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I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft/Executive Secretary

Hard decisions for blown minds

With more and more philosophers classifying alcohol as a drug I am amazed it is so universally acceptable to our society. It has been estimated that seven times more people die each year in alcohol-related deaths than died in a 10-year period of the Viet Nam War.

Our courts have been swamped in recent years with prosecution of teenagers, first offenders, on soft drugs. No implication is here intended as to the acceptability of any drugs, soft or hard.

Alcohol is slowly but surely desensitizing the nation, destroying the very nerves which are required to resist it, hence America is fast becoming a nation of winos with blown minds and impaired wills.

Alcohol is the number one drug problem in America. It is a hard, personality changing drug, yet it is introduced into most all TV presentations, social gatherings, even the recent festivities of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

While first offenders struggle to find a job to pay their heavy fines, boozing prosecutors and the social drinking judges are quibbling over who gets the best of the county's confiscated spirits for his own personal consumption and the nation marches on to inevitable destruction.

While drug offenders languish in jail or do their hard time on the rock pile, free-swinging, free-dinking athletes, entertainers and diplomats rise higher and higher in social acceptability. I do not know what it will take to convince even the saints of the dangerous tolerance of this vicious, death-dealing drug.

Perhaps it would unduly strain what is left of some of these one candle-powered brains to place alcohol under the same restraints as other drugs have been wisely done.

This may wreck the football squad and send 25 percent of the student body home or to jail but a start should be made at some point. At least the dormitories would not be so crowded.

When every person with an ounce or less of booze on his person or premises is convicted of a misdemeanor and every person with an ounce or more is convicted on a felony there will be more sober citizens alive to tidy up what is left of this half-drunk nation (Prov. 20:1).

The blown mind, impaired will, and desensitization of the only nerves capable of resisting drugs comes so slowly, so gradual, so quietly that the victim is paralyzed before he becomes aware of it (Hosea 7:9). If your blood pressure rises unduly while reading this article, perhaps your mind is already blown and your will destroyed, so don't sweat it (Prov. 23: 29-30). Hard decisions for a blown mind are more than difficult.

I must say it!

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Stop profanity on TV

On Feb. 8, 1973, we printed a statement by the CBS TV network concerning the showing of X-rated movies. As far as we know they have maintained their pledge to run no unedited X-rated film. But they are now cutting at the morals of our nation with open profanity which demands our most vigorous protest.

For apparently the first time in the history of television the words "God" and "damn" were used together on July 20 on the program "All in the Family." Archie Bunker went into a supposedly funny defense of his language, insisting that such words are not cursing since

they are found in the Bible.

While the writers of the program have done an excellent job in portraying a stupid bigot, a point can be communicated without such shocking and offensive excesses. One might just as well argue that realism demands actual murder as to excuse profanity and vulgarity in the name of realism or art.

For some time words such as "damn" and "hell" have been a part of the contemporary movie and TV scene. Many of us who have not approved have endured. But with the coupling of such words with the name of our God, we must react. To make the matter worse, this program is shown at 7 p.m. when thousands of children are gathered around their living room television sets. Perhaps we should answer Archie's insistence that such

The editor's page

. Everett Sneed



language is not profanity. Exodus 20:7 says "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

One should realize that in the Bible a name sums up the essence of a person. Often, characteristics of an individual were portrayed in his name. For example, the name "Jacob," means "taking hold of the heel, supplanter, or layer of snares." The name "God," stands for all that our Creator is—his goodness, his mercy, his love, etc.

The entire interpretation of this passage hinges upon the meaning of the word "vain." In Hebrew the word (shawe) denotes "evil, wickedness, iniquity, falsehood, a lie, emptiness, vain, or nothingness." Thus, we are taking the name of God in vain when we connect him with any wicked, false, or empty thing in either word or act.

Perhaps the most important question is "What can we, as Christians, do to keep such immoral, harsh and blasphemous language out of our homes?" The television media will respond to the voices of the people. If we register strong protest it can be stopped. Let me urge you to write: Mr. Thomas J. Swafford, Vice President for Program Practices, Columbia Broadcasting System, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10019.

Guest editorial

The grace of humility

An old Chinese proverb says, "Falling hurts least those who fly low."

Of all the graces that should characterize the life of the Christian, humility is the most difficult of all to achieve, and the one most notable by its absence.

While humility often is not considered of great value by man, God has placed a real premium on it and speaks condemnatory words about its opposites, arrogance and a haughty spirit. Solomon wrote, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18).

Humility is the Christian grace which is unalterably antithetical to what the world urges for success and happiness. The world teaches confidence in self; the Bible teaches confidence in God. The world teaches aggressiveness, self-assertiveness, even to the point of brashness if one wants to climb the heights and achieve the pinnacle; but the Bible says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37:4).

Christian humility does not require that one who has it to act in a subservient or inferior manner toward other men. Humility is a characteristic that primarily goes toward God. A right attitude toward God will produce commendable humility which then will be reflected in all human relationships.

We act with grace and humility toward others because first, we are humble toward the Lord God.

If humility should mark the life of the Christian, it follows that the minister should have a double portion of it. There is no more disgusting spectacle to be found than the vain, proud, braggart in the pulpit. And ministerial bragging away from the pulpit is almost as obnoxious as in it.

Paul, a man of considerable achievement in the affairs of men, renounced the bases for arrogance and haughtiness in his declaration, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord;" (Phil. 3:7-8).

The smoothness and utter wickedness of Satan is never more clearly revealed than through his persistent efforts to persuade the minister to project his own personality, or to get himself unduly into the message. Satan knows this will largely negate the force of the message and result in little glory for the Lord.

Charles E. Raven, in Experience and Interpretation,

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One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

Lest we forget our freedom

It is all too easy in the depressing atmosphere of Watergate to forget how blessed with freedom we still are. It is also easy in the midst of the apparent thaw in American relations with Communist countries to forget that serious Communist restrictions still exist on the political freedom of citizens in these

Press reports of an incident during the visit of Senator Edward M. Kennedy to Soviet Russia this year remind us again that simple freedoms we take for granted in the United States are unheard of in most Communist countries. Kennedy, who often asks questions of American student audiences, tried to do the same with his audience at Moscow State University. He tried to do a little American-style public opinion polling on the audience: "Do you think Soviet military spending should be increased or do you consider most important - the first man in space, the Russian's victory in World War II, economic progress, etc.?" According to American reporters his efforts were met first with silence, then with laughter, and finally with open Someone shouted, "That question is a provocation!" Of course, in Russia there is no public discussion of defense expenditures and, after a brief period of confusion, an interpreter came to the microphone and announced that the senator had to leave because he was not feeling well. "I feel fine," Kennedy

The American senator may have violated diplomatic courtesy by taking advantage of his hosts in this unusual way, but the story reminds us and the world that Communists still consider public opinion polling and reporting to be very dangerous to their system of government.

The incident also reminds me of the sharp contrast in the way the City of Conway responded not long ago to a public opinion survey conducted by the Public Opinion Research Center of Ouachita Baptist University. Jim Ranchino, Director of P.O.R.C., assisted by Ouachita students, conducted a survey of citizen opinions about community needs in the City of Conway. It was done at the request of the mayor and the city council. When they received the report, it was released to the local newspaper decreased? Which Soviet achievement, The Log Cabin Democrat for a daily series of front-page articles on what Conway citizens thought about their community needs and local government

> The mayor, the city council, and the local newspaper were all highly complimentary of the service provided by Ranchino and his students. Even with the national embarrassment of Watergate and much publicized corruption in high places, it is good to remember and appreciate that we still have free expression of opinion in the United States.

News about missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. G. Dean Dickens, newlyappointed missionaries to the Philippines, are parents of a son George Douglas, born July 14. They may be addressed at Box 22003, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76122. Both from Arkansas, he was born in Little Rock and lived in Clinton before settling in Booneville as a child. Mrs. Dickens, the former Karr La Miller, was born in Texarkana and lived in Eudora, Bauxite and Mena. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974, he was pastor of Martin Springs Church, Sulphur Springs, Tex., and a student at Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex F. Garner, missionaries to Argentina, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 303 N. 5th St., Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923). Both natives of Arkansas, he is from Fort Smith; she is the former Charleta Beindorf of Pope County. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1952, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Leedey, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery T. Willis Jr., missionaries to Indonesia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 205, Semarang, Indonesia). Born in Lepanto, Ark., Mr. Willis lived in Texas, Tennessee and Alabama while growing up. Mrs. Willis is the former Shirley Morris of Nowata, Okla. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964, he was pastor of Inglewood Baptist Church, Grand Prairie,

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wrote, "On the occasions when a preacher is at his best,' when his thoughts flow clearly and his words give eloquent expression to his message, when a close relationship is established between him and his hearers and they respond quickly and sympathetically to his slightest change of mood, he is apt to discover that though they go away pleased and interested nothing of any importance has in fact occured. He and they have had a pleasant meeting and that is all. But on occasions when he has seemed quite unable to express the experience that haunts him, when words are hesitant and commonplace, when speech is an effort, almost an agony, and he comes away feeling exhausted and ashamed, having 'let down' God and failed to help men.

he gets evidence that in fact a real experience has been made possible; that, though his phrases are not remembered nor his arguments discussed, his hearers have found a communion not with him but with God. In this latter case he realized that the cause of his inability was that he, too, had caught a glimpse of the invisible, and that though he failed, inevitably, to express it, yet the failure was a greater and more effective ministry than any glib and easy success."

There is another old proverb which says, "A humble man is like a good tree-the more full of fruit the branches are, the more they bend down."

That isn't Scripture-but surely it is the truth! —C.L. Pair in the Baptist Beacon, Arizona

Arkansans appointed missionaries



Rev. and Mrs. W. Stewart Pickle

RICHMOND-Rev. and Mrs. W. Stewart Pickle were among 33 missionaries appointed July 30 at a meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Bon Air Church here. They expect to be assigned to general evangelism work in Ecuador.

They are currently living in Grand Isle, La., where he has been pastor of First Church since

Born in Memphis, Tenn., Pickle grew up in Siloam Springs, Ark. He was graduated from the University of Oklahoma at Norman with the bachelor of science degree in chemistry and from New Orleans (La.) Seminary with the master of theology degree. He also attended John Brown University, Siloam Springs.

He has worked as a research chemist for Dow Chemical Company, Freeport, Tex., and in the chromatography department of a laboratory in New Orleans. He also has served as associate pastor of Elysian Fields Church, New Orleans.

The former "C. L." Smith, Mrs. Pickle was born in Coxsackie, N. Y., and also lived in Bentonville, Ark., and Union Springs and Camillus, N.Y. She has attended Keuka College, Keuka Park, N.Y., John Brown University, University of Oklahoma, New Orleans seminary Louisiana State University, New Orleans.

She has done clerical work at New Orleans seminary, the University of Oklahoma and John Brown University. She also worked as a typesetter for the University of Oklahoma campus newspaper.

They have three children, William Stewart Jr. (Skipper), born in 1963, Susan Louise, 1965, and Scott Andrew, 1971.

Ouachita registration set August 27, 28

ARKADELPHIA--Registration for the fall semester at Quachita University will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 27, and Wednesday, Aug. 28, according to Frank Taylor, OBU registrar.

Freshmen and seniors will register the first day with sophomores and juniors

registering on Wednesday.

Registration times on Tuesday begin at 12:30 p.m. for students with last names starting between Q-T; 1:15 p.m., D-F; 2 p.m., G-L; 2:45 p.m., M-P., 3:30 p.m., U-

Z; and 4:15 p.m., A-C.

On Wednesday, registration begins at 8:30 a.m. for Q-T; 9:30 a.m., D-F; 10:30 a.m., G-L; 11:30 a.m., M-P; 12:30 p.m., U-Z; 1:30 p.m., A-C; and 2:15 p.m. for students, other than freshmen or transfers, who did not participate in the Course-Preference Survey during the 1974 spring semester.

All students should meet with their advisors on Monday or Tuesday prior to registration. New students are to report to the Arts and Science Office in Grant Hall to secure advisor assignments.



Woman's viewpoint

Iris O'Neal Bowen

He knows

The way is dark, I cannot see. Where is my God to guide me? Sits He on yonder splendored throne While I cry here, and walk alone, Nor send His love to guide me? But comes a voice (I know 'tis He) "Reach out thine hand, Thou touchest Me."

It was about 13 years ago that I started writing poetry. The above poem, although it was not a very good poem as far as poetic standards are concerned, was the very first serious poem I ever

Brother Roy Hilton was our pastor at that time, and one night at prayer meeting he talked to us about our relationship to God, and His to us. Many people, he told us, think of God as being away off somewhere up in the sky, while we walk around down here, all alone and

without the fellowship and guidance of

our Heavenly Father.

Although I had been a Christian and a Sunday School teacher for a long time, I realized that this was really my conception of God! It was nearly a revelation to me, and I went around for days, just sort of visiting with God and getting better acquainted, since I felt Him so close to me all the time.

Then Ercil Brown set up a contest in his "Latchstrings" column in The North Little Rock Times for a poem in the "Seofonn" pattern. What could I write about, I wondered, and of course the thought that I was carrying around with me seemed just right.

I wrote the above "Seofonn" and won the contest...So this little poem is very dear to me for two nice reasons.

I hope you enjoy it!

News briefs

Central Church, Mineral Springs, has celebrated the retirement of in-debtedness on their pastor's home with a noteburning ceremony. The four bedroom brick house was built in the spring of 1969.

Grand Avenue Church, rlot Springs, observed its 25th anniversary Sunday, July 14, with an old-fashioned day. Members dressed in old-fashioned clothes, ate dinner on the ground at a local park, and witnessed a creek baptising. Glen Riggs is pastor.

The Acteens of First Church, Bono. honored senior members of the church with supper and fellowship recently.

Eighteen guests attended.

Revivals

Owensville Church, Lonsdale, July 7-14; Milton F. James, evangelist, Red Johnson, music; six for baptism, one by letter. R.B. Crotts is pastor.

Mountain Valley Church (Central Association), July 7-14; Jesse Reed, evangelist, Barbara Hulsey, music; eight for baptism, 13 by letter, one surrender for special service.

Christian Service Corps couple work in Missions in Arkansas

Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Wilkerson have spent the summer in Arkansas working in migrant missions. Their permanent residence is Waco, Texas, where they belong to the Bellmead Baptist Church.

They are the first Christian Service Corps missionaries appointed by the Home Mission Board to work in this state. CSC workers are usually retired persons who finance their own mission work.

It seems the Wilkersons were not satisfied with their witnessing opportunities in their Waco neighborhood. They prayed for larger and more engaging fields of service. God impressed them with the potential of the Christian Service Corps. So, they rented their home, bought a travel trailer and moved into it.

When last summer came they headed for Phoenix, Ariz., where they spent six weeks in a variety of mission efforts. In the Lehi Indian mission they worked in Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Wilkerson spent her time with pre-school children while her husband, Ralph, and the older boys built much-needed tables and chairs for the mission.

In Phoenix they also helped erect a building for the Twin Butte mission.

Since beginning this type of mission work they have spent two weeks during Christmas in Mexico in a Spanish mission despite their limited knowledge and use of the language. On their return trip to Texas they spent some time in river

ministries along the border.

The Wilkersons were appointed to work in Bartholomew association in Arkansas this year under the immediate supervision of Raymond Reed, director of associational missions. They set up residence in Hermitage where they were directly assisted by Pastor Ricky Wilson of First Church. An increasing number of migrant Mexican people have been working each year in that area in the tomato harvest.

"At first," Mrs. Wilkerson said, "we were disappointed because we thought we would spend the summer working at the Migrant Center at Hope. But, we have had a grand time here, and have enjoyed every minute of it though it has been hard."

When asked how many lessons she had taken in Spanish she laughed and said, "Don't tell anyone I've studied Spanish. I've had only eight lessons, but then I've done a lot of studying and listening to Spanish on my own."

During their stay at Hermitage they sought out the migrant persons wherever they could be found. With the help of a basic Spanish vocabulary, a warm, generous and understanding spirit they had little difficulty in communicating their message.

Mrs. Wilkerson was the teacher. Her "pupils" showed a lively interest in the lessons she brought through the use of a strip chart, posters, tracts, Bibles and

Spanish to English dictionaries. She would hang her chart and posters on the back of the truck, spread an old quilt on the ground for her congregation and shared with them the "old, old story." In mid-July when the migrants had departed for other areas in search of work the Wilkersons headed for Hope association and the Migrant Center. They spent some time giving valuable assistance to Robert Gross, Center director. She worked inside with the migrant guests while Ralph helped build a much-needed storage facility outside.

"Before summer is over and we head back for Waco," Mrs. Wilkerson added, "we are going to visit some recreational areas and do resort missions. I have my little electric organ in the trailer and we invite our neighbors in the camp area to join in hymn singing and worship every evening."

Summing up Christian Service Corps potential she said, "This is the greatest opportunity I know anything about for retired people. We hope God will lead us back to Arkansas next year to spend the summer in resort missions."

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson for your commitment to Christ and for being our first Christian Service Corps workers. Perhaps some retired persons in Arkansas will catch your enthusiasm and follow your example. And...hurry back to Arkansas!—R.H. Dorris, Director of State Missions

Mrs. Wilkerson explains God's plan of salvation to two 14 year old tomato harvesters.



Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Wilkerson, Waco, Tex., show some of their enthusiasm for their Home Mission Board assignment in Arkansas this summer.





The Hackett Church worships in this new brick building.

Hackett Church dedicates auditorium

First Church, Hackett, dedicated a new 2400 square foot auditorium valued at \$30,000 on June 30. The new facility consists of a brick auditorium, carpeted throughout, with a baptistry and pastor's study.

Participating in the service were Pastor Steve Dodson and James Griffin, superintendent of missions for Concord Association, who brought the dedicatory sermon.

In the message Griffin challenged the people to remember "that although the building is paid for they will always be in debt to the lost of the community for the building was erected to glorify God and to proclaim the gospel." He also en-

couraged the people to use the building in every way possible to glorify the Lord. He suggested that it might be used for a rallying point in the community, a place to portray the gospel in religious drama to make it the center of the community in times of tragedy, and to meet the physical needs of the people so that the gospel may be effectively proclaimed.

Pastor Dodson said "In paying off our indebtedness we need to express our gratitude to the many who have sacrificed to make this dream a reality. This, however, shows what God's people can do when they work together. This congregation has a bright future as they labor together for God."

Hymn book cover to promote state missions offering

Colorful and attractive hymnbook covers are available after Aug. 15 for promotion of the 1974 Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions. The Season of Prayer begins Sept. 15.

The pastor or the WMU director should order enough covers for the hymnals used in the church auditorium. There is no charge.

Orders may be mailed to either the WMU or the Missions Department, P.O. Box 550, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

Also, the undated folder "Putting It All Together For Arkansas Baptists" is available from the Missions Department for groups within the churches.

1974 Annie Armstrong goal is \$8.5 million

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — The next Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions will aim for \$8.5 million.

The 1975 goal has been set by leaders of the Weman's Missionary Union (WMU), the Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary which sponsors the annual offering and Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

As of July 17, the 1974 Annie Armstrong receipts exceeded the goal of \$7,200,000. If offerings continue to come in at a rate comparable to the same period last year, the total offering should clear \$8 million before the books close Dec. 31, WMU officials estimate.

The 1975 offering will be launched March 2-8, 1975, during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Theme for the observance will be "Herein Is Hope." The special home missions offering supplements the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget allocations to provide approximately 40 percent of the SBC's home missions budget.



Miss Donna Gail Kirkpatrick, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kirkpatrick of Little Rock, poses with the giant trophy she received July 26 when she was named World's Ideal Miss at the international finals of the pageant at Waco, Tex. Miss Kirkpatrick also received a \$2,000 scholarship for winning the contest, sponsored by the American Businesswomen's Association. Donna is an active member of Tyler Street Church, where her mother, two sisters and a brother are members and where her Father serves as a deacon. (Photo Courtesy of the "Arkansas Gazette")

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Your state convention at work

Plan now for Brotherhood work

Time is running out for this chapters for grades 10-12. associational year. It is later than you think for preparation for the new year. Only one and one-half months remain for the selection and election of officers to lead the organizations.

Missionary education for men and boys can best be accomplished through a strong Brotherhood organization.

Every church needs an organization of Baptist Men for the men of the church and Royal Ambassadors for the boys.

Baptist Men includes male members 18 years of age and up. A church may have as many units of Baptist Men as is necessary to provide an adequate program of missionary education for the men in the church. Each church should determine the need for the men.

Royal Ambassadors is for boys 6-17 years of age or grades 1-12. Most churches use the grade plan

Crusaders is the unit name for boys aged 6-11 or grades 1-6. For best results, there should be chapters for grades 1-3 and other chapters for grades 4-6.

Pioneers is the unit name for boys in grades 7-12. For best results, there should be chapters for grades 7-9 and other

The Brotherhood director, elected by the church is the officer responsible for the Brotherhood organization in the church. He enlists the president for Baptist Men and the Royal Ambassador leader, and they in turn are elected by the church.

The president of Baptist Men and the Royal Ambassador leader assist the director in enlisting the other workers necessary to provide an adequate program of missionary education for the men and boys in the church.

Free helps for assisting churches in providing missionary education for men and boys are available from the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 550, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

Write today for the free material to assist the Brotherhood officers in preparing to meet their responsibilities in providing missionary education and mission activities for the men and boys of the church.

Call on us if we can be of assistance to your church. It will be our joyous privilege to assist in any way possible. -C. H. Seaton, Director



Arkansas Travelers at Glorieta-Among Arkansas women at the Woman's Missionary Union Conference at Glorieta the last week in July were (left to right) Miss Jane Hix, Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women director for the state; Mrs. George Tharel of Fayetteville, state WMU president; Miss Nancy Cooper, state WMU executive secretary, and Mrs. Joe Buffalo of Little Rock, state WMU vice-president. Miss Hix was on the faculty for the conference.



By R. Wilbur Herring General Chairman, '76 Life and Liberty Campaign First in a series



Herring

Our objective is a most ambitious one. We are hoping to fulfill the great commission in the state of Arkansas during the bicentennial year of our nation. Before you say that this is wholly impossible just agree with us that while it is a giant size task, all things are possible

with God. Relying upon all of the potentials of God we will strive diligently to reach the mission set before us.

Our strategy is simple, but scriptural. Our approach is to provide three main thrusts. They are (1) prayer, (2) personal witnessing and (3) mass evangelism. History has borne out the fact that these three things and these alone bring true

There is a desperate need for revival in America. It would be a waste of time and space to attempt enumerating the facts that give evidence of our need of a genuine revival. If one has the slightest discernment concerning spiritual matters he realizes, without need of proof, that we need a revival and that we need it now. I shudder to think of the alternative if we are not granted a spiritual awakening within the next few years.

Those of us who feel this burden should pray day and night for a great and mighty spiritual awakening for our state and for our nation. We must not depend upon our own ingenuity, plans, or methods. We must call upon God to do for us what we have not done and cannot do for ourselves. We need to pray as we have never prayed before. We need the power of God to fall upon America in such strength that we shall repent of our sinful ways and then the unsaved will be saved in great numbers.

Dr. Herring is pastor of Central Church, Jonesboro.

Annuity

Vital question and answers on long-term disability program

What is the purpose of long-term disability program—not a sick benefit plan. Therefore, there is a waiting period

Its purpose is to replace the loss of income that one has when he becomes disabled and unable to work. The normal expenses of living continue and one has the additional cost of medical care and treatment. This presents a great financial burden on any family. Because of its severity, it is often referred to as "economic death."

Define disability as related to the terms of the insurance coverage.

If after a six months waiting period, the insured is deemed totally and continuously disabled and completely prevented from engaging in his occupation of employment and be subject to continuing observation and medical care, Aetna will pay, upon receipt of due proof of disability, applicable monthly disability benefits.

Why is there a waiting period?

This program is intended as a long-term

disability program—not a sick benefit plan. Therefore, there is a waiting period to exclude temporary illnesses which would add to the cost of the plan. Furthermore, the duration of the disability for a six months period adds evidence to the fact that it is presumably permanent.

How is disability determined?

Disability is determined on the basis of medical evidence supplied by the physician or physicians who have been treating the member. Regular forms for the furnishing of such information are available from the Annuity Board for the physician's use. These forms are forwarded to the Aetna, whose medical department makes the decision as to the validity of the claim.

Is disability from all causes covered or are there exceptions?

Broadly speaking it covers disability that is occasioned either by accident or illness. There are certain exclusions which are as follows: Injury sustained or sickness which first became manifest before the effective date of the policy; declared or undeclared war or any enemy action; pregnancy, childbirth or miscarriage; military service (land, sea, or air) of any country or international authority engaged in declared or undeclared war; participating in riot, insurrection or rebellion; operating, learning to operate, or serving as a crew member of an aircraft, or traveling or flying in an air-craft operated by or under the direction of any military (land, sea, or air) authority, or in any aircraft being used for test or experimental purpose. However, travel as a civilian passenger in an aircraft operated by the U.S. Military Airlift Command or the Canadian Air Transport Command, is covered.

If you are interested in more information or help in the area of insurance services please call or write T.K. Rucker, Annuity Secretary, Arkansas Baptist Convention, 525 W. Capitol, Little Rock, Ark., phone 376-4791.

Stewardship

Southern Baptists 15th in per capita giving

A survey was made of the giving patterns of 15 different denominations. In each year for which the figures were studied, the same three denominations were leaders in the per capita giving of their membership.

The leaders in per capita giving are the Seventh Day Adventists. The Nazarenes are in second place, followed in third place by the Church of God.

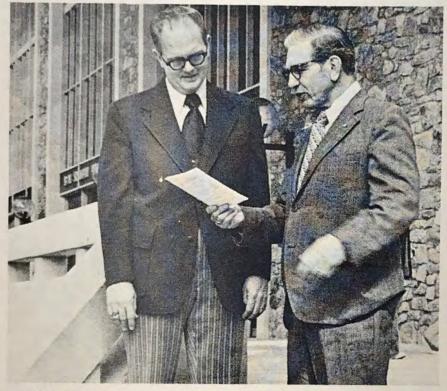
Southern Baptists are last among the 15 denominations. Our per capita giving through the churches in 1972 was only \$84.79 which represented only 1.82 per cent of our total income.

One very significant fact is that the three denominations which lead the others in per capita giving all make tithing a mandatory requirement of their faith. Southern Baptists believe in tithing as much as any denomination, but we have never believed in making it a requirement of church membership. However, we have obviously done a poor job of teaching our people Scriptural stewardship.

This is not to suggest that we ought to require tithing, but it is to suggest that we ought to do a more effective job of indoctrinating our church members with the teachings about Scriptural stewardship. An old expression says, "Put your money where your mouth is."

Southern Baptists are leaders in many respects, but when it comes to personal, individual stewardship we have never yet put our money along side our doctrine.

—Roy F. Lewis, Secretary, Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department



RIDGECREST, N.C.—Bob Holley (left), church training secretary for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, talks with Philip B. Harris, secretary of the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, about upcoming plans for church training in the Southern Baptist Convention. He was attending a Church Training Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Sunday School Great day in the morning

Last year Great Day In the Morning was a grand success. It truly was a great day of high attendance in almost every church in the state. The average attendance was 70 percent of the enrollment.

But that is history.

Now is the time to plan to make history

The date - Nov. 17, 1974.

The time - Sunday School hour on the 17th.

The purpose-To reach a record high Sunday School attendance and report it through an associational plan.

The plan - Each Sunday School director will be asked to phone his attendance to his team captain. A team consists of five churches. Team captains report their five churches to the associational leader. The associational leader phones his report to the designated state Sunday School leader. The final report will appear in the Nov. 28 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

The preparation - Team member form sheets will be provided to associations by late August. Free materials for churches will be available in early September and will include "sign-up" wall posters and sheets of "pin-on" lapel tags. Write now for your free supply.

The results - Most regular members will be present, many irregular members will make special effort to attend, many prospects and visitors will attend. The Bible will be taught. Decisions for Christ and the church will be made in the morning worship services.

You can participate and receive blessings through the efforts of "Great Day In the Morning." This is called Celebration Sunday in the S.B.C. Reach Out promotional plan.

Some special "Arkansas" plans are offered to help your church have more than just one great day in the morning.

We suggest the following.

Many churches will plan to participate in six special Sundays leading up to Great Day In the Morning, Nov. 17th — Oct. 6 as Promotion day, Oct. 13 as Teacher Appreciation Day, Oct. 20 Preschool Emphasis Day, Oct. 27 Children's Emphasis Day, Nov. 3 Adult Emphasis Day, Nov. 10 Adult Emphasis Day, and Nov. 17 Great Day in the Morning as high attendance day, Celebration Day.

For the five special days following promotion day some churches may want to have a short period of recognition and prayer for the designated groups. For

Church Training

State deacon chairman conference



Holley

Arkansas' first Deacon Chairman Conference will be held on Oct. 4-5 at Geyer Springs First Church, Little Rock. The conference will begin with banquet on Friday night at which Ashcraft, Charles Executive Secretary, will be the keynote speaker.

The Deacon Chairman Conference is for all deacon chairmen and their wives and their pastors and their wives. Many churches will want to provide financial assistance to make it possible for these four persons to attend the conference.

Charles Treadway, consultant in deacon ministries at the Church Administration Department at the Sunday School Board, will speak at the opening session of the conference. Morgan Brian Jr., an attorney from New Orleans, also will speak

at the Friday night session. The closing message of the Saturday morning session will be by Owen Cooper, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The conference will adjourn at noon on Saturday.

Conferences will be conducted on the following subjects: "Planning a Year's Work for Deacons in Churches With a Membership of Less than 300," "Planning a Year's Work for Deacons in Churches With a Membership of More than 300," "Deacon Projects for Ministering to Families," "Deacon Projects for Proclaiming the Gospel," "Planning and Conducting Effective Deacon Meetings," and "The Ministry of the Deacon's Wife (and Pastor's Wife). Conference leaders include Charles Treadway, Ernest Mosley, Frances Martin, and Bob Dale of the Church, Administration Department at the Sunday School Board.

A brochure will be available soon giving information about the program, registration and lodging. —Robert Holley

Child Care

Christian foundation is agency's goal

For a child to face the future without undue anxiety and fear, someone has to be concerned about him and take responsibility for meeting his needs. Unfortunately, not all children have parents who are able to fill this role. To give a young person purpose and direction for living a foundation on which to build in life is to give him something far greater than wealth or material benefits. Arkansas Baptists have been making this kind of investment in the lives of children for over 75 years.

Children in our care, living in the Children's Home, foster homes, or group home for boys in Jonesboro, are encouraged to seek and build for a better life. Our staff tries to help them see the advantages of preparing for tomorrow and the years of tomorrows ahead of them. We encourage them to build their hopes and plans on a foundation of Christian principles.

This is not always easy. Some of these children have been repeatedly disappointed by those closest to them. As a

result they have lost their trust in people. Many with whom we work have lived a day to day esistence with primary attention to the needs of today. The pressing needs and problems of today left little time for thoughts and planning for tomorrow.

Knowing how essential the quality of trust is to happiness and personal wellbeing, our staff is constantly working to help our young people re-establish their faith in people and in themselves. Everyone needs to trust someone and to believe in his own worth as an individual. To make this trust complete and abundant, one needs to place his trust in God.

If we can give a young man or woman a foundation for life centered in God, not only are we giving them a trust they will pay dividends as long as they live, but we are honoring God and contributing to the good of all mankind.— Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

example, the names of all Sunday School workers could be published and workers asked to stand during the prayer period. On the age division days the names of department members could be published

and all these could stand during the prayer time.

Let's celebrate Great Day in the Morning, Nov. 17. – Lawson Hatfield



SHARE HIS LOVE NOW - WITNESS NOW through Evangelism

Last week we welcomed 121 new reader families in the subscription list of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine. This helped bring the record subscription list of the state paper to its all time high just over 65,900. Today's article deals with the objectives of the Department of Evangelism of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. There are three: (1) keep a concern for the lost upon the hearts and minds of our people. (2) launch a program of personal soul-winning that will reach each member of our churches. Don't leave out the children. (3) promote a program of spiritual growth.

The three objectives of the Evangelism Department are simply to keep us headed in the right direction and not get off on lesser things. This department offers help for churches and associations in the field of training and resources to

implement these objectives.

In the insert of last week's article the second point talks about the condition of a lost soul. Luke 19:10 says, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." It is our business to get the sin sick patient and the remedy together. Methods and ways of doing this will vary from church to church. Mainly because of the personality of the pastor and-or minister of education, or, many times the minister of music.

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;..." Ephesians 4:11. It is the local church which performs of the ministry, work establishes the saints in doctrinal stability (Eph. 4:13, 14) and grows up in Christ when every member is performing his proper functioning (Eph. 4:15, 16). It is the business of the pastor to equip the members "for the work of the ministry."

A good way to judge a denomination is by the way the people worship. Does it send people out to serve the Lord and witness to others away from the four walls of the church building, or, does the church as a result of this worship gradually die?

The best way I know for the people to do the work of the ministry is to return to the five laws of Sunday School growth: locate the people; provide space; train the harvest hands and go after the people who have been located.

A teacher in Sunday School is not just teaching the Bible, he is teaching the people. He is responsible for four groups: (1) His family (2) the ones enrolled in his Sunday School class (3) the relatives of ones enrolled in his class, and (4) all those in his own age group.

Our emphasis must be on a sustained desire. Are you willing to pay the price required for soul-winning? Is the thing you seek of supreme value? Do you know someone who needs Jesus? How long has it been since you brought a soul to lesus? How long has it been since you tried to win a soul?-Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism.



LOWERING THE ANTE-"After a year to warm up, the government Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling was ready to move into the big time in fiscal 1975, with elaborate field work, in-depth research-and a \$1 million budget. Then Congress read the fine print and spotted such items as a study of 'the history, mythology and astrology of gambling' that required four treks

to Las Vegas, with writers at \$100 a day, researchers at \$50 a day and an 'overhead' of \$63,000. When Congressional outrage calmed, the commission's budget was chopped back to \$250,000 for next year." Newsweek, July 8, 1974

NONECONOMIC DETERMINISM-"The size of his or her paycheck plays a relatively minor role in the office worker's attitude toward a job. So says Matthew Goodfellow of the University Research Center. who studied employee relations in 329 companies for the National Labor Relations Board. He found that white-collar employees care much less about the amount of

their pay than about whether the salary levels seem fair in relation to job responsibilities, length of service and merit. Rather unexpectedly, the researchers also found that that employees much prefer a substantial benefits plan, to which they contribute out of their own salaries, instead of a meager plan wholly funded by employers. Employees place high priority on a well-run office and a certain amount of consistency in their work. And what they like most, according to Goodfellow, is a boss who listens.

Intellectual Digest, June, 1974

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Arkansas BSU Summer





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Mrs. Terry Purtell Ouachita Pennsylvania

Dateline: summer missions

TALIQUE, NEW MEXICO. "It is sobering to realize that I am the only medical help in 60 miles. Our first camp was for Deaf School children. They blessed me with their patience with me. The week was full of love and prayer, and three accepted Christ."

Alice Walser Univ. of Ark. Med. Center

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. "While at camp in Wisconsin, I helped with my first Backyard Bible Club in which 21 indicated they wanted to accept Christ as Savior."

Marguerite Beard Arkansas State University

LAKE CHICOT. "We are visiting campers, holding Sunday services, and I believe one of our more effective ministries is relating to the youth group in a local church. I am encouraged and excited by what I see as I allow the Lord to show me opportunities."

Lee Chedester Arkansas Tech

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. "I am serving in a work camp, beginning work on the future Highland Lake Baptist Center. Our first tasks were to tear down old buildings and clean up the area. Now we are building a lumber barn. I hope to contribute to the construction of this camp (400 acres) so that it may be used to glorify God."

Mike Hill University of Arkansas

YOUTH HOME, LITTLE ROCK. "The girls are beginning to know I care, Lately some of the girls have asked me if I was a Jesus freak. The Lord really needs to fill me with His love so they can see Him in me. One of our girls was saved last week at church camp."

Suzanne McGraw Arkansas State University

CLARKSVILLE. "We are working with Second Baptist and Union Grove in Bible School. During a testimony time one night two young people were converted."

Harry Black Southern Baptist College

LITTLE ROCK. "We have 2 Bible Schools a day. The first week we worked in a white community and in a church building (Bethel) and in an all black housing development where we worked in the nearest shade. We had over 20 decisions for Christ the first week."

Carolyn Gray Arkansas State University

LITTLE ROCK. "Knocking on doors in the day time and holding revival services at night at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church have been interesting, rewarding assignments."

David Fikes University of Arkansas

FAIRFIELD BAY. "It is a joy to teach children about God's world, their place in it, and what their responsibilities are in it."

Sheryl Brown Arkansas State University

MONTICELLO. "The job here at Arkansas Baptist Children's Home is hard but I am greatly enjoying it. I really want to

learn about and help others."

Ora Sue Higgins Ouachita Baptist University

NORTH LITTLE ROCK. "My prayer time together each day with the youth team has drawn us so close together. The Lord has given us 30 to work with in Vacation Bible School at this wonderful but small Remount Baptist Church."

Jane Luckie Arkansas State University

LAKE DEGRAY. "We lead in Sunday morning services and have "Sing Alongs" during the week as we try to tell people Christ died for them."

Al Ray Taylor University of Arkansas, Monticello

MT. IDA. "I have really met a lot of people in our lake ministry-all kinds. Most show friendliness; then some could care less. Pray for us."

> Robbie Benson Southern Baptist College

LAKE CHICOT. "We have started share groups and sing alongs. I believe God is going to give us a great and productive summer."

John Shiohira Southern Baptist College

ALBERT PIKE RESIDENCE HALL, LITTLE ROCK. "Whether visiting with the residents personally or meeting with them in social activities, I have come to realize that people have the same emotions no matter what their age is. They can be happy and alive or sad and lonely. Just to have friends and to know that someone loves and cares for you means so much to a Senior Citizen."

Marilyn Metcalf
Ouachita Baptist University

LAKE CHICOT. "Because of rains our schedules have been abbreviated but we do get to visit the campers at three main camp sites where we hope to be an effective witness for Christ."

Lawrence Dennis Arkansas College

DETROIT, MICHIGAN. "Our work so far has been in the Drop-In Center, V.B.S., and Backyard Bible Clubs. My most meaningful experience was when Chucky asked me to pray that God would come into his heart and later he made that decision."

> Nancy Taylor Southern State College

CENTRAL SHARON, ISRAEL. "At camp, I am counselor of a boys cabin, teach swimming, and lead in creative worship service on Saturdays. We have visited Jerusalem and Gaza."

Jim Brock Arkansas State University

CAMP PARON. "I have really learned the need to show love to my girls here. One girl who at first felt unloved by the end of the week said she wanted to stay."

> Patricia Burns Southern State College

SILOAM SPRINGS. "I hope that I can influence the camp kids to explore all the facets of BSU when they go to college. I have enjoyed meeting so many teenagers and have shared what Christian friends I've met through BSU have meant to me."

Sarah Dawson University of Arkansas

CAMP PARON. "A vesper service at Lake Winona and a candlelight service here at camp were very meaningful. The second week two of my 16 girls made professions of faith. At a closing share time it was great to hear the girls' testimonies of what the camp had meant to them."

Allecia Freels Southern Baptist College

DEVEILS' DEN STATE PARK. "I was able today to talk to a young couple and their children about God. They did not believe, but were very open. I was able to teach one of the smaller boys how to pray. We have had over 110 in our "sing alongs."

Judy Garman Ouachita Baptist University

CAMP PARON. "During devotional time in our cabin we talked about personal commitment to Jesus Christ. Then we had sentence prayers. As I said goodnight, I heard someone crying. She came over to my bunk and we talked and prayed. Then another came. After thirty minutes, five had rededicated their lives to God."

Lonette Gibbons Henderson State College

DEVILS' DEN STATE PARK. "We have been well received by the camp staff (camp naturalist, etc.) and have a good working relationship as well as friendship. I've had the privilege of leading one girl to accept Christ."

> Dale Gunn Southern Baptist College

BUFFALO, NEW YORK. "I have been sharing my life as a Christian with a young man who comes to the coffeehouse often. Formerly a very bitter young man in all sorts of trouble, he is now trying to quit smoking, beginning to laugh, going to church, etc. Each of these is a small miracle. At first I was afraid he was responding to me as a girl and not as a Christian, but through prayer and honesty, he's beginning to understand why I care about him. I feel such assurance that he will accept Christ soon."

Susan Meredith University of Arkansas

CAMP PARON. "I think I am getting as much from the

missionaries' talks and Bible studies as the girls! I was really glad to receive letters from 3 of my Acteens who had been at camp, telling me how much they had enjoyed camp and gotten from devotion time. There were times when I wondered if I were accomplishing much."

Deanna Gobert Henderson State College

AKRON, OHIO. "The fourth week we worked in Barberton, Ohio. Here the three of us summer missionaries lived in an apartment in a low income housing development. We shared the apartment with an elderly couple and cooked our own meals. We conducted a Backyard Bible Club in the mornings and participated in a revival at night. Here we work with both blacks and whites. I had never worked with blacks before, and I have enjoyed it very much."

Mary Robbins University of Arkansas

MT. IDA. "The highlight of the week came when we came in tired and found a note on our tent. A Christian Boy Scout had come to one of our programs, lonely and hungry for spiritual food and God had filled him again through us."

Janice Johnson Arkansas State University

CAMP PARON. "I hope that I can make a Christian impression on some of the girls I work with."

Phyllis Mitchael Ouachita Baptist University

SECOND BAPTIST, LITTLE ROCK. "It is a blessing to see each one of the team as we grow and weep together, pray together, laugh together, suffer together, rejoice together, and reach toward each other in working to bring others to Christ."

Dennis Smith Southern Baptist College

SUFFOLK, ENGLAND. "I think the children I'm working with are really learning a lot about Jesus—you can definitely tell a difference. Not only can they answer questions with a deeper insight but their overall behavior and attitude has changed."

Martha Porter Henderson State College

YOUTH HOMES, LITTLE ROCK. "These past two weeks have involved much physical exertion as well as emotional stress. The biggest change was the retiring of the house parents who have been here almost three years. Also several of the girls have been going home for visits and a couple of the girls have left. Lots of rather dramatic things have happened externally and the internal feelings have been affected. Some have been painful, but growing experiences."

Jonya Wright Ouachita University

Church Training Conference on work with children set

Mildred Crider, professor of childhood education and psychology at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., will be a featured speaker at the Regional Children's Conference at Windemere Baptist Assembly on the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, Sept. 26-28, 1974.

This conference is sponsored by the

Sunday School Board for all Children's Church Training workers and others interested in Children's work from Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas. The Arkansas Church Training Department encourages all Children's leaders in Church Training in our state to take advantage of this excellent opportunity. The conference will include sessions on curriculum interpretation, "how to" conferences in the areas of planning, new church member training, worker and member enlistment, music, creative

activities, and personal growth and development.

Sessions will begin with dinner on Thursday evening and conclude with lunch on Saturday. Cost for the entire conference including room (double), meals, conference materials, and registration is \$25. A \$6 registration fee, part of the total cost, should be mailed immediately to Regional Children's Workers Conference, c-o Harold Bruening, Windemere Baptist Assembly, Roach, Mo. 65787.







Acteens Camp 1974

Camp Paron

Acteens Camp at Camp Paron this summer was the answer to every youth worker's dream. It was a real experience in Christian community and fellowship. Plans, programs, personnel and facilities do not make a camp truly Christian only the Holy Spirit can do that.

As staffers completed three days of training with prayer and worship of Sunday evening each girl dedicated her life to be used of God. From the moment the first camper arrived on Monday miracles seemed to occur. There was not one change in cabins to make. Each camper accepted her assignment eagerly and so it went.

During staff training sessions stress was placed on the fact that the unlovely needed more love. Compliance was so complete and genuine that a camper testified that she had never known people could love her so. Fun times and relaxation had a more lasting quality and worship services were filled with the joy of knowing Christ so that one camper testified, "I am a church member but I have never had an experience with Christ that has made me feel as the other girls in my cabin feel." Under the leadership of a concerned counselor she, too, came to know that love.

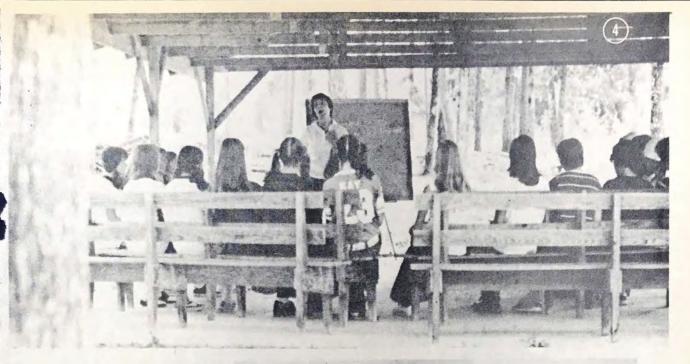
Another girl testified that she had accepted Christ under the leadership of her counselor and asked for the prayers of the other campers that she might win her family and friends to Christ.

"My Place in God's World" began to take shape in the lives of these teenagers as they read letters from missionaries written especially for them and prayed for the needs listed; as they listened to Mrs. Keith Oliphant from Tanzania as she talked not only of her work on the mission field but of her pilgrimage as a Christian; as they listened to a different home missionary each day as he told of his work and of finding God's will, to Jane Hix as she led them in searching the Bible to find guides not only for life commitment but for day to day living as a Christian until on the last full day it all began to fit together like a giant jig saw

As parents arrived on Saturday to take them home the campers assembled to sing one last time together:

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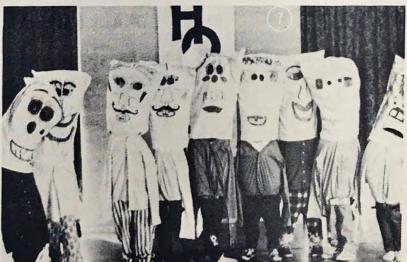
I come again to praise thy name
And ask for light to see
The life that I must live this day
The person I must be;
Then help me, Lord, to know my place
In God's world today.



- Mission study
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- 3 Vespers
- 4 Bible study
- 5 Crafts
- 6 Rest time
- **1** Stunt night



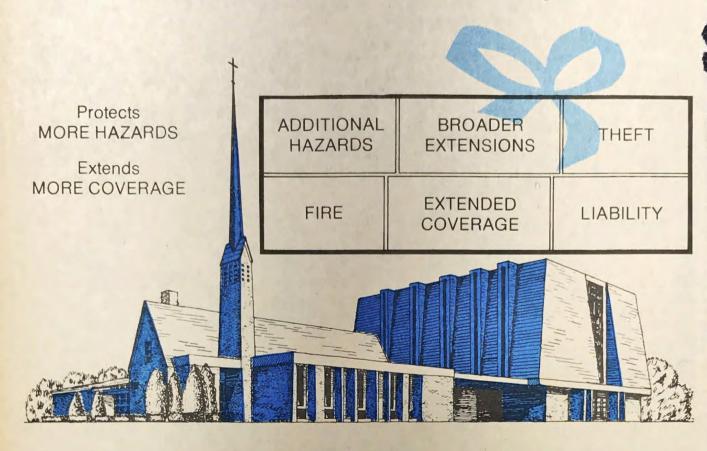




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Dollar doubles as pastor and business executive

MACON, Ga. (BP)— Bobby Dollar has one foot in the pulpit and one in the marketplace and says he has no trouble keeping his balance. He feels that "Christian principles can and should be applied to business."

Dollar, 42, is vice president for franchise sales of Days Inns of America, Inc., a fast-growing, budget motel chain, and pastor of Oakwood Church in

Gainesville, Ga.

"I feel as much responsibility for the way I handle a contract as a sermon," said Dollar on a recent visit to his alma mater, Mercer University, A Baptist school here.

In 1965, Dollar set a goal of reaching \$1 million in net worth in 10 years. He passed that goal last year because he "claimed by faith the numerous opportunities that arose."

Now he is trying out a plan begun in January to make money for Mercer

University.

"No gee-whiz thing" is the way he describes his newest project because he can afford the price and the risk.

"I will earmark \$1,000 each year for Mercer and will plunge it as aggressively as I do my own investments...the endowment trustees of a university can't take the risks that an individual can."

He plans to invest the \$1,000 through the year with particular application toward land investment because he understands that better and will add \$1,000 each year, reinvesting all earnings. Assests will be transferred to Mercer from time to time, Dollar said. His first investment for Mercer has

already proven successful.

"I happened to select the right tract of land in a growth area, and I earmarked \$1,000 of that price for Mercer. The piece of land priced at \$600 an acre already has appreciated to more than \$1,000 an acre since January, based on comparable sales in the same locality. The ironic thing is that the sale has not even been closed yet."

Dollar admits this is an exceptional appreciation, but look at his

calculations:

"If a person at 25 could start investing \$1,000 a year for 40 years, and if he is able to earn 25 percent after taxes each year and reinvest all earnings, at the end of 40 years he would have built up an estate of \$37.81 million out of the \$40,000 he put up."

He adds that there are holes that can be punched in this projection, but he keeps his eye on the possibilities. And he may experiment with other plans because he feels that innovative thinking is needed to help small, private schools financially. A 1953 graduate of Mercer with pre-

medical and Christianity majors, Dollar and his wife, Jo Franklin Dollar, a 1954 Mercer graduate, served in Venezuela, 1962-68, where he was pastor of an English-language Baptist church, started by Southern Baptist missionaries.

"In 1964 the Lord led us to diversify and support ourselves on our last tour by getting involved in business and industry, in addition to the usual missionary work." Dollar said.

Dollar was born in Bainbridge in Southwest Georgia and had been in the Air Force and at Southern Seminary in Louisville before going to South America. He felt he needed to increase the support of his family and find some business enterprise to help those in the mission field. He was feeding the members of his "flock" spiritually, but not physically.

DOLLAR INVESTS FOR MERCER-Bobby Dollar, vice president for franchise sales for Days Inns of America, uses his investment talents to benefit Mercer University in Macon, Ga. The wealthy Mercer graduate doubles as part time pastor of Oakwood Church in Gainesville, Ga., and is former pastor of an English-language church in Venezuela. (BP) Photo

He points out that combining the ministry with a business career is not a radical, new idea. The early Christians combined the two for years before ministers were set apart, he said.

Dollar has been asked to write a book for Broadman Press, publishing division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, about his "experiences with God in action in the marketplace."

In the meantime, he keeps his balance

between the ministry and the marketplace, adding that it gives him a chance to practice what he preaches and preach what he practices.

"I go hard all week and speed up on weekends," Dollar says. "But I am not a workaholic. We have a refreshing balance between family and church activities."

"And partly I went into business because of the attitude toward preachers of 'You don't understand my situation'." He manufactured tables, opened an ice

cream parlor and assisted in setting up two farming operations in Venezuela. Back in the states in 1968, he was dabbling in real estate in Atlanta when

he met Cecil Day at a football game.

In 1969, Day invited Dollar to join him in his real estate business. Then Day came up with the idea of starting Days Inns. Dollar told Day if he was going into the venture on a large scale he would need a franchise director.

"Later on Cecil called me and said I was named vice president of franchising and I went out and bought a book on

franchising."

The motel company formed in 1970 has grown to 162 inns and lodges in operation with 79 more under construction. The chain operates motels or has them under development in 33 states. Day set a goal of 30 franchises a year, but the number sold annually has been about 100, he says.

Since then, Dollar has become a stockholder and a director, as well as vice president. His wife, Jo, is executive

assistant to Day.

Dollar believes the emphasis in the pulpit and Sunday School to somehow equate poverty with spirituality has been a mistake.

He refers to the Sermon on the Mount..."blessed are the poor in spirit..."
"I am poor in spirit," Dollar says, "because I know where my source is. My self-confidence is ruled by my God confidence."

The person who thinks religion is religion and business is business has the wrong idea of both, he says.

"After all, the Christian principle of service to your fellowman is the best approach to business."



Baptist witness on every campus

"I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from Satan's power." John 17:15, Living Bible.

These words of Jesus echo down the centuries. We know the truth of them today. When a person becomes a Christian, or enters the ministry, he is not removed from this world. Temptations come fast and hard. For some, more than others.

This passage came to mind as I listened recently to a report from our "scattered campuses"-the ministry of our Baptist Student Union. The work is not confined to state campuses, although the large number of state schools gives the impression that this is true. The leaders of both of our denominational schools give strong support to the BSU program.

Reports tell us that over 20,000 Baptist students attend a state school. This choice is made for various reasons. Through the work of the Baptist Student Union many of these students become involved in meaningful ministries. Recent reports indicate that 60 percent

of our missionaries have attended state schools.

If all of the BSU centers were combined in one location they would make an impressive campus. Tom Logue and Don Norrington co-ordinate the work of 25 directors and associates on the various

At the mid-year meeting of the Baptist Student Union advisory committee, it was reported that a door had opened to provide a stronger witness on the campus of State College of Arkansas in Conway. This door could be entered as a result of investments managed by the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. Income from an endowment would help supplement the salary of an associate. This is another illustration of how the Arkansas Baptist Foundation undergirds the total ministry of Christian Education. Contact the Foundation for further information about ways your accumulated possessions could be used to undergird some phase of Christian Education - Harry D. Trulove, Executive Director

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Error in diary

We regret the error in the 1975 diary mailed recently to pastors and church staff members.

On page 2 the 1975 calendar is incorrect. Please do not use this page in your calendar planning for 1975. — Mrs. Nadine Bjorkman, Administrative Secretary.

Board's building consultant retires

GLORIETA, N.M.—Lloyd E. Barnes, 19 year employe of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has retired as building program consultant in the board's church architecture department. Jerry A. Privette, former minister of education at two churches and pastor of another, has been named as Barnes' successor.

A native of Arkansas, Barnes is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College and Southwestern Seminary, both in Ft. Worth

Barnes began work at the board in 1955. He has served as audiovisual education consultant, superintendent of audiovisual aids, church records consultant and Broadman consumer sales consultant.

Privette, a native of South Carolina, assumed the duties of building program consultant on Aug. 1. In this position, his primary responsibility will be consultation with church building committees seeking advice from the board's church architecture department.

Prior to coming to the board, Privette was minister of education at Fifth Avenue Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Bardstown (Ky.) Church. Earlier, he served as pastor of Hephzibah Church, Wendell, N.C.

He is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S.C. He holds the B.D., M.R.E., M. Div. and Ed. D. degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

News about missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie G. Winstead, missionaries to Taiwan, have arrived in the states for furlough (address: c-o A.G. Jones, Route 1, Puxico, Mo. 63960). He was born in Leachville, Ark., and moved with his family to Essex, Mo., during boyhood. She, the former Ina Jones of Missouri, was born in Hayti and later lived in East Prairie and Essex. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1971, he taught high school in Essex and was pastor of Westside Baptist Church in nearby Dexter.

August 18, 1974

International lesson

Freedom in Christ

Colossians 2:13-23



Petty

As we think about freedom, we need to remind ourselves that with freedom comes responsibility. People look this active Christian and actually think he has lost his freedom. Some refuse to receive Christ because it seems too demanding with no freedom. Paul is

writing the church in Colossae because the heresy was a serious threat to their freedom. The false teachers were teaching a set of rules and practices which they claimed were necessary to salvation. These rules pertained to food and drink, observance of special holy days, and worshipping of angels.

Christianity is not a matter of "do's and

don'ts." I have had a strong conviction over the years that Christianity is not a negative set of rules. The key is found in the Old Testament passage, "and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deut. 6:5). Indeed this brings about true freedom and not bondage. The passage before us today points out the main difficulties and interest of the Epistle. The three leading errors, according to Edwin Dargan, American Commentary, which Paul addresses in

(2) "a burdensome ceremonialism" and (3) "a rigid and worthless asceticism, all leading away from Christ."

this passage are: (1) "a false philosophy,"

Christ is completely adequate for our salvation. There is no reason to have any fear. The fullness of the diety is shown by verse nine. Believers have been raised into a new life. This new life is the spiritual resurrection from a sinful state into a divine life. Christ is the direction of our lives. Using this as a foundation may we consider the local passage (vv. 13-23).

Christ's death and resurrection brings freedom (vv.13-15)

Christ died and was resurrected for all men. Now in Christ we can know the new ife because of being freely forgiven. Forgiveness is possible because of God's grace and not our merit.

Our sins were blotted out (literally wiped off" or "erased") through Christ's death on the cross. "Bond" refers to a personally signed IOU which is legal

proof of our indebtedness. Christ has not only canceled our debt but wiped it away. He accomplished this by nailing it to the cross. The law can only condemn and then demand the due penalty. The words of a familiar hymn teach "Jesus paid it all; all to Him we owe." Our real freedom in Christ is taught in John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." This is real freedom.

Paul saw Christ's death and resurrection as the agent which frees men from sin. The same is true today. We are not free because of what we do or don't do. Freedom is based on a relationship.

Free from legalism (vv. 16-19)

Paul now answers the criticism of the false teachers. Criticism is an area which comes very easy for many of us.

A few years ago I had a tremendous experience in this area. When people did not do what I thought they should, I was very critical. For instance, I could not understand why people were not lined up to get into the church building when it was unlocked on Sunday. One day it seemed that God spoke to me, saying that, if I were in others' shoes, I might not be doing as well as they were. It was not my place to pass this judgment.

It is possible for us to become very legalistic in our views. We have a tendency to criticize people who are different from us or see things differently. Christ has made us free from legalism.

The Colossians needed to learn how to deal with criticism. The false teachers were moving the people away from Christ to a set of rules. The same thing is true of the Christian today. Paul said these things were "only a shadow" (v. 17). Christ is the substance of the reality the shadow pictures.

In verse 18, "you are not to be disqualified by the decision of people" (NEB). "Disqualify" is a term for a ruling against an athlete which makes him ineligible to win. The false teachers were setting themselves up as judges and saying that those who did not believe as they did would not be eligible for Christian rewards. We have no credentials to judge others.

The hope for the Colossians was to hold onto Christ. He is adequate.

Someone has said that the Christian must see:

Beyond ritual to reality.

Beyond doctrine to personal truth.

Beyond advice to the will of God.

Exercise of freedom(vv. 20-23)

"Did you not die with Christ and pass beyond reach of the elemental spirits of the world? Then why behave as though you were still living the life of the world?" (v. 20, NEB). Death means complete and enduring separation from one world and entrance to another world. Thus, the Christian has died to sin (elemental spirits) and should be completely separated from them.

The Christian can choose not to sin because of the power of Christ in the Christian life. The Christian need not submit to rules and regulations.

According to verses 21 and 22, there were two things wrong with the regulations of the Gnostics: (1) they were legalistic (v. 21); life is not a relationship with rules but fellowship with a living Christ; (2) they assumed that keeping these rules would keep one closer to God (v.22).

The requirements that have lasting value are those which relate to our obedience to Christ. Real freedom comes as we seek to do God's will.

Conclusion

This lesson is very relevant to the world we live in. Today there are many Christians who are bringing a variety of things into modern Christianity. God does not need the horoscope, magic, various fads, etc., to proclaim His message. We have been given our freedom in Christ. Why do we even think that we need to bind ourselves with things made by man?

There is so much talk today about being free. So often persons do not stop to realize that with freedom comes responsibility. As young people approach adulthood, they are free to make decisions. They soon discover that additional responsibilities are also theirs. So with the Christian. We are responsible to God for every area of our lives.

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Parker

Abiding in God's word

Psalm 119 Psalm 119:11, 73-74, 92-93, 105, 129-133, 165-168

This is the third of four lessons for this month which are based on selected Psalms. These Psalms are designed to help us use certain spiritual resources that will supply strength and insight for daily living.

The chief characteristic of Psalm 119

The fact that this psalm with it's 176 verses is the longest chapter in the Bible is not the most important. The most important thing to note is that it magnifies the word of God as does no other. While extolling the "word" 10 synonyms are used in Psalm 119 repeatedly. They are law, word, saying, commandment, statute, ordinance, precept, testimony, way and path. The psalmist throughout stresses the importance of God's word as the source not only of salvation but also of illumination. instruction and inspiration. The reader should never emerge from reading this psalm without a greater desire to have God's word more importantly considered for life. Study it carefully! Study it prayerfully!

A preventative for sin (Ps. 119:11)

The "word" that should be hidden in the heart refers to the written revelation of God. For the psalmist and others of that day, this included the Pentateuch and some of the historical and prophetic books. The Christian also has the New Testament containing the best revelation of God in Jesus Christ. To be a strong, victorious Christian, Christ and His principles for living should be hidden in the heart through daily, prayerful reading of the Bible. Doing this sincerely will help keep us from sinning against God.

The word gives understanding and encouragement (Ps. 119:92-93)

Our God not only created us, He also gives instruction for daily living. He further lets us be instruments of encouragement to others. The divinely instructed person makes glad the heart that hopes in His word. How good it is to know that we can be of assistance to others through a growing knowledge and understanding of the written word.

The sustaining word (Ps. 119:92-93)

The psalmist found, as do many today, that the word of God brings comfort and assurance during the trying periods of life. The word "delight" in Hebrew means "to stroke, to overspread, to smear"; and in certain forms "to caress." The writer

was seeking to show how the law of God smooths over and literally caresses during difficult periods. Released prisoners of war have recently attested to the power of memorized scripture while facing their extreme hardships.

Light for living (Ps. 119:105)

This verse is one of the most often quoted in the Old or New Testaments. It is an affirmation that the way for living need not be dark. Many wasted hours of wandering result from the refusal to take hold of the lamp-light of God's word. Great pioneers of world missions have found this verse a challenge to make the divine light available to all men everywhere. This also is in keeping with the desire of Jesus for His followers to be reflectors of His light.

Wonderful guide and revelation for life (Ps. 119:129-133)

While some look upon the Bible as a "kill joy" book, others like the psalmist consider God's testimonies to be wonderful. Therefore it is sought after; even "panted" for by them. Continual guidance or "ordering of steps" and deliverance from iniquity is found in serious consideration of God's word. Apparently the psalmist had a deep longing for God to be his guide. Do you?

Great peace to lovers of the word (Ps. 119:165-168)

The verses just preceding these tell of the psalmist being a victim of injustice. Instead of retreating in self-pity he found the victorious peace needed through reflection upon the beloved word of God. Life for the Christian is never easy especially if there is an effort to live according to Christian principles. Someone has stated that the promises of God provide a haven or harbor, of peace within the storm of adversity.

Conclusion

It is significant that the longest chapter in the Bible glorifies the written word of God. The living word, Jesus Christ, can best be glorified and honored when we get to know Him better through the scriptures. This is the basic purpose of such organizations as Gideons International and the American Bible Society. They desire that people come to know the living word. They also recognize that a knowledge of the written word is first needed. Therefore, great expenditure of time, money and

talent is made to distribute the Bible. It is hoped that all who study this week's lesson will breathe a prayer to God asking for greater discernment with regards to the reading and application of His word. This is sorely needed in a world whose population knows more about the writings of Marx, Lenin and Chairman Mao. Too much is also known, particularly in this country, about the writings of others such as Hugh Hefner, chief promoter of the "Playboy Philosophy."

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A smile or two

An Atlanta policeman had been putting 15 cents in newspaper boxes for weeks to buy a daily paper because his six-year-old daughter had told him that is what they cost

He was standing in the lobby of headquarters holding two dimes in his hand and asking passersby for change for a dime since he needed 15 cents.

"They don't cost but a dime," said a fellow officer, staring at him.

Then the light began to dawn. He had a con artist at home. His six-year-old daughter, entrusted to buy a paper at the corner box, had told him they cost 15 cents so she could keep a nickel for herself.

A little boy was balancing himself on his head. An old woman who knew him came by. "Aren't you too young to do that? You are only 6," she said. "It's all right," replied the boy. "You see, I'm 9 when I'm upside down!"

A well-known author chanced upon a large number of copies of a long, incredibly dull book, which contained no index. Since they were cheap, he bought them up and mailed them anonymously to his friends, with the comment: "I think you will find this book interesting, especially the references to you, which, I

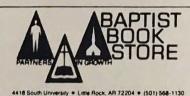
In Washington, the briefs of presidential counsel to the House Judiciary Committee are known as St. Clair's Epistles to the Rodinos."

hope, you will not consider offensive."

"What did you learn in school today?" the mother of a first-grade student asked. "I learned that 4 and 4 make 9," he told her. "But that's wrong," the mother said. The youngster answered: "Well, in that case I didn't learn anything."

A computer was set up to notify magazine subscribers by mail when it was time to renew their subscriptions. One day it went sour and before anyone realized the miscue, a farmer in Montana received 11,834 letters telling him his subscription had expired.

The local postmaster had to hire a special truck to deliver all the letters. After the farmer had read about 200 of them, all exactly alike, he sat down and wrote out a check renewing his subscription. Attached to the check was a note which said, "I give up. My check is enclosed.'



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Two young Americans react to Lausanne

by James Lee Young

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (BP) - What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this? Make that two girls - then ask Miss Nancy Newton, a freshman at Ouachita University in Arkadelphia, and Miss Janice Anne McGhee, of Chattanooga,

Nancy and Janice- both Baptistsworked on the youthful staff of the International Congress on World Evangelization, meeting here in mid-July. Both are under 24

About 400 young people from all parts of the evangelical world participated in the congress program - most of them as members of the staff.

Nancy, who worked in the program department where "you do anything and everything" for about 18 hours daily. came to Lausanne from Tripoli, Libya, where her father is an engineer with an oil company and "considers himself a part-time missionary."

Even with the long hours, Nancy was able to glean some very positive ex-

periences from Lausanne.

"I've had to praise the Lord for bringing me here. I've enjoyed meeting brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the world."

One of the strategy sessions she was able to attend was with Bill Bright, international director of Campus Crusade for Christ, who conducted a group on demonstration on personal evangelism methods

"In a sense, I got a renewal; I had to be willing to show love through my actions and not only through my words. They showed us two tracts - the Four Spiritual Laws, which I've used a lot- and the other, Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit-Filled Life.

"Both tracts are so simple, yet Jesus can really use them to bring people to him. Even though these tracts have been around for awhile," neither are outdated, Nancy said.

Janice, traveling abroad as a designated "good will ambassador" for Jorges Carpet Mill Inc., in Rossville, Ga., is the former executive secretary to the director of research and development at the Christian-run company.

A member of St. Elmo Avenue Church (Southern) in Chattanooga, Tenn., she found out through friends that the congress planners were looking for young people to staff the event, and theythree of them- applied and were accepted.

As a "steward" at the congress, she worked in the newsroom, as a guide at the Geneva airport for incoming congress participants, mailroom clerk, typist and even a security guard- no male chauvinism in Lausanne

Janice said she was excited about the congress and the "new ideas" she saw coming out of it in terms of evangelizing the world.

She was particularly impressed, she said, by the "cell theory" used by persecuted Christians in one country where Communists were pressing the people.

"A pastor told how, starting with him, one person is contacted who, in turn, contacts another, and so on. Information is passed as to whether one of four or more cells is going to meet in the city. The meeting places are changed around from home to home, to keep the Communists off-guard and from knowing what the Christians are up to.

"I've learned to have patience and really trust the Lord," during the

congress, Nancy observed. "When people come up they tend to be impatient and 'snappy' with you, and you really have to learn to take a lot-even from Christians," she said.

"I've also learned more about evangelism around the world than I would have known before, I was blind to what was going on," she continued.

"It's made me want to pray for the Third World countries more than ever, because they don't get to hear the gospel as much as we do in the western countries, like the United States.

"Like even yesterday when I got in an accident - I met some people I wouldn't have met if it hadn't happened. I don't think God caused the accident, but He did use it to bring me a blessing.

Nancy was running across a street in Lausanne and fell, rendering her momentarily unconscious. Among those concerned was a young man, Larry, who came to her aid. They became good friends during the congress.

Nancy's travels aren't ended by any means. From Lausanne she was going to London, England, to visit friends, then to New Orleans and on to her native Texas. Finally, she will wind up her journeyfor the time- in Arkadelphia to buckle down to studies toward a possible career in public relations.

"I hope to be able to share all that I've learned in Lausanne with as many people as possible," Nancy said.

Janice plans to travel in Europe three more months following the congress, visiting friends and, perhaps, working awhile with lorges' distributors in London and Sweden. After that - home - "but I'm not sure what the Lord has in store for me then. Sometime I'd like to go to a Christian college." Janice is a former student at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and was graduated from Edmondson College there.

She is interested in Christian photography, particularly cinema photography, and also has an interest in Christian journalism

It all amounts to a fun-filled- but inspirational - summer in Europe with other Christian young people. For Janice and Nancy, Lausanne, "c'est tres bien."

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