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Arkansas Baptist

NEWSMAGAZINE



Christian stewardship —
" . . . working with our own hands . . . "
I Corinthians 4:12



Christian stewardship is using every gift, every talent or resource for God's glory and people's highest good. Christians use their hands in earning, spending and sharing their resources for world ministries through their churches.

Jewish neighbors saddened by Jerusalem church arson

from combined sources

JERUSALEM — A fire which authorities say was set by an arsonist, possibly the work of Jewish extremists, swept through the West Jerusalem Baptist Church about midnight Oct. 7, leaving three walls standing but gutting the chapel's interior.

The local press, government officials and Jewish neighbors were immediate in condemning the action. Israeli President Menachem Begin decried the arson as a "malicious crime," adding, "If it was committed by Jews it was a crime that must be investigated and dealt with."

The Jerusalem Post published an editorial saying, "The burning of the small Baptist church in the center of Jerusalem on Thursday night will be condemned by every serious minded person in Israel."

Many Jews expressed solidarity with the Christian congregation by attending the regular Saturday morning worship service held on the grounds near the blackened remains of the chapel less than 48 hours after the fire. More than 1,000 attended the service, three times the normal attendance, and contributions for rebuilding exceeded \$12,500.

Baptist House, a two-story stone structure adjacent to the church, received limited fire damage, minor smoke and water damage and broken windows. The center houses a bookstore and classrooms where the church holds Sunday School. It also functions as a meeting place for Baptists in the city.

John and Connie Anthony, Arkansans appointed as missionaries to Jerusalem, are members of the church. James E. Walker, also an Arkansan, is a missionary journeyman working at Baptist House. His parents, James and Mattie Lou Walker, were visiting Jerusalem and attended the Saturday worship service. Walker is head of the Stewardship Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and Mrs. Walker is bookkeeper for the Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

The chapel was built in 1933 for \$1,000 and would now take \$1 million to \$1.5 mil-

lion to replace, Pastor Robert Lindsey told the Jerusalem Post. It is estimated a temporary block building would cost \$150,000.

The municipal government has set up a fund for contributions toward a new building, Lindsey said.

Two suspects were arrested in connection with the crime. Laboratory tests disclosed that a flammable liquid had been poured in several parts of the church, leading authorities to label the origin of the fire arson.

Vandalism is nothing new at the church and at Baptist House. A few years ago Baptist House was damaged by fire bombing and a few windows are broken each year.

In the past the city has paid for repairs in accordance with a policy regarding damage done during "intereethnic" violence.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board holds title to the property. The board, which owns property in most of the 96 countries where it has work, acts as its own insurer and does not carry fire insurance on overseas structures.

Lindsey said the congregation will continue to meet outside as long as weather permits, although a number of offers for alternative meeting places have been made.

Lindsey said the arson is not to be interpreted as the attitude of the Jewish people as a whole and should not thus become a source of anti-semitism. In fact, he said, many local papers are carrying stories "about the church, who Baptists are, what they believe and what they do. It gives us a rather great opportunity for witness."

Correction

An incorrect address was given for Carl Overton, chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, on page 11 of the ABN pre-convention issue Oct. 14. The correct address is Carl Overton, 600 W. Grand, Suite 104, Hot Springs, 71901.

In this issue

2 A church on fire

An Oct. 7 fire, apparently the work of an arsonist, gutted the West Jerusalem Baptist Church in Israel. Jewish officials, however, were quick to condemn the act of terrorism and Jewish neighbors took the opportunity to stand alongside the Christians. Three Arkansans are on the mission field in Jerusalem, and were there to see the Baptist witness enriched through the tragedy.

11 Paying the preacher

One function of the local church that is often overlooked, an official at the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention says, is its role as a responsible employer. Churches have a mandate to care adequately for pastors and other staff members.

MK Prayer Calendar

Home and foreign Missionary Kids
who attend college on the Margaret Fund

November

- 6 Julie Eitelman (Upper Volta) Box 629, OBU, Arkadelphia, 71923
- 11 Janet K. Crawford (Venezuela) Box 1205, OBU, Arkadelphia, 71923
- 15 James L. Crawford (Venezuela) Box 465, OBU, Arkadelphia, 71923
- 29 Gerald D. Harkins (Korea) Box 600, OBU, Arkadelphia 71923



The New Testament clearly teaches that all Christians are to be ministers. It is true that God calls some for special places of leadership, such as pastors or evangelists, but all who are redeemed have a responsibility in carrying God's message and in strengthening the Lord's work. One of the most important ministries needed today is encouragement.

It is tragic, indeed, that a wall of separation has developed between the pulpit and the pew. This dichotomy developed in the Middle Ages as a result of an unscriptural teaching that the local minister was one who dispensed God's grace.

Separation between pastor and lay people has at least two tragic results. First, it may make the pastor unapproachable by his congregation. A person with a hurt or a need may feel his pastor is so far above him that he dare not share his everyday problem. Second, it certainly means that a lay person could not offer a helping hand to lift a burden from his pastor.

In today's world of stress, tension and hostility, all church members need to be encouragers. Such encouragement will benefit both pastors and lay people. Among the most harmful things to the furthering of the cause of Christ are those who are uncooperative, disagreeable and hypercritical.

Had it not been for Barnabus, even the ministry of Paul might have been thwarted at its outset. When Paul arrived in Jerusalem, after his departure from Damascus, he found himself greeted with the gravest of suspicion and distrust. But when everyone else was steering clear of Paul, Barnabus gave him aid and encouragement.

Barnabus gave an example that should be emulated by Christians today. First, he was a man who insisted on believing the best about others. Our world is largely divided into people who think the best of others and those who prefer to think the worst. It should be remembered that, ordinarily, we see our own reflection in others, and we make them what we believe them to be. If we insist on believing in people, we will end up by compelling them to justify that belief.

Second, Barnabus was a man who never held a man's past against him. All too often, when an individual makes a

mistake once, we are unwilling to ever forgive. We should never condemn a person because he has once failed.

Barnabus' encouragement to Paul meant much to him, at that particular time in his life. Obviously, it was in the providence of God for Paul to give impetus to Christianity. But it is clear that Barnabus played a significant role in assisting Paul to become all that God wanted him to be.

Today, many of our pastors are under pressure. Their need is for someone who can be an encourager to them. It should be remembered that a pastor really has no pastor. He may have friends who understand and identify with his needs, but the pastor is, for all practical purposes, pastorless. Members of his congregation can and should assist by being encouragers. The ministry of encouragement can be performed by any member of the congregation. Encouragement should be more than the traditional "good sermon this morning, pastor." It should be the offering of help, assistance and understanding.

As one analyzes the scripture, the role of the pastor and the lay person becomes clear. Paul declared that Christ "hath broken down the middle wall of the partition between us" (Eph. 2:14). This means that each individual has direct access to the throne of grace.

It should be emphasized, however, that God does call some to perform special tasks in the kingdom's work. Again Paul said, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11).

The words used in the New Testament to describe the under shepherd give us some insight into his function. He is called "elder," which refers to an individual who is worthy of respect. The term "bishop" means overseer, declaring that he is to give guidance to the church in all areas of its work. "Pastor" means shepherd. The shepherd is to lead, feed and protect his flock.

So both the pastor and the lay people have responsibility in the church. But all are to be encouragers. One of the greatest needs in today's society is to have more such people as Barnabus who maintain a ministry of encouragement.

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by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

Bill Griffith

has returned as pastor of the Yellville First Church, previously serving there from 1976-1979 before enrolling in Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored Whitechurch Church in Kansas City while in seminary. He is married to the former Sherry Leach of Mount Vernon. They have three children, Shane, Jamie and Sarah.

Roy B. Hilton

was named Pastor Emeritus of Harrison First Church in a special business session Oct. 6. Hilton served the church as pastor from 1960-65, moving from there to Immanuel Church in El Dorado where he served until his 1976 retirement. Hilton is currently engaged in serving churches as supply and interim pastor. He is also the author and publisher of Bible study helps to 3,100 ministers and lay persons in 40 states and several foreign countries.

Dennis W. Sewell

recently received the doctor of divinity degree from California Graduate School of Theology. Sewell, pastor of Mount Carmel Church at Cabot, has studied at Texarkana College, East Texas Baptist College and International Bible Institute.

R. J. Nordman

is serving as full-time pastor of the Nichols Road Church in Little Rock.

Bobby Walker

has accepted the call to serve as pastor of



Griffith



Hilton

the Danville First Church. He will move there from Natural Steps Church at Roland. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist College and was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Manila Westside Church. Other Arkansas churches he has pastored include those at Swifton, North Little Rock and Grubbs. He and his wife, Johnny, have a son, Randy, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a married daughter, Sherry, living in Roland.

Roger Haney

is serving as pastor of the Emmanuel Church near Blytheville, moving there from Concord Association. He and his wife, Sandy, have three children, Jason, Seth and Kathy.

Michael Phillips

is serving as youth director at the Providence Church at Jonesboro. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist College and will be

briefly

Fairview Church

at Paragould will celebrate its 125th anniversary Oct. 31 with an Open House.

Oak Grove Heights Church

at Paragould held a parsonage noteburning service Oct. 2.

New Liberty Church

at Marmaduke licensed its pastor, Bill Hatton, to the gospel ministry Sept. 26.

Hamburg First Church

held a deacon ordination service Oct. 17 for Donald Wayne and Doyle Lawrence.

Mount Vernon Church

was in a revival Oct. 3-10 led by Joy and Eddie Kelso of Damascus. Pastor Bill Garrett reported nine professions of faith.

Osceola First Church

held a service Oct. 17 to ordain Freddie Hendrix as a deacon.

Little Rock Immanuel Church

men organized a fellowship Oct. 19 that will meet monthly. B. J. Sams, news anchorman for a Little Rock television station, was speaker.

East Side Church

in Fort Smith has completed a three-month outreach ministry to the Rescue Mission there. The effort was sponsored by the Brotherhood under the direction of President Leo Faulkner.

Mountain Home First Church

was host Oct. 15-16 for a Homebound Ministry Workshop led by Dr. and Mrs. Troy Prince of Aiken, S.C.

Dumas First Church

ordained Mike Puryear, Glendon Lambert, Charles Coffield, Joe Lee Smith, Don Kendrick and Johnny Brigham as deacons Oct. 17. Bob Holley, director of the Church Training Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was speaker.

West Side Church

in Little Rock observed homecoming Oct. 17. Pete Petty, director of Special Missions Ministries for Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was morning speaker. He was assisted by his son, Harley, in an afternoon clown presentation. Charlie Cockman of Chicot Road Church in Little Rock was guest musician. Pastor Bill Ward led memorial moments.

a December graduate at Arkansas State University.

Dave Montalbano

is pastor of the Mount Pisgah Church at Jonesboro. He is a student at Southern Baptist College.

Richard L. Avey

recently began serving as pastor of the Zion Hill Church in North Pulaski Association. He and his wife, Melanie, came to Zion Hill from the Pine Bluff Second Church.

Ron Prater

began serving Oct. 18 as minister of education/administration/outreach at Immanuel Church in Pine Bluff. He came to Pine Bluff from the Trinity Church in Moore, Okla. He and his wife, Susie, have three children.

Bobby Hall

is serving as pastor of the Etowah Church. He and his wife, Margaret, reside in Memphis where he is a student at Mid-America Seminary.

Chester P. Roten

observed his 40th anniversary in the gospel ministry Oct. 3 when he was honored by the Leslie First Church where he is a member. Roten has pastored churches in Arkansas at Salem, Liberty, Good Springs, Elba, Lexington, Formosa, Paragould, Van Buren and Leslie. He has established Southern Baptist churches in the pioneer mission field of Oregon and is now serving as interim pastor of the Botkinburg Church near Clinton.

Mrs. Leola Tarry

was honored Oct. 3 by the Wattensaw Church at Lonoke for her 25 years of service as a Sunday School teacher. She was presented with a plaque.

Gerald Lewis

has resigned as minister of music at DeWitt First Church to move to Albany, Mo.

House named editor of youth materials

NASHVILLE — Samuel J. House Jr. is editor of youth materials in the youth section of the Sunday School Board's church training department.

His major editing assignment is "The Youth Disciple."

Before moving to the board, House was associate pastor at First Church of Jacksonville, Ark. Prior to that he was minister of education and youth at First Church, Luling, La.

A native of Missouri, House is a graduate of Jefferson College, Hillsboro, Mo., and Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield. He also holds a master's degree in religious education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

James Fork Church dedicates new building

James Fork Church in Buckner Association dedicated a 4,000 square foot brick structure Oct. 3. This building replaces one that was approximately 100 years old. It includes a sanctuary, kitchen, fellowship hall, library, church office and two nurseries.

The building program included renovation of an educational building through the installation of central heat and air and bricking the exterior.

Building committee members are Aaron

Fildes, chairman; Loye Carter, contractor; Bob Schlinker, Mrs. Gerry Edwards, Mrs. Kenneth Carter and Mickey Carlton.

Elva Adams, former associational director of missions, preached the dedicatory sermon. The dedication day was followed by a week's revival led each evening by a former pastor. There were seven professions of faith and two additions by letter.

Pastor Clayburn Bratton baptized these candidates in the new church baptistry Sunday evening, Oct. 10.



Rev. and Mrs. William G. Stiles Jr.

Foreign Board names 34 new missionaries

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board named 34 missionaries Oct. 12, including Mrs. William G. Stiles Jr. Mrs. Stiles is the former Kay Parsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsley of Centry, Ark.

The Rev. and Mrs. Stiles will work in Tanzania, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is a native of Wheeler, Texas. She was born in Oklahoma and grew up in Texas.

'Southern Senators' dinner set Nov. 12

The annual "Southern Senators' Dinner" is being planned for Nov. 12, 1982, at Southern Baptist College. This event will be attended by over 300 guests from Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee.

Individuals are nominated each year by the board of trustees and the administration of the college to be distinguished by the title "Southern Senator."

Russell Newport of Springfield, Mo., will present a concert for the program that evening. Dr. Newport is well known among Arkansas Baptists because of his frequent sacred concerts in the churches. He holds degrees from William Jewell College, Harvard University and Southeast Baptist College.



Newport



Shown recently are the members of Morton Church taking part in celebrating the burning of a note that was used to finance the building of the parsonage in the background. Charles Mays, pastor of the church, said the three-bedroom home was paid off in 26 months on a \$20,000 plus interest loan acquired through the local bank. Morton Church is located six miles east of McCrory. They led Calvary Association in baptisms this past year.

New Sunday Schools top 1,000 last year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The number of Southern Baptist Sunday Schools started in the year ending Sept. 30 topped 1,000 for the fifth consecutive year, according to reports compiled in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department.

A total of 1,027 new Sunday Schools were reported during 1981-82, making a total of 6,212 new starts since 1976, the year a renewed emphasis on new Sunday Schools was begun.

Texas led all states last year in the number of new starts with 264. Florida was second with 82.

James Lakey, Sunday School growth consultant, estimated 40 to 50 percent of new Sunday Schools begun last year were among

ethnic persons. Also, he noted that in new convention states many churches are beginning Sunday Schools in small communities with no Southern Baptist work, with a goal toward eventually establishing churches.

Lackey said a recent survey showed an average of 10 baptisms are reported among new Sunday Schools the first year. "This is the most important reason for emphasizing new starts," he said.

Since 1977, Lackey noted, 1,332 churches have been constituted, many of which began as Sunday Schools. Among the churches begun in 1977 is Prestonwood Church of Dallas which in 1981 was cited as having one of the fastest growing Sunday Schools in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Response to 'open letter'

I would like to respond to Dr. W. O. Vaughn's "Open Letter to Arkansas Baptists."

One of the objections to Southern's becoming a four-year college is the Title III grant. I have learned from Washington that Ouachita received the following amounts from 1967 through 77: 1967, \$80,486; 1968, \$114,103; 1969, \$66,900; 1970, \$50,000; 1971, \$100,000; 1972, \$125,000; 1973, \$1,000,000; 1977, \$71,877; total, \$1,608,366.

Ouachita's Board is to be commended for strengthening that institution and preventing any entanglements whatsoever while receiving these funds. I am convinced that Southern's Board will exercise the same discretion and administer these funds with equal disentanglement. Dr. Vaughn stated that "Ouachita found the folly of this kind of thing and quit." That explanation is difficult to accept in view of the fact that Ouachita made application annually for 11 years.

Dr. Vaughn quoted the Little Rock firm as saying that a four-year program would probably mean the end of the college. Since when have Baptists, who are people of faith, allowed a secular firm to tell them what is possible to accomplish in Christ's name? The firm did not take into account contributions from capital campaigns to say nothing about resources known only to God.

That Southern would be one of the smallest four-year colleges was another argument against the recommendation. Is being small abhorrent? "For who has despised the day of small things..." (Zech. 4:10).

The point was made that the proposed 1983 budget has no provision for this expansion. Funds could be delayed until the 1984 budget is formulated.

Let me say in conclusion that there should be no reason why Arkansas Baptists cannot be equally committed to their two schools. Our oldest daughter is a graduate of Ouachita and our youngest is presently there. I am not derogating Ouachita by my evaluation of this issue. I have said of churches that when one scores a victory, Baptist stock goes up all over town. The same is true of our Christian institutions. The best thing that can happen to one is for the other to prosper. — John B. Wright, First Church, Little Rock

Arms spending a must

I read the article entitled "More weapons means more insecurity Sisk tells U.S. House sub-committee." I do not see how we can keep from increasing our military power when we have an enemy as ungodly as communism who continues to increase theirs. We have no choice but to keep up

with them or we will find ourselves in servitude to them. We would be remiss in assuming that the Soviet Union will curtail their efforts in nuclear supremacy for any reason. Their goal has always been world domination.

It was like the article entitled "Wright, agency head address peace meeting" where it was suggested that both the United States and the Soviet Union reduce arms spending for five years, using the money to establish a fund "to benefit the needy of the world." I think the Bible is plain in the fact that you do not make deals with the enemy. Communism is ungodly and inhuman and there is no way they are ever going to do the right thing for mankind. What is it going to take for us Christians to quit playing games with Satan and realize he has only one goal and that is to kill, steal and destroy. — Don Grendell, Circle H Chapel, Plainview

A curse for sexual sin

My mama used to say: "God has a curse for every sin." I looked for that verse in the Bible but could never find it. I did find Galatians 6:7, which says: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." As my mama would say, "The curse for the sin of alcohol is alcoholism, the curse for the sin of smoking is emphysema, the curse for the sin of sexual sins is a venereal disease."

Now, we can know the curse for sexual sins in our day is herpes. Herpes is a virus and there are 50 to 70 varieties of it. Five of them attack human cells; they are: EBV, which causes mononucleosis; VZV, which causes shingles; CMV, which causes hepatitis; HSV 1, which causes cold sores and fever blisters, and HSV 2, which causes painful blisters in areas of the body below the waist; they form ulcers and the victims are infectious during interval periods.

Genital herpes, HVS 2, is the one we are most concerned about; it is an incurable disease. I like what Phyllis Schlafly said in a recent article: "There is only one way to be sure you never get herpes: avoid sexual relations. Remain a virgin until you marry, marry a virgin and remain faithful to each other." Twenty million Americans already have it and the epidemic is spreading at the rate of 500,000 new cases each year. Once infected with either strain of the herpes simplex virus, you are infected for life. It is now the most common venereal disease in the country. Estimates are that almost 90 percent of those exposed to HSV 2 will contract it! God knew what he was talking about when he said that as an act of sex, two shall become one. Avoid the curse of sexual sins. The curse is for life. If you think you have herpes, see your doctor immedi-

ately and avoid giving the curse to others. — John McMullen, Black Rock

Moody not a Baptist

I have read the chapter on apostasy by Moody and the statement of Southern Seminary President, Dr. Roy Honeycutt.

Moody clearly teaches that a believing Christian can stop exercising faith and thereby be cut off from eternal life. In interpretation of Hebrews 6, he states: "... (2) It is possible for believers who do not press on to maturity to commit apostasy;..." He further states, "... this life is lost when one departs from Christ." These two statements are sufficient to expose the clear and unquestionable doctrine of apostasy.

The real question is not whether Dr. Dale Moody believes and teaches the heresy of apostasy. He clearly does. The real question is, does it violate the biblical and Baptist position of eternal security. It would take a lot of education and more gullibility than I can imagine to believe that apostasy does not violate eternal security.

Dr. Moody's position is not compatible with Baptist Articles of Faith, Baptist interpretation of scripture, Baptist historical preaching of security of believers, Baptist rebaptism of converts from churches practicing apostasy or Baptist witness from the lips of theologically uneducated mothers and fathers whom God has used for centuries to lead their children to eternal life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dale Moody's credentials as a scholar, a Christian, a gentleman or an educator should not be in question. His credentials as a Baptist, however, clearly are not in order doctrinally or traditionally. This fact is true of many people. It only becomes a problem when the person in question insists on remaining in Baptist "clothing." At that point his credibility as "a gentleman and a scholar" begins to mar. — Wayne B. Davis, Oak Grove

Time will tell

Dr. Dale Moody has trotted out the tired old arguments used by such debaters as Alexander Campbell and Jacob Ditzler in the last century, and rejected by most Baptists at that time. Whether the Baptist people will find them any more palatable now remains to be seen.

If, as he pompously states, he rejects Augustinianism and Calvinism, he need not be surprised if we reject Pelagianism and Arminianism.

We can adopt the attitude of Gamaliel: If his attack on Baptist doctrine is of God, it will prevail — if not, it will come to nothing. Time will tell. — Clay Hale, El Dorado

Church not democratic

We refer to a Southern Baptist church as a democracy. It is a democracy in theory but is not a democracy in practice. Some small churches are a democracy. Most larger churches have set up committees in order to get away from long, drawn-out business meetings.

If things were openly discussed, a consensus could be achieved and the members who are not on a committee would feel like they were a part of the church. In some churches the first thing that the common member hears of a change is when it is presented by a committee or the deacons for adoption. If someone opposes the change in the business meeting, it becomes an adversary issue. So most people just keep quiet. Some people who feel very bad about the direction the church is going and the way that the money is being spent decide to stay at home and listen to a TV preacher. Of course, the TV preacher gets their title. Others find that there are things

that have to be done on Sunday.

If the present trend continues, we can soon elect a pope and do away with the monthly business meetings. When a recommendation is made by deacons, it is rubber stamped. So why have business meetings?

One of the best things that could happen to some churches is for someone to steal the public address system. When the preacher yells into the microphone, my eardrums hurt and I wish that I had stayed at home. — Ben Fried, Mena

Home Mission Board names 72 missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — Seventy-two new missionaries were appointed or approved by the Board of Directors for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during its October meeting for mission work in 20 states.

Included among the 72 missionaries were five career missionaries, 22 missionary associates, 34 mission pastors, and 13 to receive language pastoral assistance.

HMB directors also approved financial aid to 32 pastors involved in church extension, and 13 language missions pastors, all serving in 13 states.

'Second Century' members to be honored Oct. 23

ARKADELPHIA — Members of the Ouachita Baptist University Second Century Campaign will be honored at a banquet on Friday, Oct. 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room of Evans Student Center. Lily Peter of Marvell, Arkansas' poet laureate, will be the guest speaker, and the campus singing

group, the Ouachi-Tones, under the direction of Mary Shambarger, will perform.

Second Century Campaign members consist of those people who have notified Ouachita that provisions have been made through their estate plans for the university.

Intern, resident programs benefit Baptist Med Center

Baptist Medical Center patients and employees are benefiting from the four-year-old Pastoral Care Internship Program and the new Resident Program.

Ed McDonald, director of Pastoral Care at Baptist Medical Center, said both programs are one year in length and are designed to better prepare the young ministers to serve their future congregations.

Stan Wilson, a native of Searcy, is the first Pastoral Care resident at BMC. A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Wilson also served an internship at BMC. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from the University of Central Arkansas and a master of divinity degree from Southwestern.

McDonald said the purpose of the residency is twofold: it will provide assistance for the Pastoral Care Department in all areas, including counseling, teaching seminars for ministers, orienting interns and conducting daily devotionals, while providing an opportunity for the resident to accumulate further managerial experience.

The interns will spend part of their year's training at BMC and at Central Baptist Hospital/Arkansas Rehabilitation Institute. Two of the three interns hold master of divinity degrees from Southwestern Seminary. They are Danny Franke, a native of Houston, Tex., who

received his undergraduate degree from Baylor University, and Johnny Berry of McNeil, Ark., whose undergraduate degree is from Southern Arkansas University. The third intern, David Vosburg, will receive his master of divinity degree

from Southwestern Seminary with completion of the internship at BMC. Vosburg is a native of Emmett, Ark., and has undergraduate degrees from Eastern New Mexico University and Wayland Baptist University.



Ed McDonald (center), director of the Pastoral Care Department at Baptist Medical Center, is shown in the acute care area of the hospital with (from left) Stan Wilson, the first resident in the department's one-year residency program, and David Vosburg, Johnny Berry and Danny Franke, participants in the BMC Pastoral Care Internship Program.

Phone-A-Thon part of Ouachita campaign effort

ARKADELPHIA — Thirty-two teams of alumni, faculty, staff, administrators and students will participate in a massive Phone-A-Thon beginning Jan. 17, 1983, as a part of the Ouachita Baptist University national alumni campaign to seek contributions from all 11,615 alumni and former students during the Ouachita at 100 Centennial Advancement Campaign.

"It's the first time we've tried this," said Carol Roper, the OBU development officer directing the project. The telephone center is to be set up in the new health, physical education and recreation (HPER) complex and will consist of 10 in-state lines, five

more for a six-state region and an additional five national hook-ups, all color coded.

The 32 teams, each with 10 members, include four from the alumni, four from the faculty, two from the staff, two from the administration and 20 from the students. Roper said prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, to the person receiving the largest individual pledge and to both the students and adults getting the highest total amount of money and the greatest number of pledges.

The national alumni campaign, which will be launched officially during homecoming on Nov. 13, is seeking a base goal of

their special qualities, and our office writes the church and sends them a list of five or six people who are interested. The church then gets back in touch with us and we set up an interview time with them and the student. But the church chooses which one they want and extend a call to that person," said Blackmore.

RAPS started because so many churches called the BSU office for people to come and meet their individual needs, so the BSU started it as a result of a need in that area.

The service also directs churches who are looking for full-time help into the proper channels. "If the church asks for a full-time person, we send them to either the religion department or to the music department," said Blackmore.

OBU placement service matches students, churches

ARKADELPHIA — The Religious Activities Placement Service (RAPS) of Ouachita Baptist University is a program of the Baptist Student Union that is designed to help students find part-time jobs in churches that need assistance.

"If a church needs anything, like entertainment for a sweetheart banquet or a youth revival, we can send them a list with names of students," said Don Blackmore, a senior from Foreman, and co-chairman of RAPS. "The list also tells what the student or group does and the church chooses them according to the activity."

"According to what students show on the questionnaires they fill out in our offices, we place them with churches who request

Bold Mission Thrust spurs CP giving record

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptists responded to Bold Mission Thrust through their pocketbooks in record fashion during the SBC's just-completed fiscal year.

The Cooperative Program, the unified giving program through which the 36,000-plus affiliated churches support the worldwide missions, evangelism and educational efforts of the denomination, received \$93,344,356 from Oct. 1, 1981, through Sept. 30, 1982, an increase of 14.27 percent over fiscal 1980-81 and \$344,356 beyond budget requirements.

"To have reached this level of giving in the face of a challenging budget, especially when you consider what some of our people are going through economically, is really tremendous," Harold Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said.

"It also shows a great sense of commitment for Bold Mission Thrust (the SBC effort to tell everyone in the world about Christ by the year 2000) on the part of the state conventions since many of them made significant increases in the percentage of Cooperative Program gifts from the churches in their states that they sent on to

the national agencies," he added.

Established, old-line states, such as Texas, Kentucky and Oklahoma, were leaders in dollar increase while newer state conventions, such as West Virginia and Alaska, were the percentage increase leaders.

"The commitment to fund the various programs of Bold Mission Thrust is evident across the convention," Tim Hedquist, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning for the SBC executive committee, said. "This is the biggest percentage increase for the convention since 1950." The coverage will be divided among the 20 SBC national agencies on the same percentage the budget is divided, he said.

The numbers are impressive from any direction: Ten states increased contributions by more than \$500,000 each. Twenty-eight of the conventions increased their contributions more than the estimated inflation of approximately six percent over the same 12 months. Despite rising unemployment and continued economic difficulties, 31 of the 34 conventions gave more through the Cooperative Program than the year before.

Arkansas contributed \$3,435,029, a 13.34 percent increase over last year.

\$750,000 and a challenge goal of \$1,250,000.

J. D. Patterson of Searcy is serving as chairman of the alumni campaign. Co-chairmen are Beth Gladden Coulson of Little Rock, Carolyn Southerland Shell of Clinton and William E. Mowrey of Little Rock.

Fess Parker, known to millions of moviegoers and television viewers for his portrayals of Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone, is national chairman of all phases of the Ouachita at 100 program.

Overall campaign goals include \$4 million for the new HPER complex now nearing completion, \$4 million for a new auditorium with seating for 2,000 and \$500,000 for increasing annual operating support.

NSM emphasis provides ministry opportunities

NASHVILLE — The 1982-83 National Student Ministries enlistment/new work emphasis is a means by which Southern Baptists can reach and minister to more college students, both through existing Baptist Student Unions and through starting new work.

According to NSM consultant Bob Hartman, the purpose of the emphasis is to "introduce students to the Lord, help them grow in faith and involve them in a local church."

The emphasis is part of NSM's Bold Mission Thrust commitment to share Jesus Christ with every person on the earth by the year 2000.

Long-range goals for the enlistment/new work effort are to involve 225,000 students annually in Baptist student ministries and to reach 1,365 campuses with Baptist ministries.

Hartman said the greatest need in new work areas is for leadership personnel. He explained that NSM has been working closely with the Home Mission Board to provide personnel through the US-2, semester missionary and Mission Service Corps programs.

There are presently more than 40 short-term Mission Service Corps volunteers who are serving in student work positions.

Since the school year began in August, Hartman reported that more than 360 campuses have signed commitment cards to be actively involved in an enlistment campaign.

He explained that enlistment represents a broad area including reaching out to new students, promoting BSU activities and involving students in the on-going ministry of BSU.

Hartman said to equip campuses for the emphasis every director was mailed a copy of the new *BSU Growth Manual*. The manual is a compilation of enlistment strategies, which gives BSU directors specific ideas for their particular campus.

HMB adopts \$47.9 million budget, elects Banks VP

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board adopted a \$47.9 million budget for 1983, elevated Bob Banks to a new position as vice president for administration, appointed 72 new missionaries and celebrated the board's 100th anniversary in Atlanta.

The \$47.9 million budget is an increase of almost \$5.7 million over the 1982 budget of \$42.2 million. It will permit a 10 percent salary hike for appointed missionaries.

Robert T. Banks, associate to the president, was promoted to a newly created position of vice president for administration, effective immediately. Banks, a native of Griffin, Ga., came to the HMB last year after seven years with the SBC Brotherhood Commission and 20 years with the Oklahoma Baptist Brotherhood Department.

Two other new staff positions were created but not immediately filled — assistant director, metropolitan missions department, and associate vice president, evangelism.

In addition to adopting the budget, the board approved 1983 program goals for the agency and adopted a distribution plan for 1983 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering receipts. With a goal of \$25 million for 1983, the offering will provide \$16.2 million for direct support of home missionaries and field ministries, \$2.8 million for special HMB projects, and \$6 million for "advance in critical areas."

In his annual report to directors, HMB President William G. Tanner reported receipts through the 1982 Annie Armstrong Offering is \$1.1 million over what was given by the same period last year, but still short of the \$22 million goal. So far this year, \$19,085,000 has been given through the home mission offering. Tanner told board members projections indicate gifts through the offering probably will reach \$19.5 million in 1982.

In a 40-minute report summarizing major accomplishments of the agency last year, Tanner told not only the statistics, but

talked about people who "are on mission for Christ" in seeking to proclaim the gospel to everyone in America.

He cited specifically a group of 20 Baptist young people at the World's Fair in Knoxville who have shared their faith in a musical drama 600 times in 180 days to about 800,000 people, and a group of Baptists at a county fair in the Midwest who gave 4,650 cups of cold water in Jesus' name.

He told of a bi-vocational pastor and law enforcement officer who is leading his congregation to reach every non-Christian in his community, and of a small association with only 15 churches seeking to establish 16 new church-type missions in the next two years.

"Our Lord has challenged Southern Baptists to continue on to the frontiers of need," Tanner said. "He has thrust us in a time of unusual opportunity in our nation."

Pointing out there has been a time when as many Christians are concerned about missions, Tanner reported there are 3,000 HMB missionaries, serving in every state, Puerto Rico, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands.

BSU Third Century Campaign

Mt. Olive at Heber Springs and Boxley lead in per capita giving

Listed below are the top 20 churches in per capita giving to our BSU Third Century Campaign.

Six churches are not only leaders in per capita giving, but also led in total giving:

First, Mountain Home
Pulaski Heights, Little Rock
First, Stuttgart
First, Jacksonville
First, Batesville
First, Fayetteville

The top 20 in per capita giving are:

Church	Association	Per Capita Gift
Mt. Olive, Heber Springs	Little Red River	\$41.18
Boxley	North Arkansas	30.46
Haw Creek	Buckner	26.63
Mountain Home, First	White River	19.34
Reydell	Centennial	19.10
Barcelona Road	Central	18.81
Center Ridge	Little Red River	18.75
Strong, First	Liberty	17.30
Bella Vista	Benton	16.93
Pulaski Heights	Pulaski	16.83
Liberty, Dutch Mill	Washington-Madison	16.33
Stuttgart, First	Centennial	16.06
Rolling Hills	Washington-Madison	15.40
Pine Log	Concord	14.67
Jacksonville, First	North Pulaski	14.66
Carlisle, First	Caroline	14.52
Pines	Little Red River	14.50
Tyler Street	Pulaski	14.33
Batesville, First	Independence	14.26
Fayetteville, First	Washington-Madison	14.20
Keo	Caroline	14.20

Public decisions highlight summer youth programs

NASHVILLE — More than 3,500 youth made public decisions this summer in two Sunday School Board summer youth programs sponsored by the church training and church recreation departments.

Church training youth conferences and Centrifuge camps drew 23,696 participants.

A total of 4,963 attended two church training summer youth celebrations at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) conference centers. Approximately 21 percent made some public decision, including 189 professions of faith, 741 rededications and 92 vocational decisions.

Also, 304 decisions were made by youth attending one of two church training youth conferences held in conjunction with leadership conferences at Glorieta and Ridgecrest. Of the 1,750 youth attending the sessions, approximately 17 percent made decisions, including 87 professions of faith, 170 rededications and 41 vocational decisions.

Clyde Hall, supervisor of the youth section of the church training department, said one key factor in the decisions was leaders trained to help youth. "We trained our leaders to be counselors, to help guide the youth in verbalizing their decisions and in how to present the plan of salvation," said Hall.

Centrifuge youth camp, which ran nine and 10-week sessions at five locations, was attended by 16,983 youth.

Former Attorney General urges return 'to bedrock'

ATLANTA (BP) — Former U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell, helping celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's move from Marion, Ala., to Atlanta, urged churches to "bring this country back to the bedrock" of fundamental social values.

Bell, attorney general during the Carter administration, called for a return to the fundamentals of "truth, justice, honor, country, pity and shame."

The former judge said organized religion and the "arms of the church" such as the Home Mission Board have the highest responsibility in America to bring about such a return.

Although he praised the development of a sense of social responsibility in government, Bell decried the evolution of a system in which a person can receive more in welfare than by working at minimum wage.

"We are rapidly developing an underclass in our country" which refuses to work, Bell charged. He added that 70 million taxpayers support 81 million people who pay no taxes.

"Where has our sense of shame gone?" Bell lamented. If America is to cure some of its problems, the nation must develop a corporate sense of pity and shame, he said.

No organization in America can help more than the church in bringing about a return to fundamental values, Bell said.

A Southern Baptist layman and active member of Second-Ponce de Leon Church where the anniversary celebration lunch was held, Bell shared the platform with SBC President Jimmy Draper.

Draper praised the Home Mission Board, saying the agency is "the cutting edge of what we are doing as Southern Baptists" because it offers a way for Baptists to be involved in missions in tough, unglamorous places in America. "Foreign missions has always had our support, because that's an intriguing, romantic, mystical thing," Draper said. "Home missions is more difficult because it lacks the romance of far-away places."

Draper, pastor of First Church, Euless, Texas, pointed out 1,000 of the 4,000 students now enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth plan to go into missions, many of them through the Home Mission Board. "You'd better gear up your budget to support these folks, for they're ready to go," he said.

During the luncheon, a multimedia presentation traced the history of the Home Mission Board, and the decision to move the then destitute agency from Marion, Ala., to Atlanta in 1882.

One hundred years ago, when the Home Mission Board was 37 years old, the board

received financial support totaling almost \$30,000 which could support only 40 missionaries. Today, the HMB operates on a

budget of \$40.5 million, supporting more than 3,000 missionaries in all 50 states, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands.

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'Minute of silence' ruled unconstitutional

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Tennessee's "minute of silence" in public schools has been declared unconstitutional by U.S. District Judge L. Clure Morton. The law, which passed last spring, requires that a moment of silence be observed at the beginning of the first class each day in public schools "for meditation, or prayer, or personal beliefs."

Morton's Oct. 8 ruling came on a lawsuit filed in June which charged the law violated the First Amendment right to freedom of religion. The suit, backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, charged the primary purpose of the law "is the advancement of religious instruction."

The defendants, who include William Leech, Tennessee attorney general; Robert L. McClrath, state education commissioner, and Governor Lamar Alexander, argued that prayer is not prohibited in public schools. "There has never been any prohibition against the single student silently praying to him or herself in public schools or anywhere else," the state argued.

The state charged the plaintiffs have not shown that teachers are encouraging prayer, rather than meditation or the reflection on personal beliefs.

In his written decision, Morton observed, "It is difficult to escape the conclusions

that the legislative purpose was advancement of religious exercises in the classroom. The overwhelming intent among legislators supporting the bill was to establish prayer as a daily fixture in the public classrooms of Tennessee."

Morton noted that the legislation did not provide any guidelines for implementing the law, and as a result, "some teachers

might simply call for a moment of silence ... and some in straight, common execution of the legislative intent, might instruct students that time is being provided for them to pray."

The state can appeal the U.S. District Court's ruling, but the decision on whether or not to appeal had not been made as of Oct. 11.

A message to church lay leaders

Planning 1983 financial support for ministers and church staff

by Frank G. Schwall Jr.

The local church has many functions. One that is sometimes overlooked is its role as responsible employer.

The church calls a minister. It may also employ other staff members. While there are important spiritual relationships involved, the church should not fail to see its responsibility for fair and adequate financial support of these people — its "employees."

God's plan is that those who preach the gospel should be supported by those who receive it. The apostle Paul wrote, "... the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel!" (I Cor. 9:14 NASB). Led by the Holy Spirit, Paul also wrote, "... let the one who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches" (Gal. 6:6 NASB). Churches are instructed clearly to support those they call and employ.

When determining financial support of a minister, the church should distinguish between personal compensation and financial support of his ministry.

A minister's cash salary and housing provisions or housing allowance constitute his basic personal compensation.

Protection plans including term life insurance, comprehensive medical insurance, disability insurance and an annuity plan for retirement are part of the minister's financial support but should not be considered income. In secular businesses, such benefits generally are identified apart from salary. Church members will have a clear understanding of their minister's real income if these items are budgeted separately.

A third category of the minister's financial support is ministry-related expense. The automobile allowance, money for conventions and library allowance are reimbursements for ministry-related expenses. They involve financial support of the minister's work but do not constitute personal income. It is unfair and misleading to include them in a "package" reflecting the minister's income.

This is the season when churches review compensation for the coming year. The devastating effect of inflation must be recognized. Two questions need to be answered. Does the compensation figure set for 1983 include an adjustment for the rising cost of living? Is a major increase needed to make up for not keeping pace with inflation in the past?

As compensation increases, contributions to the Church Annuity Plan should increase. Paying a percentage of compensation helps keep retirement benefits in line with inflation. The Annuity Board recommends a minimum of 10 percent of basic personal compensation.

Premiums for life, medical and disability insurance should be paid by the church. Effective Jan. 1, 1983, church medical premiums will increase approximately 25 percent. This increase should be budgeted.

Annuity and insurance protection plans protect the church and persons covered. Sound stewardship requires the church to provide this protection.

In planning for 1983, expense reimbursements should also be evaluated in light of inflation. The rising cost of purchasing and operating an automobile must be considered. The church that fails to provide the minister with the full cost of operating an automobile in church service requires him to use personal income for this church business-related expense.

Churches have a biblical mandate to be fair employers. Compensation for ministers, church secretaries, custodians and other employees should be reviewed with Christian concern. Be faithful to the Lord's instructions as you plan and budget for financial support of the minister and church staff in 1983.

Frank G. Schwall Jr. is Marketing Vice President at the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Reagan prayer amendment stalled in 97th Congress

WASHINGTON (BP) — The fate of President Reagan's campaign for a constitutional amendment prayer in public schools apparently will be passed on to the 98th Congress to convene in January.

Senate Judiciary Committee chairman J. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., has told President Reagan he will push for the amendment in the next Congress, sending another strong signal that the proposal is going nowhere in the remaining days of the 97th Congress.

Thurmond's committee has held three days of hearings on the amendment, but no further action is scheduled.

Reagan's proposal made even less progress in the House of Representatives where it has been bottled up in Judiciary Committee. An effort to force a floor vote by bypassing the committee — called a discharge petition — has produced less than 60 of the necessary 218 signatures.

How fast and how far the amendment will move in the next Congress is open to speculation. However, Thurmond's press aide told Baptist Press getting the measure to the Senate floor in the next Congress "could take a very long time."

"I don't think it will breeze through committee," he said, adding quickly that his prediction doesn't mean there isn't support within the committee for the measure.

Your state convention at work

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International Student Conference

The International Student Conference, jointly sponsored by the Student Department and Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, has been scheduled Nov. 19-21 at the Ozark Folk Center at Mountain View. This annual gathering is expected to draw university students from Arkansas' campuses where international students have come from around the world to study. It is estimated that more than 1500 students from approximately 50 nations are currently enrolled in Arkansas institutions of higher education.

Baptist Student Union and Woman's Missionary Union have always seen the international students as a mission field at our doorstep. Many of the countries they represent are not open to Baptist missions. A warm, loving reception from Baptists in Arkansas can open doors to future ministry as these stu-



Sims

dents return to become the government, business and professional leadership of their nations. Some students have accepted Christ as a result of the faithful witness of their friends in Baptist Student Union.

In addition to this annual conference provided by the state convention, there are many local ministries made available to international students. Host families share their homes and build long-term relationships with specific students. Little Rock, Pine Bluff and Fayetteville have Friendship International organizations sponsored by local churches to minister to students and their families. Local BSU's provide tutoring to assist the international student scholastically as well as provide fellowship. Nationally, a chain of international student hostels have been organized to provide housing and activities for students during the Christmas holidays.

God has brought international students to our doorstep. We dare not miss the opportunity that he has provided for ministry and witness. — George Sims, associate

Family and Child Care

How to say thanks

Evidence that the Thanksgiving season is near is abundant. Cooler temperatures, coloring of the leaves, talk of a day off from work, plans for the feast and family reunions are only a few signs.

To us in the office of Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services there is another very real reminder. It is the preparation and mailing of 2,307 packets of Thanksgiving Offering materials to the churches of our convention.

Many long hours of hard work by the faithful secretaries have gone into the completion of this mammoth task. They were delivered to the post office for delivery on Thursday, Oct. 7.

The reward for all the hard work and expense will come in late November and December as the money for the Thanksgiving Of-

fering from the churches comes in. We are very optimistic that Arkansas Baptists will respond generously to this pressing need.

Hopefully the Thanksgiving Offering response will be enough to bring direct gifts from the churches to \$375,000 in 1982. We are dependent upon that to meet our operating budget.

The theme of the offering this year is "Give Children A Chance." We are confident that God's people will reflect their love for children and families with a generous response.

Thanksgiving is not limited to one day a year to those of us in child care. We give thanks daily to our Heavenly Father for the response of Arkansas Baptists to hurting children and families.

Thank you. — Homer W. Shirley Jr., director of development

Youth leaders admonished to model trust environment

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Inspiring trust should be a priority for youth ministers, a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professor says.

Dan Aleshire, assistant professor of religious education, told a group of youth ministers attending a Sunday School Board seminar that youth are more open to trusting in Jesus Christ if they have been exposed to an "environment of trust."

"If youth ministers and leaders are trustworthy they will have modeled that environment of basic faith when they tell youth they need to trust in Jesus Christ," he said.

Aleshire explained trust is a relationship word and a person cannot trust in something abstract. "The first thing youth ministers should be concerned with is nurturing youth in their ability to trust Jesus Christ," he said. "Faith starts in relationships and is lived out in our thinking, feeling and doing."

The task of helping youth realize their faith relationship will grow as they mature

should also be part of the youth minister's responsibility.

Aleshire noted youth can believe in Jesus as Lord without understanding all the "believe that's" associated with the Christian faith. "For instance, children can believe in God and that he loves them without a complete understanding of the virgin birth," he said.

"It is important as youth grow and mature that leaders help them refine their thinking. Help them come to know the Lord but also help them realize they don't know everything there is to know about God. Their relationship with him will expand and change as they grow."

Aleshire said the church is the place where the family and the youth should be able to develop realistic expectations of what family life is all about.

"Common to all families with youth is the conflict caused by teenagers separating themselves from close family bonds. For 13 years the child has gone to the parents for advice and now he turns to his peers. This change is painful for parents," Aleshire

stressed.

"The church can teach families how to deal with conflict instead of ignoring it. The relationship between parent and child must be one of give and take," he said.

Youth ministers were told they need to help parents learn to give increasing degrees of freedom to youth while maintaining some controls.

Aleshire said the Bible emphasizes children should listen to their parents. "Therefore, parents are to teach and discuss with their children," Aleshire said.

Parents need to set parenting goals that are true to the gospel, Aleshire said. "These goals include the value of right living, the need for God's presence in their lives, service, caring and, above all, love and trust."

During the week-long youth seminar participants discussed and reviewed youth discipleship materials available from the Sunday School Board's church training department and the Home Mission Board's evangelism section. The seminar was co-sponsored by the board's church training and church administration departments.

Let's go fishing

What do you think when a friend says to you, "Let's go fishing"? You think, "When are we going to go? Where are we going to go? What are we going to fish for? How are we going to fish?" Some years ago I was in a revival on beautiful Bull Shoals Lake. One day the pastor, Brother Bob Eubanks, said, "Let's go fishing. I'll show you how we catch these bass here on this lake." I expected that day to catch the biggest bass of my life. In former days, Bob had been a commercial fishing guide. I knew that he knew where every big bass was. We spent that morning in a very enjoyable way, fishing. When we ended up, I had caught twice as many fish as Bob. He caught one and I caught two.



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When you are out fishing with someone you enjoy, it's a delightful experience. The most wonderful and joyful experience for a Christian is to be out fishing for men, women, boys and girls. What a joy it is to see someone say yes to Jesus.

Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men." Perhaps the best way to understand what Jesus was saying about fishing for men is to consider the principles of fishing for fish.

The first principle of catching fish is that you need to have good equipment. You and I as Christians are the only equipment that God has to fish for men. The Bible teaches that when we get saved, we become a witness for Christ.

Other principles of fishing for men will be stated in the next issue. — Clarence Shell Jr., director

Christian Life Council

Better that a millstone . . .

Mill Child, the story of child labor in America, is an extremely disturbing recently published book. Its author, Brooklyn College educator Ruth Holland, tells this bitter, moving story. At first, going to work was exciting. Leaving home early in the morning with their fathers made the children feel grown up. As time went by, however, the long hours of exhausting work from sunrise to sunset became a terrible burden. Six days a week, the children worked with no time for play. At night they were too tired to do anything but eat supper and fall into bed. Their salary . . . about \$4 for a 72-hour week! Slavery was not limited to the South.

Children are now abused in a different way. They are ignored, unloved and mis-educated by ungodly parents in a chemically oriented society. There's no way of knowing how many children are mentally and physically abused by products of the "brewer's art."

God does not let such go unnoticed.

Again, children are abused victims of hell-bound distributors of child pornography. Jesus taught, "Don't prevent little children from coming unto me" (Mark 10:14), and "Anyone who would offend such a little one it would be better that a millstone be hanged around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6).

Pray for Johnny Biggs and the Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care ministry. This much needed ministry also needs our financial support. You can't contribute too much come Thanksgiving and Mother's Day offering time. By the way, if Arkansas Baptists gave as much to this in-state ministry as to causes given wide appeal by the media our helping abused children would be greatly expanded. — Bob Parker, director

Announcing An Important New Book

Charismatic Theology Under the Spotlight

by John R. Bisagno



My Fellow Baptists:

Nothing in recent times has shaken the church as has Neo-Pentecostalism — the modern Charismatic Movement. As Baptists, we welcome any genuine movement of the Holy Spirit. But where are we to stand on this issue — what are we to believe — how are we to answer it?

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An unlikely speaker for God

by Jerry Hogan, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock

Basic passage: Numbers 22-24

Focal passage: Numbers 22:4b-6; 23:7-12

Central truth: Never substitute money for God's will.

The world has always pressured us with worldly goods. If a person will just give in, the temporal rewards can be great. A lot of salesmen are pressured to purchase liquor for their good buyers or to secure someone for immoral purposes, the reward being a big sale with a large commission and even a bonus attached. But the scripture is plain when it says, "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul."

Balak was a master at getting what he wanted and did not give up on the first try. Satan and those whose lives he controls never let up on us as Christians, but keep coming back trying to choke our witness by encouraging us to submit to the lure of material gain.

God used a donkey to get Balaam's attention. Balaam had become so intense in his greed that he had become insensitive to the Lord. With our eyes focused on the world, we are often blind to God's direction, and he has to bring us to our knees to get our attention. The donkey was simply a tool in the hands of God — a very effective tool.

Balaam makes a stand and refuses to curse Israel. Balak again is unwilling to accept the decision and takes him to another place of perspective. Regardless of the circumstances or the viewpoint from which we view life, God's leadership must be followed. Balaam says to Balak in Numbers 24:13, "I cannot go beyond the command of the Lord, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the Lord saith, that will I speak."

Peter in Acts 5:29 said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Who or what is the Lord of our life? Jesus said, "You cannot serve God and money."

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Life and Work

Keeping love foremost

by Tommy J. Carney, First Church, Mountain Home

Basic passage: I John 3:11, 14, 16-18; 4:15-21

Focal passage: I John 3:11, 14, 16, 18; 4:20-21

Central truth: Love brings personal assurance and a powerful witness.

The distinction between the children of God and the children of the devil consists in two great facts, doing righteousness and loving the brother. The first fact is toward God, and the second is toward man. Let's look at the second!

"We should love one another" (I John 3:11). Why?

1. Because of personal assurance. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (v. 14).

"We should love one another" because this love is clearly shown to be "of God" (v. 10), and it is a sign that we have life. Because we are begotten of God and possess divine life, we are certain to love our brother. But if we love not, we may be equally certain that we are possessors of God's love and nature.

The message of brother-love was part of the earliest gospel. They had heard it "from the beginning" (v. 11) of their Christian life. These early Christians knew that they had passed out of death into life because of their love for fellow Christians.

The apostle contrasts the two realms (death or life), not even allowing the possibility of anything like a third or even a border line. It is either death or life, hate or love. Why should we love one another? Because love for others brings assurance to the believer that his personal faith in Jesus is real and genuine.

2. Because of a powerful witness. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (v. 18).

Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another" (John 13:35). All men are to know that we are disciples of Jesus. It is our responsibility to make disciples out of every person.

In verse 16, John tells us what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

Love is a powerful witness to our lost friends who so desperately need our Jesus.

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Bible Book

Paul's motivation for ministry

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Basic passage: II Corinthians 5:11-6:10

Focal passage: II Corinthians 5:11-6:1, 3

Central truth: Paul was accused of insincerity. He defends himself by declaring that his primary motivation has been that of evangelism — proclaiming the gospel.

Paul is trying to persuade people of his own sincerity. There's no question in his own mind that his motives are right; but he does desire to demonstrate his sincerity to Christian friends.

It is not enough just to be sincere. However, sincerity is an important quality. The reason is that our witness will be harmed if our sincerity is unclear.

And so Paul claims that his all-consuming task is that of being an ambassador for Christ. He was a representative of Christ and spoke a message from and about Christ. He was not engaged in an insignificant pastime.

It is our great challenge and opportunity. We are ambassadors for Christ in this day and time. We are to speak his message and carry the gospel to the whole world, beginning in the world in which we live. By our words and actions we can point to Jesus as the Way, the Truth, the Life and the Light.

Our words and actions can have the opposite effect if our spirit and motivation are not right. That is a frightening thought. Our great calling is to so live and witness that people are drawn to the reconciling love of God through Jesus Christ.

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Moody challenges students to lead worldwide revival

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — California pastor Jess Moody predicts "a great spiritual awakening" is on the verge of "jarring this whole world."

Moody, pastor of First Southern Church of Van Nuys, told a capacity audience at a revival service at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary he is convinced revival will begin "not in the churches, but on the campuses of this country."

Alluding to student revival movements of the past, he challenged the students to pray that God would make the Louisville campus the hub of a worldwide spiritual awakening. "A great awakening at this seminary, with students from all over the globe, could electrify this world," he said. He urged students to pray that "God will call out young people in America to lead the churches" in revival.

Moody admitted that such a revival would reverse the current trend. He lamented that "the only place on this earth where there is not a great movement of the Holy Spirit is America."

FMB approves record budget

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — A record 1983 budget of \$125,952,000, one-fifth larger than this year's, won quick approval Oct. 13 from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

President R. Keith Parks said a combination of sacrificial giving by Southern Baptists, favorable return on investments and good money management made possible the 20.15 percent budget increase.

He emphasized it is also a budget based on faith because it includes the entire \$58 million goal for this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. This offering alone is expected to provide more than 46 percent of the 1983 budget.

The budget reflects a 16.87 percent increase in the board's receipts from the Cooperative Program, which will provide more than 40 percent of the budget income.

"This budget," Parks said, "is dollars and cents evidence Southern Baptists are still true to the originating purpose that unites us around the propagation of the gospel at home and throughout the world."

He said it also underscores "the coopera-

tive spirit that has characterized Southern Baptists from the beginning."

The vast majority of Southern Baptists, he said, are still committed to working together through the Cooperative Program to do more to win the world to Christ than "any one of us can do on our own."

Parks said the budget is "clear proof of the biblically based convictions" of Southern Baptists.

"There are a few who call themselves Southern Baptists who have lost their commitment to the Bible," he continued. "They do not provide much support for this budget. There are also a few who call themselves Southern Baptists who emphasize other beliefs to the neglect of missions and cooperation. And they do not provide much of this budget."

"However, the preponderate majority of Southern Baptists hold firmly to the authority of the Bible and the conviction that this must be expressed in world missions. If we ever lose missions as our central thrust, we may continue to be conservative biblically and theologically, but no longer be the Southern Baptist Convention we have been."



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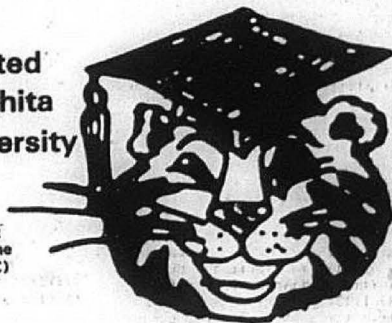
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Bob Jones-Goldsboro dispute dominates High Court docket

WASHINGTON (BP) — The church-state docket of the U.S. Supreme Court, which returned to the bench Oct. 4 for its 1982-83 term, is dominated by the pending conflict between the Internal Revenue Service and Bob Jones University and Goldsboro (N.C.) Christian schools over tax-exempt status for the two schools.

While the high court announced on its first day back after a traditional summer recess that it will decide on the constitutionality of a Minnesota law providing tax deductions to parents who send their children to sectarian schools, its church-state agenda features one of the most highly publicized cases in recent years, the IRS flap with Bob Jones and Goldsboro over tax policies.

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emption when private, nonsectarian schools are found to discriminate.

But according to church-state attorneys that is not the issue. They maintain what distinguishes this case is precisely the religious argument made by the fundamentalist institutions that the IRS has neither the legal nor constitutional authority to penalize with loss or denial of tax exemption schools which discriminate on the basis of sincerely held religious beliefs.

What has perhaps most frustrated these constitutional authorities, who represent churches and umbrella church organizations from the whole theological spectrum of American religious life, is the failure of most reporters and commentators to make the distinction.

If the nine justices decide it on narrowly religious grounds, most reporters and commentators are likely to accuse the court of perpetuating racist institutions. If, however, they decide the case on the basis of the "compelling public interest" that elimination of race discrimination as a national objective outweighs the churches' interest in strict separation of church and state, Bob Jones, Goldsboro and others can safely be predicted to howl in outrage.

The tangled web clinging to the Bob Jones-Goldsboro case began in 1969 when the IRS announced, with the support of then president Richard M. Nixon, that it would thereafter deny tax exemption to schools that could not prove they did not discriminate on the basis of race.

Apparently forgotten is the fact that church groups, ranging from hardline fundamentalist to liberal establishment, protested that administrative decision vigorously.

But with the successive support of the Ford and Carter administrations, IRS refused to back down. In 1976 it revoked the tax-exempt status of Bob Jones University.

Officials at the Greenville, S.C., institution were encouraged, nevertheless, when presidential candidate Ronald Reagan promised during the 1980 campaign to reverse the IRS policy, a pledge generally unrepeated by the media.

Last January Reagan made good on his promise when the Justice Department announced it wished to withdraw from the Bob Jones-Goldsboro case, while IRS indicated it would abandon its 12-year-old policy.

Those moves came on Jan. 8, the same day the Justice Department announced an historic anti-trust settlement with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., thus removing from the courts one of the most complicated business law cases in history. The administration apparently hoped the AT&T settlement would so dominate the news that the Bob Jones-Goldsboro move would go relatively unnoticed.

But after a massive uproar resulted in one of the first genuine crises facing his administration, Reagan took to the airwaves to announce he was sending a bill to Congress making plain no school that discriminated in its racial policies would receive tax exemption in the future.

At the Supreme Court the government entered a new request that the court decide Bob Jones-Goldsboro after all, indicating it would take the position that while IR S had exceeded its authority under the law in revoking and denying the schools' tax exemption the institutions had no constitutional grounds to support their policies.

Acting on a separate motion the justices also agreed to invite veteran civil rights attorney William T. Coleman Jr. to argue the legality under civil rights statutes of the IRS policy initiated in 1969.

The case was to be argued Oct. 12 with a decision expected no sooner than the end of the year or perhaps as late as next spring.

By deciding to hear the Minnesota tax deduction case the court signaled its willingness to face head-on once again the thorny constitutional problem of how much and what kind of public aid may flow to parochial schools.

The contested Minnesota law provides annual state income tax deductions of \$500 and \$700 respectively for each child enrolled in elementary and secondary church-related schools. It has been upheld by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The high court will reopen church-state arguments aired in 1973 when in Committee for Public Education vs. Nyquist, a 6-3 majority struck down a New York law providing tuition tax credits against state income taxes owed.

Proponents of parochial aid will argue the Minnesota law is fundamentally different from the stricken New York statute in that tax deductions do not represent as direct a form of assistance as do tax credits.

But a wide range of religious denominations and umbrella organizations can likewise be predicted to enter the case on the argument that either scheme unconstitutionally aids religion and invites excessive governmental entanglement in religious affairs (82-195, Mueller vs. Allen).

In other church-state actions taken on its first day back on the bench the high court:

—Refused to grant a petition to a McLean, Va., woman who sought to block payment of salaries to chaplains of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives (82-112, Inre Anne Neamon);

—Declined to disturb a California court's ruling that a former member of a Jewish congregation which dismissed its rabbi may take the congregation to court over the dismissal action (82-96, Sinai Temple vs. Superior Court of California for County of Los Angeles);

Complicating the case for nearly a year has been the government's on-again, off-again decision to pursue the IRS's claim that revocation of Bob Jones' tax-exempt status and outright denial of the benefit to Goldsboro Christian Schools is mandated by civil rights laws barring discrimination in admissions and other school policies.

Few constitutional experts disagree with the view that the Internal Revenue Service possesses statutory authority under the Civil rights Act to deny or revoke tax ex-