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Children form their own perceptions of God from the often-unconscious instruction of well-meaning adults, and those concepts persist into adult life, the 150 participants in the first Conference on Ministering to Children in Crisis learned during the April 12-13 event. Two conference speakers, William Young, manager of the preschool-children's division of the BSSB Discipleship Training Department, and Andrew Lester, professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, discussed different aspects of dealing with children in crisis, from pitfalls to practical solutions.

### 15 \$295,000 offered to Siloam

The J.E. and L.D. Mabee Foundation board of directors have approved a request for a challenge grant to assist in the completion of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly improvements. The Mabee Foundation has agreed to finish the project if Arkansas Baptists will raise the balance of the needed funds by April-10, 1992.

### 17 Nominees, appointees named

The 1991 Committee on Nominations and SBC President Morris Chapman have named their selections for service on various agency boards and committees. Numerous Arkansans were among those presented. Nominees will serve if elected by the messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 4-6, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. Appointees will serve on the key working committees during the convention.

### 23 Parochial needs discussion

The proposal to use federal tax dollars to help parents send children to parochial and private schools is an area that needs far more discussion in Southern Baptist life, according to Richard Land, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission.

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Photo / Jim Veneman



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Sunday, May 19 is the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine Day of Prayer. Please pray that the ABN staff can fulfill/our mission: to help local churches fulfill the Great Commission.

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# Beliefs and actions

J. EVERETT SNEED

It sometimes is said, "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as your actions are right." The truth is that an individual's beliefs determine his actions. Proper doctrine molds an individual's behavior. The word "doctrine" is from the Latin, *doctrina*, meaning "teaching" or "doctor."

The individuals who have made the most significant contributions to our society are those who have deep-seated convictions that are based on years of proper beliefs in the Scripture. An individual's beliefs determine what he is. There is an old saying, "Sow a thought, reap an act; sow an act, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny." The Bible states it more clearly as the writer of Proverbs said, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Pr. 23:7). Hence, thinking molds an individual's actions, character, and life.

When a Christian yields himself to God, God will help him to think right. The Psalmist said, "Where willst shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed hitherto according to the Lord" (Ps. 119:9). It is thinking, guided by the Word of God, that shows us how to cleanse our ways and to live our lives in an acceptable manner. The supreme guide to right thinking and right belief is based on the inspired (God breathed) Word of God.

Character usually is established in an individual's youth. The foundation stones of character are laid in childhood in the home. The walls are built during our youth. By the time an individual has completed college or has attained the age of an average college graduate, the character structure is just about complete.

A friend tells of attending a leading university some 25 years ago. A couple of years ago, he decided he would check on some of his college friends to see how they had turned out. He particularly was interested to know about their moral and spiritual character. When he completed his survey, he found, without a single exception, every one of these men had exactly the same kind of character that he had while in college. After a quarter of a century, those who had been inclined toward immoral activity were still of the same mindset. Those who were committed to Christian conduct also were the same.

An individual's belief also equips him for Christian service. An individual who is



thoroughly founded in Christian doctrine and practices what he believes is the individual who renders the most fruitful service to Christ. One of the great needs in our churches today is for people to be instructed in Christian doctrines. The late A. T. Robertson, noted professor of New Testament and Greek at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said, "It is astonishing how much ignorance of the Bible one can accumulate in a lifetime!" It is unfortunate that many people who are pretty well educated are almost completely ignorant of the Scriptures. We need to teach the Word of God and lead people to know that the Bible is our source for faith and practice.

When an individual knows what he believes, it strengthens his faith. We live in an age when there are many attacks on New Testament Christians. There also are many cults that have developed that sound appealing if one has little or no knowledge of Bible truths.

Our Lord used Scripture to drive away the tempter. Early in Christ's ministry, the tempter came to him, offering him apparent rewards for sin. With each temptation, Christ responded by quoting Old Testament Scriptures. The same method will assist today's Christians to meet and overcome temptations.

The Apostle Paul pointed up the impor-

ance of belief as he confronted death. When Paul wrote his last letter to Timothy, there was no doubt in his mind that death was just around the corner. But he could respond with a cry of assurance as he said, "For 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" (2 Ti. 1:12c). It was this kind of confidence that kept Paul steadfast and true through all of his Christian ministry.

When an individual knows what he believes, it gives him the ability to communicate his faith to others. Often, Christians are asked why they believe certain teachings. Surely the devoted Christian will want to be able to give an answer to such questions with confidence. Peter admonished Christians, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 P. 3:15b).

When an individual knows what he believes, it enables him to be a good witness. The individual who successfully presents the gospel to others must know the Scripture. All arguments in the world are unavailing, unless backed up with the Bible. The Holy Spirit uses God's Word to convict individuals of their need for Christ.

Finally, an individual's beliefs help him in all kinds of Christian service. Knowledge of God assists an individual to know how to pray, to know the Bible's requirements regarding stewardship, to know how to comfort other individuals, and how to be a useful and active church member.

It is essential that an individual knows what he believes and that this belief be based on the Word of God. Such convictions form a foundation for a worthwhile life and Christian service.

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DON MOORE

## You'll Be Glad To Know



God is at work! Many are seeing revivals like we have not seen in years. We are hearing reports of from 40 to more than 90 being saved at each revival location. Prayer ministries are being started. Some have had prayer revivals. One church has dedicated an entire year to an emphasis on prayer. Our Bold Mission Prayer Thrust team has been praying and planning to try to help every church be more involved in prayer, particularly in the area of prayer for spiritual awakening and world evangelization. One state convention has set aside most of their regular meetings for the year or turned them into prayer meetings.

Prayer and real revival produce disturbing results. Things happen that can't be explained. Things happen that can't be controlled. People do things that the average person will not normally do, like brokenhearted witnessing, forsaking of lifestyles and even businesses that are ungodly, leaving the security of jobs to answer the call to ministry. Sometimes such large numbers are brought into the church that new buildings, new classes, and new workers are required. Even longstanding feuds and intense hostilities are resolved when revival comes. If, by the grace of God, the church becomes so carried away that they start spending money for ministries that they have had stashed back, look out. The greatest danger is that so many new people will come into the church that those who have controlled and run the church may feel threatened.

What do we do? Back up from fear, avoiding all possibilities of anything that may create uneasiness? Heavens no! We must press on in faith. Both church and society need to be disturbed. Both, in general, have sunken to an all-time low. Passionless and powerless, the church has had little influence on our society for the last 25 years. Society, without "salt and light," has regressed to a stone age mentality and morality. Nothing can save us from ourselves but the intervention of our sovereign God in real revival. For this we must pray, and pray, and pray! Prayer during our World Mission Conferences would be a good place to start.

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

## Woman's Viewpoint

### On keeping your cool

MARY ELIZABETH HERRING

Life sometimes seems to be filled with irritants, which some of us resent as intruders. There are problems at times that are overwhelming and traumatic. Then there are everyday irritating circumstances, such as traffic jams, too talkative people, long lines, misplacing your keys, etc.

If it weren't for irritations, we could wade calmly through life's placid sea and never realize that we'll never be free from irritations as long as we tread Planet Earth! So it's wise to consider an alternative to losing our cool. The secret is adjusting.

It helps me if I remember that God is in charge of my day. While he is pleased with good management of our time and intelligent planning from day to day, he is mainly interested and concerned with the development of inner



character. He charts growth toward spiritual maturity and the cultivation of priceless attractive qualities that make us Christlike down deep within. And one of his preferred methods of training is through adjustment to irritation.

Everyone is familiar with the illustration of the oyster and the pearl. A grain of sand enters the oyster shell and the oyster's inner resources rush to release its healing fluids. The wound is healed by a pearl, a precious, tiny jewel conceived through irritation. The jewel was born of adversity and nursed by adjustments. Had there been

no wounding, no irritating interruption, there would have been no pearl.

No wonder our heavenly home has as its entrance pearly gates. Those who go through need no explanation. They are the ones who have been bruised and have responded to the sting of irritation by God's help to adjust. That help comes in the power of his Word. Draw on it.

Paul says in First Thessalonians, "Rejoice evermore. In everything give thanks." So when the first irritation of the day pops up, we need to say to ourselves, "This is the day which the Lord hath made. I will rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24).

That awareness makes for a happy day. Have a good one!

Mary Elizabeth Herring is a homemaker and wife of R. Wilbur Herring, pastor emeritus of Central Church in Jonesboro.



## President Southwest Baptist University

Southwest Baptist University is receiving resumes and recommendations for the position of President.

The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the institution and works directly with a fifty member Board of Trustees. The University is affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention (Southern) and the President is expected to work closely with the Executive Board of the Convention and the 1,600 Baptist churches in Missouri. It is expected that the President would have experience in higher education, an understanding of the Baptist convention, and an eagerness to work with the trustees and university groups in further developing the university.

On campus enrollment is approximately 1,900 with a total enrollment of approximately 3,000. The institution has a broad array of undergraduate programs with particularly strong and sizable programs in teacher education, theology, business, and health sciences. Bolivar has a population of approximately 6,000 and is located in southern Missouri. Information should be sent to Patty Edwards, Secretary, Presidential Search Committee, Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

MIKE HUCKABEE

## The President's Corner



One of the most challenging tasks I've encountered during my tenure in this office is service on the Budget Formula Study Committee. This committee, ably chaired by Jerry Wilson of El Dorado, has the laborious assignment of recommending a formula for distributing Cooperative Program funds to institutions and agencies of the ABCS and the Southern Baptist Convention.

This would be a wonderful honor if contributions to the Cooperative Program were increasing at a level exceeding—or even equaling—inflation. But they are not. In addition, the demand for funding increases, but the funds themselves are declining progressively in expendable dollars. In simple terms, more people representing more causes want more water from a smaller and smaller pool. Instead of the committee getting to feel like a "denominational Santa Claus" by recommending the granting of every wish on the list, we instead feel like "ecclesiastical Ebenezer Scrooges" having to say "no" to our impulses to fund new ministries and increase levels to existing ones.

Southern Baptists will have to expect less unless they demonstrate a willingness to give more. It starts with individuals giving to the local church, churches giving to the state convention, and state conventions then giving to the SBC. It also must involve taking painful looks at what we do and why we do it as a denomination. "Business as usual" won't work. Changing what we do, how we do it, and why we do it is an inevitable fact Southern Baptists must prepare to live with. What won't change is that the Bible will still be true, every person without Jesus will still be lost, and the gospel still must be carried to the ends of the earth.

Whether or not church members and churches are willing to do more to support people on the mission field than people on a softball field; whether we are willing to support Christian schools or comfortable seats; whether we will make Bibles to Berlin a higher priority than buffet breakfasts for Baptist Men's Day—all remains to be seen.

Mike Huckabee, pastor of Texarkana Beech Street First Church, is president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS WEEK, MAY 20-26

## Our roots go deep

May 20-26 has been designated as Associational Emphasis Week throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention wants to take this opportunity to express deep appreciation for the association in Arkansas and the directors of missions in these associations.

Associations have been part of Baptist life in America since 1707, when the Philadelphia Association was formed. For many years, the association was the only level of denominational organization that existed. Today, 1,200 associations exist in the Southern Baptist Convention. Approximately 950 directors of missions serve in these associations.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention is very grateful for the work of the 42 associations and 38 directors of missions in the state. Without these associations and directors, the state convention would not be very effective.

Every church member and church in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is encouraged to express appreciation and gratitude for the work of our associations and directors of missions. So that you may know this great group of directors in our state and so that you may pray for them by name, we are printing the association and

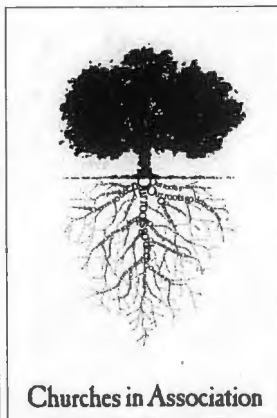
directors of missions below.

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—Jimmie Sheffield

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WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS

## Hymns Baptists Sing



### There Is a Fountain

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

Long a favorite hymn of Baptists, both in country and city churches, the hymn was written by William Cowper, perhaps the greatest English poet of the 18th century.

When he completed his law study, Cowper was offered a position as clerk of the journals in the House of Lords. The fear of appearing before the House of examination resulted in mental illness and melancholia from which he was never free.

In 1967, he moved to Olney, a village in Buckinghamshire and became a close friend of John Newton, the local Anglican minister. Because of Cowper's poetic gifts, Newton encouraged him to write hymns. Together they published *Olney Hymns* in 1779, which had 280 hymns by Newton, 68 by Cowper.

Near the parish church in Olney stood a large empty mansion that Newton used for Friday evening Bible classes. The classes were very popular, and "The Great House" became the social center of the village in a day when there were few schools, no free libraries, and no village forums.

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" was written in 1771 to be sung in these Bible classes. It is based on Zechariah 13:1, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness," and Revelation 7:14, "These are they which... have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

William J. Reynolds is professor of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.



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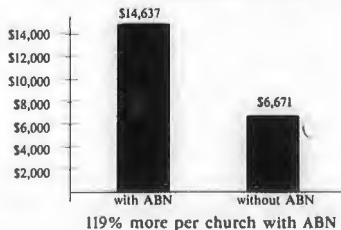
*“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father; and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. . . .”*

Matthew 28:19-20

The Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine works with local churches to fulfill the Great Commission. The ABN informs and inspires with local and state updates and news from the home and foreign missions fields—but it also helps with the “gritty” part of missions—stewardship.

*Please pray that the ABN staff can fulfill our mission: to help local churches fulfill the Great Commission.*

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FIFTH IN A SIX-PART SERIES

## High school: Your last chance

by Mark Kelly

Contributing Editor, Arkansas Baptist

Nothing tries your patience like a teenager—or tests your determination to guide him into mature independence.

Even if he cannot see how serious his choices are, you can. You realize a single, thoughtless mistake can haunt him for years to come. You know your years of experience could keep him from making the same mistakes you made as a young person.

But your teenager is "finding himself." Even if inwardly he would like your help, he would rather die than admit it. Ferocious in his independence, he resents your "interference" and will rebel against any effort to control him.

Welcome to the teenage years. The most critical time of your child's life. Your last chance to guide him into mature independence.

Look what you are up against: Dating and sex. Drugs and alcohol. Peer pressure. His first job. His first car. The scent of freedom. Overwhelmed by today, he can't imagine tomorrow. Sometimes he seems determined to do the opposite of whatever it is you want. He may seem bent on rejecting you and everything you stand for.

The greatest danger you face is giving up too soon. Just when you are ready to throw in the towel and let the young rebel have his way, you need to enforce limits and consequences. When you want to explode in anger and frustration, you must be calm and supportive. When he is rejecting you, you need to accept him.

### Keep your head

Parents of a teenager have to keep their wits about them in the midst of all this turmoil and remember that the goal is guiding their child toward independent decisionmaking, says Gordon P. Miller, author of *Teaching Your Child to Make Decisions*.

That means parents of a teenager must avoid making decisions for him or trying to tell him what to do, Miller

says. Trying to control a teen inevitably leads to confrontation. A power struggle ensues, destroying the parent-child relationship or leaving the young person dependent on others to make decisions for him.

Parents can avert disaster and help their teenager make the transition to independence by following some basic guidelines, Miller says.

—Always show love and support. No matter how badly you are tested, your child needs your unconditional love and acceptance. This doesn't mean you have to approve of what he does. It does mean you need to keep your head and concentrate on showing your teenager that you care and want to help.

—Keep communication lines open. Keep in touch with your child. Stay involved in his life. Insist on discussing situations where problems can arise.

—Clarify and stick to limits and consequences. Your teenager still needs structure and guidance. Saying "no" can be another way of saying "I care." Just because your teenager complains doesn't mean he doesn't understand and (secretly) appreciate limits.

—Take his problems seriously. What seems trivial to you can be life-threatening to your teenager. If he is concerned, you should be, too.

—Don't wait for a crisis. Some teenage mistakes need only be made once in order to ruin a life. If you see a problem ahead, take action.

—Keep things in perspective. You don't need to take over just because your teenager is struggling with a problem.

—Trust him. You won't always be there to make decisions for him or tell him what to do. You have done your best. Now begin trusting him to make more and more of his own decisions.

### Thinking ahead

A teenager has a hard time visualizing the future, Miller says. Parents can help him see that today's decisions will affect his life for years to come. If you can turn his attention away from the

concerns of moment and get him to think about the future, you have made real progress.

Rather than arguing with a teenager about his decisions, parents do better to help him question his thinking for himself, Miller says. A teenager also needs assistance finding resources to help him more clearly understand the alternatives he has in making a choice.

Parents must accept that their teenager has the right to determine his own future, Miller points out. As he thinks about serious matters such as college, career, and marriage, you do better to help him make the best choice he can, even if his choice doesn't reflect your priorities for his life. Let him know you are prepared to accept and support his decision, as long as he realistically considers the risks and consequences of the choice.

WARNING:

### Out of control!

Parents guiding a teenager toward independence need to let him have as much control over his life as he can handle. But parents also must be there if he gets in over his head.

Psychologist Gordon P. Miller suggests several warning signs that a child is losing control of his life:

- A significant drop in school performance.
- Increased family turmoil.
- A noticeable absence of friends.
- Apparent boredom and inactivity.
- Increased physical complaints without real symptoms.
- Markedly less communication.

Danger signs such as these should prompt parents to express concern. While support and assistance may resolve the problem, professional help also may be needed. Above all, parents should remember that teenagers can be overwhelmed by problems that seem trivial to parents. A depressed teenager can become suicidal. Parents must be involved in a teenager's life and be sensitive to his needs and problems.

# Save some time for Eureka's musical showplace.



A visit to Eureka Springs just isn't complete without a day and night at Pine Mountain Jamboree Entertainment Complex.

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## *Prayer: Changing and strengthening*

"Prayer not only changes events, but it strengthens those who are praying," declared Ron Berry, pastor of Lone Star Church, Greens Ferry. "The nightly prayer meetings we had produced growth in faith, unity, and commitment to the Lord among our people."

Pastor Berry led the Lone Star Church in nightly prayer meetings, starting two weeks before the ground war began in Operation Desert Storm. The prayer meetings, which ended with the close of the Persian Gulf War, drew from 40 to 50 participants each evening. Many of these were not members of the church, but attended because their relatives were involved in the Gulf conflict.

Berry observed that the prayer meetings helped many of those whose relatives were involved in the conflict to deal with the situation. In addition to the prayer meetings, the congregation obtained a list of all the individuals from their area who were in the military. These names were posted in the sanctuary so that everyone attending any of the services of the church could see the names and pray for them.

The names of those in the military were divided. Younger individuals were written to by the teenagers and the adults corresponded with others. Many of those receiving letters responded with letters of appreciation.

There were a number of positive results that occurred as the result of prayer meetings. Among these were: (1) at least one individual trusted Christ; (2) numerous letters expressing appreciation were received from service people who said they could feel they were being prayed for back home; and (3) many individuals who have now returned home believe they were protected because of the prayers that were offered in their behalf.

The Lone Star Church is experiencing growth. Pastor Berry has served the congregation for three years, and each year the church has been either first or second in growth in Little Red River Association. Worship attendance is averaging near 200.

## Arkansas All Over

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## People

**Terry Fortner** will begin serving May 26 as pastor of First Church in Barling, going there from Granbury, Texas. He and his wife, Lisa, have two daughters, Jessica, and Rachael.

**Bryan Faus** recently observed five years of service as minister of music at First Church in Cabot.

**Myrtle Cashion**, the oldest member of Lake Village Church, observed her 100th birthday April 23.

**James Duke** has resigned as pastor of First Southern Chapel in Bismarck.

**Kevin Dunn** has resigned as pastor of Antioch Church.

**Charles Hampton** is serving as interim pastor of Second Church in Arkadelphia.

**Bill Christian** is serving as interim pastor of Bethel Church, Prescott.

**Dave Morley** will join the staff of Second Church in Hot Springs this month, going there from Dallas, Texas, where he has been serving as director of communications with the Josh McDowell ministry. He is married to the former Leslie Wood of Hot Springs. They have one daughter, Amanda.

**Jerry Wiles**, who has been serving as vice-president for development at Williams Baptist College for two years, began serving May 1 as director of church relations for Houston Baptist University in Houston, Texas.

**Lonnie Paul Gehring** died March 9 in an automobile accident near Palestine. He was an active member of Broadmoor Church in Brinkley and an attorney in Brinkley. He is survived by his wife, Janet; two daughters, Laura, and Sarah; his parents, Paul and Shirley Gehring of Wheatley; and a brother.

**Chris Wallas** has resigned as youth director at First Church in Des Arc.

**Bernard Beasley** of Ash Flat is serving as interim pastor of First Church, Horseshoe Bend.

**Richard Walker** is serving as pastor of Immanuel Southern Church, Salem.

**Clay Doss** has joined the staff of First

Church in Horseshoe Bend as minister of music and youth.

**Jim Carroll** is serving Belview Church as minister of music and youth, going there from First Church, Calico Rock.

**Robert Schneider** is serving as pastor of First Church, Gravette, going there from Mount Pleasant Church.

**W.L. Ashburn** has resigned as pastor of First Church in Horatio to move to Missouri.

**Jerry Hackworth** has joined the staff of Finch Church at Paragould as minister of music and youth.

**Don Harper** has resigned as pastor of Harman Church because of health reasons.

**Kerry G. Powell**, pastor of First Church in McGehee, who recently resigned as a member of the board of trustees for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, received a plaque of appreciation for his service at the recent annual meeting of the trustees.

**Richard L. Proctor** of Wynne recently was elected first vice-chairman of the board of trustees for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Arnold Burk** of Danville is serving as a member of the board of trustees for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Donald Gentry** is serving as pastor of First Church in Gilham, going there from Mayflower.

**John Richardson** of Oden is serving as pastor of Acorn Church, Mena.

**Alan Smith** is serving as pastor of Two Mile Church, Mena, going there from Oklahoma.

**Steve Young** is serving as pastor of Bluff Avenue Church in Fort Smith, going there from Calvary Church in McAlester, Okla. He is a graduate of Westark College, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. Young and his wife, Marla, have a son, Andrew.

**Gary Richey** has resigned as pastor of East Side Church, Holly Island.

**Rodney Reeves**, chairman of the department of religion and philosophy at Williams Baptist College, recently presented a paper at the regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in St. Louis, Mo. Reeves paper, titled "Methodology for Determining Text-types

of New Testament Manuscripts."

**Viola Brown** and **David Welch** of Little Rock each were awarded a \$1,000 U.S. Government Savings Bond at a drawing held in conjunction with the March 17 open house for Roller-Drummond Funeral Home's new southwest location. Brown is a member of Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock, and Welch serves the church as associate pastor.

**Mrs. D.C. Ellis**, an active member of First Church in Fordyce and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Arkansas, recently was honored by the Sesame Club of Fordyce, in recognition of her 50 years of service in the GFWCA and for her service in the Sesame Club, a chapter of the GFWCA.

**Frank Shook** of Clarksville is serving as pastor of Batson Church, Ozark.

**James Copeland** has resigned as pastor of Concord Church, Plainview.

**Robert Loudermilk** has resigned as pastor of Oak Grove Church, Caddo Gap.

**John Collier** of Moro recently was named pastor emeritus of the Moro Church, where he served as pastor from 1955 to 1964. Collier began his ministry in 1937 at Kilgore, Texas.

**Bob Barnett**, staff music evangelist of Sylvan Hills First Church in North Little Rock, returned April 20 from Honduras, where he spent eight days working with missionaries Herb and Joan Prince. He participated in a tent revival at Lanah that resulted in 25 professions of faith and installed a communications system with four base stations.

**Charles Ashcraft**, former executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is serving as pastor of North View Chapel in El Paso, Texas.

**Joe Silva** will begin serving May 12 as summer youth intern for First Church, Sherwood. He is a student at Ouachita Baptist University, majoring in biblical studies/language and history.

**Ben M. Elrod**, president of Ouachita Baptist University, has been appointed to the Commission on Tax Policy of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the national organization representing colleges and universities on public issues with legislative, executive, and regulatory branches of the federal government.

## Briefly

**Rosie Church** will observe its 84th homecoming June 9 with activities that will include Sunday School at 9:50 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., and a noon meal. Barry Jackson is pastor.

**Jonesboro First Church** mission team, accompanied by a Baptist Student Union team from Arkansas State University, recently returned from Guatemala, where they did construction work on church property in Jutiapa.

**Mount Zion Association** mission team has returned from San Marcos, Guatemala, where they did construction work, provided medical needs, and did evangelistic outreach.

**Morrilton First Church** has launched a refurbishing program that is estimated to cost approximately \$91,000. Improvements will include new kitchen equipment, new choir robes, reroofing the auditorium and education building, auditorium improvements, and cleaning of the exterior of all buildings.

**Lonoke Church** held a revival April 7-11 that resulted in 66 professions of faith and 100 recommitments. William Blackburn of Fort Smith was evangelist, and Greg Bennett of Rayville, La., directed music. Pastor James D. Wallace reported there were an additional five professions of faith the Sunday after the revival closed.

**Cabot First Church**, because of continued growth, has created six new teaching units. Units organized include two preschool departments, one children's department, and three adult classes.

**Jonesboro Central Church** will present "Joy Comes in the Morning," a dramatization of the final hours Jesus spent on the earth, May 5-7. Sunday performances are scheduled at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., with the Monday performance at 7 p.m.

**Hope First Church** mission team has returned from Guatemala, where they built the first church in the Cachequel Indian community of La Plazuela.

**Ridgeview Church** at Fayetteville will hold a "Spring Campmeeting" May 3-5 that will feature William Blackburn of Fort Smith, Jerry Oliver of Mesquite, Texas, Joe Finrock, pastor of First Church in Gentry, and Pastor Mitch Odum as speakers. Music will be provided by the Calvary

Singers of Mesquite, Texas, and the Hartford Quartet of Ridgeview Church.

**Huntsville First Church** sponsored "Strike Force" April 14-17 at the church and area schools. Jack McCarty, youth minister, and Pastor Leslie Elam coordinated the witnessing effort.

**Fayetteville First Church** observed Bill and Janie Rose Day March 31 in recognition of his five years of service as minister of education.

**Pleasant Ridge Church** of Greers Ferry voted to license Joe Nipp to the gospel ministry April 21. He has been asked to serve as the church's interim pastor.

**Lighthouse Church** at Pine Bluff, formerly Pleasant Valley Church, recently held its first service in a new building with 107 in attendance for Sunday School and 154 present for morning worship. Ronnie Bond is pastor.

**El Dorado Second Church** will dedicate a family/youth center May 5. The new center was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kresko as a memorial to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee Siefert, who were members of Second Church.

ABN photo / Millie Gil



Arkansas Baptist Acteens Director Angela Lowe (center) assists Acteens panel members as they prepare to do the theme interpretation for an Acteens Encounter held April 12-13 at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock. "The Heart of the Matter" was the theme for the two-day event attended by more than 650 Acteens from across the state. Other highlights included a banner parade, displaying individual unit banners; activities and music directed by Alan Moore, minister of music and youth for South Highland Church, Little Rock; conferences; inspiration; Studact recognition; and an Activators commissioning service. Mildred McWhorter, a home missionary serving in Houston, Texas, was keynote speaker.

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# Focus: The children

*Ministering to Children in Crisis Conference deals with tough topics*

by Colleen Backus  
Arkansas Baptist

Children form their own perceptions of God from the often unconscious instruction of well meaning adults, and those concepts persist into adult life, the 150 participants in the first Conference on Ministering to Children in Crisis learned.

The conference, held April 12-13 at Little Rock First Church was attended by church staff and children's workers from six states. It was sponsored jointly by the ABCS Discipleship Training Department and the preschool-children's section of the Discipleship Training Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board. Among the speakers was William Young, manager of that department, from Nashville, Tenn.

Young listed several objectives for the conference. First, he said, was to make people in churches aware that there are many children in crisis today. Divorce, abuse, neglect, or even something as simple as geographic relocation can produce great stress in a child's life. Those who work with preschoolers and older children can then be equipped to teach problem solving skills, self-esteem and provide the child with the inner strength needed to cope with the crisis. "When the crisis comes to a point where the child can't deal with it, then we need to be there in a support situation," Young stated.

Young also has found that people need to be sensitized to the reality of children's lives today. "It is quite easy for us to perceive that children's crises—divorce, abuse or death—as something somebody else is facing," Young said. In other words, it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that it is someone else's problem.

There are many practical things a church might do to help, Young commented. Once needs are identified, such as the special needs of single parents, the church can sponsor divorce recovery workshops (for children, too) and identify community offerings to help solve serious problems, such as a death or other separation from loved ones. Many communities have tremendous resources that can be shared with the



William Young  
manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board

church to help children in crisis. Other offerings could include parent education classes and general awareness classes for church members.

Churches need to focus on families, Young said, because "some of the children's stress today is created by families' unrealistic expectations. . . we always want our families to encourage their children, but sometimes encouragement goes beyond and turns into pressure."

Keynote speaker Andrew Lester, professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., broached other aspects of ministering to children in crisis.

One pitfall, Lester said, is that childhood is often idealized. Children seem so adaptable, making their traumas appear transitory. Often, however, adults in counseling relate their problems back to roots in childhood, he stated. Children also communicate their emotions differently than adults because they have not learned to conceptualize them in a way that can be clearly explained.

Pastors, in particular, often have difficulties in dealing with children for several reasons, Lester commented. Sometimes pastors are affected by the antiquated mentality that children are solely their parents responsibility, and that parents might resent the intrusion of an "outsider." This rings true in a few instances, Lester said, "because kids often reveal more about the family than the parents want the pastor to know." However, he stated, "the large majority of parents are delighted at pastoral interest."

Another barrier to pastors is their need to avoid suspicion. In this age of child molesters, Lester commented that pastors fear that "someone might feel that their warmth was inappropriate." Lester's solution? "Take the risk anyway."

Sometimes, Lester said, children are simply not perceived as being important in the congregation: they don't provide leadership or financial contributions. Other times, concern for the child's salvation may lead to a relationship with the pastor until the salvation experience and then leave the child feeling bereft.

Other factors include the misperception that caring for children is "women's work." Along with a lack of training in the field, some pastors feel a sense of inadequacy about the task.

Lester's solution to these conflicts is to go back to the scripture, Mark 9 in particular, and examine how Jesus related to children and to identify with his example.

ABN photo / Colleen Backus



Andrew Lester

What do children in crisis need from adults? "Children need to belong," Lester says. In most crises, such as a death, bring the children along—they'll do fine, he assures.

Children need to have their competency confirmed and should be allowed to take on tasks during the crisis. Even in funeral preparations, children can be included, he said, in such things as planning an order of worship. This kind of inclusion is particularly important if the crisis affects the child in a direct way, such as an incapacitated grandparent and whether or not to take her into the home—perhaps "displacing" the child, even to the point of giving up his bedroom.

"Real Christian hope never strays from reality," Lester said, "Children need to be informed as to the reality of the situation—it is their right. To children, adults represent ultimate reality and therefore, we, as adults, must listen carefully to their feelings."

Getting a child to talk directly to you can

be difficult, Lester stated, so he uses a mechanism of putting something "between" himself and the child, such as a game or a book and allows the child to express his feelings in talking about the object.

Some children need to be blessed, Lester said. "They need to have someone to affirm that they are okay," he commented, because often children carry a sense of guilt that they caused the crisis. An even more difficult situation is when a child's actions did have a negative effect (such as injury to a sibling), and the need is for forgiveness. The temptation for adults is to "say it isn't so," Lester stated, but the best solution for the child is to accept the situation and assure them of God's forgiveness.

Lester doesn't want children to end up with an image of God as being mean or vicious or uncaring because of the actions of unthinking adults during a crisis. "So many times, children are taught a doctrine of providence during a crisis in a manner that is not thought through by the assorted adults that talk to them," he observed. Statements like "God needed your little brother up in heaven" are detrimental to a child's concept of God.

Lester said that his greatest concern is "relating to children in crisis in a way that enables them to get a valid perspective of the God of the New Testament, a God that loves and cares for them."

Other conference leaders included Glenda Bean, executive director of the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission; Hazel Morris, associate professor of childhood education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; Jan Moseley Hill, minister of childhood education at Broadway Church in Fort Worth; Rob Sanders, children's specialist, Discipleship Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Glen McGriff, director of the ABSB Ministry of Crisis Support; and Larry Page, former staff attorney, Arkansas Baptist Foundation, currently director of the Christian Civic Foundation. The conferences dealt with topics ranging from divorce and death to AIDS, abuse, and neglect.

Robert Holley, director of the ABSB Discipleship Training Department, coordinated the event. "Response to the conference by the participants was extremely positive," he commented. "It was obvious that the program addressed some very critical issues that impact children in our society. It is our hope that churches will begin to focus more of their energies and resources in ministering to children."



Freddie Pike (left) and Don Moore review the Mabee grant.

## \$295,000 offered to Siloam

"God continues to do amazing things to confirm that he intends to do great things through our Siloam Springs Assembly." These are the words of Don Moore upon receipt of a letter from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation indicating their board of directors had approved a request for a challenge grant to assist in the completion of the Siloam Springs improvements.

Moore said that "from the beginning we have known the project was far beyond our normal means and that God would have to do amazing things in our midst for the need to be met." The first of these amazing things happened when Mrs. Bernice Jones of Springdale committed herself to paying for the new worship center. It was hoped, in early planning stages, that this could be done for \$1,125,000. Final plans and bids indicated it would actually cost \$1,365,000. Even with the large increases, Mrs. Jones held firm to her desire and commitment to build the worship center.

Beyond the worship center, all living accommodations had been targeted for renovation. The anticipated cost for this work is \$1,125,000. The Mabee Foundation has agreed to finish the project if Arkansas Baptists would raise the balance of it by April 10, 1992. Another \$350,376 must be raised.

The grant from the Mabee Foundation essentially means that for every five dollars

given, they will give four. "This is a challenge and opportunity that Arkansas Baptists must seize," Moore said.

The raising of the additional funds represents a challenging goal. Except for Mrs. Jones' commitment, Arkansas Baptists have pledged \$479,624. "We cannot raise this money and claim the challenge gift on the basis of present participation. It seems most Arkansas Baptists are assuming that others will pay the price," Dr. Moore stated. This statement was based on the fact that, at the close of the second phase of the campaign, only 174 Arkansas Baptists had made contributions or pledges. "We need thousands of people to take up the challenge. It would take 3,503 people giving \$100 each to meet the need. To put it a little differently, we need 350 people who would give \$1,000 each," Moore said.

The Mabee Foundation contributes to many nonprofit, tax exempt causes that receive no government funding. They favor causes such as Siloam Springs, whose purpose is to strengthen the lives and values of young people.

Freddie Pike, director of Siloam Assembly, said, "I have no doubt that those who have been touched by Siloam Springs will rise up to meet the challenge."

Gifts should be sent to Arkansas Baptist Assembly Campaign, P.O. Box 14, Little Rock, AR 72203.



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**Music to Russia**—Five people from Arkansas will be participating in the Kazakh People's Festival in the Soviet Union June 20-July 6. The group will be sharing Ozark music and culture, as well as giving their testimonies. This effort is being coordinated by the SBC Foreign Mission Board as a part of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey partnership. Kazakhstan is one of the 15 republics of the Soviet Union and has a population of more than 18 million. The group requests Arkansas Baptists to pray for them. Pictured (left to right) are Bill Waller, Paragould East Side Church; Tom McCone, Monticello First Church; Brandon Willey, Fort Smith Windsor Park Church; Wes Kent, evangelist, Birmingham, Ala.; and Lynn Robertson, Camden Hillside Church.

## Looking Ahead

### May

- 9 MasterSingers/Singing Women Concert, El Dorado First Church (M)
- 11 Youth Music Festival, North Little Rock Baring Cross Church (M)
- 12-19 Simultaneous World Missions Conferences (Bbd)
- 16-19 Campers on Missions Rally, Maumelle Park (Ms)
- 16-19 National Brotherhood Certification, Camp Linden, Tenn. (Bbd)
- 17-18 State DiscipleYouth Workshop, Fayetteville University Church (DT)
- 20-21 Church Planting Conference, Camp Paron (Ms)
- 20 Adult Choir Festivals, Alma First Church, Clinton First Church, North Little Rock Park Hill Church (M)
- 20-22 Senior Adult Celebration, Ouachita Baptist University (DT)
- 21 Adult Choir Festivals, Springdale Eldmade Church, Pine Bluff Watson Chapel, Little Rock Olive Church (M)
- 23 Adult Choir Festivals, Jonesboro Walnut Street Church, Magnolia Central Church (M)

- 28-31 Student Summer Missionary Orientation, North Pulaski Association Camp, Mills Valley (Ms)
- 30-31 Student Summer Missionary Supervisors Meeting, North Pulaski Association Camp, Mills Valley (Ms)

#### Abbreviations:

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

## Kellar featured

Sarah Louis Kellar of Brinkley will be featured on the program of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting June 2-3 in Atlanta, Ga.

Kellar will be presented as one of six national Acteens panelists during the Monday afternoon session. Six Acteens panelists are chosen each year based on their achievement in Acteens.

## Arkansan appointed

Michael Spradlin of Little Rock recently was appointed to mission service by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Spradlin, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist Univer-

sity and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn., will serve in Wichita, Kan., as a church planter. He will serve with his wife, Lee Ann, who will work in family and church service.

Spradlin is a former minister of youth and music and has served for the past six years as assistant pastor for First Church in Hughes.

The Spradlins have one child, David.

## Historical Commission to meet

The spring meeting of the Arkansas Baptist Historical Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 23.

The meeting will begin with the dedication of a

historical marker erected at Tulip commemorating the organization of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention there in 1848, and will conclude with a tour of the archives at Ouachita Baptist University.

Tim Reddin is director of the commission.

## Correction

In the April 25 edition of the ABN, the "Missionary Notes" column should have given the address of Gerald and Barbara Schlieff, missionaries to Zimbabwe, as Box 558, Gweru, Zimbabwe.

In the April 11 edition of the ABN, "Summer missions, year round" should have listed the Ozark Mountain Ministries telephone number as 253-5330. The ABN regrets the errors.

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## Nominees, appointees named

Nominees to serve on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and the four denominational boards—Foreign Mission Board, Sunday School Board and the Annuity Board—have been selected by the 1991 Committee on Nominations.

They will serve if elected by the messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 4-6, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Arkansans nominated to serve are as follows:

Executive Committee, term to expire in 1995, replacing a member ineligible for reelection—Rex M. Terry, an attorney and member of First Church, Fort Smith, replacing Frank Lady of Jonesboro.

Foreign Mission Board, term to expire in 1995, replacing a member ineligible for a new term—Wallace Edgar, pastor of Trinity Church, Texarkana, replacing Paul R. Sanders of Little Rock.

Sunday School Board—Nathaniel "Sonny" Simpson, pastor of Watson Chapel Church, Pine Bluff, will replace Donald R. Dunavant of Wynne, who resigned (term expires 1994).

Trustees to serve on the boards of the six Southern Baptist seminaries also have been nominated by the 1991 Committee on Nominations. Arkansans named are as follows:

Southern Seminary—Delton M. Beall, pastor of First Church, Forrest City, will replace Ron L. Herrod of Fort Smith who moved (term to expire 1996).

Southwestern Seminary, nominated to a second term—C.A. Johnson, Jonesboro. Kenneth E. Lilly, an at-large trustee from Fort Smith, will be replaced by William Cutrer of Dallas, Texas.

Midwestern Seminary—Ronnie W. Rogers, pastor of Lakeside Church, Hot Springs, replaces Kerry G. Powell of McGehee, who resigned his term ending 1993.

Trustees to serve on committees and commissions also have been nominated. Arkansans named are:

Christan Life Commission, nominated for a second term—Mrs. Orman W. Simmons, Little Rock.

Radio and Television Commission, nominated for a term ending in 1995—Gary Underwood, company executive and member of Beech Street First Church, Texarkana, replacing Jewel R. Morris of Fort Smith, who was ineligible for another term.

North American Baptist Fellowship—Jack Kwok, state convention official and member of Gravel Ridge Church, North Little Rock, is nominated to replace John B. Brashear of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, who resigned, for a four-year term.

Appointments to the Committee on Committees and the Resolutions Committee to serve during the convention have been announced by SBC President Morris Chapman. Arkansans named are:

Committee on Committees—Ben Rowell, minister of First Church, Rogers; Wyndham Cook, engineer and member of Memorial Church, Magnolia.

Chapman also has announced appointments to the Credentials Committee, in consultation with the vice-presidents and the Tellers Committee, in consultation with the registration secretary. Arkansans are:

Tellers Committee—David K. Newberry, minister from First Church, Crossett; Mark Tolbert, minister from South Highland Church, Little Rock.

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## SBC 1991 ATLANTA

### Resolutions needed now

NASHVILLE (BP)—People seeking to have resolutions considered by Southern Baptist Convention messengers at the annual meeting in Atlanta in June are requested to send them in advance to the Resolutions Committee.

Committee chairman David Hankins, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles, La., has asked for proposed resolutions to be sent to the committee 30 days in advance of meeting. According to SBC bylaw 21, the committee has the "duty... to prepare and submit to the convention resolutions which the committee deems appropriate for adoption and to

report on all matters submitted to it by the convention, with or without recommendation or amendments."

"In order for committee members to look carefully at possible resolutions, it would be very helpful to have them in advance," said Hankins. Each of the 10 members of the committee will get a copy of each proposed resolution submitted in advance, said Hankins.

All proposed resolutions should be sent to the SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce St., Suite 750, Nashville, Tenn., 37203, Attention: Committee on Resolutions.



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### Across the Country

#### PAC affirms merger with Christian Life Commission

WASHINGTON—Members of the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee, meeting possibly for the last time, endorsed their dissolution as a separate entity during their semi-annual meeting April 18 and 19 in Washington.

The PAC unanimously voted to affirm the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee's decision to merge the committee into the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. In its resolution, the PAC also "strongly recommended" the Southern Baptist Convention approve the action at its annual meeting in June in Atlanta.

#### BSSB presidential search committee interviewing

SHREVEPORT, La.—The 10-member presidential search committee for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is conducting interviews, but the chairman says a recommendation is "not impossible by the Atlanta SBC meeting but probably unlikely."

Wayne Dubose, search committee chairman and pastor of Summer Grove Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., told Baptist Press the committee met two days this week and is periodically holding interviews in different locations.

Although the chairman and committee appear to be extremely cautious about their search, a Nashville newspaper published a story April 23 indicating former SBC president Jerry Vines had recommended Paige Patterson, head of Criswell Bible College in Dallas. Chairman Dubose affirmed the recommendation, but declined to elaborate.

#### Bus/RV lots available in Atlanta

ATLANTA—Because of parking limitations at the Georgia World Congress Center, site of the 1991 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Atlanta in June, officials are urging recreational vehicle owners to use facilities outside the downtown area and ride MARTA.

Campers are advised to use Stone Mountain Park, east of Atlanta, and ride the MARTA bus access/rapid rail to get to the Center. Also available are campsites near Six Flags, McDonough (south), Austell (west) and Kennesaw/Marietta (north).

North Georgia Campers on Mission has made arrangements with a number of Baptist churches in the Atlanta metro area for any group attending the SBC to park RVs in church parking lots. For more information on church sites, call George Huggar at (404) 978 1328 or write him at 2382 Junes Court, Snellville, GA 30278.

#### April CP receipts larger than last year

NASHVILLE—Cooperative Program unified budget gifts for the month of April exceeded those of a year ago, but by less than a percentage point.

Gifts received for the Cooperative Program for April were \$11,756,419 compared to \$11,667,118 last year, a .77 percent increase. Seven months into the SBC budget year the CP totals are \$83,299,773 compared to the same period a year ago of \$82,539,644, a .92 percent increase.

#### Brotherhood delays picking new president

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—June 5 is the date set to elect a new president of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, after the presidential search committee decided it needed more time, the board of trustees announced at its 26-27 meeting.

Search Committee Chairman Wendell Reed of Virginia told trustees an offer has been extended, but it will be two to four weeks before the man is expected to make a decision.

#### Brotherhood Commission approves new magazine

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—A new military magazine for enlisted personnel was approved at the April 26-27 meeting of the Brotherhood Commission board of trustees held in Memphis. It now goes to messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention for approval.

"Full Armor," a magazine geared to reach enlisted people serving in the military, was unveiled the meeting. The prototype for the magazine contains 64 pages of material for and about military personnel.

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## Convention Uniform

### *Finding reasons for service*

by Bob Parker, Geyer Springs First Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: 2 Corinthians 5:6-20

Focal passage: 2 Corinthians 5:14

Central truth: Our main reason for service is the compelling love of Christ.

The greatest service ever rendered to man was what God, our creator, did to save us from our sins. The reason he did what he did was love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16).

This sacrificial service rendered by our Heavenly Father was because of his great love for the world. That includes all of us!

Other motivating factors for service besides love are noted in the basic passage.

In the first place, the very fact of our being alive, at home in the body, is a good reason for service (v. 16).

In the next place, we should want to be pleasing to him at all times (v. 9). Our aim in life as a Christian ought always to be to please him. As a child I remember singing, "Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam." It includes the words "to please him at home, at school, at play!" We should strive to please him everywhere. We should not go anywhere, say anything, or do anything that does not please him.

Still another compelling reason for Christian service is the fact that one day we shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, "that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (v. 10). It is our responsibility to let everyone, saved or unsaved, know that.

The fact that the "love of Christ" compelled Paul in his ministry should be seriously considered as our primary reason for service.

Finally, since we have been reconciled to God, that is, since peace has been made with him through Christ, we must recognize that we are now his ambassadors. An ambassador is one who represents the person of a king at the court of another. We are, we must be, ambassadors to Christ (v. 20). By our rendering this service, the gospel can more easily be spread worldwide.

As we render this service, it must be motivated by *agape* love. Otherwise we are not very likely to be effective ambassadors for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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## Life and Work

### *The church: a mystery*

by Joseph W. Jones, First Church, Prairie Grove

Basic passage: Ephesians 3:1-13

Focal passage: Ephesians 3:3-5

Central truth: Through his apostles and prophets, God has revealed his church.

In the preceding chapters, we have learned that the church is the body of Christ (Ep. 1:23) and that it is also described as the temple of the Lord (Ep. 2:21-22). Now, in chapter three, we see the church as a mystery. This mystery is more like a divine secret, because the church has always been in the mind of God from the ages past.

Jesus gave a hint of this mystery back when he was with his disciples at the border of Caesarea Philippi (Mt. 16:17,18). There Jesus asked his disciples who he was and Peter answered saying: "Thou art the Christ the son of the living God." Jesus then said that upon that revelation he would build his church. The mystery began to be unveiled at the Day of Pentecost. Something so different, so unexplainable, so awesome, happened as the Holy Spirit descended onto the believers. Power and life were given to the church.

Although the church received power on the Day of Pentecost, knowledge was given to the apostles and prophets by the Holy Spirit. During the early age of the church, these apostles and prophets revealed the "unsearchable riches of Christ" and the "fellowship of the mystery" through their preaching and through their epistles. Because of the providence of God, we have these epistles, which are compiled in what we call the New Testament of our Bible. We too, like the disciples in the early church at Pentecost, "continue steadfastly in the apostles doctrine" (Ac. 2:42).

It amazes and excites me as I think about how God has preserved the Scriptures and of how the Holy Spirit is still opening up the knowledge of his Word to us today. Although methods may change, church buildings replace "house to house" worship, and the music style differs, we still enjoy the same teachings that were given to the apostles and prophets and the same Holy Spirit that gives us understanding of those inspired epistles. Although the church is no longer a mystery in our world today, it certainly is a marvel and a wonderment and a testimony of God's love of man.

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## Bible Book

### *Sin and retribution*

by J. Troy Prince, First Chapel, Jonesboro

Basic passage: 2 Samuel 13:12-14, 23-29a, 37; 14:23-24

Focal passage: 2 Samuel 13:12-14, 23-29a, 37; 14:23-24

Central truth: When sin is full grown, it brings forth death (Ja. 1:15).

Centuries after David lived, the Apostle Paul penned words that describe events in today's lesson. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. . . he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption (Ga. 6:7,8a).

David, guilty of adultery, murder, scheming, and disloyalty saw his life reflected in his children. Amnon lusted after his half sister, Tamar, and raped and discarded her. Discovering the violation of his sister, Absalom became furious, but cautioned Tamar to exercise restraint. David's response was anger, but did nothing. Absalom allowed bitterness to build inside because David would not discipline Amnon. Eventually, he plotted the execution of his brother.

Absalom found refuge at a relative's home for three years. Through the influence of Joab, David asked his son to return to Jerusalem. Upon arrival, he was not permitted to enter the palace. David would not forgive or punish him for his indiscretions.

Application to life: (1) The influence of a father's example cannot be discounted. The moral aberrations of David's children had been observed in his daily life. (2) Many parents are content with "getting mad" at their children when they violate house rules or go against moral and spiritual values. These infractions ought to be dealt with quickly.

(3) Amnon and Absalom were grown men. They could have avoided the negative influence in their father's life. They chose to allow lust, hatred, and anger to have control of their lives. (4) Much can be said about the fact that these young men were "spoiled" by the family's wealth. They would fit in with the "now" generation of the present time.

Amnon's lust was his downfall while Absalom had ambitions to become king. Do you think that confession of wrong doing and forgiveness would have changed these men?

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# LESSONS FOR LIVING

## Convention Uniform

### *Aiding others by giving*

by Bob Parker, member, Geyer Springs First Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Focal passage: 2 Corinthians 8:7

Central truth: We should, along with faith, speech, knowledge, diligence, and love, abound also in the grace of giving.

Jesus was very clear in saying, "If anyone desires to follow me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." This cannot be done without giving. This is done that others might live physically and spiritually.

To give as God in Christ expects us to, we must be willing to first give of ourselves, then to others as the will of God is followed (v. 5).

As stated in the lesson's central truth, along with other qualities of the sincere Christian experience, the grace of giving is extremely important. Sad to say, there are some who exhibit great faith, knowledge, and love, but show little of the grace of giving. Such individuals need self examination in light of the teachings of God's Word.

In verse 9, we have words that show how rich we are as a result of our Lord's giving of himself. There have been many examples of materially wealthy Christians giving away great amounts of money. None, however, have come close to matching what their Master has done. We must gladly be willing to give, whether the "widow's mite" or great gifts to the other extreme.

Finally, as gifts are given they must be from willing minds (v. 12). Such a mind can be gained only through prayerful consideration of what comprises true godliness, holiness, or discipleship. This can be arrived at from a conscientious study and application of God's Word.

Perhaps all of us can look back and remember that the most joyful, effective Christians we have known were "giving," self denying, crossing bearing people.

Let's you and I be "givers" primarily rather than "getters." To be so is to be Christ-like. Sad to say, there are those professed believers who give or contribute nothing but dissension or a divisive spirit in the local church and in denominational relationships. We would be extremely wise to stay away from such persons. Let us all pray that giving would be done with Christ as our example.

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## Life and Work

### *Understanding prayer*

by Joseph W. Jones, First Church, Prairie Grove

Basic passage: Ephesians 3:14-21

Focal passage: Ephesians 3:14

Central truth: Truths found in Paul's prayer to the Ephesians.

As we come to a close in chapter three, we find Paul once again on his knees in prayer for the Ephesian brethren. In Ephesians 1:15,16, he had prayed that they might have knowledge and power and now he is praying that God would lead them into deeper truths of the mystery of the church and understanding of the love of Christ. Let's note a few characteristics of Paul's prayer in our text for this week.

Notice that both Paul's prayers are brief. Most of the prayers we have recorded throughout Scriptures are quite brief. Even our Lord's Prayer in John 17 takes only a few minutes to read. Spirituality is not determined on how long or how short or even how eloquent our prayers are. Now in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he told them to pray without ceasing (1 Th. 5:17). That means that we are to be in constant communication and fellowship with God. When we practice this, our public prayers will usually be short. In fact, Jesus said that we are not to use vain repetitions so that people will make note of our lengthy speaking (Mt. 6:7). Now, some prayers by nature can be lengthy. For example, intercessory prayers, both private and public, can be lengthy, depending on the number of people being prayed for. The point to make is that God looks upon the heart, not the length of our prayers.

Another point to note is that Paul is praying to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus. All prayers are addressed to the Father in the name of Jesus. Some may think that I'm splitting hairs, but I think it will help give us a better understanding of our prayer life. Jesus said (Jn. 16:23): "and in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily I say unto you, whatever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you." When our prayers to the Father are made in Jesus' name, it means that our prayers have authority and authenticity to the Father. "In Jesus name" is not just a phrase we attach to the end of our prayer as if that's the magic phrase, but it is the name by which we have access to the throne of God the Father to make our petitions known.

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## Bible Book

### *Abshalom was unscrupulous*

by J. Troy Prince, First Chapel, Jonesboro

Basic passage: 2 Samuel 15:2-6, 13-14, 27-30

Focal passage: 2 Samuel 15:2-6, 27-30

Central truth: Aftereffects of forgiven sins appear quickly.

David repented of his sins and found forgiveness, but his own family began to suffer some of the same embarrassing circumstances he had imposed on other families.

These sins surfaced in Abshalom, David's son, who had his brother, Amnon, slain. We focus on his plot to take over his father's kingdom. Two observations about Abshalom's activities:

(1) He was an unscrupulous schemer. He perceived that the children of Israel were childish and regarded them as silly sheep, ready for shearing. Motives of politicians or church leaders who have improper designs on their constituency should be vigorously investigated!

Abshalom stole the hearts of the people because of his handsome appearance, a garish display of his selfish ambitions, and his appeal to the disgruntled. He had something for everybody.

(2) Abshalom was a masterful strategist. His plan to seize the kingdom involved a plot that would take him to Hebron to worship. Secretly, messengers were sent to all the tribes to alert them that a trumpet blast would signal that Abshalom had become king at Hebron. His strategy was simple: use religion as one's cover.

David's response to the rebellion of Abshalom was predictable. Although older, he was wiser. A quick decision was made to leave the country. It is better to run and fight another day than stay and die!

As David fled, he found an ally in a person named Ithai. He promised to stay with David "whether it means life or death." Zadok, Ahimaz, and Abiathar's son, Jonathan, went to Jerusalem, along with Hushai, the Arkite to pledge allegiance to Abshalom. They were to be David's eyes and ears. Their assignment: "make Ahithophel's advice foolish."

Beginning at this time, David will be seen as an old man with a broken heart. He is responsible for most of his troubles. We may conclude that if we are to have Christian leaders tomorrow, we must have the right kind of fathers and sons today.

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# Parochiaid needs discussion

by Herb Hollinger  
Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP)—The proposal to use federal tax dollars to help parents send children to parochial and private schools is an area that needs far more discussion in Southern Baptist life, according to Richard Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The Bush administration plans to ask Congress for authorization of up to \$200 million to provide for "choice" programs which would allow parents to choose which schools their children attend. The government is also expected to ask for \$30 million for states and local districts to set up "choice" demonstration programs.

In the plan, existing funds in the Education Department also would be used to allow students to attend public, private or parochial schools under "choice" programs.

Land, responding to a request from Baptist Press for an opinion regarding the administration proposals, said he thinks the overwhelming, and virtually unanimous, position of Southern Baptists is against any kind of direct aid to parochial or religious schools.

"Clearly, there are growing numbers of Southern Baptists who do not see vouchers or tuition tax credits which go to parents, to enable them to make the same freedom of choice that those in the upper middle

class have, as direct aid," said Land.

"Many of them have expressed to me they don't see why it is perfectly acceptable for 19 year old students to receive Pell Grants and tuition equalization grants to go to Baylor, Notre Dame or Brigham Young University, but it is not all right for a student who is 17 or 18 to receive a voucher letter which his parents can then choose to use in any private of religious school they wish.

"There does seem to be an inconsistency to many Southern Baptists. I think the question needs to be debated and discussed far more widely in Baptist life than it has been and the discussion needs more light and less heat," Land said.

Land cautioned Baptists and Baptist schools, encouraged by the administration proposals, that schools which receive vouchers and tax credits, if the proposals are approved, should remember Education Secretary Lamar Alexander did say they would have to be "publicly accountable."

"In other words, there are some Southern Baptists who will not see the voucher itself to parents as the equivalent to parochiaid, but who could nevertheless deem it unwise for Southern Baptist elementary and secondary schools to accept such vouchers because the history of such situations is it will inevitably lead to government intrusion into the policies of those schools," Land said.

[Among those who oppose the "choice"

plan is James M. Dunn, director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, "While there may be other elements in the grand plan that are acceptable, 'choice' is a misleading banner for the same old repeatedly rejected schemes to divert tax dollars to private and parochial schools. Such approaches are unconstitutional, regressive, unfair, destructive of the public schools, expensive, inflationary, undemocratic, intrusive and divisive in the religious community. Other than that they may be all right," he observed.]

The "choice" proposals in the administration package are just one part of the educational reform sought by the government which has generally been applauded. The reform package was announced April 18 by President Bush who said it would provide better and more accountable schools.

## Four professors leave Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Four professors at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have announced plans to leave Southern to assume teaching duties at other schools.

Professors leaving are:

—R. Alan Culpepper, James Buchanan Harrison professor of New Testament interpretation, who will teach at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He has been a member of Southern's faculty since 1974.

—Andrew D. Lester, professor of psychology of religion, who will join the faculty of Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. He joined Southern's faculty in 1977.

—Harry Lee (Hal) Poe, assistant professor of evangelism since 1988, who has been named associate professor of evangelism and associate dean for academic affairs at Bethel Theological Seminary, a Baptist General Conference school in St. Paul, Minn.

—Karen Smith, assistant professor of church history since 1987, who will join the faculty of South Wales Baptist College and the University of Wales.

Lester and Smith said their decisions were based primarily on the ongoing SBC controversy and its impact on the seminary.

Culpepper said his concern over the "conservative" direction of the seminary played a part in his decision to leave. In addition, his new position will allow him an opportunity to move away from administrative duties and concentrate more on teaching, research and writing.

Poe said his decision to resign was based on a strong sense of call to Bethel and the ministry opportunities available there.



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## WORLD

### Ministry in 'hot spots'

#### Costa Rica: Earthquake

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries planned to deliver four truckloads of food and clothing to earthquake victims in the outlying areas of Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, April 26 if roads were cleared by then.

The earthquake—which killed 82 people, left hundreds injured and destroyed thousands of homes April 22—registered 7.4 on the Richter scale. Missionaries in the Costa Rican capital, San Jose, said a smaller earthquake hit April 24. They did not know of any additional damage or loss of life.

Missionary Frank Lay, coordinator of the relief work, plans to concentrate Southern Baptist efforts in Puerto Limon's isolated areas, which so far have been unreached by relief teams. The city is located on the Caribbean coast about 70 miles east of San Jose.

Puerto Limon has been without water and electricity since the quake hit. The mission relief team members, consisting of Lay and three other missionaries, have secured supplies for about 300 families. They have spent about \$10,000 in mission funds and Southern Baptist world hunger and relief funds.

Lay, from Union, Miss., also hopes to distribute water purification tablets in the area, if Southern Baptists in the United States can secure and ship them.

Missionaries also have helped Baptist churches in Puerto Limon set up distribution centers for relief supplies.

#### Peru: Cholera

LIMA, Peru (BP)—New cholera outbreaks in Peru—and a new estimate that at least three out of four Peruvians carry cholera bacteria—underscore the deepening crisis in Latin American country faces.

While cholera cases in urban and suburban hospitals had leveled off by mid-April, health officials expected new outbreaks in areas previously untouched and recurrences of the disease in already-infected areas.

Southern Baptists' quick response to the epidemic continues to provide medical assistance and spiritual ministry to the suffering.

A shipment of 216 tons of intravenous medicine, the largest single response to the cholera crisis since its outbreak, was expected to dock in northern Peru April 28. The shipment and an earlier airlift of 60 tons of medicine were sent by Texas Baptist Men in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Iquitos, the Peruvian city near the headwaters of the Amazon River, is in the beginning stage of a cholera outbreak, prompting reports the disease will soon course through the vast Amazon system. And several major fiestas scheduled for June have officials worried people will transport cholera around the country as they travel to the celebrations.

Cholera also has spread to neighboring countries, raising fears of a continental epidemic for years to come.

Since its appearance in January, cholera reportedly has stricken 147,000 people, hospitalized 48,000 and killed 1,080 in Peru, a country of 22 million people. Those statistics include only certified hospitalizations and deaths. Many more people in rural areas have suffered and died of cholera unreported.

Texas Baptists' 60-ton shipment of intravenous solutions and kits for administering the medicine arrived April 6. In less than four hours workers hauled the medicine off the airplane and loaded it onto four trucks bound for the hardest-hit areas—Cajamarca, Trujillo and Lima.

"It was a day of miracles," said Southern Baptist missionary Hayward Armstrong, administrator for the Peru Baptist Mission. Because of the cooperation of Peruvian officials, the missionaries and relief workers left the airport without signing a single piece of paper, he said.

Seventy-three Southern Baptist missionaries work in Peru alongside 117 Baptist churches with 8,800 members.

#### Turkey: Kurds

DALLAS (BP)—Four Texas Baptist physicians left the United States on April 25 bound for southeastern Turkey, where they will offer medical treatment to Kurdish refugees fleeing Iraq.

The medical mission volunteers initially will provide health care for Kurds along Turkey's southeastern border, and they eventually hope to initiate community health programs among the Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq when the situation there stabilizes.

Texas Baptist Men have secured two water purifiers—each worth \$10,000—for use in field hospitals in Turkey.

The volunteers will be the first Southern Baptist workers allowed in Iran since Ayatollah Khomeini rose to power in 1979.

Twelve other volunteers tentatively are scheduled to leave the United States on April 30 as past of Southern Baptist disaster relief teams that will set up field kitchens among Kurds in western Iran.