2,616.67	2,328.21	Denton-Waldron,	0.00	0.00
Rower-Rover,	1,568.33	0.00	Wilmar-Wilmar,	2,616.67	2,328.21	Evening Side-Waldron,	0.00	335.45
Russellville First-Russell	30,592.79	115,668.18	<b>Batholomew</b>	<b>69,202.44</b>	<b>217,413.59</b>	Fellowship-Huntington,	3,071.82	5,273.37
Russellville Second-Russell	16,767.66	46,729.34	<i>Benton</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>	Friendship-Huntington,	517.60	517.60
Trinity Baptist Fellowship	1,216.00	2,034.90	Bella Vista-Bella Vista,	26,780.77	61,714.85	Hartford First-Hartford,	5,623.52	17,066.80
<b>Arkansas River Valley</b>	<b>95,862.89</b>	<b>289,215.97</b>	Bella Vista First-Bentov	19,243.30	49,243.33	Haw Creek-Waldron,	416.06	3,108.58
			Calvary-Bentoville,	129.90	2,703.21	Hon-Waldron,	300.00	629.79
			Charlton First-Charlton	1,116.04	22,037.22	Huntington First-Huntingt	30.71	343.80
			Charly Southwestern-Rogers,	1,622.36	1,275.16	Iron-Booneville,	0.00	0.00
			Decatur First-Decatur,	8,379.72	9,473.28	James Fork-Manfield,	1,523.93	4,390.21
			Dial-Colcord,	235.12	1,902.90	Long Ridge-Booneville,	1,000.00	2,452.35
			Earfield First-Earfield,	6,805.26	6,579.26	Manfield First-Manfield	6,634.62	22,154.34
			Central First-Central,	10,463.43	36,211.66	New Princeton-Hackett,	2,763.25	1,839.33
			Gravette First-Gravette,	4,425.21	2,684.28	Parks-Paris,	2,763.25	2,189.47
			Gum Springs-Siloam Spring	1,743.38	2,286.66	Pleasant Grove #2-Manfrie	270.00	1,315.12
			Harvard Avenue-Siloam Spr	3,881.31	2,815.46	Pleasant Grove #3-Waldron	0.00	1,198.21
			Highway First-Highway,	1,911.63	3,148.48	Rock Creek-Manfield,	200.00	333.33
			Hilwaase First-Hilwaase,	243.79	903.20	Southside-Waldron,	369.83	713.30
			Immanuel-Rogers,	11,272.32	54,333.34	Temple-Waldron,	223.00	527.24
			Lakeland-Rogers,	1,935.58	7,838.60	Union Hope-Booneville,	0.00	0.00
			Lakeview-Cross Springs,	5,788.78	2,451.12	Unity-Unity,	528.00	300.00
			Lowell-Lowell,	4,220.99	11,792.00	Walnut Ridge-Waldron,	7,357.56	29,668.94
			Macon Valley-Bentoville,	862.00	2,609.29	West Hartford-Hartford,	3,098.00	483.82
			Maam No-Rogers,	1,064.93	4,211.26	Winfield-Waldron,	2,684.53	1,804.22
			Open Door-Rogers,	1,110.50	2,971.14	<b>Bookner</b>	<b>37,993.97</b>	<b>101,866.94</b>
			Park Street-Bentoville,	322.46	304.11	<i>Bookville</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>
			Pea Ridge First-Pea Ridge	2,861.39	8,993.10	Rock Springs-Bookville,	51.75	1,522.54
			Pleasant Hill-Rogers,	343.83	383.86	<b>Bookville</b>	<b>51.75</b>	<b>1,523.54</b>
			Rock Hill-Rogers,	2,621.42	10,044.20	<i>Caddo River</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>
			Rogers First-Rogers,	17,878.34	110,733.87	Amity Second-Amity,	190.00	240.00
			Siloam Springs First-Silo	26,284.78	59,341.86	Black Springs-Rogers,	0.00	0.00
			Sulphur Springs First-Sul	536.59	826.95	Black Springs-Norman,	150.00	1,955.25
			Surgey-Rogers,	6,978.78	2,451.12	Black Gap-Booneville,	2,200.00	240.00
			Trinity-Rogers,	185.02	360.32	Community Bible-Glenwood,	25.00	140.00
			Twelve Corners-Garfield,	746.00	2,322.94	Concord-Newtonport,	140.00	1,600.00
			<b>Benton</b>	<b>167,865.38</b>	<b>504,498.48</b>	Glenwood First-Glenwood,	2,523.96	16,301.78
			<i>Bible Creek</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>	Hill Side-Mena,	0.00	0.00
			County Line-Depp,	25.00	48.00	Hill Ouchale-Mount Ida,	2,899.81	4,100.31
			Elizabeth-Elizabeth,	821.34	360.00	Liberty-Norman,	0.00	0.00
			Flora-Viola,	104.00	104.00	Link Hope-Oden,	0.00	400.00
			Mammoth Spring First-Mamm	889.00	753.00	Mount Giltad-Norman,	30.00	110.00
			Mount Lebanon-Glenoe,	0.00	0.00	Mount Ida First-Mount Ida	3,829.77	12,706.04
			North Side-Rogers,	100.00	100.00	Murphy-Rogers,	0.00	0.00
			Spring River-Hardy,	870.95	540.00	Norman First-Norman,	817.31	990.00
			Viola-Viola,	1,542.61	3,404.70	Oak Grove-Caddo Gap,	0.00	0.00
			<b>Bible Creek</b>	<b>4,373.10</b>	<b>3,404.82</b>	Oden First-Oden,	328.00	2,510.10
			<i>Black River</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>	Pencil Bluff First-Pencil	2,280.00	2,148.87
			Alicia-Alicia,	421.70	688.35	Pine Ridge-Pine Ridge,	0.00	188.00
			Amnon-Amnon,	60.00	170.00	Refuge-Spico,	475.22	1,496.37
			Black River-Black River,	179.25	205.00	Sulphur Springs-Mena,	388.53	191.16
			Black River-Alicia,	20.90	90.00	<b>Caddo River</b>	<b>16,122.33</b>	<b>44,499.21</b>
			Black Rock First-Black Rock	282.00	3,631.60	<i>Calvary</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>
			Calvary-Walnut Ridge,	1,242.67	1,744.89	Antioch-Bebe,	1,454.00	1,900.00
			Campbell-Walton-Tuckermans	463.00	720.00	Augusta First-Augusta,	6,289.15	13,807.82
			Clear Springs-Imboden,	0.00	0.00	Bebe First-Bebe,	7,557.73	26,819.30
			Crossroads-Portia,	75.00	0.00	Bethany-Searcy,	0.00	932.33
			Diaz-Diaz,	1,169.56	3,039.96	Calvary-Bradford,	500.00	2,520.00
			First Baptist First-Grubbs,	1,971.21	2,872.00	Central-Bebe,	14,739.20	29,532.00
			Honneston-Newport,	0.00	0.00	Cotton Plant First-Cotton	1,671.20	6,911.20
			Hoze First-Hoze,	388.00	3,186.14	Crosby-Searcy,	403.00	1,436.00
<b>Batholomew</b>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>						



<i>Delia</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>	Finch-Pargould,	380.25	2,063.45	Camden First-Camden,	29,029.65	55,775.73
Arkansas City-Arkansas CI	3,127.79	10,228.18	Fountain-Bono,	.00	11.00	Camden Second-Camden,	.00	390.37
Bayou Mason-Lake Village,	3,624.70	4,987.23	Greene County-Pargould,	59.31	31.00	Childsden-Childsden,	2,290.00	2,960.47
Boydell-Bermont,	4,132.40	12,709.70	Hammont-Pargould,	1,51.56	80.03	Cross Road-Cross Road,	11,590.00	11,590.00
Boydell-Montrose,	.00	.00	Immanuel-Pargould,	1,675.50	8,669.90	Cullendale-Camden,	11,026.96	47,678.76
Chickasaw-McGehee,	150.00	539.61	Life-Life,	108.00	80.00	East Main-El Dorado,	10,241.90	30,095.38
Colina-Collins,	2,161.00	6,000.00	Light-Light-Pargould,	529.00	2,000.00	Emmerson-El Dorado,	12,630.85	29,000.00
Conroy-Chapel-Dumas,	150.00	150.00	Left-Left,	1,835.00	1,925.51	El Dorado First-El Dorado	124,058.56	107,556.21
Dermott-Dermott,	3,691.04	10,432.25	Marmaduke-First-Marmaduke,	1,600.93	10,822.73	El Dorado Second-El Dorado	32,292.32	31,908.27
Eudora-Eudora,	3,881.50	22,803.00	New Friendship-Marmaduke,	514.48	772.00	Ellion-Camden,	1,006.81	11,837.18
Genies-Wilnot,	.00	463.19	New Grove-Pargould,	3,000.00	237.94	Ellion-First-Camden,	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fortland-Fortland,	350.00	1,539.50	Nuts Chapel-Marmaduke,	330.00	571.46	Fleitzenthal-Hunting,	25.00	1,996.00
Georia-Georia,	197.00	2,009.49	Oak Grove-Pargould,	399.19	1,438.93	Gallice-El Dorado,	1,252.06	753.40
Jerome-Jerome,	315.27	484.48	Pargould-First-Pargould	1,162.88	40,211.26	Grace-Camden,	5,064.27	5,933.57
Kelso-Rohrer,	1,432.64	4,487.59	Rebecca Valley-Pargould	1,728.86	772.23	Hammont-El Dorado,	5,007.70	9,387.59
Lafayette-Chapel Village	1,412.00	3,400.00	Robbs Chapel-Pargould,	340.00	240.00	Hillside-El Dorado,	2,630.83	19,128.15
McGehee First-McGehee,	7,858.43	11,448.09	Rosewood-Pargould,	2,100.00	3,111.08	Hunting First-Hunting,	3,015.32	7,129.32
Montrose-Montrose,	728.33	1,630.17	Stanford-Beach Grove,	741.67	1,820.66	Immanuel-El Dorado,	54,204.60	95,426.29
New Hope-Eudora,	435.85	3,823.62	Third Avenue-Pargould,	54.00	30.00	Joyce City-Smackover,	1,917.22	6,818.42
North Side-Eudora,	417.15	300.00	Wagon Wheel-Pargould,	1,728.00	1,448.00	Liberty-El Dorado-Jarret	7,433.71	7,433.71
Onion-Eudora,	386.53	273.00	Vines Chapel-Beach Grove,	170.00	39.00	Knives-Strong,	1,207.50	2,075.87
Parkdale-Parkdale,	230.00	539.40	Walcot-Walcot,	1,416.61	3,600.00	Lapite-Strong,	.00	391.00
Parkway-Lake Village,	125.00	2,230.00	West View-Pargould,	3,179.29	19,180.18	Lawson-Lawson,	979.86	3,965.22
Portland-Portland,	2,335.28	4,516.93	Greene County	66,435.89	166,536.94	Liberty-Lawson,	760.00	1,810.17
Richland-Pickens,	89.20	134.03				Lozans-Lozans,	282.15	2,146.78
Shilo-Lake Village,	213.51	1,137.92	<i>Harmony</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>	Maple Avenue-Smackover,	1,943.53	23,545.12
South McGehee-McGehee,	1,065.83	3,515.03	Altheimer First-Altheimer	2,118.95	2,099.19	Marble Hill-El Dorado,	3,438.75	6,698.09
Temple-Dermott,	993.00	570.00	Camden Chapel-Dumas,	4,293.33	4,293.33	Meridian-El Dorado,	2,000.00	2,000.00
Tile Creek-Tiller,	1,392.30	1,838.30	Bethel-Gould,	.00	.00	New London-Strong,	.00	7,028.38
Wilson-Walnot,	227.90	1,908.27	Centennial-Pine Bluff,	150.00	.00	Nophlet First-Nophlet,	8,242.95	19,322.02
Wimont-Wimont,	5,422.10	8,886.22	Central-Pine Bluff,	3,996.17	13,217.88	Parsons Chapel First-El D	346.21	5,114.02
<i>Delia</i>	<i>51,643.27</i>	<i>133,584.54</i>	East Central-Pine Bluff,	1,460.71	5,400.00	Philadelphia-El Dorado,	281.03	3,578.45
			Dollarway-Pine Bluff,	423.37	3,738.53	Reader-Childsden,	210.00	1,500.00
<i>Chapel-Covey</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>	Douglas-Gould,	716.56	1,086.01	Selem-Stephens,	692.00	3,888.70
Berry-Vilonia,	1,300.33	6,123.38	Dumas First-Dumas,	14,957.02	30,435.00	South Side-El Dorado	5,465.00	465.00
Blaney Hill-Covey,	2,400.00	4,880.37	Evergreen-Pine Bluff,	2,499.00	360.00	Stephens First-Stephens,	7,241.00	14,434.00
Bono-Dumas,	199.00	613.18	Forest Park-Pine Bluff,	4,324.00	13,783.42	Strong First-Strong,	6,645.45	10,633.93
Brookdale-Covey,	.00	.00	Gould First-Gould,	1,701.09	3,806.29	Sylvia Hills-Camden,	400.00	600.00
Brumley-Covey,	1,994.70	3,849.39	Green Meadows-Pine Bluff,	3,728.00	12,672.92	Temple-Camden,	.00	237.72
Cañon Ridge-Covey,	3,365.46	6,480.37	Greenlee-Pine Bluff,	3,082.28	10,276.93	Temple-El Dorado,	600.00	2,043.09
Cooney First-Covey,	2,805.01	39,736.03	Hardin-Pine Bluff,	5,478.20	13,007.22	Three Creeks-Junction City	4,999.40	8,997.74
Emmanuel-Covey,	683.00	1,475.39	Hickory Grove-Spr City,	1,921.99	9,990.00	Trinity-El Dorado,	3,083.39	8,052.34
Emulo Mount Zion-Eudora,	408.77	781.48	Humphrey-Humphrey,	794.14	4,288.65	Union-El Dorado,	1,123.15	4,022.60
Evans-Covey,	3,820.83	8,320.83	Immanuel-Pine Bluff,	18,229.07	57,332.17	Victoria-El Dorado,	71.54	830.62
Gold Creek-Covey,	.00	.00	Kingsland First-Kingsland	1,965.00	3,880.14	Village-Village,	1,475.00	3,209.66
Greenbrier First-Greenbrier	858.74	5,033.71	Linwood-Monroe,	1,110.20	2,182.22	Wagon Junction City,	482.56	1,672.83
Happy Holly-Vilonia,	790.00	1,868.00	Mathews Memorial-Pine Bl	5,489.05	29,286.62	West Side-El Dorado,	11,023.05	16,306.89
Hartley Park-Covey,	1,370.00	14,039.63	Northside-Spr City,	17.00	370.00	White City-Camden,	362.81	739.82
Harmony-North Little Rock	1,639.47	5,124.48	Oak Grove-Pine Bluff,	42,968.02	70,483.20	<i>Liberty</i>	<i>362.81</i>	<i>739.82</i>
Holland-Vilonia,	2,786.77	5,124.48	Pine Bluff First-Pine Bluff	2,910.14	7,144.90	<i>Little Red River</i>	<i>37.00</i>	<i>37.00</i>
Mayflower-First-Mayflower	2,417.42	6,685.65	Plan Bayou-Wright,	370.00	1,978.03	<i>Brownsville-Beach Ferry,</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>
McGehee Mount Vernon	79.00	260.00	Rankin Chapel-Dumas,	102.43	3,988.60	Concord First-Concord,	704.52	2,176.54
Naylor-Vilonia,	.00	260.00	Redfield First-Southem-R	416.7165	9,513.25	Harris Chapel-Pargould,	32.76	584.57
New Bethel-Covey,	648.69	4,002.40	Rialton-Rialton,	383.29	5,099.13	Heber Springs First-Heber	13,430.72	59,613.09
New Hope-Covey,	687.12	4,002.40	Shannon Road-Pine Bluff,	2,263.00	10,998.00	Life Line-Heber Springs	37.26	366.93
Oak Grove-Covey,	1,044.20	11,659.00	South Hill-Pine Bluff,	10,547.32	44,917.94	Long Star-Heber Springs	37.26	1,606.31
Pickles Gap-Covey,	10,968.06	40,450.62	Star City First-Star City	31,023.82	31,262.50	Mount Zion-Concord,	16.64	161.32
Pleasant Grove-Covey,	5,180.12	10,004.82	Sulphur Springs-Pine Bluff	1,986.00	5,317.00	New Bethel-Pargould,	7.55	145.78
Sail Hill-Covey,	378.86	1,527.05	Victory-Dumas,	.00	63.70	Palmetto-Quinnem,	2,000.00	2,335.42
Smyrna-Mount Vernon,	1,044.20	11,659.00	Wagon Chapel-Pine Bluff,	12,916.83	33,433.38	Pleasant-Quinnem,	364.18	2,171.50
South Side-Dumas,	6,072.70	6,342.54	White Hall First-White Hall	6,734.89	48,935.97	Pleasant Ridge-Green Fern	16.15	120.00
Victory South-Covey,	1,296.90	940.66	Yorkton First-Star City	670.00	4,194.00	Post Oak-Heber Spr	1,093.30	2,748.21
Woodland Heights-Covey,	8,617.58	35,408.24	<i>Harmony</i>	<i>174,541.56</i>	<i>519,147.85</i>	Post Oak-Quinnem	212.29	204.99
Wootter First-Wootter,	2,983.92	6,230.30	<i>Independence</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>	Quinnem-Covey,	1,340.00	4,800.00
Zion-Covey,	391.80	706.13	Arbans-Mountain View	3,663.24	1,072.95	South Side-Heber Springs,	951.54	4,780.41
<i>Greene County</i>	<i>33,513.33</i>	<i>232,371.56</i>	Batesville-First-Batesville	84,774.40	84,774.40	Sugar Loaf-Heber Springs,	2,103.47	3,786.22
			Batesville-First-Batesville	12,390.92	26,803.05	Tumbling Shells-Tumbling	1,866.36	2,064.12
			Calvary-Batesville,	1,788.28	2,505.83	West Side-El Dorado,	8.33	8.33
			Calvary-Timbo,	2,912.00	7,220.00	Woodrow-Prin,	1,606.40	1,200.00
			Card-Cord,	.00	.00	<i>Little Red River</i>	<i>29,107.33</i>	<i>97,379.06</i>
			Chautauk-Batesville,	80.00	80.00	<i>Ashdown First-Ashdown,</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>
			Deals First-Deals,	600.00	4,937.45	Ben Lomond First-Ben Lomo	13,694.00	34,262.91
			Batesville-Cave City,	4,374.41	4,746.27	Bingen First-Nashville,	16.00	130.00
			Emmanuel-Batesville,	908.88	1,883.79	Brownsville-First-Foreman	210.00	225.00
			Floral-Pine Bluff,	915.57	646.16	Cromwell-El Dorado,	300.00	300.00
			Floral-Floral,	1,069.81	1,596.12	Central-Merzell Springs,	483.742	5,708.88
			Foot Hills-Mountain View,	730.36	3,328.63	Cross Roads-Columbus,	1,230.07	341.51
			Marcella-Batesville,	758.14	758.14	Four Routes First-Foreman	934.63	2,337.66
			Mount Zion-Batesville,	3,394.00	3,820.00	Drick Hill-El Dorado,	2,605.00	2,605.00
			Mountain View First-Mountain	5,476.88	10,070.72	Foreman First-Foreman,	1,127.70	3,988.77
			Newark Southern-Newark,	1,689.98	4,766.00	Hicks First-Ashdown,	422.47	373.91
			Pilgrims Rest-Batesville,	1,019.09	1,477.90	Honk First-Honk,	1,778.18	6,547.85
			Pleasant Plains-Pleasant	869.25	2,362.07	Kern Heber Springs,	2,200.00	2,200.00
			Rehobeth-Batesville,	1,246.27	3,015.74	Littlefield-Kirby,	750.15	1,917.86
			Ruddell Hill-Batesville,	1,812.20	3,985.35	Liberty-Merzell Springs,	2,579.63	10,386.5
			Seado-Seado,	1,224.00	1,469.60	Locksberry First-Locksbu	3,000.00	3,000.00
			Sawyer Southern-Straw	.00	420.00	One Oak-Quinnem,	1,333.77	297.40
			White River-El Sulphur Rock	1,615.07	3,768.59	Millwood-Ashdown,	1,333.77	297.40
			West River-Old Trough,	16,304.37	41,381.37	Mount Moriah-Murfreesboro	.00	.00
			<i>Independence</i>	<i>55,396.73</i>	<i>231,815.82</i>	Murfreesboro First-Murfie	4,708.28	11,372.75
						Nashville-First-Nashville	11,600.00	49,233.00
						Oak Grove-Ashdown,	1,424.44	2,343.65
						Ogden First-Ogden,	330.97	1,884.72
						Ridgeway-Nashville,	800.37	11,999.20
						Rock Hill-Quinnem,	200.00	200.00
						State Line-Windrop,	544.89	306.00
						Washington-Washington,	457.00	3,002.02
<i>Greene County</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>	<i>Liberty</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Coop</i>			
Alexander-Pargould,	125,833	5,411.78	Caladonia-El Dorado,	1,505.67	591.07			
Beach Grove-Pargould,	360.00	360.00	Callon-Callon,	1,772.29	5,728.00			
Bethel-Stein-Pargould,	32.36	543.02						
Big Creek-Pargould,	200.00	110.00						
Brown's Chapel-Pargould,	9,005.47	17,030.86						
Chapel-Pargould,	5,774.46	5,774.46						
Center Hill-Pargould,	1,248.81	1,536.04						
Clarks Chapel-Pargould,	1,713.57	1,500.00						
Delimitation-Delimitation,	585.13	666.00						
East-Pargould,	10,573.00	34,043.87						
Fairview-Pargould,	.00	705.00						





Sheridan First-Sheridan,	6,973.05	25,696.76	Highland Hills-Tezakarna,	1,442.18	7,216.34	Red Oak-Lepanto,	1,048.80	853.00
South Highland-Lite Roc	6,530.68	33,986.36	Hope First-Hope,	28,206.33	76,309.42	Riverside-Riverside,	1,140.86	1,958.69
Sunset Lane-Lite Rock	529.85	363.50	Immanuel-Magnolia,	1,410.00	1,144.00	Shiloh-Harrisburg,	240.00	192.10
Trinity-Mabelve,	784.26	2,799.52	Jewell-Fike-Lewisville	2,029.17	2,311.96	Trinity-Adelsted,	1,700.75	1,700.75
Trinity-Lite Rock,	4,006.00	4,865.00	Macedonia First-Foote,	50.00	1,934.67	Trumann First-Trumann,	3,448.91	23,521.82
Yimly Ridge Immanuel-Alexa	3,236.16	4,202.62	Macedonia Second-Doddridge	1,202.62	1,202.62	Tryonza First-Tryonza,	1,122.00	2,297.28
West Side-Lite Rock,	1,981.13	3,066.57	Manorville-Tezakarna,	0.00	277.00	Valley View-Harrisburg,	512.00	963.68
Whispering Hills-Lite R	0.00	527.33	McKay Second-McNeill,	478.89	478.89	Walden West-Springburg,	420.00	420.00
Wooden-Lite Rock,	3,388.82	18,147.83	Memorial-Waldo,	2,486.20	2,230.00	Weber First-Weber,	230.84	1,628.75
Wooden-Wooden,	997.22	1,133.66	Michell Street-Tezakarna	0.00	100.00	West Ridge-West Ridge,	0.00	0.00
<b>Paluki</b>	<b>586,933.63</b>	<b>1,645,779.31</b>	Mission Zion-Doddridge,	889.65	3,318.81	<b>Trinity</b>	<b>32,913.33</b>	<b>103,961.23</b>
			Moore-Tezakarna,	592.86	2,331.56			
			Pinson Park-Tezakarna,	350.88	1,107.21	<b>Washington-Madison</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Coop</b>
<b>Red River</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Coop</b>	Pisgah-Foote,	0.00	91.41	Berry Street-Springdale,	435.09	6,837.65
Anchor-Danadson,	34.00	473.55	Red River-Bradley,	0.00	165.00	Black Oak-Payetteville,	4,100.00	2,475.00
Antoine-Arkadelphia,	1,368.86	1,478.85	Rocks Mountain-Foote,	96.00	3,187.85	Black Oak-Springdale,	3,159.81	4,579.07
Arkadelphia First-Arkadel	35,007.34	64,213.66	Shiloh Memorial-Tezakarna	1,435.56	6,572.83	Calvary-Huntsville,	437.00	5,298.50
Arkadelphia Second-Arkade	1,400.00	1,400.00	South Tezakarna-Tezakarna	0.00	1,034.17	Caulde Avenue-Springdale	3,665.00	6,625.09
Beck Street-Gurdon,	8,708.28	16,145.12	Spring Hill-Foote,	1,074.00	2,765.21	College Avenue-Payettevil	183.00	780.00
Beime First-Gurdon,	600.62	742.78	Stamps First-Tezakarna,	6,576.69	18,261.00	Combs Park-Springdale,	199.00	240.00
Bethel-Preacott,	716.00	724.83	Sylvester-Foote,	1,171.85	3,716.20	Elkins First-Elkins,	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem-Whelen Springs	267.00	195.50	Tennessee-Tezakarna,	626.25	766.16	Elkins-Bikins,	0.00	280.00
Bismarck First Southern-B	0.00	208.54	Trinity-Tezakarna,	13,496.24	100,230.31	Elmdele-Springdale,	21,327.25	61,183.30
Boulogne-Preacott,	0.00	208.54	West Hill-Magnolia,	373.50	737.79	Farmington First-Farmingt	3,198.10	12,521.00
Caddo Valley-Arkadelphia,	1,427.12	2,047.84	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>225,114.19</b>	<b>645,650.25</b>	Payetteville First-Payette	41,712.39	120,483.11
Cedar Grove-Arkadelphia,	1,288.85	1,222.15				First Southern-Kingston,	59.00	0.00
Center Point-Gurdon,	603.00	568.00	<b>Trinity</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Coop</b>	Friendship-Springdale,	1,909.47	3,338.96
Curtis First-Curtis,	759.75	5,173.41	Antioch-Wynne,	302.00	47.00	Good Hope-First-Goo	2,320.70	4,524.15
Dalark-Arkadelphia,	200.00	0.00	Baton-Tryonza,	609.15	2,477.78	Oceanland First-Oceanland	2,320.70	3,334.03
Daisy-Arkadelphia 50,	3,344.50	2,178.00	Beckupur-Forrest City,	1,899.25	3,300.79	Hindville-Hindville,	1,611.22	2,289.47
East Whelen-Whelen Spring	0.00	991.26	Burnt Camp-Widener,	0.00	0.00	Huntsville First-Huntsvil	1,442.43	6,048.41
Emmet First-Emmet,	0.00	900.00	Calvary-West-Magnolia,	5,084.00	11,101.00	Immanuel-Payetteville,	1,350.00	4,579.07
Harmony Hill-Arkadelphia,	624.08	0.00	Cherry Valley-Cherry Vall	3,397.07	10,379.20	Johnson-Johnson,	571.62	2,131.15
Harwood-Arkadelphia,	0.00	0.00	Colt-Colt,	425.00	530.00	Liberty-Lincoln,	1,933.78	3,304.89
Lakeview-Arkadelphia,	323.89	323.87	Crawfordville-First-Craw	0.00	9,681.31	Lincoln First-Lincoln,	4,087.79	9,219.41
Malvern First-Malvern,	11,562.03	22,975.92	East-Wynne,	10,006.65	23,521.00	Northern Southern-Payette	809.00	3,117.65
Marion-Brook-Blevins,	1,411.00	1,606.15	Emmanuel-Forrest City,	2,796.00	6,532.42	Northern Hills-Springdale	299.00	2,426.30
Mount Bellie-Arkadelphia,	0.00	1,611.88	Fair Oaks Fair Oaks,	365.55	4,613.38	Powell Street-Springdale,	578.98	521.20
Mount Olive-Arkadelphia,	96.29	1,159.82	Gallop-Arkadelphia,	767.00	49.70	Prudis Grove First-Prud	3,774.84	4,277.42
Mount Zion-Arkadelphia,	984.15	1,817.00	Pittsgrader-Wynne,	1,569.59	3,308.78	Ridgeview-Payetteville,	3,787.16	9,305.57
Okeola-Okeola,	0.00	1,681.88	Forrest City First-Forrest	15,951.22	28,270.05	Sage Avenue-Payetteville,	5,767.58	1,489.00
Richwoods-Arkadelphia,	13,400.77	16,922.77	Good Hope-Gilmore,	519.00	666.00	Serra-Evangel-Payettevil	917.50	800.74
Shady Grove-Gurdon,	853.00	0.00	Gladden-Eden,	1,290.00	714.71	Silent Grove-Springdale,	391.88	2,400.00
Shiloh-Arkadelphia,	1,336.00	1,437.00	Good Hope-Forrest City,	2,000.00	2,245.00	Southside-Payetteville,	2,760.01	2,166.12
South Fork-Arkadelphia,	2,278.22	963.73	Goodwin-Goodwin,	556.19	1,477.39	Southside-Payetteville,	317.50	500.74
Southside-Preacott,	125.60	845.20	Harris-Wynne,	478.76	1,390.00	Spring Valley-Springdale,	612.38	830.00
Sycamore-Gurdon,	0.00	160.00	Hope West-Magnolia,	182.60	182.60	Spring Valley-Springdale,	917.50	2,000.00
Third Street-Arkadelphia,	1,271.92	2,300.00	Hydick-Cherry Valley,	338.63	782.84	Salphur City-Payetteville	25,538.00	1,477.08
Union-Arkadelphia,	1,642.97	2,040.00	Inman-West Memphis,	172.00	1,631.72	University-Payetteville,	303,608.00	69,916.64
Whelen Springs-Whelen Spr	130.00	200.00	Ingram Boulevard-West Mem	1,356.79	15,783.59	West First-West Fork	201.95	0.00
<b>Red River</b>	<b>119,144.26</b>	<b>214,367.68</b>	Jonesville-Tezakarna-Maron,	466.29	466.29	Weston Hills Southern-Fa	2,899.84	9,402.96
			Lakeshire-Hughes,	2,026.25	1,111.00	Windsor Hills Southern-Fa	0.00	626.93
			Madison First-Madison,	177.06	1,937.20	Windsor First-Winslow,	2,617.09	4,520.77
<b>Rocky Bayou</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Coop</b>	Marion-Marion,	5,959.45	25,574.27	<b>Washington-Madison</b>	<b>12,946.60</b>	<b>573,340.57</b>
Ash Flat-Ash Flat,	389.32	587.06	Midway-Wynne,	0.00	0.00			
Blevins-Melbourne,	0.00	3,563.23	Morton-McCrory,	1,108.79	1,688.59	<b>White River</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Coop</b>
Bow-Bowell,	20.00	40.00	Palatine First-Palatine	220.00	679.00	Antioch-Philpin,	888.55	664.08
Calico Rock First-Calico	1,191.60	4,453.78	Parkin First-Parkin,	4,048.17	6,799.44	Arkans-Mountain Home,	161.00	1,296.00
Cherokee Village First-Ch	3,877.28	11,355.85	Pine Tree-Colt,	1,763.32	337.31	Big Flat-Big Flat,	89.10	205.70
Dolph-Dolph,	421.54	970.37	Pleasant Hill-Wynne,	1,022.00	2,248.37	Bruno-Everson,	117.00	809.87
Evering Shade First-Eveni	521.71	1,588.20	Richland-West Memphis,	100.00	825.00	Bull Shoals-Bull Shoals,	88.77	3,763.86
Finey Creek-Sage,	171.16	971.32	Shell Lake-Hope,	292.50	292.50	Cotton First-Cotton,	3,398.76	7,830.00
Franklin-Ash Flat,	742.00	903.90	Tilton-Hickory Ridge,	738.00	748.00	East Oakland-Mountain Hom	201.91	371.80
Hardy First-Hardy,	2,289.30	7,891.48	Tope-Parkin,	1,065.10	507.00	Baselale-Mountain Home,	2,412.08	13,374.70
Horseshoe Bend First-Hors	4,306.89	7,533.49	Turrell First-Turrell,	1,467.19	1,831.92	Phillip First-Phillip,	7,532.06	19,367.17
Immanuel Southern-Salem,	1,297.81	9,347.00	Union Avenue-Wynne,	730.00	16,545.60	General-Gumelin,	701.16	772.02
Malbourne First-Melbourne	3,166.00	3,649.33	Wanda-Wanda,	48,164.40	146,972.10	225-Avenue-Tezakarna,	5,262.55	2,849.25
Malbourne-Melbourne,	2,126.69	1,679.32	West Memphis First-West M	48,164.40	146,972.10	Henderson First-Henderson	1,904.44	3,481.50
Moore Pleasant Southern-M	132.00	360.00	West Memphis Second-West	107.97	10,291.20	Hill Top-Oakland,	160.05	477.53
Northside-Horseshoe Bend,	985.68	1,181.40	Whesley-Whesley,	2,736.00	3,770.00	Hopewell-Mountain Home,	65.34	831.65
Oxford-Oxford,	302.00	1,181.40	Wilder-Tezakarna,	1,484.13	484.13	Rock-Morfort,	1,145.61	1,950.00
Saddle First-Mammoth Spr	100.62	166.48	Wynne-Wynne,	24,987.00	62,633.02	Midway-Midway,	1,338.54	5,600.31
Trinity-Crest-Sage,	1,145.82	3,683.15	<b>Triv-Country</b>	<b>142,958.35</b>	<b>625,722.96</b>	Mountain Home First-Mount	300,268.98	109,149.48
Salem First-Salem,	1,724.00	6,532.28				Mountain Home-Mountain Ho	2,204.34	8,423.44
Sidney-Sidney,	1,899.45	4,283.26	<b>Trinity</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Coop</b>	New Hope-Hopewell,	1,113.60	1,113.60
Sylamore First-Mountain V	265.35	823.45	Anderson Tully-Harrisburg	318.31	728.53	Norfolk First-Norfolk,	634.00	877.00
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Wiseman-Wiseman,	100.00	321.00	Black Oak-Tryonza,	838.70	0.00	Pilgrims Rest-Oasville,	195.00	600.00
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			Central-Marked Tree,	3,327.95	793.97	Summit-Summit,	0.00	176.40
			Corner Chapel-Trumann,	664.26	1,433.92	Tomahawk-Saint Joe,	399.51	2,029.69
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Bright Street First-Tezak	2,475.91	7,479.36	Flower First-Flower,	2,655.59	2,668.85			
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Harmony Grove-Tezakarna,	285.97	1,133.98	Providence-Trumann,	447.37	1,257.56			
Hickory Street-Tezakarna,	3,668.83	9,413.96						

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

# Embattled Elder Retires

by Wm. Fletcher Allen and Lonnie Wilkey  
Tennessee Reporter & Reflector

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist Sunday School Board President Lloyd Elder and trustees have mutually agreed to end Elder's tenure as head of the denomination's 100 year old education and publication agency.

In a special called meeting of the trustees Jan. 17 in Nashville, Elder presented his plan to retire, effective Jan. 31, 1992, or 30 days after a successor is named, whichever comes first. [After his retirement, he will become an advisor and consultant to the board until April 1, 1993.]

About 400 people attended the meeting, which was held in open session. It was speculated the meeting would be held in executive session.

The employment and consultation agreement presented by the board's General Administration committee (GAC) noted Elder's retirement "is a result of honest differences of opinion between employee and the board with regard to management style, philosophy, and performance."

This agreement focused on three primary accusations: financial mismanagement, taping of phone calls without second party consent, and editorial bias in a centennial history.

The document further states the agreement "is not a result of or based upon political or theological differences between the board and employee, but rather results from the parties' honesty and good faith with regard to the board's management."

The document stated Elder "prays that his requests for retirement at this time will not and should not be a reason or basis for discussion, controversy, or disagreement within the Southern Baptist Convention."

Elder, 57, also noted in the agreement that he "intends and agrees to do all within his power to cause and facilitate a smooth expeditious, and harmonious transition of his administration to his successor."

Terms of the contract were proposed by Elder and his attorney.

Elder and the committee came to the agreement only about two hours before the full board met.

Cleveland, Tenn., pastor Gene Mims, a member of the General Administration Committee, noted, "It's been a long painful process. I thought that as late as 4:00 p.m. today (Jan. 17) we were at an impasse, facing prospects of real pain and difficulty."

"But I was pleased at the response of the committee to Elder's initiative for early

retirement. This was the best we could do."

Speculation has been rampant in recent weeks that Elder faced possible dismissal as president. The called meeting, at the written request of more than 20 trustees, was "for the purpose of evaluating and responding to the performance of Lloyd Elder."

Elder has previously undergone close scrutiny. A motion was made to fire Elder in August 1989 at the trustees meeting in Glorieta, N.M., but was withdrawn.

Several meetings have been held since Dec. 13, when a five-member workgroup of the GAC met to review Elder's performance.

The 17-member GAC met with Elder again Jan. 14 and discussed several options, including one in which Elder "would resign quietly within the next 12-18 months." As late as Jan. 10, however, Elder, in a memo to the GAC, had said he would not resign.

[Sources close to the board believe that Elder had been told if he did not resign, he would be fired and the entire management team would be taken out with him.]

Trustee chairman Bill Anderson, Florida, in his opening remarks told the trustees that "the General Administration Committee agreed there are problems in leadership style, especially with the president."

"Dr. Elder feels, with his attorney's advice, that it is best to retire," he said.

Elder then reported to the board. "We have been through some difficult weeks," he told them. "We have looked at some options and moved forward in our process."

"We had come down to a couple of choices. It had been my hope that we could work together. The General Administration Committee heard me carefully and sincerely during the hours we talked."

"I wanted to work with them in an orderly transition. First, what is best for the board, then, what is best for Southern Baptists—and what is best for Lloyd Elder . . ."

What is the guiding star of the board's mission? I can answer only for myself and try to know the Lord's will for me. A guiding principle for me has always been that I will do the best for the Lord. And I stand ready to do the will of the board."

[Roland Maddox, a businessman from Memphis, Tenn., made a motion to put Elder on consultant status "immediately," which was discussed for more than an hour. Maddox's motion was defeated on a roll call vote 41-31 with one abstention.] Elder discussed the BSSB centennial year

(BSSB) photo / Jim Veneman



Sue and Lloyd Elder share a private moment after the adjournment of the called trustee meeting. Mrs. Elder had heart bypass surgery on Dec. 24.

theme of "Celebrating Hope, Entering Our Second Century." He stressed moving into the next century with hope. "This meeting is about the way we enter that century," he said.

In discussing problems with the manuscript of the centennial history written by Leon McBeth, which the trustees voted not to publish, Elder said there was evidence of mistakes "in managing the manuscript, for which I have apologized. There was no breach of integrity."

"What about correcting our mistakes and forgiving," he said. "To err is human. . . . With an agency as large as the board—the size and shape of the mistakes seem to say that everything is going wrong, but the board has 100 more opportunities to make an error than does one large church," Elder observed.

He talked about other Sunday School Board projects—such as the *New American Commentary* and the periodical *Growing Churches*. He discussed financial stability, noting revenue increased from \$96 million in 1979-80 to almost \$172 million in 1988-89. The board's current budget is \$190.4 million.

When Elder concluded his report, Anderson told the board, "Much that thrills us was in that report, but the General Administration Committee still brings its recommendation to accept Dr. Elder's retirement."

## Hollinger to head Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP)—Herbert V. Hollinger, editor of the *California Southern Baptist* has been elected vice president of Baptist Press. He plans a March 1 starting date.

Hollinger, 49, has been editor of the newsjournal of the *California Southern Baptist Convention* since 1983. Before that, he was editor of the *Northwest Baptist Witness* for five years.

An Idaho native, Hollinger is a graduate of the University of Idaho and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. He has been pastor of churches in California and Washington.

The unanimous choice of the president and officers, Hollinger will be subject to approval of the entire Executive Committee when it meets Feb. 18-20.

Hollinger and his wife, Mary, have three grown children, Doug, Kerri and Tracy.

## RTVC installs president

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 14-15 installed its fourth president and voted to acquire a second television network.

Under terms of a contract approved at the meeting, the RTVC would acquire FamilyNet, a television network owned by The Old Time Gospel Hour, Inc. and Liberty Broadcasting Network, Inc. both of Lynchburg, Va. Terms of the purchase were not disclosed pending completion of audits.

A service of installation for Jack Johnson as the fourth president of the RTVC was conducted Monday night, Jan. 14, in Fort Worth's Travis Avenue Baptist Church. Johnson, former executive director-treasurer for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, took office last July.



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## Across the Country

### 1990 Annie Armstrong offering increases 8 percent

ATLANTA—National gifts to the 1990 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions totaled \$35.68 million, an increase of 8.14 percent over the previous year.

The unaudited final report shows the offering's largest percentage increase in three years and the sixth largest increase in the past 10 years. However, the offering still fell short of the \$41 million goal.

### New system problems cause literature delays

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Shipment of Southern Baptist dated church literature fell "considerably short" of a new distribution system goal to streamline order fulfillment to churches, Andy Dodson, director of the board's distribution services division, said.

Problems in filling 145,750 church literature orders for the January, February and March quarter had resulted in late and incorrect orders to church customers. As efforts are made to smooth the system for the future, Dodson said churches can help by honoring the order date printed at the top of the undated literature order form.

### Registration under way for SBC childcare

ATLANTA—Registration for on-site childcare for preschool children of out-of-town messengers to the 1991 Southern Baptist Convention is now being accepted.

Registration material is available by writing to SBC Preschool Child Care, c/o WRBC, 3626 Peachtree Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30326.

### Enlistment underway for Crossover Atlanta

ATLANTA—Volunteer enlistment is underway for several evangelism, church starting and ministry projects slated to be done in Atlanta prior to the June 4-6 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The projects are all part of Crossover Atlanta, a convention-wide effort initiated by SBC President Morris Chapman. The basic element of Crossover Atlanta is three days of door-to-door witnessing in eight metropolitan Atlanta associations.

Volunteers should write to Bobby Sunderland, Crossover Atlanta coordinator, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30367-5601. Deadline is April 30.

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# LESSONS FOR LIVING

## Convention Uniform

### Just ask

by Jim Lagrone, Bryant First Southern Church

Basic passage: Luke 11:5-13

Focal passage: Luke 11:11-13

Central truth: Jesus taught that prayer must be persistent.

The parable of the friend at midnight has a somewhat humorous ring to it. A friend goes to a friend at midnight and says, please lend me three loaves of bread because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me. He has awakened one of his friends to borrow bread. As you know, a household would produce most of its daily bread in the morning. Jesus pictures a man who's household had been used to supply a friend. However, he has run out of bread for that friend, he must borrow from another friend. Hospitality was a sacred duty and he must provide it. Evidently his friend was one with a rather small house, because he would awaken his family in providing this bread, but the man did not want to get up and make that bread.

The word "boldness" is literally translated "shamelessness." The friend finally acted out of shamelessness and provided what was needed. The man was persistent in his request and his request was finally rewarded. Jesus concluded the point of the parable by saying, just ask. Many times the prayers of the saints seemingly go unanswered, but they are impatient, and quickly forgotten, almost as quickly as it had been brought before God.

God cares for his children. As believers, we are his children. To not ask for assistance, to not bring petitions before God, is saying that God does not care enough to hear or respond.

The three verbs found in verse 10 are continuous. Jesus is not speaking of single activities, but of those activities that persist. He is speaking of the attitude that is taught in the parable. It is important that people do their part by asking and bringing their petitions before God. The true prayer is always heard and heeded. The answer no is just as definite as the answer yes, and that prayer is always answered as God sees best.

We must not play at prayer. The whole context reveals that God is anxious to answer the prayers of his children. But if his children are not persistent for an answer, then that is an indication of a lack of desire or belief.

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## Life and Work

### Lesson learned at last!

by Curtis Honts, Lakeshore Drive Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: John 13:1-5, 12-17

Focal passage: John 13:1-5, 12-17

Central truth: Following Jesus means taking the role nobody wants.

As John 13 opens, Jesus' death looms on the near horizon. He has completed his public teaching and ministry. In the matter of just a few hours, he will experience the betrayal of Judas, face the false trial and abuse of the religious leaders, and endure the crucifixion. The time he has left he will use giving final, last-minute instructions to the apostles, who will carry on the work.

In this setting, we might expect to find Jesus engaging in a bit of self-indulgence, reminding his followers of all the wonderful works he has performed so they will be sure to spread a good word about him. Instead, we see him displaying one more time, in the most dramatic and determined manner, the true sense of messiahship, and what it will mean to follow him.

When Jesus "laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself" and poured "water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet," he totally blew their minds and threw them into confusion. Their Master, the One they believed to be the Son of God and coming King, had willingly taken a role so menial and lowly that even Jewish slaves were not required to perform it.

Having vividly demonstrated the role of servant, Jesus then interprets his actions and the corresponding lesson on servanthood that the apostles had somehow failed to grasp in the previous three years. He reminds them that doing, not just knowing, these truths results in blessing.

If Jesus were in your church or mine today, I wonder what role he would take or task he would perform to unmistakably teach us the lesson of servanthood that we often seem to have such difficulty grasping. Perhaps he would take that position with the pre-schoolers, or the junior high boys. Maybe he would sit by the visitor who looked terribly out of place. Or maybe he would visit the family who lived in the uncomfortable neighborhood.

We don't know how he would visualize it, but we do know what he would teach: "The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him."

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## Bible Book

### Sight for the blind

by Harry Black, First Church, England

Basic passage: Luke 18:35-43a; 19:2-10

Focal passage: Luke 18:35-43; 19:1-10

Central truth: God is merciful and powerful to heal both physical and spiritual blindness.

Jesus' ministry included healing various kinds of hurts for various kinds of people. In Jericho, we see that he healed two blind men; one blind physically, the other blind spiritually.

The account of the physically blind man is in Luke 18:35-43. As Jesus passed, the man shouted, "Jesus, Son of David." To call him "Son of David" acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah who would liberate the Jewish nation. This address was a preface to his faith in Jesus.

The man made two significant requests. The first was simply "have mercy on me." This shows the truth that a person's first contact with God must be based on our desire and God's mercy. We call to him with a realization of our own impotence and look to him for mercy. We do not deserve his healing, but appeal to his loving mercy. The other request, which was for sight, presumes Jesus' power to heal; another indication of the man's faith.

Then, in verse 43 we see the result of this healing: the man glorified God, and the people praised God. The result of God's miraculous healing should always be praise, for in it we see his mercy and his power.

The account of the spiritually blind man is in 19:1-10. We know much about Zacchaeus: he was powerful (chief tax collector), rich, short, and despised by the people of Jericho. But we also know that he desperately wanted to see Jesus. So much so that he would put aside his prestige and climb a tree just to get a glimpse.

When Jesus came to Zacchaeus' home, a great change occurred. He received Jesus joyfully. God requires that we receive and believe on Jesus for salvation (Jn. 1:12). He, also, made a life-changing commitment. Before this encounter money was of ultimate importance to him, but now he determined to give away half of his wealth, and to restore dishonest gain beyond the Jewish law (Nu. 5:6-7). Jesus verified that salvation had come to Zacchaeus.

Two blind men were healed in Jericho. And, while both healings were important, one gave sight to last a few years, the other gave sight that would last an eternity.

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Date: Feb. 17

# LESSONS FOR LIVING

## Convention Uniform

### *Forgiveness required*

by Jim Lagrone, Bryant First Southern Church

Basic passage: Matthew 18:21-34

Focal passage: Matthew 18:34

Central truth: Jesus says forgiveness of each other is a requirement in the Christian life.

The illustration given here, a principle of forgiveness, strikes at the very heart and core of what the contemporary church is lacking so much of the time. Churches at times can be filled with people who are mad at someone sitting across the aisle or angry at a preacher or just angry at someone they feel has wronged them. Even ministers of the gospel can find themselves angry with a brother or a fellow minister and unwilling to forgive them. But Jesus said forgiveness is required.

Peter came to Jesus and ask the question, "How many times should I forgive?" He probably was feeling generous in offering forgiveness seven times. Jesus responded and said no, it must be an unlimited number. One must forgive and continue to forgive. There is no limit. Forgiveness is the character, and one of the foundation stones for the Christian. An unforgiving spirit reveals that one is not willing to enter into the kingdom of God.

The central core of the teaching here is that if one does not forgive, that becomes a barrier to accepting God's forgiveness. The idea of God as a loving heavenly Father, and also as the sovereign Lord, pouring out wrath on those who deserve it, is very consistent. Stern justice is required with an unforgiving heart. God's nature is perfect and is a combination of love and justice and righteousness.

Forgiveness as illustrated in this passage of Scripture could revolutionize the very society we live in. If God's people begin to forgive as they are required, the fellowship and love would be so evident that the rest of the world would sit up and take notice. The world has seen enough churches fight among themselves, and divide, and that does not change society. One aspect that would change the country that we live in is God's people disagreeing and then forgiving one another and walking together arm and arm. Impossible you say? Just a dream? Jesus put it very clearly in this passage. If you do not forgive your brother or sister, then God will not forgive you.

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## Life and Work

### *Back to the basics*

by Curtis Honts, Lakeshore Drive Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: John 14:6-11, 15, 21-24

Focal passage: John 14:6-9, 15, 21-24

Central truth: Jesus' relation with the Father deserves obedience.

As he unwaveringly proceeds to his appointment with the cross, (in less than 24 hours) Jesus wastes no time on minor matters, but goes "back to the basics" with his apostles. He works to stretch their still narrow understandings of his purpose, his relation to the Father, and their relation to him and the Father.

In verse 6, Jesus explains that he himself provides the only way to the Father. We all recognize the evangelistic aspect of this verse, but often fail to see its Christian application. This verse is the response given to Thomas when he could not see Jesus' destination and thought he therefore could not know the path.

Like Thomas, we often fail to see the destination, the purpose of events in our lives. When we do not see how God is working in our life at the time we may say such things as "I don't know what to do" or "I don't know where to turn or which way to go." Without being overly simplistic, let us realize that Jesus says to us, as he did to Thomas, "I am the way. Follow my path even though you do not see the end."

Philip, now satisfied that Jesus is indeed the way to the Father, enthusiastically asks to see the Father, apparently seeking some new revelation. Though not what he expected, he received the revelation that "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father." As we ponder the nature of God the Father, we have not further to go for a perfect model than to God the Son.

Because Jesus is the way to the Father, and because he is the Father, the issue of his commandments takes on new importance to the apostles. To those who claim to love him, Jesus says simply, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." Without leaving room for doubt, Jesus securely ties love with obedience. The one who loves will obey. The one who does not love will not obey.

While we never want to discount God's forgiveness, the simple, straight-forward, repeated manner in which Jesus asserts that "love obeys" calls us to earnestly examine our obedience to him.

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## Bible Book

### *Who gave you authority?*

by Harry Black, Natural Steps Church, Roland

Basic passage: Luke 19:28-38, 41-46, 20:9-16

Focal passage: Luke 19:35-38, 41-42, 45-46

Central truth: The Christian's authority in spiritual matters has been established by Jesus.

I have two sons, ages five and nine. On occasion I have found them doing something which I thought was questionable and asked, "Who told you that you could do that?" One word silences my protests: "Mama."

In Luke 20, the Jewish leaders demanded of Jesus, "Who told you that you could do that?" Jesus did not respond directly; he knew that no one-word answer would satisfy them. His authority over spiritual matters was not in words, rather in who he was. And this authority was demonstrated for all to see in a single day.

First, was the authority of royalty. The prophet, Zechariah, foretold, "see your king comes to you . . . gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Ze. 9:9, NIV). As Jesus moved toward Jerusalem, he fulfilled this prophecy. This action was most significant. For a king to ride on a donkey emphasized that he came in peace; Jesus came as the Prince of Peace. The crowds recognized the significance of this event and verified his authority through their praise.

Next was the authority of compassion (19:41-42). As Jesus saw the great city of Jerusalem, the center of Jewish worship. He wept. He wept out of love and mercy toward the lost which he came to save. His weeping demonstrated the depth of his compassion. Such selfless concern yielded authority.

Finally was the authority of righteousness (19:45-46). When Jesus saw the commercialization of temple worship he was filled with righteous indignation. For the righteous Son of God, such a gross abuse was overwhelming. It is noteworthy that one man, Jesus, was able to drive many away. Surely this was not due to physical strength, but the spiritual authority of his righteousness.

As Christians, we are given the same authority which we find in the life and ministry of Jesus. It only remains for us to possess and utilize it for God's glory.

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## WMU leaders talk straight

by Karen Benson  
SBC Woman's Missionary Union

TALLADEGA, Ala. (BP)—The two national executives of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union delivered some straight talk to WMU's leaders and directed some blunt messages to the denomination's decision-makers during addresses to the WMU executive board meeting Jan. 7-9.

Dr. Dellanna O'Brien, executive director, and Marjorie McCullough, president, spoke to about 200 people, including state WMU presidents, executive directors and staffs, and other guests, at Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly, about 60 miles from WMU's Birmingham headquarters.

"Needless to say, being a woman's organization in a male-dominated—or at least controlled—denomination hasn't been easy," McCullough said.

She called upon the WMU leaders to exert a "prowess" akin to that of the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah. Describing prowess as "superior strength, skill, courage, heroism and valor," McCullough said these traits are not solely masculine.

"Women have these, too," she said.

WMU will need superior strength to handle outside pressures, McCullough said. It will need sharpened skills to "eradicate missions illiteracy" and renew an excitement for missions in the churches.

The organization will need courage to exercise "risk tolerance" as it launches new ventures, develops new relationships and confronts change—in short, as it "crosses over from the old to the new," she said.

God has entrusted WMU with such prowess, McCullough said. But she urged caution in how WMU leaders should exercise those traits. "We pray for the power to be gentle, the strength to be forgiving, the patience to be understanding, and the endurance to accept consequences of holding to what we believe," she said.

Such traits will also come in handy in combatting apathy toward WMU, according to O'Brien's remarks. It has been reported, she said, "that our detractors, whoever they are, have said they will do nothing to us, but will simply 'let us die.'"

She was interrupted with applause when

she said, "I am here to tell you we have no intention of dying! To the (New Testament) church in Philadelphia, God spoke a promise we are claiming for ourselves: 'See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.'"

WMU stands before an open door, O'Brien said. "The future is ours to possess in his power."

But, is the organization willing to acknowledge the requirements for that possession, she asked. "Can we be equally open in our hearts and minds to the changes necessary for keeping WMU a viable, vital organization?"

If WMU is serious about its intention to survive in a new milieu, O'Brien said, "we must be aware of the factors affecting the life of today's woman."

More women now are working than ever before—just over one-half of the female, adult population, she said. Not only must WMU be "flexible in our planning and programming for them," it is also obligated to help local churches provide missions involvement in a way that fits their members' needs, she said.

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## THE PERSIAN GULF

# Workers escape missiles

by Mike Creswell  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

LARNACA, Cyprus (BP)—Southern Baptist personnel in Israel wore gas masks and sat huddled in sealed rooms as missiles from Iraq screamed through the air, exploding close enough for some to hear the blasts and feel the shock vibrations during early morning hours Jan. 18.

No. Southern Baptist workers were injured as Iraqi missiles struck Tel Aviv and another struck in Haifa just after 2 a.m. Other missiles were reported to have fallen in unpopulated areas.

Although the opening round of missiles carried conventional loads and not deadly chemicals, the workers said they fear this may be only the opening salvo in a continuing missile attack on Israel.

David Groseclose of Melbourne, Fla., who lives in central Haifa, guessed the missile that hit his city may have impacted six miles away, close enough for him to hear the explosion.

Groseclose, who is single, said it was a frightening experience. "You're awakened from sleep by sirens. Your heart starts beating quickly. You're nervous. You don't know if it's just a drill. You can't be sure, so you turn the light on. You get up and start looking for your gas mask. You turn the radio on, because that will tell you if it's real or not.

"Then you hear BOOM, BOOM. You know it's real. You put your gas mask on. It's uncomfortable. You want to see what the booms are, but you don't go out. You listen to the radio with your stomach churning." Groseclose said of the episode. When he finally was able to look outside his apartment, he could see smoke in the distance.

Thomas and Martha Hocutt of Birmingham, Ala. and Cedartown, Ga., who live on the outskirts of Tel Aviv, also were awakened by air raid sirens and scrambled

with their daughter into their sealed room, taping up the door and putting wet towels against it to keep out potential poison gas.

"By the time we were in the room and had the door shut, we heard the first explosion. Shortly afterwards, we heard two more explosions which sounded like sonic booms more than explosions," Hocutt said.

He guessed he was hearing the missiles that struck Tel Aviv.

Ray and Suzanne Altman of Post and Slaton, Texas, who live outside Tel Aviv, said the missiles that struck Tel Aviv were close enough to shake the ground where they were.

When Altman heard the air raid sirens, he quickly woke up his wife and they hustled to get their four sleepy children dressed, sealed into their "safe room" and wearing gas masks. Mrs. Altman said it was hard to make their daughter Sarah, age 3, wear her mask. Their other children are Leah, 10; Adam, 8; and Noah, 6.

The Altmans were to travel Jan. 18 to a hotel in what is considered to be a safer

location. They were joining Southern Baptist workers Norm and Martha Lytle of Gadsden, Ala., and Jim and Kathy Sibley of Dallas and their two teen-age daughters.

Dale Thorne, area director for Southern Baptist work in the Middle East, and Bob Fields, associate director, were up most of the night calling personnel in Israel to ascertain their safety. There was some question for several hours about the status of volunteer Suzanne Griffin, who had been scheduled to leave Tel Aviv on a flight just minutes after the missiles landed.

The Iraqi attack started just 20 minutes before Griffin, of Fayetteville, Ark., was scheduled to leave Tel Aviv on a 2:30 a.m. Tower Air jetliner with an undisclosed number of passengers.

The flight stopped in Brussels, Belgium, where Griffin boarded a Sabena Airlines jet scheduled to arrive first in Boston at 1:30 p.m. EST Jan. 18 then in Atlanta at 5 p.m. Sabena officials confirmed Griffin was on the flight, said her sister, Tiffany Matherly of Fayetteville.

**Update:** As of press time, Southern Baptist personnel again avoided injury Jan. 22 when an Iraqi Scud missile made a direct hit on Tel Aviv, Israel.

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## Arabs need sensitivity

NASHVILLE (BP)—With war raging in the Persian Gulf, the Southern Baptist task force on international students has mailed a special bulletin to directors of Baptist student ministries encouraging special sensitivity to the needs of Arab students studying on American college campuses.

"The members of the task force felt Arab students were going to be facing some intense pressure," said Nell Magee, a member of the group and a consultant with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's student ministry department.

The task force, which includes representatives from the Foreign and Home mission boards and the Sunday School Board, was meeting in Nashville when war broke out Jan. 16. The bulletin prepared by the group encourages BSU directors to make contact with the foreign student adviser on their campuses and offer assistance in protecting the students, developing community understanding and forming support groups for Arab students. The task force also suggested the formation of groups to pray for Arab students and their families, American military personnel and their families and

for U.S. students studying abroad, especially in Middle Eastern universities.

Some harassment of Arab students on American campuses already has been reported, according to a spokesman for the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in Washington.

Magee said she hopes the war will increase the awareness of need for ministry to international students in America. "We feel this might be a point at which some (BSU) directors who have never really gotten concerned about international students begin to lead their program to greater involvement in international ministry," she said.

**Note from the ABCS Student Department**—As the war with Iraq intensifies, many persons of Middle Eastern origin who live in our communities feel threatened by the situation. Baptist churches can look for opportunities to minister to these individuals in many positive ways. Ministry in the name of Jesus Christ can heal hurts, bring comfort and open doors for witness.—George Sims, associate



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## BANGLADESH

# Mobs threaten Baptists

by Michael Chute  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

HONG KONG (BP)—Pro-Saddam Hussein mobs threatened to attack Baptist buildings in Bangladesh and burned the homes of 13 Christian families as Muslim anger over the Gulf war spilled into south Asia.

Police dispersed a mob bent on destroying a Baptist church in Magura, Bangladesh, Jan. 18 after Chinese engineers constructing an adjacent building reported the impending attack to authorities. Police later stationed five armed officers outside the Magura home of Southern Baptist missionaries David and Barbic Lindsey of Oklahoma City as a precaution.

Heavily armed police reinforcements took up positions around the Lindsey house Jan. 19 to repel a mob reportedly on its way. But another group of police stopped the group before it could reach the Lindsey house.

Another angry mob converged on the Baptist Building in Dhaka but left before police arrived. The building houses Southern Baptist mission offices, a guest house and the residence of missionaries Jim and Betty McKinley of Albany, Ky., and Louisville, Ky.

Two Japanese women missionaries at the guest house apparently drew the crowd's attention. The two ran into the house after seeing them, said McKinley.

The houses of 13 Bangladeshi Christian families reportedly were looted and burned by pro-Saddam Muslims the nights of Jan. 21 and 22. The Baptist and Catholic families were forced out of their houses before attacks began.

Seven Southern Baptist missionary families work in Bangladesh—three families in Dhaka and four in outlying areas. Missionaries are maintaining contact with each other every day during the crisis. They continue to curtail their activities, even shunning church services "so we wouldn't draw attention," explained McKinley.

He added that missionaries have remained in their homes since the outbreak of the war. McKinley and fellow missionary James Young of Thomastown, Miss., first ventured out only during the early-morning hours of Jan. 23.

McKinley and Young got a call Jan. 23 from the Development Service Center, a Baptist farm on Dhaka's outskirts, warning that another mob reportedly was on its way to attack the center. They went to a nearby police station to get an armed police

escort before driving 21 miles to the farm. McKinley said local people had discouraged action against the farm and the mob did not come.

"All of us are in our own places," McKinley said. "Each one wants to remain in their home because of the neighbors. If we start moving about, that looks like it's worse than (the Bangladeshis) think it is. . . . But the situation is very tense."

If the situation worsens, "We'll just have to do what we're doing now," McKinley said. "We couldn't travel, especially our people out (in remote areas) unless we were able to get police escorts."

## LIBERIA

# Missionaries to return

BOUAKE, Ivory Coast (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries plan to reopen mission work in Liberia's battle-scarred capital, Monrovia, by early February.

Civil war and the chaos, terror and hunger it caused in Liberia claimed thousands of lives last year. It also drove most missionaries out of the country. But the two main Liberian rebel factions and the west African peacekeeping force sent to Liberia several months ago have staked out separate territories in Liberia and a cease-fire now is in effect.

"I'm optimistic about this new beginning," said missionary Bradley Brown, executive director of the Liberia mission organization, who has made several short trips to Monrovia from the neighboring country of Sierra Leone. "My great hope for our continuing Southern Baptist mission work in Liberia is that we will have unprecedented evangelistic and church-planting opportunities."

Brown, of Marietta, Ga., and his wife, Carol, of East Point, Ga., plan to begin the rebuilding by opening church-based medical clinics in Monrovia. Jim and Jane Park of Paducah, Ky., will join the Browns within weeks.

"We're going to have to start small and grow gradually, working through a holistic ministry," he said. The Browns and the Parks will dispense medical care and distribute food through the church clinics and help local pastors hold church services and Bible studies.

When the Browns return, four Southern Baptist missionary couples will be working in Liberia.