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A black and white photograph of three men in suits. The man in the center is smiling and holding a large cutout of the number '2'. The man on the left is holding a large cutout of the number '3'. The man on the right is also holding a large cutout of the number '3'. Together, they are holding up the number '233'.

BSU endowment campaign  
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NEWSMAGAZINE



## I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

### Stewards of the mysteries

A mystery is that which is known only to the initiated. The mysteries are entrusted only to those who are disciples indeed (Matt. 11:11-17). The stewardship of these mysteries (I Cor. 4:1-2) are strangely housed in earthen vessels and this in itself is a mystery (II Cor. 4:7).

The Bible mentions certain mysteries. I should like to list only five mysteries and explore our stewardship of one of them, "Inerrancy and infallibility."

1. The Trinity is a mystery and it is ours to explain it as well as preserve it. 2. The incarnation is a mystery and it too is posed in earthen vessels. 3. The mystery of the resurrection and its principle (I Cor. 15:51-52) (Phil. 3:10) is experiential. 4. The grafting in of the Gentiles (Rev. 1:25) (Col. 1:27) is a mystery. 5. The preservation, inviolate, of the Holy Scriptures (II Peter 1:20) (I Cor. 4:1) (Col. 1:25-27) is a mystery.

This mystery, more mysterious than most, is that God has through his people preserved his word in the context of human beings, inviolate, for all times, which many elect to call inerrant and infallible. The original manuscripts do not exist but the word of God remains intact, inviolate, not posed in graven stones or cold golden plates, but in the pages of our Bible as it is today and in the warm hearts of spirit breathed people. This is a mystery and there is a stewardship of it.

This stewardship is in earthen vessels and the oncoming generations will be in our debt as have we, to hold and pass on our custodianship to them. How can this be served? 1. We should never add to or take away (Rev. 22:18-19). 2. We should make no claims for the Bible it does not make for itself. God will bless no untruth in any field. 3. We should respect its unity and not be carried away with passing fads. 4. We should allow it to hold its own, say its message and do its thing without interference (Heb. 2:12) (Eph. 6:17) (Isa. 55:11). 5. Never use the word of God for non-redemptive ends (II Cor. 4:2). 6. Never enhance your egotism by capitalizing on the gospel (II Cor. 4:7).

7. Search the scriptures (John 5:39) daily, you might miss something. 8. Live with the word as one lives with the Lord, and walk in it as it ever unfolds door after door into the mysteries hidden from the foundation of the world, but now open wide for the initiated (Matt. 13:35). 9. Don't hang the person who doesn't agree with you. He wants to live long enough to enjoy his grandchildren (Gal. 6:1-4). 10. Recognize its enormity.

God poses in no one person (save Jesus) the entire body of revealed truth. There is an interdependence of all on all, and the key has more than one holder. There are no monopolies in this stewardship. So, let's be done with the senseless chatter and enter into the full stewardship of living out the word of God and passing it on just as pure as we received it, just as inerrant and infallible as it testifies to itself.

*I must say it!*

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### Church sends five 5

First Church Star City held a service to "send" five missionaries to foreign fields. Three persons who grew up in the church, and the husbands of two of them, were charged in the performance of their service, as were members of the church.

### Only 1/3 to go 6



Charles Ashcraft, Tom Logue and Jamie Jones are all smiles as the BSU Endowment Campaign reaches \$662,000 in pledges and cash, two-thirds toward the goal of one million dollars. A special section beginning on page 6 tells about the work of BSU on Arkansas College campuses. (Photo by Marvin Black)

### American myths 24

A Kentucky pastor has told a Baptist group that even Christian families fall for some American myths about "the good life."

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## Healthy evangelism trend

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



Southern Baptists have always believed in and emphasized New Testament evangelism. This has, perhaps more than anything else, accounted for our unparalleled growth. Yet, we have been self-satisfied at times or we have decided that all outreach was the work of the pastor of church staff. We have many healthy trends today, however, which should provide excellent outreach. Among these are an emphasis on biblical principles, effective involvement of lay people in witnessing, Christian fellowship, and a dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit.

At times we have placed the entire responsibility for evangelism on our paid church staff. Nothing could be further from the New Testament than this false concept which developed during the Middle Ages.

After listing some of the offices to which God calls individuals, Paul gave the purpose of their calling as he said, "... for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:12). So we are all equally responsible for evangelism. One called to a Christian vocation has the added responsibility of "perfecting" or "equipping" the members of the church.

Today, however, lay people are becoming involved in the carrying of the Good News to relatives, neighbors and friends. Lay witnessing is the cutting edge of effective evangelism. Besides bringing joy to the heart of those involved, personal witnessing is both New Testament and strategically imperative. Without the witnessing of committed Christians, there is no way to carry Christ's redemptive message around the world.

Early Christianity was essentially a lay movement. Jesus was a carpenter (Mark 6:3), and there was not one priest or Levite among his disciples (Acts 4:13). Paul and Apollos were educated as religious leaders, but there were not many like them in early churches. Wherever great revival is happening the laity is in the forefront.

Effective evangelism can best be accomplished by a credible witness. Luke said that Jesus "... was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people" (Luke 24:19). It is important that our actions validate our witness. Among the greatest deterrents to the cause of Christ are the lives of Christians. Our actions, attitudes and deeds should reflect our own experience with Christ.

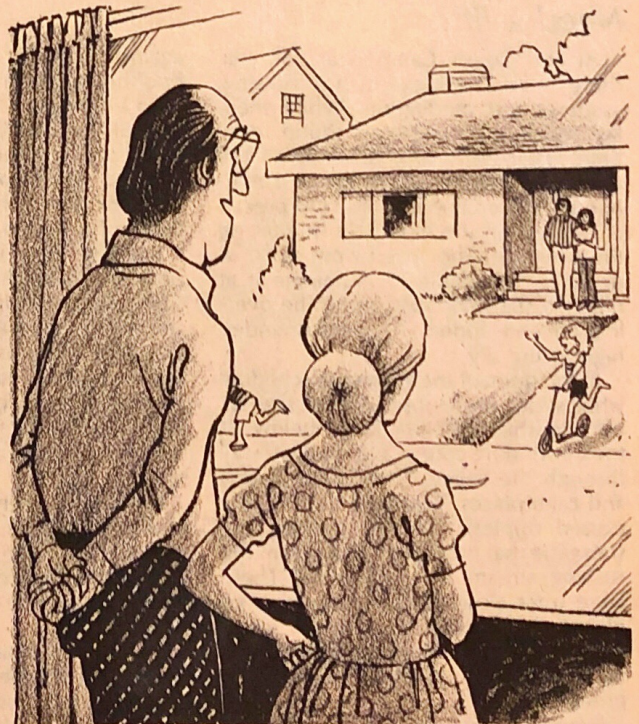
Another development which is encouraging is a growing emphasis on Christian fellowship. Fellowship and witness must always be linked if true evangelism is to occur. The Greek word for fellowship (*koinonia*) carries the idea of joint participation, partnership or possessing things common. Theologically as Christians we have a partnership with the Father through his

Son. If we are to be successful in a continuing witness, we must have the strength that comes from this partnership.

The New Testament letters have relatively little to say about evangelism. This is not because it is not important but because where true "*koinonia*" exists evangelism will occur. Jesus made our relationship within the Christian community as well as the motivation for evangelism clear. Christlike love is to permeate all our actions (John 13:34-35).

Finally, at the heart of evangelism must be personal commitment to the gospel and conviction of man's plight apart from God. Unless a person is convinced that men are saved through faith in Christ and that those who die without him are eternally separated from God, little evangelistic effort will occur. There seems to be a strong emphasis on these essentials in contemporary Baptist life.

Current trends are extremely encouraging. As we believe and proclaim the message of New Testament evangelism, involve our lay people in witness and fellowship under the power of the Holy Spirit, our greatest days for outreach are ahead. Each of us should work and pray that these trends will continue to grow.



'New family moved in ... guess we'd better notify the church staff'



## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

### On coveting petro-dollars

A news release from Saudi Arabia recently revealed that a contract will soon be awarded there to build a totally new university. The cost will be a staggering \$3.4 billion, and the construction of this new University of Riyadh has caused four international construction consortiums to bid on what is said to be the largest contract in history. The Egyptian Pyramids probably cost more, but I doubt if the work was "contracted out."

Almost like a child with a "newfound dollar" that is "burning a hole in the pocket," Saudi Arabia has decided to buy an instant university. The contract calls for building ten schools of sciences and humanities, housing for 15,000 families, a parking lot for 7,000 cars, a six-million-volume library with seating for

6,000, a 100-room hotel, four lecture halls, a 114-foot-high forum, a museum of sciences and natural history, five dining halls with a seating capacity of 8,000, a computer and medical center, a stadium seating 25,000 persons, a mosque for 9,000 worshipers, a mass-transit system and a university press. The campus reportedly will be 12 million square feet in area, will have a daytime population of 31,000 and a teaching staff of 6,500.

As president of Ouachita Baptist University I had several reactions to this mind-boggling project. My first thought was that it would certainly be wonderful if they had given the \$3.4 billion to Ouachita. This thought was followed rather quickly with the honest ad-

mission that we really don't need the full amount, although I did have a lingering desire to give it my best effort. Then my Christian conscience began to elbow its way into my thought processes, reminding me that God has said, "Thou shalt not covet." We Americans have had, and do have, so many things that the Saudi Arabians do not have, and it is hardly Christian for me to begrudge them the benefits of their newfound oil wealth. I was tempted to resort to the childhood alibi of saying "but I am not coveting what they have; I just want something exactly like theirs."

As I have scaled down my covetousness, my attention stays focused on that mosque for 9,000 worshipers. I would be very pleased to settle for a new auditorium at Ouachita that seats 2,000 rather than our present 1,000, so that our entire student body and faculty could worship together. And I still have more confidence in Baptist tithes and the Cooperative Program than I do in Saudi Arabian petro-dollars.



## Woman's viewpoint

Ruth Ann Wade

### Need a lift?

At the Ozark Camp near Mt. Ida, there is an overlook site for viewing, vespers, and meditation. While there last spring for a retreat I found some time to sit there and drink in all the quiet and beauty of the scene. Someone took the time and effort to erect a cross high on the mountain side facing the overlook. They even went so far as to make it possible to illuminate it at night so that the cross cannot be overlooked and appears to be suspended high in the sky.

In the quiet of the afternoon schedule while sitting there observing the scene, I noticed the Ouachita River below. It took a winding course as it made its way through the valley. There were rapids and calm places. There were rocks that caused ripples, and places along the shoreline that provided shelter from the rushing stream in the middle. There were trees close to the banks in some places that flourished upon the water and there were shifting sands along the bank that did not allow anything to grow.

How like life, I thought. So often we are in the valley. We get caught in the mid-stream of life and are dashed

against rocks and rough places until we find the shelter of a haven on the shore or in a calm pool. Some of us follow the path of least resistance and are tossed to and fro. Some seek out the havens of rest and become planted as a tree by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season.

But my eyes were drawn upward again to the cross. I was reminded that God's ways are higher than man's ways and his thoughts are higher than man's thoughts. His cross is lifted up that he might draw all men unto himself and thereby give us relief from the rush of life, safety from the rock, strength to stem the currents and a harbor to stay in for eternity.

Have you been lifted up? Do you know the Christ of the Cross, who provided a way, through, over, or around the hazardous spots of life? He wants to provide for you a Haven of Peace.

**Ruth Ann Wade is a Booneville housewife, mother of two boys, substitute public school teacher, and worker with adults in Sunday School. Her husband, the late Guy R. Wade, was pastor of First Church, Booneville.**

### Boyce Bible School session to begin

The first term of the fourth annual session of the Arkansas Center of Boyce Bible School will get underway at the educational annex of Central Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, Dr. W. T. Holland, director, has announced.

Courses will be offered in introductory Greek, New Testament, Old Testament, missions, church administration, and music. Classes meet from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday evenings, and from 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Saturdays. A limited amount of sleeping accommodations are available cost-free on Friday evenings. There is a cafeteria in the building.

The regular professors, Dr. Holland and Raymond Coppenger, will be teaching, and Pete Petty of the Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptists State Convention will teach a course in missions. Mrs. Jean Pilcher, minister of music at First Church, Little Rock, will teach a course in music.

The cost per course per term is \$20, with a maximum cost of \$70 per term.

Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Holland by calling (501) 227-9324.



## Star City church sends five foreign missionaries

Pastor Dennis Dodson (left) brought the charge to the missionaries who are (from left) Ellis Leagans, Judy Leagans, Charlotte Kirby, Benjamin Kirby, and John Brown. Children of the couples are (from left) Monica and Andrea Leagans, and Jodi and Brian Kirby. (ABN photo)

First Church, Star City, held a special "Sending Service," for five people going to the foreign mission field. Those honored included Rev. and Mrs. Ellis Leagans, who will work in Columbia; Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Kirby, who will work in Venezuela; and John Brown, who will serve as a journeyman in Zambia. Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Leagans, and John Brown are all products of First Church, Star City.

The two sisters, Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Leagans, are both graduates of Ouachita University. Brown is a graduate of Arkansas State University at Jonesboro.

Kirby, a graduate of Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will serve as a teacher in Extension in Venezuela. Leagans, a graduate of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., and Southwestern Seminary, will be doing general evangelism work in Columbia.

The "Sending Service," was begun with a call to worship by the Girls in Action, followed by a scripture reading by WMU President Nelline Freeman. The service featured a statement of Our Commission by John Brown; Our Challenge by Mrs. Charlotte Kirby and Our

Commitment by Mrs. Judy Leagans. Brown said that Jesus entrusted his message to his disciples and to believers. "Christianity will live or die," he said, "on the basis of what Christ's disciples do."

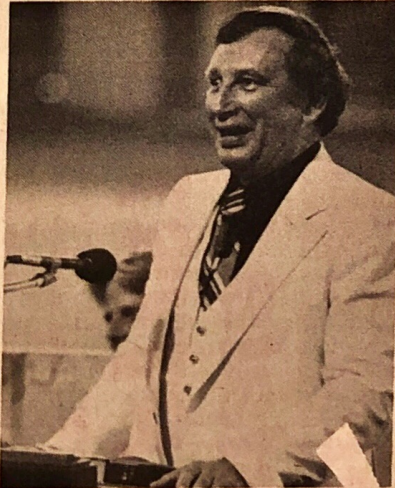
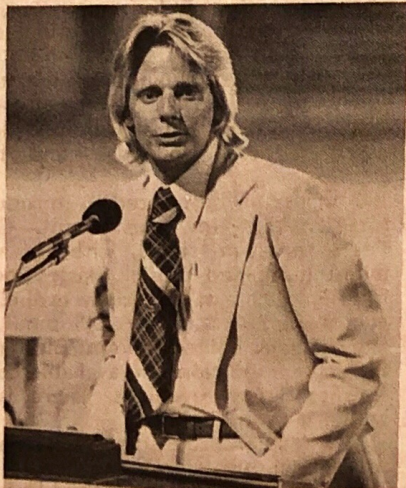
Mrs. Kirby said that she and her husband were excited about their opportunity to work in beautiful Venezuela. She said, "None of us are here by chance. There is a tremendous challenge in Venezuela and around the world. But we can meet this challenge if each of us become the channel that God wants us to be."

Mrs. Leagans said that every Christian has a calling. "For Ellis and me," she said, "our calling is to go to the foreign mission fields. It doesn't seem right for many to hear the gospel many times when some have never heard it once."

Pastor Dennis Dodson led in a charge to the missionaries and the church. He told the church, "We have been commissioned by Christ to a worldwide mission. He (Christ) calls upon us to become involved in his concern to redeem a world that is being destroyed by sin."

After responses by both the congregation and the missionaries the pastor concluded the charge by challenging the missionaries to, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." "... be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." "... endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." "Preach the word..." "... make full proof of thy ministry." And as he said, "... Occupy till I come."

Members of the congregation were given opportunity to sign prayer cards pledging prayer for the missionaries as they go to their various fields of service.



In an area-wide crusade sponsored by North Pulaski Association July through Aug. 6 they recorded 53 professions of faith and 350 rededications. The evangelist was Moody Adams (right) and the music director was Lynn Mitchell. The services were held at the Ole Main stadium and a large crowd was present Sunday night to hear the testimony of Rick Stanley (left), stepbrother of the late Elvis Presley and his personnel manager. In charge of arrangements for the crusade were Don Moseley, pastor of Sylvan Hills First Church, and Timothy W. McMinn, pastor of the Remount Church. (ABN photo)

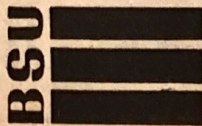


## Once in our Convention's 130-year history . . .

Arkansas Baptists have caught the vision of expanding and permanently strengthening their witness and ministry to more than 65,000 college students on twenty-seven campuses in our state through the BSU Third Century Endowment Campaign.

# BSU Third Century Campaign

The goal of the Campaign is to raise an endowment of \$1,000,000. This endowment will be managed by the Arkansas Baptist Foundation and at the present rate of earnings, would produce \$70,000-\$80,000 per year. These financial resources would enable the Student Department to provide for special programs on our college campuses. The earnings will expand the already strong Summer Missions program, expand the S-T-S program of student associate directors, expand the outreach of BSU to international students and expand BSU's ministry to the new junior college campuses in Arkansas.





"Most of the Trinidadians are Muslim, Hindu, Catholic, or nothing. The Christian work is small and Southern Baptist work even smaller. There have been many defeats and struggles in keeping the work going and in attempting to start new work."



Paul Blalock  
HSU  
Trinidad

"Altogether, the work hasn't been physically hard, but it is emotionally and mentally draining. We know God will use what ever is done for His Glory . . . I am really learning a lot--this is already helping me know where my capabilities are."



Leah Newnam  
UALR  
Michigan

"I had thirteen girls in my cabin . . . Each day of this week has been extra special . . . I have four unsaved girls in the cabin and my prayers for them are lifted up daily."



Cindy Handley  
HSU  
G.A. Camp

"Our whole ministry seems to revolve around people and their needs . . . The thing that surprised me the most is that all the sharing and giving isn't coming from me. A lot of it is coming from them (the campers)."



Debbie Stephens  
UofA  
Devil's Den

## Great experiences are being reported by the 26 BSU Summer Missionaries who are now serving around the world.



"At first I felt very uneasy about witnessing to complete strangers. I prayed for God to guide me who to witness to and it was wonderful the way He guided me."



Michael Gordon  
Tech  
Northwest

"There are so many different needs to be met --from housing someone to just talking to them . . . It's amazing how many people do not go to church."



Jane Chu  
OBU  
California

"It is a unique experience to sit in a church service where you do not understand any of what is being said. I hope that by the end of the summer I will have learned the words to at least one hymn in Bengli."



Mike Hill  
UofA  
Bangladesh

" . . . we often only see a child once . . . This emphasizes the importance of our daily effective witnessing."



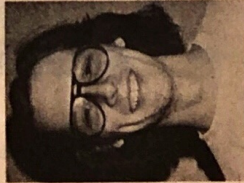
Nancy Standley  
UCA  
Atlanta, Ga.

"... After Bible Study we went to a park and relaxed by throwing a frisbee . . . . Soon we had a "crowd" of about 12 teenagers we were establishing relationships with because of a frisbee. What an amazing 'tool' of God."



Bob Calvert  
UCA  
Chicago

"... the neighborhood is rough . . . the area lulls you to sleep and then wakes you up with a bang. I think I am beginning to understand the scope of the mission work here."



Kevin Sigsby  
ASU  
Louisiana

"A few of the campers have said they liked "quiet time." This is a time when everyone sits quietly and reads the Bible, talks to God, and listens for His will. It's a new experience for me . . ."



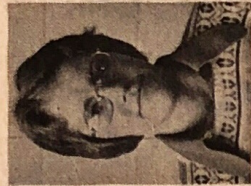
Vicki Taylor  
Tech  
G.A. Camp

"We continue our work at the park, gaining confidence and a sense of awareness in being able to deal with people in a more effective way. Our God really knew what He was doing by placing us here!"



Jonathan Cude  
SBC  
Lake Chicot

"The sixth through ninth grade youth that I taught were extremely eager to learn . . . The older teenagers grew to be very special to me. Many of them had a hard time convincing their parents to let them come to Bible school."



Cathy Pittman  
Tech  
Ohio

"It's hard to imagine what some of these children have been through in their lives. It is really a challenge that takes a lot of prayers and patience."



Vicki Parnell  
OBU  
Children's Home

"I have learned that the Lord helps you to do anything, from playing softball to dealing with home-sickness."



Denise Wiley  
SBC  
G.A. Camp

"... Twice I have interviewed girls who were hostile when religious questions were asked. Both have become girls I have really gotten close to. One has become a Christian and the other is on the verge. . ."



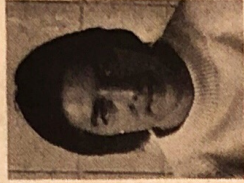
Rhonda Austin  
UofA  
S. Carolina

"... I never really enjoyed working with kids, but these 10 weeks are changing that . . . God is at work in my life as well as in the lives around me."



Linda Berk  
ASU  
Maryland

"We planned three activities for the Fourth of July weekend, since internationals have little to do on such a holiday . . . Our big event was to take a group to a rodeo on Saturday night. They enjoyed it and it was a novelty to most of them."



Daniel Hickey  
OBU  
Internationals, U/A

"... I'm so glad the Lord sent me here . . . The Lord has really blessed my life . . ."



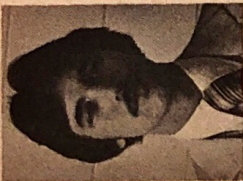
Connie Edmondson  
SBC  
G.A. Camp

"It was a tiring week but we enjoyed some really good fellowship with other Christians. It was great to see young kids who wanted to know how they could serve the Lord."



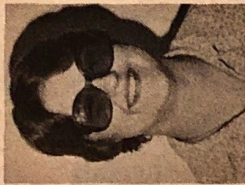
Dwight Wharton  
UCA  
Lake Chicot

"There are two kids that have become Christians in the last two weeks, and I am learning how to help a new follower grow . . ."



Scott Duvall  
OBU  
Children's Home

"The girls I've had so far were all Christians except one. I have devotions, three nights each week, and share and pray with them. They are easy to love."



Peggy Notgrass  
SBC  
G.A. Camp



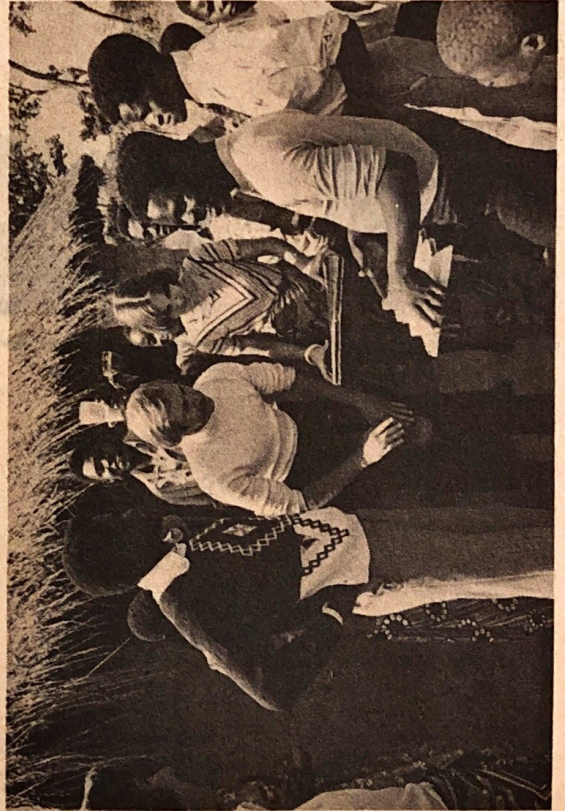
Shauna Graves  
HSU  
Devil's Den

"On weekends, the children help to provide us with doors to friendship. They always accept us first, so through them, we get to know the parents."



Kathy Brown  
ASU  
Kearns, Utah

"I . . . have loved working with the third and fourth grades in Vacation Bible School. They have no teaching about church and the Bible, so we have to start with the very basics."



The Summer Missions program will continue to be a student sponsored and guided program, but the Third Century Campaign will provide additional support for immediate increases in salaries and the number of student appointees. Those who have served in Summer Missions usually return with a desire to minister on the campus where they are living and studying.



Carl Humphreys  
Westark  
Youth Home

"I know the Lord brought me here for the purpose of showing the boys love and concern and possibly to see some of them saved."



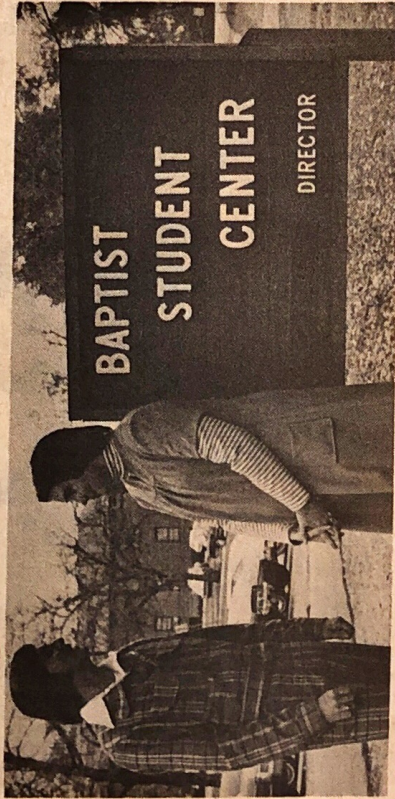
Sarah Smiley  
UoIA  
Youth Home

"My first two weeks have definitely been an experience. I am learning and enjoying my work a lot, growing in the Lord while He teaches me to trust Him more totally day by day."

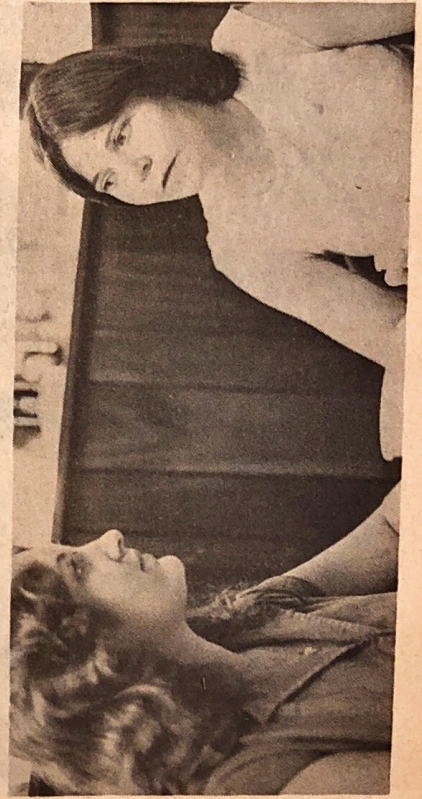


Recent graduates of our colleges and universities who have been active in BSU are offering themselves as one-year associate BSU Directors through applying to be S-T-S Workers.

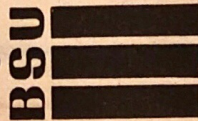
“... Each S-T-S worker leads one evangelism training workshop on his or her campus and promotes another one led by an outside leader. Like missionaries on a campus, our S-T-S workers are able to influence students not previously reached.”



“S-T-S” is an abbreviation of the term “Student-to-student” and refers to the fact that these workers have a vital, direct opportunity to share Christ with their peers through personal witnessing and promotion of programs of evangelism and Bible study.



A minimal salary and travel allowance will be provided by the earnings of the Third Century Campaign to assist these student campus ministers in their year of sacrificial service.





Students from dozens of countries come to Arkansas each year to study at our colleges and universities. Because of language problems and cultural adjustments, these students often face crises of which Arkansans are unaware. The simple process of registering for school, making housing arrangements and learning to handle money can be traumatic.



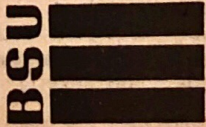
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**“... I grow up from a family that believes in Buddhist... through the BSU at UCA I heard about Jesus Christ... the students from BSU... helped me and give me a lot of care and helped me to know Jesus Christ.”**

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Baptist Student Unions, wherever internationals are enrolled, have sought to be friends and even family to the internationals on the campus. The annual International Retreat, local international banquets and fellowships, language classes, native-language Bible studies and host families for holiday weekends are some of the many ways BSU ministers to the 850 or more international students in the state. As some of these students accept Jesus Christ as their savior, they return home as some of the best missionaries possible to tell their own people about Him.





Another program of volunteer and part-time BSU Directors has begun as a result of Arkansas' creation of five new Junior college campuses in the last few years.

**"The thousands of students at our community colleges also need the ministry of Baptist Student Union."**

The Endowment Campaign earnings will be used to pay the salary of part-time directors at these and other small campus situations. Already, programs of student ministry are blooming in many of these new collegiate centers and lives are being changed as young people realize that Christ must be carried in their hearts as they study and as they enter their life's vocation.

# Baptist Student Union

other church staff members, and missionaries.

"Once in our 130 year history . . ." Let's make the most of this great opportunity!

The churches listed in our illustration on page six, along with BSU alumni and friends have pledged and given more than \$660,000 toward our \$1,000,000 goal. We are grateful to God for their wonderful support.

We appeal to every church in our Convention to help us reach and go beyond our goal by the end of 1978. Every church, regardless of the size of its membership or budget, can have a worthy part.

Some of the continuing results will be that more students will become Christians, more students will grow and mature as Christians and more students will enter full-time Christian ministries and vocations as pastors,

# Arkansas all over

by Millie Gill

**Woody C. Wicker** was ordained to the gospel ministry at Rowe's Chapel, Monette, on July 16. Wicker, who is pastor of the chapel, is married to the former Jo-Ann Bailey of Paragould. They are parents of four children.



Wicker

Carl Bunch, Director of Missions for Mount Zion Association, served as moderator for the ordination service. James Ray Ezell of Cock County, Tenn., preached the message and prayer was led by W. C. Wicker

of Hornersville, Mo.

## Janet Fuller

was awarded the Mary Williamson Award by the department of philosophy and religions at Hollins College, Roanoke, Va. She received this award for the best study submitted in the field of humanities. She is the daughter of J. Wayne Fuller of Minnesota and Frances Anderson Fuller of Arkansas, Southern Baptist missionaries to Lebanon.

## Charles E. Winters

was ordained to the gospel ministry by Second Church, Little Rock, on Aug. 6. He will be moving to Ft. Worth, Tex., this fall to enroll in Southwestern Seminary. Winters, a graduate of the University of Arkansas, has served as a summer student worker and pastoral as-

sistant for the Little Rock church. In September of 1977 he became the pastor of Liberty Church in Howard County, where he is still serving. While enrolled at the seminary, he will serve as a grader for Arkansas Jay (Boo) Heflin of the Old Testament Department. Winter is married to the former Mary De-Armond of Little Rock.

Taking part in his ordination service were Dale Cowling, former pastor of Second Church; Larry Maddox, pastor, and John Lockhart, associate pastor.

## Bobby Boyles

is now associate pastor at Immanuel Church, Rogers. He is a recent graduate of Ouachita University and a native of Searcy.

## Focus on youth

by Millie Gill

### Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith

youth were in Casper, Wyo., July 28-Aug. 5 to do mission work. The group worked in the mornings conducting Bible School activities, and in the evening assisted in revival services. Sponsors were Jerry and Jenise Cronan, Jim and Jane Files, and Glynn Stewart.

### Hot Springs First Church

was in a youth-led revival Aug. 4-6. Mike D. McLemore, student at New Orleans Seminary, was speaker. Ron Marcum, minister of music and youth at First Church, Norphlet, directed music. Jim Craig is minister of education and youth.

### Jacksonville First Church

Acteens have sponsored Backyard Bible Clubs this summer. They worked with children in the first through sixth grades. Mrs. James Binyon is director.

### Quitman Church

young people participated in activities at Camp Lonsdale July 24-28. There were 20 youth and two adults attending. One of the youth from the Quitman Church made a public profession of faith while attending camp. Also two from the church were recognized as honor campers.

### Lewisville First Church

held a youth-led revival Aug. 11-13. Bill Elder, professor at Ouachita University, was evangelist. Eddie Hawkins Jr. and Charles Colquitt were song leaders. Martha Jane Smith was soloist.

### Sheridan First Church

will be in a youth revival today through Aug. 20. Craig Vire will be evangelist. Brandon Willey will direct music and Beverly Smith will be pianist.

### Calvary Church, Texarkana

youth participated in a 20 mile walk-a-thon recently. Bobby Renfro, pastor, led a group of nine youth and three sponsors in the event for the purpose of raising funds to be used for summer youth activities and the World Hunger fund. A total of \$500.66 was given to this fund on Aug. 2 by the group. Total money raised by the walk-a-thon was \$488.65 with half of the amount going to activities and the other half designated for world hunger.

### Van Buren First Church

gave special recognition to college students at the morning worship hour on Aug. 13. The youth choir will present the musical, "The Church that God Built with Love," at the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children in Monticello tonight.

### Mt. Olive Church, North Crossett

youth presented the musical, "Bright New Wings," when Ashley County Association met on Tuesday evening, Aug. 8.

### Life Line Church, Little Rock

was in a youth-led revival Aug. 11-13. David Uth, ministerial student from Pine Bluff, was evangelist. Clay Vire, senior church music major from Little Rock, directed music. Donna McCoy, sopho-

more music major from Pine Bluff, was pianist/soloist. All are students at Ouachita University.

### Mountain Home First Church

observed "Bold Mission On Campus-On to College Day" on Sunday, Aug. 6. Kenneth Threet is pastor and Barney Larry is minister of music/youth.

### Sheridan First Church

youth recently was at the Girard Church in Girard, Ill., and the First Church of Southaven, Miss., to present the musical "Bright New Wings."

### Des Arc First Church

will have a one-night youth led revival on Saturday evening, Aug. 26. The youth choir of Mt. Carmel Church, Cabot, will present a program. Ron Griffin, pastor, will close the service with an evangelistic message.

### Searcy First Church

youth have returned from Mt. Moriah Church in Murfreesboro where they led a five day Vacation Bible School. Eddie W. Rhymes is youth director.

### Marked Tree First Church

held a youth-led revival Aug. 4-6. Bob Hunt of Boaz, Ala., was guest evangelist.

### Stuttgart First Church

recently held a four-day youth led revival. A CONTACT team from Ouachita University led the services. Team members were Craig Vire, Brandon Willey and Beverly Smith.

**Myrle DeMoss**

has resigned as pastor at Faith Church, Benton County Association. He has accepted the position of Industrial Chaplain with Diablo, Inc. at Vallejo, Calif.

**Walter Crosson**

has been called as pastor of Witts Chapel, Maynard.

**Dr. and Mrs. Earl McWherter**

have just participated in the Third annual Baptist Scouting Conference at Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base in the Rocky Mountains in north-eastern New Mexico. They are members of First Church, Hot Springs.

**Thomas Ray**

is serving as pastor of the Rivervale Church in Trinity Association.

**Sharon Wegman**

has resigned as director of education/youth at Lakeshore Drive Church, Little Rock. She will begin orientation at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., on Aug. 22.

**Jessie Mae Basinger**

died at St. Bernard's Regional Medical Center in Jonesboro on Aug. 3. She was a retired school teacher and a member of Central Church, Jonesboro, where funeral services were held on Saturday, Aug. 5. Burial was in Jonesboro Memorial Park.

Survivors include her husband, John Basinger of the home; two sons, James Basinger of Jonesboro; and Gary Basinger of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two daughters, Mrs. Jules Martin of Tru-

mann; and Mrs. George Martin of Hot Springs; two sisters, and nine grandchildren.

**James Johnson**

is serving as pastor of the Rover Church in Dardanelle-Russellville Association. He moved there from the Wickes Church.

**Bruce Huffstutter**

has resigned as pastor of the Rock Springs Church in North Arkansas Association.

**Bill Combs**

has resigned as pastor of the Freeman Heights Church, Berryville, effective Aug. 13. He has entered the chaplaincy and will intern at the Methodist Medical Center, St. Joseph, Mo.

## briefly

### by Millie Gill

**Searcy First Church**

held a family prayer retreat at Greer's Ferry Lake on Aug. 9. The retreat was sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood.

**Nettleton Church, Jonesboro**

will celebrate its 84th anniversary on Sept. 3. Special recognition will be given to the man and woman present who have been members of the church the greatest number of years. A potluck lunch will be served at noon. Former pastors and members will be special guests at the celebration.

Jim Carter, chairman, Pat Nave, Paul Nave, Dorothy Rutledge, Paula Richardson, Hubert Bittle, Frances Berk, Ken Berk, Jim Adair, Mike Houston, Marie Burton and Peggy Henderson are in charge of anniversary activities. Harold B. Ray is pastor.

**Osceola First Church**

will have its fall revival Oct. 8-11. Ramsey Pollard will be speaker. Music will be directed by Jim Raymick. Bob Wilson is pastor.

**Concord Association**

Baptist Women will have a fellowship supper and prayer retreat on Aug. 16 at Haven Heights Church, Ft. Smith. Angel Martinez will be special speaker.

**Arkadelphia Second Church**

had a Mission Bible School on July 10-14 with approximately 27 children attending. There were 14 workers for the school. Mrs. James Burlison, Woman's Missionary Union director-president, was Bible School director. Carl Kluck is pastor.

**Pine Grove**

a mission of Pocahontas First Church

held ordination services on Sunday, July 9. Witt Hibbard, Dale Symington and Junior Bellah were ordained as deacons. J. D. Passmore, Director of Missions for Current-Gains Association, was moderator of the ordaining council. G. B. Hambrick served as clerk and Lannie Younger was elected to question the candidates. Curtis Smith, pastor of the Pocahontas church, preached the ordination message and gave the charge.

**Tipperary Church**

is in revival Aug. 13-19. George Glenn is evangelist. The church will hold ordination services on Aug. 27 to ordain their pastor, Tex Henderson, to the gospel ministry.

**Shiloh Church**

near Corning will be in revival Aug. 19-26 with Danny Vance as evangelist. Cecil Harness is pastor.

**Calvary Church, Benton**

conducted a WIN School Aug. 6-9. Clarence Shell, associate state evangelist of the Evangelism Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, led the school. Oscar Golden is pastor.

**Quitman Church**

was in revival July 9-16. Al Cullum, associate pastor of First Church, Forrest City, was evangelist. The David Tyson Family of Forrest City was in charge of music. There were seven professions of faith. Bob Guess is pastor.

**East End Church, Hensley**

Baptist Women voted recently to give a regular offering to World Hunger Relief. This will be sent through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to be used for hunger and disaster relief around the world. The women have

asked all members of the church to give to this offering.

**Dardanelle First Church**

Woman's Missionary Union voted in a general meeting to assist the Santa Clara Mission in Esparole, N.M., when gifts are collected for "Christmas in August." These gifts will be sent to Ben and Shirley Yelvington who are working there with the Indians.

**Clear Lake Church**

will begin its summer revival on Aug. 20 and it will continue through Aug. 25. Allen Stephens, pastor of First Church Ferriday, La., will preach the evangelistic messages. Music will be directed by Dorothy Taylor and David Henderson. A. Harrison Weger is pastor.

**Cullendale First Church, Camden**

was in revival Aug. 9-13. Jim Daniel, a student at Ouachita University, and Art Horne, minister of music and youth at First Church, Warren, were revival leaders. Jimmy Burks is pastor.

**Paris First Church**

is organizing a new Sunday School class for single adults. Frank Wade will be teacher.

**Camden First Church**

was host Aug. 6-9 for the third annual South Arkansas Bible Conference. "Tasting the Word of God," was theme. Speakers were Robert Blann, pastor of Calvary Church, East Camden; Michael Haynes, Urbandale First Church, Dallas, Tex., and Jim Wright, pastor of the host church.

**McGehee First Church**

is in revival Aug. 13-20. Joe Shaver is

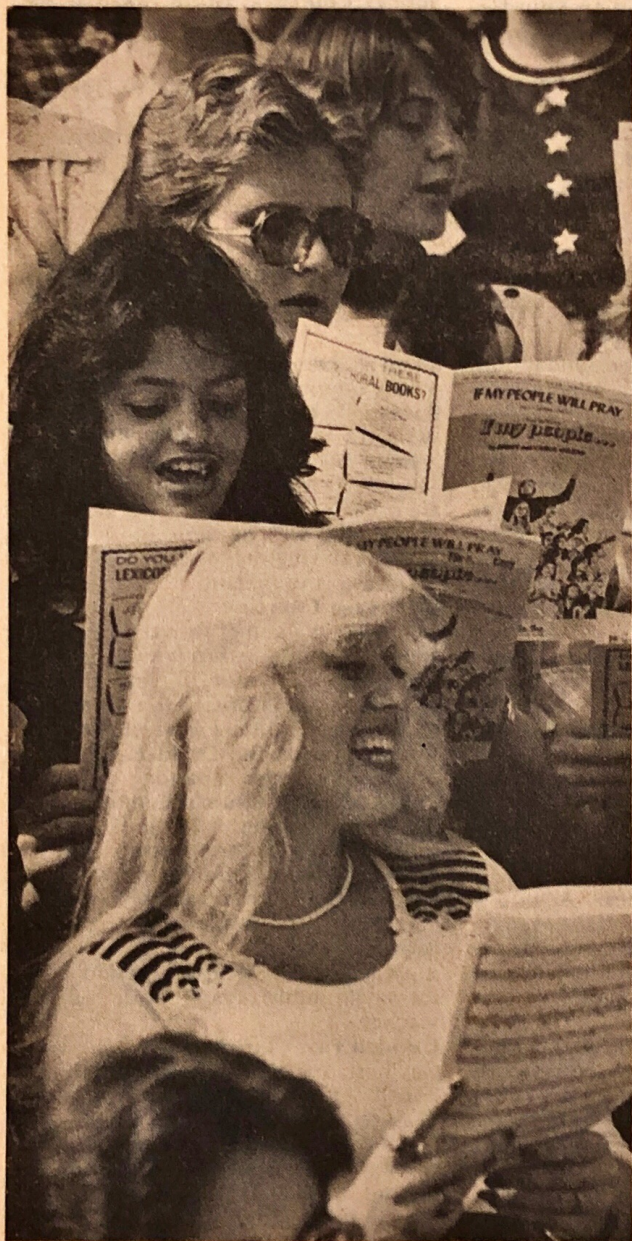
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# Make a joyful noise to the Lord on Youth Choir Day at Ouachita Baptist University Sept. 23.



For more information on Youth Choir Day, write Dr. Paul Hammond, P.O. Box 710, OBU, Arkadelphia, AR, 719

**Seminary president serves first day in Arkansas**

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evangelist and Sam Allen is directing music. Mason Craig is pastor.

**Grady First Church**

will be in revival Aug. 27-Sept. 2. Speakers will be Dennis Dodson, pastor of Star City First Church; Ed Hinkson, pastor of Watson Chapel Church; Ron Kimble, pastor of Anderson's Chapel; Allen Thrasher, pastor of Forrest Park Church; and Jimmy Watson, pastor of Greenlee Memorial Church.

Wednesday evening will be "Children's Revival Night," with a puppet team from Monticello Second Church presenting the program. Alan T. Tucker is pastor of the Grady church.

**Little Rock First Church**

will have open house for their new Christian Family Life Center and education building on Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They have invited the entire community to share in the beginning of this new ministry.

Dedication service for both buildings will be during the morning worship hour on Sunday, Aug. 20. John B. Wright is pastor.

**Halley Church**

will be in revival Aug. 27-Sept. 2. Marvin Cain, pastor of Temple Church, Dermott, will preach each night at 7:30 according to Thomas Christmas, pastor.

**Caledonia Church**

will be in revival Aug. 23-27. Forrest Post will be evangelist and Steve Post will direct music. Hugh Nelson is pastor.

**Strong First Church**

will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Aug. 26-27. Celebration events will begin with a service at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday services will begin with the Sunday School hour at 9:45.

Jack Gullledge of Nashville, Tenn., will speak at the worship hour. Gullledge, a former pastor, is now editor of *Proclaim*, a publication of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board.

Mrs. George R. Parks is in charge of the anniversary celebration which will be attended by members, former members, and friends of the church. A noon meal will be served.

**Harvey's Chapel, Hot Springs**

celebrated its 90th anniversary on Sunday, July 30. The day of events included the traditional morning services, followed by a noon meal, and an afternoon musical program.

Jesse Reed, Director of Evangelism, Arkansas Baptist State Convention and a former pastor, was speaker. Others on the anniversary program were Joe Huddleston, a deacon; Meal Kemp, Walter Smith, Bill Hunt, chairman of deacons, O. J. Sharp, outreach director, and Marvin James, pastor.

Russell Dilday, newly-elected president of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., spent his first day of official duty in Arkansas promoting the "Eight by Eighty" campaign. At a banquet in Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, Dr. Dilday spoke on "Four Encouragements Which Came to Me on My First Day as President."

Dr. Dilday said that upon his arrival at his seminary office he read an article in the *Wall Street Journal* entitled, "The Over-supply of Preachers in America." "In other seminaries," he said, "the over-supply is not because more and more young people are entering the ministry but because of the decline in the number of churches. At Southwestern there were 4,136 students last year, a unique phenomenon because this is the largest number of students in any seminary in the history of the world." Dr. Dilday believes that God is doing something unique in the life of Southern Baptists and that the Bold Mission Thrust "places more responsibility on us to find positions of service for these people whom God has called."

Dr. Dilday's second gratifying experience was the phone calls he received from four churches looking for pastors and for the contacts he had had with faculty members. "This means that people have confidence in Southwestern Seminary," he said.

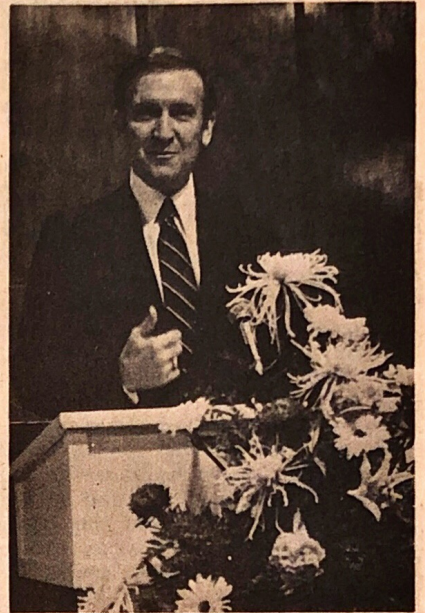
"This contact with the faculty is always refreshing not only because of their professional skills but because of their commitment to the Lord Jesus."

Finally, he said, he was grateful for a letter from a woman who had recently returned from a trip on a foreign mission field. Having learned that the three missionaries she had contacted were Southwestern graduates, as is her own pastor, she wrote President Dilday saying that she would like to give \$3,000 to the seminary, if they could use it. "When I received this letter," said Dilday, "I didn't wait to write her I called her. I wanted her to know that we appreciated her offer to assist us in meeting our needs."

Dr. Dilday said that the "Eight by Eighty" campaign, an effort to raise \$8 million by 1980, was necessary in order to increase the faculty, provide more physical facilities, and enlarge the library. Not a single classroom has been constructed since the enrollment reached the 2,000 mark. "Although ours is the second largest theological library in the world, it is imperative that we keep abreast of contemporary writings if we are to provide adequately for our student body."

"The purpose of Southwestern Seminary," Dilday concluded, "is to equip men and women whom God has called. I am excited about having a part in this endeavor."

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Russell Dilday told Arkansans how he was encouraged on his first day as president of Southwestern Seminary. (ABN photo)

The leaders for the campaign introduced in the meeting were Jay Heflin, state chairman, and district chairmen Kendall Berry, Andy Setliffe, Ken Lilly, and Shed Medlin who is also a trustee at the seminary. Special music was furnished by Jean Setliffe who was accompanied by Mrs. Paul Williams, wife of the minister of music at Calvary Church, Little Rock.

**Carter gets tax credit opposition reminder**

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has sent President Carter and the U.S. Senate copies of a resolution passed by Southern Baptists at their annual meeting in Atlanta, June 15, outlining long standing Baptist opposition to tuition tax credits.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, reminded the president and senators that the committee "is comprised of eight national Baptist bodies in the United States with a combined membership of approximately 27 million."

# Your state convention at work

## Sunday School

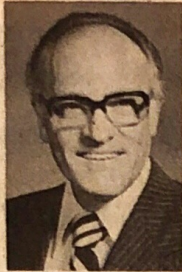
### I recommend 'I Recommend ...'

I like the simple and clear meaning in the following lines. I believe you will like them too.

I have never doubted that the Bible is divinely inspired. The longer I read it, the surer I am that it is so. James Denney, a prominent Scotch Bible scholar, once said that the New Testament was the most astonishing outburst of intellectual and spiritual energy the world has ever known. If that be true, and it certainly is, then reading the New Testament and the great writings of the Old Testament that prepared the way for it can vitalize the reader's mind.

Would you like to read more stimulating concepts from the same author? I recommend you read *I Recommend the Bible* by Howard P. Colson.

Colson writes that the Bible is filled with fascination, deals with basic issues of life,



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is the inspired Word of God, is the book of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

is a mirror on self, points the only way to eternal life, brings hope in distress, gives strength, is a guidebook for living, is a builder of character, homes, churches, good government, and influences civilization.

Colson concludes that we should read, study and share the Bible.

You will like reading this 1976 Broadman Press book. The book was written in appreciation of A. V. Washburn for 44 years of Sunday School leadership. — Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School director.

1. Howard P. Colson, "I Recommend The Bible" (Nashville: Broadman Press, 1976) used by permission.

**Did you know** that our state convention budget for 1978 calls for over \$2 million to go to world causes through the Cooperative Program?

## Child Care

### Thanks for making Siloam trip possible

Siloam Springs 1978 is history. But it is not forgotten. Neither is its influence just history. The 19 girls and 16 boys, two summer missionaries and three counselors from the Children's Home along with the thousands of others who visited Siloam Springs Assembly will continue to be affected by it.

The long ride itself from Monticello to Siloam is an event not soon forgotten. The tiresomeness of the journey was diminished by stops along the way for a picnic lunch and for ice cream at Gary Gray's.

Recreation is a big part of Siloam. Our youth participated in basketball and volleyball for boys and girls. They won first place in mixed volleyball.

John Merrill was a nominee for honor camper. That is quite an achievement.

Many young people made meaningful decisions. These will continue to bear fruit for years to come.

To all of you who made contributions that made Siloam possible for all of these, we are grateful. Thank you for sharing and caring. — Homer W. Shirley Jr., Director of Development, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

## Looking ahead: Arkansas events

### August 1978

- 7-11 National Baptist Youth Camp, Paron (girls)
- 11-12 Pastor-Director Church Training Retreat
- 13 Language Missions Day
- 14-18 National Baptist Youth Camp, Paron (boys)
- 18-19 State Instrumental Workshop, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock
- 20 Share Joy-Associational Hymn Sing
- 20-27 Church Music Week
- 25-26 Associational Church Training Leadership Conference, Little Rock, First
- 25-26 Associational Music Director Workshop, Little Rock, First Baptist Church
- 28-30 Registration fall semester, Ouachita Baptist University
- 28 Registration fall semester, Southern Baptist College

### September 1978

- 7 State Wide WMU Leadership Conference, Little Rock
- 7 Bold Mission Thrust Orientation, Calvary Church, Little Rock
- 9 Area WMU Leadership Conference, associational leaders, Baptist Building, Little Rock
- 10 Baptist Foundation Sunday
- 10 Area Evangelism Conference, Stuttgart, First

- 11 Area Evangelism Conference, Fayetteville
- 11 Area Leader/Member Training Conference, Stuttgart First (WMU)
- 12 Sunday School Leadership Night (Associational)
- 12 Area Evangelism Conference, Booneville, First
- 12 Area Leadership Conference, associational leaders, Stuttgart, First (WMU)
- 14 Area Evangelism Conference, DeQueen, First
- 14 Area Leader/Member Training Conference, Camden, First (WMU)
- 15 Area Leadership Conference, Associational Leaders, Camden, First (WMU)
- 15-16 Brotherhood Leadership Training, Camp Paron
- 18 State Missions Season of Prayer (WMU)
- 18-19 State Sunday School Convention, Little Rock
- 19 Northeast District Brotherhood Meeting, Walnut Street, Jonesboro
- 21 Southwest District Brotherhood Meeting, Hope, First
- 21 Area Leader/Member Training Conference, Walnut Ridge, First (WMU)

## Cooperative Program How to kill a church

What does a church do when it has failed to subscribe its adopted budget? When receipts fall short of budgeted needs, what steps does the church take to avoid operating "in the red?"

Many, perhaps most, pastors have faced that dilemma. Some have attempted to solve the problem by reducing or deleting items in the budget which they consider "non-essential." Tragically, many consider mission contributions in that category.

Pastor Alvis Carpenter of First Church, Blytheville, faced that question recently, but his response to it is significant. Listen to what he wrote to his people in a recent church bulletin:

"It would be a simple matter to reduce our commitment to missions enough to make our budget equal to our pledges, especially since we give more than twice as much as the average Southern Baptist Church percentage-wise. That, I believe, would be the wrong approach. Our support of world missions is the worthiest part of our budget and the area in which we ought to rejoice exceedingly. It reflects our continuing commitment to the Bold Mission of proclaiming the gospel to every living person."

Dr. Carpenter went on to suggest to his people some positive and scriptural alternatives. The Blytheville Church is a missionary church, not only in name, but also in deed and in giving.

Those churches that have tried to solve financial problems by reducing their mission giving have too often found, belatedly, that it is a sure way to kill a church. The writer of Proverbs put it this way: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." — Roy F. Lewis, Associate Executive Secretary

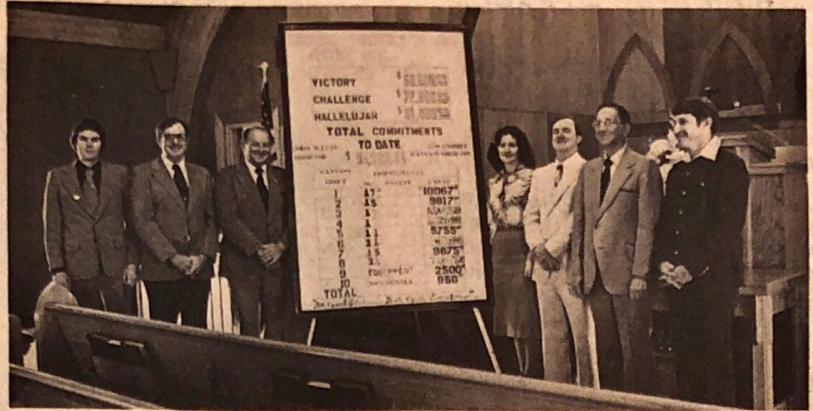
**Did you know** that the Cooperative Program bears the cost of promoting and collecting and administering the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong mission offerings?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — During the month of June, at least 105 new Sunday Schools were started across the Southern Baptist Convention, bringing the total for the first nine months of the year to 843.

The goal for the year ending in September is 1,150, compared to last year when 567 new Sunday Schools were started.

"Summer is the time when the largest number of Sunday Schools are started,"

Members of the building committee and Pastor R. A. Bone (second from right) show off the results of their fund-raising efforts. (ABN photo)



## Batesville church raises more than total building cost

Calvary Church in Batesville has raised \$97,000 to build a 40 by 100 ft. fellowship, kitchen and dining room hall.

The church set three goals using the "Together We Build" program. The "Victory" goal was \$59,500, the "Challenge" goal was \$72,800, and the "Hallelujah" goal was set at \$91,000. By reaching the "Hallelujah" goal no long-time financing is necessary.

Calvary's success is unique in two aspects. First, the church surpassed the Hallelujah goal. Secondly, the actual money received to date exceeds even what was pledged. In just 13 weeks over \$13,000 had been received.

The program is based on personal commitments above and beyond the members' tithe. Every member was asked to make a personal commitment for so much for 150 weeks or three years. A commitment of \$10 per week would equal \$1,500 during the three years. A commitment of \$56.66 for 150 weeks would equal \$10,000.

R. A. Bone, pastor of Calvary, and John McCuin, director of the campaign, chose the members of the Steering Committee. The other nine members of the Steering Committee are as follows: Irlon Hubbard, Joe Don Reynolds, Duffie Bryant, Jim Knight, Carol Heuer,

Cathy Davis, Ray Cockrill, Frances Head and Billy Davis.

According to McCuin, the response of volunteer labor far exceeded all expectations and "Many people who were deeply involved and some who weren't expressed to me that this was one of the best spiritual experiences and fellowship experiences that they have had."

The campaign has had both material and spiritual blessings at Calvary Church. Jim Knight stated, "When the canvassers came back the first Thursday night and made their report and we added up and saw the overwhelming response of the church to the program, the spirit there that night had to be a high point in my spiritual experiences at Calvary Church."

Bone, who has been pastor of the church for 21 years, sees a bright future. "I see a church with one of the greatest foundations of people that I have ever witnessed. The type people that can build a work for the Lord. I, also, think the new facility will be an enticement to new people that are moving into the community to become a part of this work. I just think all in all that the possibilities of this church are tremendous."

## 105 Sunday Schools started in June

said Jim Fitch, supervisor of the growth section in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department.

Fitch said members of the growth section have trained many student summer missionaries and seminary students who spend their summer starting new work, most under the sponsorship of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and state Baptist conventions.

In addition, more than 20 persons cur-

rently serve under contract with the growth section to start new work.

One example of a major growth effort, Miracle 25, is under way in Portland, Ore., where Baptists hope to start 25 new missions and Sunday Schools in one week late in July.

Longer range, 1,410 Sunday Schools have been started since October 1976 toward a three-year goal of 3,000 by September 1979.

## 'Witness, but don't exploit Jews' — Rabbi

DENVER (BP) — It is not the place of Jews to define the mission of Christian evangelicals, according to a rabbi and campus ministry director from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

But Christians need to be aware that Jews are offended and feel exploited when they are "focused on as an object for witness," said Paul Saiger, director of the Hillel Foundation at the university.

Saiger said he and other Jews particularly resent the "manipulation and use of Jewish symbols" in Christian evangelism and that such misuse goes beyond the bounds of ethics in evangelizing.

"The Christian has a faith that invokes a witness. That isn't objected to and cannot be denied," he said.

He called "borderline" Key '73 a wide Christian evangelical campaign in 1973 that stirred the ire of Jewish leaders. Key '73, he said, was a "witness to the entire community. So far as I know, they had workbooks on Jewish response to Christian claims, but they also had such workbooks for other groups as well.

"When, however, we find evangelical groups making use of Jewish symbolism and focusing on Jews and Jewish students as a class — this is wrong."

He said Christian-Jewish groups "can call themselves whatever they want to or do whatever they want. But when established evangelical groups on the university or college campus bring them in to use them as a program (of evangelism), problems and hard feelings result."

Saiger said he and his colleagues have good relations with Southern Baptists' ministers at the university in Columbia.

Oak Grove families will benefit from a gymnasium, recreation area, and education space which can be converted into an auditorium which will seat more than 1,000 persons. (ABN photos)



## Oak Grove Church emphasizes family ministry with new activities center

"To be more fully able to minister to the needs of the total family was our primary purpose for building a Family Activities Center," Wayne Davis, pastor of Oak Grove Church, said when the building was dedicated on Sunday, Aug. 6.

"We feel this building will help us do that not only through recreation, but through youth education and total church fellowship," he concluded.

The new 10,500 square foot building includes a 75 by 60 foot gymnasium, a 40 by 75 foot recreation area, and a 40 by 75 foot educational wing. Part of this educational space opens for use into the gymnasium. This area can also be converted into an auditorium that will seat more than 1,000 persons.

A "Family Fourth '78" was the first activity in the center with approximately 200 persons participating in the holiday sports. A picnic, fireworks display and devotional time were also included in this event.

The center, valued at \$150,000, was built at a cost of approximately \$108,265 through volunteer labor and machine

work.

Dedication services also included the dedication of a parsonage built in 1975.

R. H. Dorris, Director of State Missions, for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, opened the services as he read from Isaiah 54:2, gave a welcome from the state convention, and led the invocation.

Pastor Davis welcomed guests and introduced former pastors. These included Curtis Bryant, D. O. Stuckey, Leroy Rogers, Ray South, Al Escott and J. W. Burrows. They each spoke briefly. Paul Wilhelm, Director of Missions for Clear Creek Association, led the offeratory prayer. Burrows presented special music.

South, pastor of Centennial Church, Pine Bluff, brought the dedication message using Ephesians 5:23, 1 Corinthians and Luke as scripture texts.

Rogers gave the benediction. Dr. Dorris led the prayer of dedication.

A fellowship supper and recreation period closed the services.

Speaker for the morning services was Bryant. Escott and Stuckey led prayers for this service.



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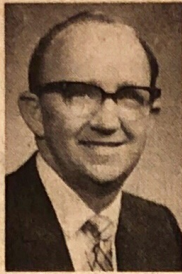
## Courage in the storm

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Acts 27:21-26, 39-44

by Anton C. Uth, pastor,  
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Second only to the message of salvation, this lesson is vitally needed among God's people today. Paul faced one more trial, one more storm in our lesson text. He had been heard by King Agrippa II who aided Festus, the procurator of Judea, in writing charges to precede Paul to Rome. As a Roman citizen Paul had appealed to Caesar and to Caesar he was going. The "we" of verse 2 indicates Luke's presence. Aristarchus, a Macedonian and friend of Paul, also was travelling with them. Our lesson is a beautiful picture of travail, promise, and victory.



Uth

Not many of us live without our midnights and storms. Those who have made it this far without them need but to wait for a time. They are coming. And when they do they will need courage for the storm.

### Recognizing the storm

Paul and his travelling companions were placed on a ship bound for Myra. Luke and Aristarchus may have paid their fare but more than likely, they were travelling as Paul's servants. At Myra the centurion had them placed on a ship going to Italy. Winds forced them to sail slowly and they sailed under Crete to get out of the winds. Paul, the prisoner, gave the captain and his crew advice, "Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives" (Acts 27:10).

Using our imaginations, we can see the captain look at Paul with many question marks. Paul is his prisoner and who is he to recognize perils. Perhaps it is right to ask who he is to give advice. He is not a sailor or a fisherman; he is a servant of the God of the wind and seas. He also is spiritually perceptive. The Holy Spirit dwells within him.

A good lesson for our world to lean is the fact God's people may not be uninformed and ignorant as some advocate. This was not Paul's first trip on a ship. He was familiar with storms at sea. But no

one listened. Later he is to stand before the crew and say, "I told you so!" (vs. 21).

Maybe churches ought to listen to the leaders. Paul was man of prayer and a man in close contact with God.

### Remembering the promise

The Lord had spoken to Paul about his trip to Rome previously (Acts 23:11). God had promised Paul safety in Jerusalem and a voyage to Rome. Our text has God speaking to Paul again. Luke does not reveal the exact occasion of Paul's conversation with the angel but at sometime in the midst of the storm, the angel appeared and spoke to Paul. The angel promised safety for all the passengers and crew. "There shall be no loss of any man's life among you" (vs. 22).

Paul used this occasion to identify his owner. "God, whose I am . . ." (vs. 23) Paul was more than a passive possession Paul said "I am an active servant" (vs. 23). God had spoken to him and Paul gives God credit for the saving of their lives. God had promised and could not go back on his commitment.

Again there must have been some serious doubts with the captain and the crew as the winds were about to break the ship and Paul said ". . . no loss . . . but of the ship." The captain and crew didn't wish to lose the ship, but there are times when life is more precious than possessions.

In the storm the work from God was "Be of good cheer!" There is but one way for any man to be of good cheer under dire circumstances. Believe in God is the answer. Paul said, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" (vs. 25). There are no storms beyond the care and love of God.

Paul also was reminded of the promise previously made by God for him to be a witness at Rome. God just amplified that promise. "Paul, you must be brought before Caesar" (vs. 24). How often should we have to be reminded of God's many promises to us? One of the great values of reading and studying

God's word is the discovery and renewal of God's promises. He was going to keep his promise to have Paul in Rome. Not a promise of his will ever go unfulfilled. To know the promises and to exercise faith in God that he is going to fulfill them enhance our facing storms of life.

### Rejoicing at the outcome

The storm was driving the ship and the crew did everything humanly possible to save the ship. But God had promised the ship would be destroyed. Who would be proven to be correct? God or the crew working feverishly to save the craft. They threw overboard all baggage and cargo. They discarded all unnecessary tackle. They cast out all four anchors and "wishes for the day" (vs. 29). But the sea continued to rage. The soldiers cut loose the smaller boat and was about to board it when Paul stopped them, "Except you abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved" (vs. 31). They did as Paul instructed. Interestingly enough, God desires all things to be done exactly as he has commanded. For 14 days the ship was at the mercy of the water, wind and God. No man had eaten anything.

Paul took complete control of the ship and crew. He called them together and ordered them to eat for nourishment. "Eat for your health, for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you" (vs. 34). Imagine the faces of his congregation! He then took bread "and gave thanks to God in presence of them all" (vs. 35).

Two hundred seventy-six people were about to be delivered from the storm. They ate their fill, took up the anchors, hoisted the sail and headed straight for land. The ship struck the ground and stuck. The wind ripped the ship apart. Some wanted to kill the prisoners but the centurion saved their lives. All leaped into the sea and made their way to the shore. Our text for study closes with "and it came to pass that they escaped all safe to land" (vs. 44).

### Conclusion

How wonderful to know a God who cares but also a God who acts and brings victory out of chaos. The next storm will not be too difficult a fact for we were rescued in this one.

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## The meaning of Christian fellowship

The establishment of the church at Philippi, marking, as it does, the entrance of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into Europe, is described in Acts 16:12-40 with greater fullness of detail. The church at Philippi was one which Paul loved warmly and very dearly. He earnestly anticipated being able to return there, but he was sending emissaries until he would be able to become free and go himself.

If there has ever been a thought concerning the validity of the title "preacher" for Paul, notice that he actually follows a "preacherly premise" in Chapter 3:1a saying "Finally, my brethren" whereas that is followed by two more chapters.

The keynote of the letter is Joy. The word "joy" in its verbal and noun forms is found 16 times in the four chapters of the letter. The value of this fact lies surely in its clear indication that Paul was enabled to rejoice under the most trying circumstances of his captivity.

### Oneness in Christ (Phil. 1-2)

The reason for the mention of Timothy is more likely to be found in the apostles thankfulness that, in his time of need, he could count upon the steadfast loyalty of his "son in the faith" (Chapter 2:22); and he joins Timothy's name to his own as a mark of esteem, and also to pave the way for the announcement of his future plans in chapter 2. The word "Servant" was a title of dignity. "To be a servant", in the religious language of Judaism, meant to be one chosen by God. Timothy shares this dignity and title.

The salutation in verse two (2) combines the Greek (Charis, grace) and Hebrew (Shalom, peace) words in a Christian phrase. Grace is the free, spontaneous, unmerited love of God to sinful man, making its appearance in human experience and reaching its consummate expression in the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Peace is the fruit of such gracious activity in the experience of sinners, and its main characteristic is reconciliation to God through Christ.

### Partnership in the Gospel (Phil. 1:3-6)

Paul loved them dearly and he indicates this because of their compassion and concern for him and their commitment to the cause of Christ. It would appear to be easy to "thank God" for the remembrances of the good times and exciting things which God had accomplished in their lives. However, Paul indicates that he "thanks God" upon every remembrances of you. There are those people who have continually been an encouragement to you or some member of your family. Likewise, there are others who seem to appear only when the period of testing is over. Looking at yourself? Personally, what kind of image have you created in the minds of those who are all about you? He prays with a "Joy" in his heart. Could it be that we have lost this element of prayer and sharing with God?

In verse 6 Paul is seeing the life of every Christian as a sacrifice prepared to offer to Jesus Christ. It is the same picture he draws in Romans, when he writes to the Romans to present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God (Rom. 12:1).

What happens in verse 6 cannot come about until the fellowship or Koinonia has been completed. "Fellowship" is a very inadequate translation. Actually, it means the practical, tangible, material assistance.

### The Christian partnership (Phil. 1:7,8)

In verse 7 Paul indicates that it is right and fitting for him to write this letter to them. Christians do not only share a gift; they also share a task; and that task is the furtherance of the Gospel. He uses the words "defense" and "confirmation". The "defense" has to do with attacks which come from outside by the enemies. The "confirmation" is the building up of the strength of the gospel from within and to establish the faith of fellow-Christians within the church.

Verse 8 in the King James Version has

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Philippians 1:1-11  
By Guy Wade

Guy R. Wade, pastor of First Church, Booneville, died June 26. He had completed two lessons of a seven-lesson assignment.

been a problem to many people. We must remember that the word "splagchnois" would better be translated "depths of my inner being" rather than "bowels". The reason for the use of "bowels" came from the word meaning upper organs of emotion and feelings that the Greeks had felt was the seat of these expressions. Paul would appear to be saying, "I yearn for you with the very intense compassion of Jesus Christ. I love you as Jesus loves you from the depths of my inner being."

### Spiritual growth prayer (Phil. 9-11)

Paul's only outlet to these intense feelings toward the church at Philippi would have to be the privilege of prayer. It is a prayer that love for fellow-believers may develop in the qualities of "knowledge and judgment". A better "knowledge" of God and his ways will promote greater harmony within the fellowship and give the Philippians a clearer understanding of their mutual relationships as fellow-believers. The use of the word "judgment" would imply a perception to discriminate or even the word "tact". It is the employment of this faculty which makes a person able to make a moral decision.

A further aspiration of Paul to his readers is that their lives might be "filled with the fruits of righteousness." These fruits will be the result of the seeds of God's righteousness which were made a part of us through the seed given through Christ when we were brought into right standing with God by Him. We cannot produce works of righteousness without first having been made right through the accepting of his Son who came as God's ultimate gift. The results of this work will not be to the glory of the individual. If this is the result that we wish, then we have our reward. It is only that these things should honor and glorify God and be to his praise forever.

The meaning of Christian fellowship certainly needed no pictures after this very adequate presentation of the apostle Paul. The ripples of Christian influence and witness set in motion by God's grace keep moving outward in ever-wider circles from Philippi.

# Carter's faith creates opportunities

by Roy Jennings

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Jimmy Carter may have made some mistakes as president "but bringing up that 'born again' stuff wasn't one of them," Laura Fry of Atlanta told hundreds of women and a sprinkling of men at the Bold Mission Leadership Conference at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

President Carter's references to his faith create new opportunities for Christians to witness, reported the 30-year-old evangelism specialist, who has the newly-created assignment of equipping women in the Southern Baptist Convention to share their faith.

"People throughout the country are asking questions now," she said. "You know our country is more pagan than it has ever been. With people asking these questions, we have an opportunity to do something about it."

Outlining her formula for Christian witnessing — "Let Christ live through you and be available to answer questions" — Miss Fry called on the women to adopt a lifestyle of evangelism which she describes as an attitude and a purpose for living.

"When I got hold of that concept, it

changed my whole life," she said. "That's my purpose. I'm on the mission field where I am."

Miss Fry urged the women to witness by relating their problems and how Christ helped them to solve them. "People need to see Christ as a living reality in you and as a part of the contemporary scene."

Employed six months ago by the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board after ministry assignments in New England, Miami and San Francisco, Miss Fry spent four months in research before going on the field.

## Home Mission Board appoints 26 persons

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed 26 persons to mission service during their summer meeting in Atlanta.

Eight missionaries, four missionary associates, one US-2 missionary and 13 mission pastors will join the more than 2,800 home missions personnel serving in the United States and its territories.

# Attendance report

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Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Church adns.
Alexander, First	77	32	
Alpena, First	72	16	
Ash Flat, First	60	21	
Batesville, First	250	102	3
Bentonville, Mason Valley	118	63	3
Berryville			
First	134	50	
Freeman Heights	147	48	1
Booneville			
First	252		
Blue Mountain Mission	28		
Glendale	59	14	
South Side	91	52	
Bryant, First Southern	164	77	4
Cabot			
First	424	85	7
Mt. Carmel	309	80	
Camden, Cullendale First	540	125	2
Charleston, First	152	54	
Conway			
Pickles Gap	204	121	5
Second	391	154	
Crossett			
First	443	117	
Mt. Olive	273	87	
El Dorado, West Side	415	411	1
Ft. Smith			
Grand Avenue	959	207	1
Mission	31		
Trinity	145	43	16
Fouke, First	101	48	
Gentry, First	179	52	2
Grandview	88	77	
Halley	42		
Hampton, First	157	102	1
Hardy, First	138	54	2
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	252	113	
Valley Springs	39		
Woodland Heights	127	75	
Helena, First	220	42	
Hot Springs			
Harvey's Chapel	148	95	2
Park Place	306	96	2
Huntsville, First	85		
Jonesboro			
Friendly Hope	148	98	
Nettleton	193	74	
First	76	33	1
Kingston, First	333	196	3
Lavaca, First	145	63	
Little Rock, Crystal Hill	586	207	5
Magnolia, Central	207	59	
Melbourne, Belview	233	62	2
Monticello, Second			
Murfreesboro	206	48	2
First	52		1
Mt. Moriah			
North Little Rock			
Harmony	64	49	
Levy	450		3
Park Hill	914		4
Stanfill	40	22	
Oppelo, First	32	17	1
Paragould			
Calvary	216	171	
Center Hill	107	80	
East Side	327	169	1
First	426	91	
Paris, First	326	34	
Pine Bluff			
Central	121	58	
East Side	112	48	
Lee Memorial	234	88	1
Watson Chapel	386	105	6
Rogers			
First	519	91	2
Immanuel	447	158	1
Russellville			
First	471		1
Second	123	58	
Springdale			
Caudle Avenue	128	58	
Elmdale	260	85	
First	1505		13
Texarkana, Shiloh Memorial	210	111	
Van Buren, First	577	141	3
Vandervoort, First	68	21	
Ward, First	119	63	1
Yellville, First	168	106	

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## Rhodesia missionaries decide to stay

GWELO, Rhodesia (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries will keep all of their Rhodesian ministries open, though some adjustments will be made because of increased guerrilla activity in some mission areas.

Davis L. Saunders, area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, met with 38 Rhodesian missionaries, July 5, and reported the results of that meeting by telephone to board headquarters staff.

The missionaries represented all but four currently on the field, including those recently evacuated from Sanyati

Dunaway's colleagues evacuated the Sanyati compound the same day his body was discovered near the hospital. He had served as a Southern Baptist missionary, first in Nigeria and then in Rhodesia, for 31 years.

He was the 28th missionary killed by guerrilla activity in Rhodesia and the only Southern Baptist missionary killed. Since his death, 10 other missionaries and four children have been murdered in guerrilla action.

The guerrilla activity is largely confined to outlying and isolated areas, and Southern Baptist mission work is concentrated in heavily populated, urban areas.

Saunders pointed out that there has been a gradual restriction of travel into outlying areas, but that travel is still permitted within the African sections of the cities and towns. "These sections provide plenty of opportunity for evangelistic work," Saunders said, in-

dicating missionaries would continue efforts in these areas.

One other change in the status of mission work affects the seminary in Gwelo. Government officials have asked missionaries at the seminary, located some 14 miles from the city, to move into the city. They will go to the seminary for daytime classes, which will continue as usual, and return to the city at night.

Missionaries on furlough from Rhodesia will make individual decisions about returning to the field, according to the decision of the organization of missionaries there. Most of the furloughing missionaries, however, are expected to return on schedule. But the mission did advise against new personnel coming to Rhodesia, at least for the next six months.

"The general tone of the meeting was very positive," Saunders said, "and the Rhodesian Baptist Convention plans to meet as usual, in July."

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## American families accept fairy tale

by Bracey Campbell

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — "Many Americans live a meaningless, empty, guilt-filled life because they believe in the American fairy tale," John Wood, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., told 260 participants in a conference on stress in the family.

Wood listed the five themes of the American fairy tale as: the more possessions, the more happiness; the more a person produces, the more important that person is; everyone must identify with and belong to a larger group; perfect mental health means no problems; and a person is abnormal unless he is always happy.

"We have problems in marriage and personal health if we believe any part of this fairy tale," Wood said. He said 90 percent of all mental illness begins with a person's inability to function in the home.

Wood said marriage was designed by God to be the most sublime relationship people can experience in this world. "But unfortunately it is not that way," he said. "The breakdown of marriage and the home is the nation's number one social problem."

To make a good marriage, Wood said, "commitment supersedes all other requirements. You must give yourself without reservation. You must throw

away your parachute; don't have the attitude you can bale out."

The minister said marriage partners should develop an empathy that allows each to live in the other's shoes. "We must develop a sincere concern for the other's happiness, security and self-respect. We must think of the other person rather than major on our own complaints."

Families need to commit their children to God, according to Wood, who said King David failed as a father to Absalom because he missed his opportunity and set a bad example.

A primary parental responsibility is to teach a child that his first loyalty is not to his family. "You should tell your child that the secret is to discover who God wants him to be and to be true to that call," Wood declared.

He said family finances can be fury or fellowship and that money is the number one cause of marital problems. "However, the real issue is values," he said. "Extreme difficulties arise when two parties bring to marriage completely opposite value systems."

The key to solving money arguments, he said, is to stop long enough to look under the argument and see what is at the heart of the controversy. "The most important characteristic in achieving compatibility is trust."

Baptist Compound, following the stabbing death of Archie G. Dunaway Jr. in a guerrilla attack, June 15.

The hospital and school at Sanyati will remain open, the missionaries decided, with Maurice L. Randall acting as hospital supervisor and area evangelist. John W. Monroe will be administrator of the hospital and station manager. Neither of the men will live at Sanyati. When necessary, Dr. Randall will commute, traveling by road, from Gatooma, as will Dr. Monroe from Salisbury.

Several of the missionaries are considering possible changes in ministries, but will work out the details before announcing plans. The majority will continue in their jobs, Saunders said.