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There's no place  
like home —  
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In the cover photo, a resident of the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children at Monticello works with ceramic crafts at the kitchen table in the senior high girls' cottage on the campus. The Children's Home, along with five area offices and two emergency receiving homes of the Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services, is funded by Cooperative Program dollars and by direct gifts. One of the two big opportunities for church members to contribute to the work of Family and Child Care is the annual Thanksgiving Offering collected in Arkansas Baptist churches in November.

## Historic satellite telecast previews network prototype

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A historic live telecast of a Sunday School Board-sponsored seminar was beamed to more than 4,000 persons across the United States Oct. 26 with only two minor technical problems during the hour-long program.

The "Adult Growth Emphasis" satellite seminar was broadcast from the studios of Nashville's WDCN-TV by local microwave signals by AT&T telephone lines to Virginia Beach, Va., where a satellite uplink is located. From the satellite, signals were beamed on a leased satellite network to participants meeting in 24 states in 64 Holiday Inns, 14 churches and New Orleans and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminars.

A tape-delayed showing of the broadcast was Nov. 1 at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock. Arkansas was blacked out of the Oct. 26 telecast due to a scheduling conflict with the Church Training Convention.

The program featured board president Grady Cothen, Sunday School department director Harry Piland, Larry Shotwell, supervisor of the adult Sunday School program section and several consultants in the section. Also included were videotaped interviews from church leaders and questions from participants at locations in Maryland, California, Colorado and Alabama via two-way audio communications.

Host directors at each location distributed

copies of the "Powerpacket for the Adult Class," which was introduced and interpreted on the program. The powerpacket includes witnessing motivation and training helps and a questionnaire which Sunday School class leaders can fill out and send to the board to receive computerized suggestions for reaching more persons through the class.

The only actual broadcast difficulty came when audio problems were experienced and corrected during the first minute of the program. The other technical problem occurred toward the end of the broadcast, when a long distance call from Sunday School department director Harry Piland was lost because of a broken telephone connection. Piland, who was with the seminar audience at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., was to have delivered a challenge statement to all seminar participants.

In Birmingham, Ala., where 59 persons gathered at the Holiday Inn convention center, host director Terrell Lawless, director of religious education for the Birmingham Baptist Association, said, "With every first time event there are a few mistakes and this was no exception. But I think they did a remarkable job. The concept of using this medium for reaching and training larger numbers of people is tremendous."

## In this issue

### 8 A home away from home

For 88 years, the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children at Monticello has been associated with child care for Arkansas Baptists. Though the work of the Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services has branched out considerably, the home at Monticello is still the backbone of what Arkansas Baptists are doing to keep families united.

### 9 A reminder

A list of meetings to be held in conjunction with the 1982 annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, scheduled Nov. 16-18 at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock, is included in this issue.

## New writers begin 'lessons for living' series

Bert Thomas, pastor of Toltec Church at Scott, and Larry Maddox, pastor of Second Church of Little Rock, begin this issue as new writers for the ABN's "lessons for living" Sunday School lesson commentary section.

Thomas will write five lessons for the next unit in the Life and Work lesson series. Maddox will write comments for the next two units in the Bible Book lesson series.

Thomas has been pastor at Toltec Church since October 1979. Prior to that he held pastorates at Helena, Luxora, Blytheville and Luxora. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge, Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., in part through the Boyce Bible School division at Little Rock.

He has served in a number of associational leadership positions and has been on the Executive Board, the Resolutions Committee and the Program Committee for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He is married to the former Martha Holmes from Monette. They have two children.

Maddox came to Little Rock Second in June 1978. He is a Kentucky native, educated at Kentucky Wesleyan College at Owensboro, Ky. and Samford University,



Thomas



Maddox

Birmingham, Ala., where he graduated with honors. He holds the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the doctor of ministry degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Kansas City, Mo.

Maddox has been a member of the Committee on Committees of the Southern Baptist Convention, member and secretary of the Christian Life Council of the Southern Baptist Convention and chairman of the Registration Committee of the SBC. He has also spoken at the SBC pastor's conference.

He is married to the former Betty Roeder, also of Kentucky. The Maddoxes are parents of six children.



Some of our readers have been wondering why the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* ran Dr. Dale Moody's article on "Salvation and Apostasy." We have been asked whether this is the official position of Southern Baptists. Though no one can speak officially for any group of Baptists, we can safely say that Dr. Moody's position is contrary to that held by the majority of Arkansas Baptists. However, it was at the request of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention that Moody submitted his defense of apostasy (the doctrine of falling from grace) for publication in the *Newsmagazine*.

The request for Moody's position on apostasy came in the form of a motion by David Miller, director of missions for the Little Red River Association, who contended that Moody's teaching of apostasy was in conflict with the *Baptist Faith and Message* "in general" and with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Abstract of Principles "in particular." Dr. Moody is senior professor of theology at Southern. Miller wanted a committee from the Executive Board to go to that seminary to ask, "Does Dr. Moody believe in apostasy, and, if so, why is he on the faculty?"

Ed North, Executive Board member from Blytheville, made a substitute motion, requesting that Southern Seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt elicit a response from Moody regarding his stance on apostasy, to be prepared for publication in the ABN prior to the opening day of the state convention, Nov. 16.

Moody asked that an entire chapter on, "Salvation and Apostasy" from his 1981 book, *The Word of Truth*, be printed as his response. This was printed in the October 14 issue of the *Newsmagazine* along with a letter from Dr. Honeycutt.

Among the cardinal doctrines of Baptists have been a belief of the Bible as the only source of authority and in the individual priesthood of the believer. So each person must, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, interpret the Bible for himself.

Moody's position, however, does not agree with most Baptist theologians and leaders. Nor does this editor agree with him. In the Aug. 12 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* my position was stated in my editorial entitled, "Salvation is Forever."

A brief quotation from any theologian, obviously, does not do justice to his writing, but a few brief quotations from some of our better known seminary professors and leaders will establish that they have held to the doctrine of the security of the believer.

Dr. W. T. Conner, for many years professor of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas,

said in discussing John 10:28-29, "Here, the unequivocal declaration of Jesus that those whom he gives eternal life shall never perish would be difficult to harmonize with any other view that allows a Christian to fall away and perish." (*Christian Doctrine*, 1937, Broadman Press, page 242.)

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, for many years professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in a discussion of preservation of Christians gives an illustration of a mother sending a child across a busy street alone. The mother had no fear for the safety of the child because he had been well trained. God's method he said, "is not the towing but the training method."

Mullins continues by saying, "Now the above explains a number of passages and relieves a number of difficulties. In explaining the unmistakable scriptures, wherein it is clearly taught that no one in Christ will ever be lost. . . . It explains, also, cases of apparent apostasy in the Bible. These were either cases of backsliding which were followed by a return to God, or else they were cases of spurious conversions where the real spiritual life never existed." (*The Christian Doctrine in Its Doctrinal Expression*, 1917, Judson Press, page 438.)

Dr. J. Clyde Turner, one of Southern Baptists' distinguished writers and pastors, said, "When one is truly saved, he is saved forever. . . . On the human side this is known as the perseverance of the saints. On God's side it is called divine preservation. Saints persevere, and God preserves." (*These Things We Believe*, 1956, Convention Press, page 87.)

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, distinguished pastor, writer, past president of the SBC and speaker on the Baptist Hour for many years said, "In Jesus' high priestly prayer (John 17) he prayed, 'Those that thou gavest me I have kept' . . . Though men may be faithless, he is faithful. To that end the scripture teaches the ultimate salvation of all who believe in Jesus." (*Fundamentals of Our Faith*, 1960, Broadman Press, page 111.)

Many more Southern Baptist leaders and professors could be quoted on the security of the believer. But we believe that this is enough to show that the vast majority of our denomination have and do believe in this important doctrine.

An individual's decision on doctrinal matters should not be made on the basis of what others believe, but on what the Bible teaches. We invite each of our readers to carefully examine the scriptures regarding this vital doctrine.

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## The Southern accent

D. Jack Nicholas/President, SBC

### When government defines morality

In this and other columns the role of two powerful instruments of government — the courts and the schools — has been mentioned in connection with the effort to replace the values derived from the Bible with the pretentious notions of humanism.

The danger represented by this role warrants repetition along with some statements by the humanists and jurists themselves.

Paul Blanchard in an article entitled, "Three Cheers for Our Secular State" said: "I think that the most important factor moving us toward a secular society has been the educational factor. Our schools may not teach Johnny to read properly, but the fact that Johnny is in school until he is 16 tends to lead toward the elimination of religious superstition. The average American child now acquires a high-school education, and this militates against Adam and Eve and all other myths of alleged history . . . When I was one of the editors of *The Nation* . . . I wrote an editorial explaining that golf and intelligence were the two primary reasons that men did not attend church. Perhaps I would now say golf and a high-school diploma."

The courts constitute the other major menace by an arm of government to biblical values. The Supreme Court particularly,

has demonstrated a vigorous bias against, if not hostility toward, biblical values and the tokens of biblical thought in American life.

As early as 1926 Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., wrote, "So when it comes to the development of a 'corpus juris' the ultimate question is what do the dominant forces of the community want and do they want it hard enough to disregard whatever inhibitions may stand in the way."

Another Chief Justice, Frederick Moore Vinson, said, "Nothing is more certain in modern society than the principle that there are no absolutes."

This kind of thinking enables us to understand how the Supreme Court is able to make the Constitution say what they want it to say on such issues as forced busing and free abortion.

Solzhenitsyn writes, "From ancient times justice has been a two-part concept: virtue triumphs and vice is punished." The definition of morality being presently provided by the schools and courts gravely threaten that concept to the extent that it sometimes seems that vice triumphs and virtue is punished.

**D. Jack Nicholas is president of Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.**

### Cossey scholarship fund established

A scholarship fund in memory of the late J. I. Cossey, pastor, budget director for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* seven years, has been established at Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge and Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia.



Cossey

Mrs. Cossey established the fund with the Arkansas Baptist Foundation in October. Other donors are welcome, either by check or transfer of securities, in memory of Cossey or some other friend or loved one. Such gifts should be accompanied by information about the name and address of the family and the one being memorialized, Foundation president Harry Trulove said. Checks should be made payable to "Arkansas Baptist Foundation" — J. I. Cossey

Fund."

Cossey died in February 1981 at the age of 92. He was a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received an honorary doctorate from Ouachita in 1973. He had served a number of churches in Arkansas when he retired from the pastorate at Harrisburg First Church in 1971.

In 1932, when Cossey was pastor of First Church at Searcy and state missions director, the state Executive Board decided funds were no longer available to publish the *Arkansas Baptist*. Cossey pleaded with the board to retain the paper and they agreed — provided he personally edit the publication.

Cossey edited the paper seven years, paying for much of it out of his pocket, claiming as salary only what was left after expenses.

Cossey served 17 churches in Arkansas, held other State Convention positions and taught at Southern Baptist College.

## Letters to the editor

### Southern College ready

The Southern Baptist College Board, after two years of study, preparation and much prayer, feels it is now time to move to senior status. No Baptist school or church is to stand still.

Three committees of the Arkansas Baptist Convention have spent much time, study and prayer on this program. They realize that Christian education makes a big impact on society. Their recommendation is for Senior status for SBC. They are asking for the convention approval.

SBC has worked hard to provide the needs of our students. Moving to a four year college will further prove our concern. Can we afford to tell the students we cannot offer a senior program? The benefits are far too great.

For 42 years Southern Baptist College has been training students for the ministry. They would like to offer even better training for these ministerial students. After these many years of faithful service in the Lord's work, the Board feels led to pursue better opportunities for all students. The time is now to move to senior status.

SBC has been looking forward to this move for some time and has adequate facilities to accommodate this move immediately with very little cost involved.

Arkansas Baptists should give this request prayerful consideration. — **Kenneth S. Sulcer, Osceola**

### Schools would compete

I applaud Dr. Vaught's excellent letter of last week stating the case for maintaining Southern Baptist College as a two-year school. I fear that four-year status for Southern would set the stage for unhealthy competition with Ouachita. Now Ouachita and Southern complement each other in meeting the educational challenge for Arkansas Baptists.

Turning Southern into a four-year school would force these two fine institutions to struggle against each other for the same students and dollars. We can ill afford such a divisive impact upon our convention's life. Now both schools are doing splendid work in their respective spheres of service. Let's keep it that way. — **Don B. Harbuck, El Dorado**

### Room for two

Southern Baptist College is a miracle of God's grace and power. Since its inception in 1941, it has survived many of the "fiery darts" that would have either halted or retarded its existence. I want to urge Arkansas Baptists to support the recommendation of the Executive Board to make Southern Baptist College a four year institution. I am a graduate of both Southern Baptist Col-

lege and Ouachita Baptist University. I well remember that day when J. I. Cossey called me to his office and urged me to complete my education at Ouachita. Brother Cossey had been concerned that most of the Southern graduates were going to Arkansas State University, Arkansas College, (Presbyterian in Batesville), and Union University in Tennessee. The fact of the matter was, and still is, that most Southern graduates, (N.E. Arkansas), do not continue their education at Ouachita, (S.W. Arkansas).

There is room for, and a need for two four year Baptist institutions in Arkansas. Most of our neighboring conventions have two. If we make Southern a four year school, we will be able to retain some great leaders in our state. — **Bill H. Lewis, Bryant**

## Moody view no surprise

I have read with interest Dale Moody's views concerning "Salvation and Apostasy", which appeared in the Oct. 14, 1982 issue of your magazine. It is no surprise to me that this learned professor of theology does not believe in the eternal security of the believer. Even a casual reading of the four gospels will reveal that it was the highly educated people, those who held high positions in the religious order of the day who rejected and crucified the Lord Jesus Christ. It was the common people, the uneducated, the working class who flocked to him wherever he went and it was from this group that he chose the men to whom he entrusted the gospel.

The principle Paul speaks of in I Corinthians 1:18-31 seems to apply in this case; that God has not chosen the high and mighty but the weak and foolish to glorify himself. Unfortunately, our churches and seminaries seem to have been taken over by "religious professionals" who are more concerned about their jobs than they are about glorifying God.

If you doubt that this is true, wait and see what your pastor has to say about Mr. Moody, his beliefs, and whether or not he should be allowed to continue teaching in one of our seminaries. I doubt that the subject will ever come up, unless you happen to be one of the very fortunate members of Immanuel Baptist in Little Rock.

How much longer are we, the common, ordinary members of Southern Baptist churches going to put up with the exploitation of our churches and schools by these over educated, self perpetuating, parasitic, religious professionals? Jesus had no sympathy for them and neither should we.

I have a lot more I would like to say but I don't want to risk being overly wordy, also one of the failures of the men I have described above.

Arkansas Baptists, let's let them hear from us. — **James E. Clay, Camden**

## Another battle

After having read the article entitled "Salvation and Apostasy" in the Oct. 14, 1982 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist News-Magazine*, I must say I am amazed that a man with such a belief on one of the major doctrines of Southern Baptist is on the staff of one of our seminaries. His belief is more along the lines of Freewill Baptist teachings than it is Southern Baptist teachings. Security of the believer is one of the basic doctrines which sets apart Southern Baptist from most other denominations.

If I had the space I would love to refute all the ideas he sets forth to prove his stand. I feel that the man has confused sonship and security with fellowship and service. The apostle Paul to whom he refers so often was definitely not worried that he might lose his salvation. He was concerned over his place of service in I Corinthians 9:27.

It seems that for so long we have fought on the inerrancy of scripture and now we face another battle. If the Bible teaches anything, it is dogmatic on the eternal security of the believer. If a person could lose his salvation, he would need to go through the triune God-head to do so. — **Nick Farley, Little Rock**

## Moody should resign

Two or three years ago when the Charismatic Movement was causing some confusion among our Southern Baptist churches, two letters appeared in our magazine. One was by a noted pastor and one from a lay person.

Both of these letters appealed to the brethren who were advocating and teaching speaking in tongues. Their appeal was that those advocates go into a church that is of the same persuasion, rather than staying in a church of opposite beliefs and causing confusion.

Now I know that Dr. Moody is a smart man and knows much more Greek, Hebrew and English than I do. But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day!

I would appeal to Dr. Moody to be man enough to resign from his position in a

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Southern Baptist Seminary and seek one in which his position would be welcomed with open arms.

One of the above mentioned letters was written by me and my feelings are the same today as they were then. — **Iris E. Basden, Heber Springs**

## McAteer in majority

I read the articles published by the secular press and several of our state Baptist papers regarding Mr. McAteer's supposed influence on the recent Southern Baptist Convention. Mr. McAteer's work does not bother me as much as the work of those who undermine the scripture and would lead the convention to a rather liberal stance.

If McAteer really influences our convention, I judge it is because he stands where the largest number of Southern Baptists position themselves. He certainly has not influenced me or any of my pastor friends, but we voted the same way it appears that he did.

My church wants prayer in the school on a voluntary basis. We cannot understand why it is such a big question. I preached a revival in Canada, and it bothered me greatly that they had prayer and Bible study in their class rooms, yet it is forbidden in the United States. It appeared to me they had more freedom than we do.

I have attended a Baptist college. My master of divinity degree is from Southwestern, and my doctor of ministry degree is from Golden Gate. In each of these schools there were professors who did not want the Bible to be called the inerrant Word of God. Some would have been more at home with a view of myth or fable for the first 11 chapters of Genesis. One professor said that anyone who believes the first eleven chapters of Genesis to be in any way literal is void of scholarship.

These men were in the minority, but if they had their way, they would become the majority. Many of the rank and file among Southern Baptists are speaking out. It is my opinion that they are speaking out so that liberal theology never becomes more accepted than it is today.

I am in favor of our convention having a strong evangelistic conservative as president. Others are free to have their opinion. In my opinion, the secular press and the state Baptist papers and Baptist press are not with the majority when they report about the New Orleans convention. I would suggest that McAteer didn't lead us anywhere. We were on our way with or without him. However, it personally does not bother me if he or someone else leads because they won't lead me and most Baptists where they do not want to go. — **James A. McCullen, Manchester, Mo.**

by Millie Gill/ABN staff writer

#### Life Line Church

in Little Rock has organized a Sunday School class for deaf persons. Leaders are Sandy Cross, Terri Runnels and Susie Sachs.

#### Friendship Church

at Conway held a deacon ordination service Oct. 17 for Paul Sowell, David Ussey and Gary Yarbrough.

#### Pulaski Heights Church

in Little Rock Single Adults will hold a Christmas bazaar Nov. 20 for World Hunger causes. Cloie Henry and Carol Ann Pasvogel were coordinators.

#### Ashdown First Church

held a deacon ordination service Sept. 26 for Garry Ely, David Osborne, Laron Smith,

Mark Spears, Rodney Thrash and Charles Trammell. Pastor Jerry Winfield was assisted with the service by J. D. Webb and Gene Petty.

#### Fayetteville First Church

music ministry will present a program Nov. 14 in recognition of the third anniversary of Pastor Jere D. Mitchell. Featured will be the Sanctuary Choir and Dayspring, a ladies trio. Mark Short will be director.

#### North Arkansas Association

messengers to the 32nd annual association meeting elected Les Elam as moderator for the 1982-83 church year. Serving with him will be Dale Taylor, vice-moderator, Don Estep, clerk and Merle Milligan, treasurer.

Associational churches also gave a special 'love offering' of \$550 to the youngest church, Beaver Lake. Director of Missions Jack L. Ramsey presented the offering to Pastor Elmer Grier.

#### Rogers First Church

has organized a Professional Singles Department for single adults, ages 25-45.

#### Rover Church

observed Great Day in the Morning Oct. 31 with over 133 percent of its enrollment present according to Pastor James Johnson. Audrey Luker, music director, climaxed the high attendance day when she directed an evening hymn sing.

## people

#### Mike Spradlin

has joined the staff of Smackover First Church as youth director. He is a junior at Ouachita Baptist University.

#### Kent Womack

began serving Sept. 12 as music director of Morrilton First Church. He has served other Arkansas churches, including those at Conway, Pickles Gap and Perryville. He and his wife, Paulette, have one son, Scott.

#### Ed Adcock

has joined the staff of Benton Calvary Church as minister of music.

#### Jim Black

has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Ruddell Hill Church at Batesville. He has been serving as pastor of the Success First Church.



Spradlin



Womack

#### LaVerne Finley

was recently honored by Ashdown First Church in recognition of her 36 years of service as organist and pianist. She was presented with a gift and a reception was held in her honor.



ABN photo/Millie Gill

A gift of \$5,276.12 given in memory of the late Beverly Tillman by her husband, Terry, and children, Jason and Dorothy, has paid the indebtedness of North Main Church at Sheridan. The church, in observing "Beverly Tillman Day" Oct. 31, held a noteburning service. Mrs. Tillman, killed in an 1981 automobile accident, was memorialized by interim pastor, Charles Holcomb, as he said, "because of her love this church and her lord, from tragedy has come a provision that enables this church to be debt free." He and Hugh Owen, former director of missions for Central Association, challenged the congregation to see God's love through this, to get a new vision and to make a re-commitment to reach out to those in the community without Christ.



Messengers to the 32nd annual associational meeting of North Arkansas witness a note burning celebrating the payment of their complete indebtedness. The association paid off their building note 12 years early saving a total of \$21,322 in interest. Pictured (from left) are Merle Milligan, treasurer; Jack L. Ramsey, director of missions; Les Elam, moderator, and Dale Taylor, financial committee member.

#### Committee appointment

A. Hilton Lane, Fairfield Bay has been appointed to the Credentials Committee for the 1982 Annual Convention replacing S. Ray Crews, Heber Springs who has moved.

## Perryville First Church celebrates 75th year

A crowd estimated at 500 attended activities for the 75th anniversary celebration at First Church of Perryville Oct. 10. A total of 463 signed the register, Pastor Bill Howard said, for the celebration theme "Glancing Back, Moving Forward, Reaching Upward."

Activities included an old-fashioned day with dress of the turn of the century and a "dinner on the grounds." Bill Flynt of Springdale, who was pastor of Perryville 1943-44, gave the morning sermon. A church history, compiled by Pastor Howard after a year's research, was distributed.

The church was organized Oct. 18, 1906 with 11 charter members. Two women at the celebration were recognized as having had membership in the church for the longest time. Mrs. Nancy Quinn and Mrs. Maude Windle were baptized in 1909.

The church built its first building in 1907. Today the church meets in a building completed in 1965 with a resident membership of 438 and a Sunday School enrollment of 313.

Howard has been pastor at Perryville since 1976.



Pastor Bill Howard (left) stands in front of Perryville First on the day of the church's 75th anniversary. A bell from the church's first building and one of the original pews are also pictured.

You'll be glad  
to know . . .

by Don Moore

... That 1,000 new Sunday Schools were started during the past year by our Southern Baptist churches. That isn't really anything new. We have topped 1,000 new schools for five consecutive years.

... That with all the economic "crunch" Southern Baptists giving through the Cooperative Program increased by 14 percent during the past year.

... That the ministries of our five chaplains in Arkansas resulted in 229 professions of faith. A revival at Cummins, led by Dr. Eddie Wheeler of the Home Mission Board, resulted in 62 professions of faith.

... That our Sunday Schools in Arkansas reached 64 percent of their total enrollment for attendance on "Great Day in the Morning." Our average attendance for the year was 51 percent.

Aren't you glad to know the Lord is using our churches and our denominational helpers to accomplish some mighty victories?

This makes me excited about our annual convention next week. We are ready to meet; rejoice over God's work in our lives; make our decisions and get on with the assignments that call forth our highest motivation and commitment. We have some decisions to make that require true Christian conduct. Our goal should not only be to do what is right in our deliberations, but to do it in the right spirit. That spirit is described in Ephesians 4:30-32. Isn't it possible to be firm without being fussy; to be decisive without being divisive; to be obedient without being obnoxious; to differ without damning; to be right without being repulsive; to be cordial without compromise. Let us "grieve the Spirit" whose direction and enabling we seek, let us "be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted . . ." God tells us how, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." (Col. 4:6) Yes, it is possible for us to do that. I believe we will.

Don Moore is Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.



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## missionary notes

Shirley Jackson, missionary to Brazil, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Caixa 950, 20001 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil). Born in Bentonville, Ark., she grew up near Natchez, Miss. She

was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon D. Grober, missionaries to Brazil, have returned to the States for furlough (address: 717 North

Hughes, Little Rock, Ark. 72205). Born in Vicksburg, Miss., he lived there and in Russellville, Ark., while growing up. She is the former Marjorie Steele of Ballard County, Ky.



## Monticello not 'home' for kids, but it's the best we can do

In the classic motion picture *The Wizard of Oz*, a disenchanting teenager from Kansas through great turmoil learned a profound lesson — there's no place like home. That truth grips the lives of the 25 boys and 20 girls living at the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, but for 45 different reasons they are separated from families. And there are no "magic slippers" to help them easily bridge the gap.

Arkansas Baptists became involved in the work at Monticello in 1894 when Miss Hannah Hyatt offered a home and 80 acres of land to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for use as an orphanage. Two years later the home accepted its first four occupants and by 1900 was home for 37.

Today, average occupancy at the home is 50, with a maximum of 56. No longer is the home primarily for children without families. Improved health care and longer life expectancies for parents had by the 1930's created a situation where about half the beds in the nation's child care institutions were filled with children there for some other reason than orphanhood.

As a result, the concept of institutional child care has shifted from that of a "substitute parenting" toward a "supplementary parenting" where the children are brought to the home to adjust in a crisis and returned to the custody of their parents or relatives as quickly as possible. The average length of stay at Monticello, according to Superintendent Charlie Belknap, is a-year-and-a-half. In some cases, it is not possible to place the children with relatives, and foster home placements are made.

An average of one-half of the occupants at the home are there as a result of private placements, where a problem at home led to counseling outside the home, usually with a pastor and one of the five area offices of the Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services, and as a last resort a stay at Monticello. The home, Belknap said, serves as a "bridge" for the young person between a very troubled time and a time when he can adjust and grow back in his home.

The other roughly-50 percent are from referrals by the Social Services Division of the State Human Services Department. They are removed from the home by the state for reasons including abuse and neglect, incest and alcoholism in one or both parents.

The children come into the home with a pretty standard inventory of emotional turmoil — anger, disrespect for authority, loss of self-esteem, inability to get along with peers, distrust of adults and grief.

"All of our children are hurting some," Belknap said. "They want to be with their folks and they want a family and they don't understand why it had to happen to them.

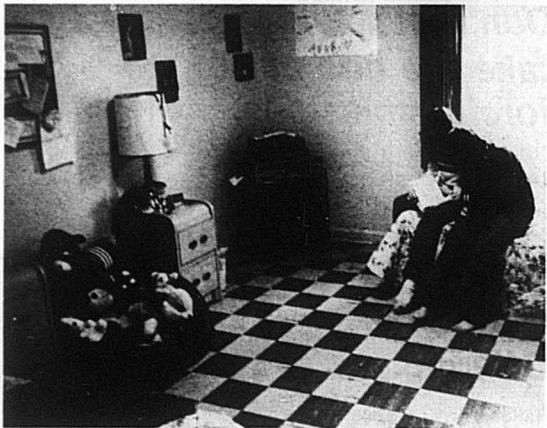
(They feel) alone in the world and (that) no one really cares that much."

An important part of the home's program is counseling. Royce Aston, Director of Social Work Services at the home, said the first order of business is to win the child's trust; to become a friend; to show the child "there are responsible adults who care for them."

Rebuilding a self-esteem shattered by rejection and disappointment is another goal. "One thing I've always got in the back of my mind," Laura Morrison, one of two caseworkers at the home, remarked, "is presenting some options for a lifestyle. I like to think of helping them to develop their full potential."

"In some cases," she said, "it's just trying to salvage a life that is pretty well headed toward destruction."

The rest of the program contributes to these ends by infusing a structured lifestyle including school, household chores, study



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time, planned and free-time recreation and a successful tutoring program for individuals behind in school work. It also includes something that many of the youngsters have never before been exposed to — regular church attendance.

"Most of our children come from broken homes and very few have a religious background when they come to us," Eula Armstrong, Director of Special Activities including religious education, said. "Some hear the plan of salvation for the first time."

The youth attend Sunday School and

worship services at churches in Monticello weekly and hold their own vesper services on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Each summer they attend camp at Siloam Springs. "For the first time in their lives they are exposed to regular church attendance, the gospel," Mrs. Armstrong said, "and hopefully, Christian living."

The Christian influence is pervasive, if not high key. Staff members are required to be Christians. House parents do not smoke or drink. And the counseling, though not ordinarily done over an open Bible, is distinctively Christian.

# Meetings of the 1982 Convention

"There's no place like home to a child," said Charlie Belknap, Superintendent of the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children at Monticello. The home never becomes "home" to a child, Belknap said, but the staff tries to make the atmosphere as homelike as possible. (Left) a youngster cues up in a recreation room adjoining the gymnasium. Recreation is an important part of the home's program. (Below left) Two girls in a typical cottage bedroom sit on the corner of a bed and look over some homework. Scheduled study time, as well as tutoring when needed, is held daily.

"The philosophy of our counseling is biblically based and our lifestyle is Christian," Aston said. Each year, an average of 10-15 children at the home make professions of faith. They come to that point, though, not at the pleading of counselors and home parents, but of their free will. The plan of salvation is offered, not pushed.

Many of the youth come to the home with a built-in bias against religious, Aston said. "Our whole system here is based on Christianity, but you have to give them what they can accept and what they can handle. We encourage the kids in the Christian life, but we're not showing it down their throats."

The system seems to work. More progress is notable in some children than in others, but it is estimated that significant progress is made with 70-80 percent of the cases handled at the home. That assessment is extremely optimistic in a social services field where 50-60 percent success is considered high.

"It's difficult to evaluate success or failure," said Clint Morrison, caseworker. "A lot of what we hope has been modeled here or taught here will remain with the child down the road."

Down the road the work often does show up. At a yearly meeting for alumni of the home, teachers, nurses, administrators, preachers, police officers, prison guards, carpenters, truck drivers, laborers, military personnel and even two members of the current Children's Home staff attend. Six of the home's children are currently enrolled at Ouachita Baptist University and one is at Southern Baptist College.

"It's not all roses," Aston said. "It's not all success stories, but overall I think the program does a lot for a lot of kids."

"What we're doing here is fulfilling the command to love hurting people, which is so much at the center of what Jesus had to say," Belknap said.

Mrs. Armstrong summarized, "We give them the best we can give them."

## Monday, Nov. 15

12:00 noon	Historical Commission — Park Hill Church, Conference Room	Don Hook
1:45 p.m.	Pastors' Conference, first session, Park Hill, NLR	David Miller
6:30	Pastors' Conference, second session, Park Hill, NLR	David Miller
7:00	ABREA, first session, Park Hill, NLR, Gold Room	Jim Williams

## Tuesday, Nov. 16

8:30 a.m.	ABREA, final session, Park Hill, NLR, Gold Room	Jim Williams
9:00	Pastors' Conference, third session, Park Hill, NLR	David Miller
9:00	Women's Conference, Park Hill, NLR, Gold Room	Joyce Deaton
12:00 noon	Convention Nominating Committee, Park Hill, NLR, Conference Room	Merle Milligan
1:30 p.m.	Pastors' Conference, Park Hill, NLR	David Miller
2:00	Executive Board Meeting, Park Hill, Gold Room	Ken Lilly
	Immediately following Executive Board Meeting	
	Operating Committee Meeting, Conference Room	Kerry Powell
4:00	Pastors' Retreat Committee Meeting — Room TS-107-5	H. D. McCarty
4:45	ABSC Program Personnel Dinner — NLR Holiday Inn	Dillard Miller
6:10	Order of Business, Park Hill, TS-107-5	Jack Bledsoe
6:15	Credentials Committee, Park Hill, TS-107-6	Larry Maddox
6:30	ABSC, first session, Park Hill, NLR	Dillard Miller
9:00	Immediately following the evening session	
	Ouachita Baptist University Fellowship, Single Adult Center of Park Hill, on JFK Blvd.	Agnes Coppenger

## Wednesday, Nov. 17

7:30 a.m.	Cooperative Program Breakfast, Park Hill, Gold Room	James Walker
8:30	ABSC, second session, Park Hill, NLR	Dillard Miller
12:00 noon	Golden Gate Seminary Alumni Luncheon	Sid Carswell
12:00 noon	New Orleans Seminary Alumni Luncheon, Park Hill, NLR, JFK Room	Wayne Riley
12:00 noon	Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Holiday Inn, NLR, Room 1	Tommy Robertson
12:00 noon	Southwestern Seminary Alumni Luncheon, Park Hill, NLR, Gold Room	Cary Heard
12:00 noon	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon, Central Baptist, 5200 Fairway, NLR	Ron Ford
1:30 p.m.	ABSC, third session, Park Hill, NLR	Dillard Miller
4:00	Immediately following afternoon session, Executive Board Meeting, Gold Room	Ken Lilly
	Immediately following afternoon session, Southern Baptist College Alumni Reception, Park Hill, Single Adult Center	Jim Tillman
5:00	Bi-vocational Pastors' Buffet/Supper, Baptist Building	Dillard Miller
5:00	Chaplains' Dinner, Executive Inn	Leroy Sisk
5:30	Directors of Missions Fellowship, Memorial Hospital, NLR	Jimmy Garner
6:30	ABSC, fourth session, Robinson Auditorium, LR	Dillard Miller

## Thursday, Nov. 18

8:30 a.m.	ABSC, final session, Park Hill, NLR	Dillard Miller
	Immediately following morning session, Retired Pastors' Luncheon, Park Hill, NLR	Dillard Miller

Dillard Miller, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, urges messengers to the 1982 annual meeting of the convention and visitors to make a special effort to attend the Wednesday evening service on Nov. 17 at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock. The service will focus more on inspiration than business and will feature a thrust on missions. The Wednesday night message will be given by Elias L. Golonka, missionary associate to the United Nations and internationals in New York City employed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

## Glorieta and Ridgecrest accepting 1983 applications

NASHVILLE — Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Centers are accepting applications for employment on the 1983 summer staffs.

According to George Boswell, Ridgecrest personnel services coordinator, applicants for the Ridgecrest staff must be between 18 and 70 years of age and be available to work from May 29 through Labor Day weekend.

At Glorieta, applicants must be between 17 and 75 years old and be available to work from May 29 through August 20, according to Allen Maxey, personnel services coordinator at Glorieta.

Available positions at both conference centers include food services, day camp, housekeeping, registration, business offices and auditorium and conference room operations.

The conference centers provide an extensive program of activities for their staffs, including Bible study, recreation, music and mission opportunities.

Information may be obtained by writing to Summer Employment, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770 or to Summer Employment, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P.O. Box 8-SP, Glorieta, N.M. 87535-0008.

The year-round conference centers are owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

## Iowa Southern Baptists set 1984 organization date

DES MOINES, Iowa (BP) — Iowa Southern Baptists are planning toward organizing as a state convention on Oct. 20, 1984, the 150th anniversary of the first Baptist services in the state.

During the Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship at Crestwood Church, Executive Director/Treasurer Robert H. Stuckey told 130 messengers that the Fellowship "is now able to seriously consider a date in the fall of 1984 to become a state convention."

Oct. 20, he said, will mark the 150th anniversary of the "first Baptist services west of the Mississippi . . . near what is now Danville, Iowa." He added the 1984 constituting date also coincides with the 30th anniversary of Southern Baptist work in the state.

"Southern Baptist work began in Iowa with Southern Baptists who were transferred into the state. The more formal services of existing churches did not meet their spiritual needs so they began meeting together in homes. On June 12, 1954, the first Southern Baptist church in Iowa was organized near Anamosa (now Fairview Church of Great Rivers)," Stuckey added.

## Food and fellowship

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle



### Thanksgiving, 1982

The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated over 350 years ago in 1621 by the Plymouth colonists. The governor of the colony decreed that a time should be set aside for prayers of thanksgiving and feasting to express the gratitude of the pilgrims for their safety and for the bountiful harvest.

Many of their Indian neighbors came to the three day feast and brought wild turkey and venison as their contribution. The women of the colony prepared the food and everyone ate together.

In the following years, Thanksgiving Day became a part of our heritage. President George Washington wrote an eloquent Thanksgiving Day proclamation in 1789 asking for the prayers of the people for this nation. In 1941 during World War II the fourth Thursday in November was officially designated as Thanksgiving Day and made a legal holiday.

As we prepare and eat a Thanksgiving meal in 1982, we feel a unity with the pilgrim woman who long ago basted a turkey and made cornbread for her family and friends. And like her, we say a prayer of thanks for the blessings to this nation through many years and for the bountiful harvest.

These recipes can be prepared the day before to save precious time on Thanksgiving Day.

#### Sweet potato casserole

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| 3 cups sweet potatoes, cooked and mashed | 1/2 cup melted margarine           |
| 1 cup sugar                              | 1 teaspoon vanilla                 |
|  | 1/2 cup milk                       |
| Topping:                                 |                                    |
| 1/2 cup packed brown sugar               | 2 1/2 tablespoons melted margarine |
| 1/4 cup flour                            | 1/2 cup chopped pecans             |

Mix first five ingredients and pour into a greased casserole. Blend ingredients for topping and sprinkle over potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

#### Layered salad

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| 1/2 head of lettuce, broken in pieces     | 1 cup mayonnaise                   |
| 1 1/2 cups celery, chopped                | 2 teaspoons sugar                  |
| 1 green pepper, chopped                   | Parmesan cheese                    |
| 1 small onion, chopped                    | 6 slices bacon, fried and crumbled |
| 1 10 oz. box of frozen green peas, cooked |                                    |

In a large serving bowl, layer the vegetables in the order given. Repeat with a second layer. Spread mayonnaise over top, using enough to cover all vegetables and seal well at edges. Sprinkle with sugar, Parmesan cheese and bacon. Cover tightly and refrigerate 24 hours.

Virginia Kirk, professor emerita at Arkansas College, is a member of Batesville First Church. Jane Purtle is on the staff of Christian Counseling and Teaching Center in Syria, Va. They have enjoyed cooking together for several years.

## WMU approves plans, launches new building

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — In a rare called meeting, the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union dedicated property and approved plans for a new national headquarters building to be built on "Missionary Ridge," south of Birmingham.

WMU officials also said work on the site development has begun with the partial grading one-half mile of road. The new building will be occupied by April of 1984.

Citing biblical examples of the significance of mountains, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, called the new site of national WMU's headquarters, which will be built

on New Hope Mountain, a "signal of God's love to the waiting world."

Leading in ground breaking and site dedication ceremonies, Weatherford said, "Mountains have always been prominent in lives of God's people."

Standing in a cleared area on which the 140,000 square-foot structure will stand, twenty-one state WMU presidents who serve on WMU's Executive Board drove in brass stakes.

Weatherford called the stakes symbolic of the faith and support of Baptists in state conventions.

## Nebraska authorities violated right of assembly, Dunn says

DALLAS (BP) — Authorities who pulled worshippers out of Faith Church in Louisville, Neb., and padlocked the church, violated the ancient right of sanctuary, according to James Dunn.

"It is devastating that a church can be padlocked and people, whatever the nature of their protest, can be dragged out of a church while in prayer," said Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington.

A five-year-old dispute between Louisville authorities and the church came to a head Oct. 18, when Sheriff Fred Tesch and his deputies went to the church and arrested Everett Sileven, who was conducting a singing session with children. The dispute focuses on the pastor's refusal to use state-certified teachers in his church-related school.

"There is more involved here than reli-

gious liberty," Dunn said. "We are dealing with the right of assembly, the right of redress for grievances and the freedom of speech.

"There is a clear distinction that can be made between the laws that relate to certification of teachers and the padlocking of a church and pulling people out while they are worshipping. It is, if not technically and legally, at least emotionally and ethically, a violation of the ancient right of sanctuary."

Sileven, a fundamentalist preacher of the independent Baptist congregation in Louisville, was given a four-month contempt of court sentence for refusing to close his non-accredited Faith Christian School. He was released from jail Oct. 23 after promising to close the school temporarily.

More than 350 supporters from around the nation wept and cheered when Sileven

returned to the church. One said the pastor promised a "moratorium" on the school until the Nebraska Legislature meets next month in an emergency session.

Several times during the five-year-old dispute, Sileven has promised to close the school, only to reopen it later.

Dunn, whose agency is composed of nine Baptist bodies, including the Southern Baptist Convention, said he is not familiar with the background of the Faith Baptist dispute, but claimed it is beside the point when addressing the violation of rights.

"When an overreaction to this severity occurs, a line has been crossed," he said. "Whatever we believe about accreditation or non-accreditation, people of good will everywhere ought to respond negatively to a situation where the right of sanctuary has been violated."

## Arkansan elected officer

### Brotherhood Commission plans scripture distribution

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — Directors of the Brotherhood Commission, meeting for their semi-annual conference, agreed to personally underwrite the cost of scripture distribution efforts in Pittsburgh this summer, put into motion the implementation of a Fellowship of Baptist Men and elected 1982-83 officers.

The scripture distribution project is part of a saturation evangelism campaign planned for 40 sites in the Pittsburgh area the week prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, scheduled June 14-16. The scripture portions would be given out by volunteers going house to house witnessing

and inviting people to evangelistic rallies.

Brotherhood Commission Executive Director James Smith reported the commission has pledged to enlist 1,600 volunteers to help with the evangelism project. Enrollment of volunteers will be coordinated by Baptist Men's director Douglas Beggs and state Brotherhood leaders.

The Brotherhood directors elected James Gardner, a layman from Blytheville, Ark., as 1982-83 chairman, Carl Voda, a layman from Alexandria, La., as vice chairman and Fred Harris, a layman from Hatch, N.M., as recording secretary.

## SBC president helps constitute new church

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (BP) — James T. Draper Jr. has been much in demand since his election as president of the Southern Baptist Convention last June, but on Oct. 24 the pastor of First Church of Euless, Texas, scheduled a day at a church with only 132 members.

"He (Draper) told us he wanted to emphasize the importance of starting new churches when he accepted our invitation," said Euclid Moore, pastor of Oakwood Church. "He said this is what we (Southern Baptists) are all about."

Draper preached from Matthew 16:16 and told the 450 people who attended the dedication service the church is not a defensive organism but is designed to move forward and present the message of Jesus Christ boldly.

Bob Kiesling, a charter member of Oakwood church, and Draper are both members of the Baylor University board of trustees.

Oakwood church began as a mission of First Church, New Braunfels, just seven months ago, and according to Moore, is located in a strategic growth area of New Braunfels, a town just north of San Antonio, Texas.

"First Church sacrificed a great deal for us," Moore said. "We started the mission with 49 members from there — and they weren't just nominal members. That group included six deacon families, some of the church's best Sunday School teachers and they were all tithers."

Despite spinning off so many key members, First Church has continued to grow and even oversubscribed a recent building fund drive by \$50,000, Moore said. And Oakwood church has already raised \$25,000 to build its own building on a seven acre site.



The Brotherhood Commission elected 1982-83 officers at its fall meeting in Memphis. Shown (from left) are Brotherhood Commission president James H. Smith; Carl Voda, of Alexandria, La., vice chairman; Fred Harris, Hatch, N.Mex., recording secretary, and James Gardner, Blytheville, Ark., chairman.

## An open letter to Arkansas Baptists

I know of no way to adequately express our deep gratitude to every pastor, every church, and every individual who helped us achieve the goal of an endowment of \$1 million for our Baptist Student Union ministry in Arkansas.

We have already tried to give special recognition and appreciation to the 20 churches who gave the most per capita, and to the 20 making the largest contributions.

Today, I want to express our deep appreciation to a *much larger group* — those churches who accepted the goals we suggested at the beginning of the BSU Third Century Campaign. That is, who accepted either the goal of giving an amount equal to five percent of their 1977 budget, or the goal of giving one percent per year for the five years of the campaign. *They readily did what we suggested, and you can't beat that for support!* So, to all the churches and pastors in this group, we thank you for your significant part in making the Campaign a success. We wish that we could list all these churches, but the space factor is a problem.

Also, for any churches not specifically covered in the above categories, we want you to know that we are deeply grateful to you for your support, regardless of the

amount you gave or the method by which you gave. It took the combined efforts of all to achieve the goal.

Finally, may I briefly address a question we are being asked — namely, "Is there any need for us to finish paying our unpaid commitments/pledges now that the goal

by Jamie Jones, director

during the annual meetings of the three associations comprising our University of Arkansas BSU Area Committee territory. You do not need to consider completing your commitment/pledge if ... (1) Your pastor instructs members to quit giving after the church budget has been met, or, (2) Your WMU president urges people to quit giving after the church goal for the Lotie Moon (or some other) mission offering has been met.

The only religious leader I know of who ever told people to stop giving was Moses in Exodus 36:5-7 when the people brought "too much" for the tabernacle and its furnishings.

Seriously, we don't want a church to continue giving if it will cause an undue hardship, but we hope that the BSU Endowment will continue to grow through the years to help meet the strategic opportunities for Christian witness and ministry to thousands of college students.

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# Fast growing SBC churches focus on individuals, outreach

LUTHERVILLE, Md. (BP) — The atmosphere is warm and friendly and members relish the opportunity to welcome and try to meet the needs of each person who comes their way in nine of the fastest growing churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

These churches are defying the stereotype that a person can get lost among the multitudes and organizational machinery of a large church, the director of the church development department of the Maryland Baptist Convention learned.

Charles Barnes, a 13-year veteran of state

convention work, visited nine churches in Florida, Texas, North Carolina and Mississippi this year "to get the feel and the spirit of what is happening in growing churches." He discovered effective organization and trained leaders are resulting in outreach and evangelism with a personal touch.

The churches Barnes visited included: First, Fort Lauderdale, and First and College Park, Orlando, Fla.; Prestonwood, Dallas, First, Garland, First, Katy, and Sagemont, Houston, all in Texas; Calvary, Winston-Salem, N.C.; and First, Jackson, Miss.

All have more than 1,500 members and all are experiencing rapid growth.

While the programs of the church differed widely, Barnes found in each a "high

degree of excitement, joy and celebration in the worship services. People are excited about what God is doing in their church," he said.

He cited the enthusiasm of volunteer parking lot attendants at a downtown church which has two Sunday Schools and three morning worship services.

Noting most are averaging 200-300 visitors per Sunday, Barnes said all are finding ways "to meet, greet and warmly receive visitors and new members into the fellowship."

At the same time some form of lay witness training is an important part of the outreach and evangelism programs with several hundred persons involved at all times.

While Barnes said no pressure is put on visitors to join the church or make a profession of faith, printed materials such as brochures and bulletins carefully explain how to enroll in Sunday School and how to join the church.

Barnes also gave high marks to the educational, organizational and promotional efforts of the churches. For example, he noted, "When they have a spectacular event it is spectacular with every detail cared for."



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# Your state convention at work

## Evangelism

### Jesus joyfully received

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We immediately see a man with hangups coming to Jesus. Many persons can identify with Zacchaeus because of their hangups in coming to Christ. This man was in a hated position. He was a tax collector. We who are Christians must love the unlovable person as we share Christ with him. He also had the hangup of possessions. The Bible says he was rich. Jesus said it was hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Heaven. The most serious hangup was that the people stood between him and Jesus. He sought to see Jesus



Shell

but could not for the press of the people.

In spite of all the hangups, there was hope of salvation in Christ. Zacchaeus knew there was hope and ran down the road to the sycamore tree. It is beautiful to see God place opportunities in people's lives to help bring them to Christ. Jesus proved there was hope. He spoke to him and said, "Make haste and come down". This is one of the most beautiful pictures in the word of God, to see Jesus walk aside from the crowd and turn to this man in the tree. God comes in the midst of crowds and shares his love with individuals. When Jesus was received, something happened in this man's life.

Jesus said following this experience, "For the son of man is come to seek and to save the lost." Today Jesus is still the Savior. You and I are the seekers. — Clarence Shell Jr., director

## Stewardship

### Great challenge budget program

The Great Challenge Budget program is a brief stewardship emphasis consisting of a three-Sunday emphasis featuring biblical messages, stewardship testimonies, tracts, and a Great Challenge Fellowship Dinner with membership participation.

It is a program designed to offer a positive challenge to Christian giving based on II Corinthians 9:7.

The Great Challenge Program gives members an opportunity to:

- help decide the direction of ministries in their church.
- indicate their financial support of the church's ministries.

Two Arkansas churches, Green Meadows, Pine Bluff, and Dermott, recently conducted the Great Challenge Program.

Those present indicated their gifts for 1983 would increase by 10 and 28 percent. Both churches favored an increase in total budget goals and mission support. Information from the Great Challenge Budget Program is used by the budget committee in setting new budget ministries and goals.

The genius of the program is membership involvement. Contact the Stewardship Office for more information on the Great Challenge Budget Program. — James A. Walker, director

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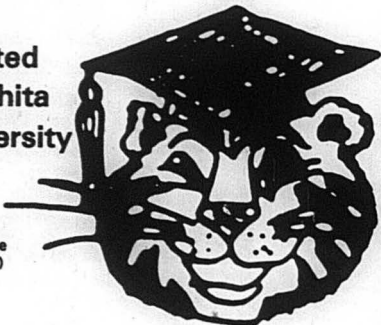
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## International New leaders for new times

by Maurice L. Hitt, Castle Hills First, Azle, Texas

Basic passage: Judges 1:1-2:23

Focal passages: Judges 2:6-7, 11-19

Central truth: Man's pattern of sinful behavior and God's plan of deliverance remain unchanged.

After Joshua and those who knew him had died, the next generation arose without knowledge of the Lord or his works (Jud. 2:10).

1. Situation ethics and compromised morals are symptoms of a people who know not God or his power. Christians need to beware of changing attitudes toward holy living. C. C. Morgan suggested how attitudes and behavior change: one begins to tolerate that which God hates; then one admires what is tolerated; and lastly, one conforms to what he admires. In the end, man's values are radically different from earlier ones.

2. A godless generation will appear for several reasons. It will occur when a previous one disobeys the command to teach their children about God (Deut. 6:4-9). A generation that refuses to serve God is likely to have the example of their parents to follow (Josh. 24:14-27). A generation that does not have the power of God in their lives may be the product of a people who failed to walk in the promise of God's power (Jud. 1:19-36).

3. God punishes the sinning ones for a redemptive purpose. A godless generation is held accountable for its own sins. Those things that receive one's admiration and adoration are allowed to achieve domination. As man awakens and recoils from his plight by repentance, God is quick to hear and deliver man from his sin and its punishment.

In early Israel history, God responded by raising up judges to deliver his people from the enemy. In due time, God sent his Son to deliver us from our sin.

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## Life and Work Faith under pressure

by Bert Thomas, Toltec Church, Scott

Basic passage: James 1

Focal passages: James 1:1-8, 12-15, 27

Central truth: Christians can expect their faith to be tested.

A recent radio/television evangelist offered his latest book about living life under pressure to his audience. This book, he claimed, would help Christians face the problems of daily living in a hostile world. Excellent books from many authors are available for Christians seeking guidance for daily living. Although written 2,000 years ago, the Book of James is still the best guide for Christians of all ages. It is timely and up-to-date because it is the Word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, with practical instructions about living the active faith. The Book of James begins by simply stating, "James, a servant of God..." Who is the "James" referred to in the salutation? James, the half-brother of Jesus and a prominent leader at the church in Jerusalem, is generally considered to be the author.

1. All will be tested. In the salutation James made no special claims because of his earthly kinship or his position. As a prominent leader in the early church, James' faith was under constant pressure. He had experienced trials and temptations in his own life and observed it in the lives of other Christians. This is a fact of life today! No one is exempt from them because of any special relationship to the Lord or position in his church.

2. Pressure from without and from within. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish between trials and temptations. Trials can usually be thought of as tests for Christians with an opportunity to prove one's faithfulness to God. Temptations come from within and spring from the flesh (Rom. 7:16; James 1:14). In trials and temptations there is the choice to sin or demonstrate a victorious faith.

3. Faith under pressure is more than a "say-so" religion. True Christian faith will lead to action, not just words (James 1:22). Trials are easier to endure and temptations less appealing when Christians are willing to become personally involved in helping others. That is a mark of true religion (James 1:27). Strength to do this is found only in the author and finisher of our faith, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Bible Book Motivations for giving

by Larry Maddox, Second Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: II Corinthians 8:1-24

Focal passages: II Corinthians 8:1-7, 9-15

Central truth: Paul appealed to the Corinthians to give generously by citing examples of selfless giving and encouraging them to give their fair share.

"Why should I give my money away?" That's not a bad question. It deals with the matter of motivation, and motivation is our great need. We have information — we know what we ought to do. We have intentions — we plan to do it. We need incentive — the motivating power that gets us to do what we know to do and plan to do. Furthermore, it is a question that deserves an answer. Paul sought to provide the answer in this passage. He cites three reasons for giving.

1. The display of liberality (v. 1-5). The Macedonians gave generously even though they were poor themselves and being persecuted. They not only gave, they gave sacrificially. Their liberality was an outgrowth of their prior commitment of themselves to Christ. They were so eager to give they begged for the opportunity! Such a display of liberality challenges and inspires us to give.

2. The dimensions of the task (v. 4b). The Macedonians gave to participate in a fellowship of ministering. We need to give because the world needs the ministry and witness of the church. We Baptists are engaged in "Bold Mission Thrust." This is no time for small plans, selfish ideas, or stingy giving. As the comic strip character, Pogo, expressed it, "We are surrounded with insurmountable opportunities." Yet, too often the church is a beggar pleading with people and pinching pennies one pastor remarked, "We have to work magic with leftovers that people give us — the loose change, the remnants, the odd bits that couldn't fit into the mosaic of their own prosperity." The dimensions of the task should motivate us to maximum giving.

3. The demand of love (8-15). The sincerity of our love is at stake. If you say you love God and don't give to him and his cause you aren't fooling anyone but yourself. Love demands giving and delights in it. Love is the highest motive and the only adequate basis or Christian giving.

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## Prayer loss to politics harmful, say missionaries

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Mary Dean Phillips' hardest times as a missionary to Zambia weren't when she was working in the bush station, doing without or in danger during civil unrest.

She suffered most when she learned Christian friends she depended on for prayer support were more concerned with biblical inerrancy and politics than with missions.

MaryDean and her husband Bill are Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's first missionaries-in-residence. "Our prayer is that because we've been here, many more people might respond to missions," said MaryDean. "Bill and I are convinced God is calling many more to foreign

in a conflict which consumed all its energies. When Phillips returned there were no baptismsal candidates.

He worked to resolve the conflict and when he came again he baptized 18.

Southern Baptists concentrating on personalities and doctrine may be just as distracted "if we begin to emphasize anything that's not our main reason for existing," Phillips said.

Still the Phillipses have been encouraged about mission interest since their return to the States. They find church members eager to learn how the Cooperative Program supports missions as well. "We're generally encouraged, but it's a little discouraging to know the needs around the world and see us (Southern Baptists) using our time for other things," said MaryDean.

Losing touch with friends in the States leads to heartaches upon returning. Phillips was moved to tears remembering times he lifted U.S. pastors as examples of virtue to Zambian pastors struggling with culturally

accepted infidelity — only to learn of friends who left the ministry and of families shattered by divorce.

"Zambians understand more who you are than what you say," said Phillips. "It's necessary to have a lifestyle that goes with the message."

The Phillipses resolved lifestyle issues soon after arriving in Zambia in 1978. Seeing Zambians uncomfortable in their home the Phillipses gradually replaced their decorative furnishings with utilitarian local items.

When they noticed friends walking around the patch of carpet rather than across it to take a seat on the sofa they removed the carpet.

Like women in America, MaryDean was conscious of what she wore to church from one Sunday to the next. Unlike them she remembered so she could wear the same dress again, enabling Zambian women who only had one dress not to be self-conscious.

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## Lack of evangelical zeal hurting SBC, Draper insists

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist President James T. Draper Jr., speaking to directors of the Brotherhood Commission, lashed out at complacency in Southern Baptist churches and warned that Bold Mission Thrust will fail unless the convention regains a zeal for evangelism.

"At the rate we're winning people to Christ today," Draper predicted, "it would take 9,000 years to win the current population of the world.

"Bold Mission is a farce," he continued, "unless we once again become a people who zealous for the gospel, who are zealous for evangelism."

Draper outlined for the Brotherhood Commission directors and staff during the commission's semi-annual meeting in Memphis what he considers the four most pressing crises facing the Southern Baptist Convention.

He labeled a lack of concern for lost people as the greatest crisis.

"While we're debating everything else as Southern Baptists, we need to get back to a basic concern that people be introduced to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior." "That crisis is greater than any theological crisis we might face."

Concerning the current theological debates in the convention, Draper shared that the question he is most often asked is: Are there really differences among Southern Baptists or is it just a power struggle.

"Folks," Draper emphasized, "I want to tell you there are tremendous differences among Southern Baptists. The one thing that we have been able to ascertain in all

the meetings we've had with the various educational, pastoral and lay leaders of our convention is that there are tremendous differences in our convention.

"We are a diverse group and that diversity has not been truly recognized in every area," he continued. "It's only recognized in pockets. We're in the throes of the pressure of trying to get the pockets together."

The convention is also facing a crisis of conviction, according to Draper.

"There needs to be a conviction about our message," he said, "I don't care whether you use the word inerrancy or whether you use the word infallible or inspired or whatever word you use about the Bible. I don't care what you call it, we just need to have a message that says men are lost, they need to be saved and we need to introduce them to Jesus — that's the task of the church."

The convention also faces crises of contact and commitment, Draper pointed out, charging that Southern Baptists have "spectatoritis."

"I've come to the place where I've tried to decide in my own ministry whether I want to build an audience or an army," Draper said, "I've discovered that most people are audiences. We gather people in our churches who agree with our viewpoints, people who like to interpret the scripture like we do and we've got great audiences. We've got spectatoritis. We are not committed to what God wants us to do. I believe God wants to build an army not an audience."

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missions than are finding their way there."

"If, for example, Southern Baptists have the potential to win 100 people in an hour to Christ, how many people are left unsaved when we spend 45 minutes of that hour arguing about doctrine?" she asked.

Phillips tells of a Zambian bush church to which he traveled every two or three months to baptize 10 to 20 persons won to faith in Christ by church members.

Then, personalities embroiled the church