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Personally
speaking



Out-Clabing Clabe

Mrs. Edna Longenecker, of Midway Church, a Clabe Hankins fan, recently wrote to Director of Evangelism Jesse Reed, in Clabe-Hankinsese, to give her impression of the evangelism conference recently in Mountain Home:

"We shore did take a likin' to that John Bisagno from Oklahoma when he come to Bunker for the Evangelistic Conference. Hardly any of us knowed what a Evangelistic Conference was but the Preacher said we ought to support it, that there wouldn't be nothin' new but that we needed it said again and again.

"Come to find out most of the folks there didn't know what to expect. And when that young feller started tellin' them funny jokes and everyone was havin' such a good time, I was beginnin' to really ponder. Well, when he got done tellin' us how his church goes out and gets the folks it just sounded so eäsy and real enjoyable too.

"Why, if th' gen'ral run of people could see us church members on Bunker actin' as happy and enthused about the Lord's work, bet they'd set up and take notice.

"They had a lot of ways of findin' out who their prospects was and then on Sunday afternoon they started visitin' folks. (That shore didn't fit into my Sunday afternoon restin' but he said for shore this was the best time to go.)

"Then he said they prayed about things *before* they did 'em—not durin' or after. Some Bunker eyebrows went up when he said we ought to put our witnessin' for the Lord first and that even our jobs and businesses should only be to give us the things we need so that we could be a-witnessin'.

"They even believe in entertainin' their young'un's real regular. We was all agreeable to havin' only the regular Sunday services and Wednesday night prayer meetin' durin' th' week.

"He even said they give a invitation along with their G.A. Coronation. Said there jist might be some girl's Mammy or Pappy that never had got the picture of what a real Christian was before.

"I don't reckon we'll ever be so matter of fact about things again, after hearin' that 'Okie' as he called himself."

Thanks, Mrs. Longenecker. Clabe says you sound like "a real smart woman."

Erwin L. McDonald

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A reduction of gifts to the Cooperative Program has been recommended as an answer to the problem of increased support of Christian education. A look at the foreign mission program, and questions as to how to approach the ever-enlarging problem facing both missions and education is found in the feature article, "Our main point of reference," on page 5.

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The editor discusses parental responsibility and the integrity of children, and suggests that law enforcement and law observance are directly connected and begin at the local level. "Riots in the streets" is on page 3.

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Sen. Robert Kennedy has proposed three bills aimed at making high-tar cigarettes more expensive and telling all smokers that cigarettes are dangerous. Read "Advertising that kills," on page 4.

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A two-year study of the problems facing Baptist higher education has ended with the BEST (Baptist Education Study Task) calling for clear statements of the purpose of Christian education. A 113-page book outlining the results of the two-year study has requested Baptists and state conventions which own schools and the colleges themselves to draft statements of philosophy, purpose, and objective. The story is on page 10.

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The construction program of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center has been accelerated. The first two stages of the new \$13-million center will begin late next year or early in 1969. In addition, it is planned to secure from \$3 to \$4 million in federal funds, marking the first time federal funds have been used for construction by the center. The story is carried on page 24.

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The *Newsmagazine* will have a new outdoors feature beginning with its Oct. 5 issue. George Purvis, of the Game and Fish commission, will replace "Outdoors with Doc." Read about it in the news bulletins, page 24.

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The new crackdown

POLITICS has been so inseparably entwined with enforcement-of Arkansas' laws against gambling that any move in this area is naturally regarded by many with deep suspicions. There are doubtless many Arkansans wondering now what is back of the latest crackdown on gambling in Garland County, North Little Rock, and Pulaski County.

Regardless of who is in the governor's chair, the governor and his office are always in the middle of things political. So it is not surprising that Governor Rockefeller, in commending the current Grand Jury of Garland County for its fearless stand for enforcement of the law, including those laws relating to gambling and liquor sales, should claim at least part of the credit. After all, the governor reminds, he pledged in his taking of the oath of office that he would enforce the laws of the state. And, he adds, "I meant it."

What is happening now shows what can take place when state and local officials, encouraged and supported by just ordinary citizens, move together for law enforcement.

The crusading of church people of Garland County and of Arkansas, which has been credited with holding back the tides of lawlessness in the past, are doubtlessly due some of the credit for what is finally coming to pass. The spectacular stand recently of a Hot Springs priest against the sale of liquor to minors, a crusade joined in by a number of Hot Springs mothers, is a part of the new awakening.

The burning last week of the three truckloads of gambling equipment seized sometime ago by Col. Lynn Davis and his State Police, and this at the order of Hot Springs city officials, is enough to make everybody, including the gamblers, prick up their ears. At least here are considerable gambling devices, variously estimated to be worth between \$15,000 and \$70,000, that will not be back in operation again, now or ever.

The real cause for rejoicing is not that certain business places have been raided and illegal equipment has been destroyed, but, rather, that the substantial citizenry is finally asserting a leadership to make Hot Springs and Arkansas the great city and the great state that they have every right to become. One Las Vegas and one Nevada are more than enough.

Riots in the streets

PRESIDENT Johnson's address to the convention of police chiefs meeting recently in Kansas City gives Americans some real food for thought. One particular statement of the President will long be remembered: "Much can explain—but nothing can justify—the riots of 1967."

Mr. Johnson sounded like an Old Testament prophet as he pinpointed the responsibility of parents for the integrity of their children. Parents who cheat in little things, such as writing an excuse to Susy's teacher saying

she was absent from school due to illness, when she really wasn't ill, or who water their lawns in violation of city ordinance, are teaching their children disrespect for the law, he said.

The President was so right as he pointed up the fact that in a democracy law enforcement ties in with law observance by the people at the local level.

"Officials in Washington cannot patrol a neighborhood in the far West," he said, or "stop a burglary in the South or prevent a riot in a great metropolis."

Politicians of all stripes, regardless of their stands on civil rights, will have a hard time finding flaws in the President's reasoning that one way to redeem faith in the law among urban poor is "to make certain that law enforcement is fair and effective—that protection is afforded every family, no matter where they live—that justice is swift and blind to religion, color and status."

We trust that Congress will soon pass the administration's proposed Safe Streets and Crime Control Act, which would provide, among other things, for crime research, raising of police salaries, and better training. But no act of Congress will give us safety in the streets, or anywhere at all without integrity in the hearts of the people. These troubled times call for personal involvement of citizens, as well as law enforcement officers, in law observance as well as enforcement. Here is where the church and the home come in for a major share of responsibility and opportunity.

Urges Vietnam decision

Congress should make a decision on the Vietnam war, Thieu and Ky should take the Vietnamese case to the United Nations, and President Johnson should "tell the people exactly what is happening and where we are" in the Vietnam involvement.

So declared the *California Southern Baptist*, weekly publication of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, in an editorial in its issue of Sept. 14. "Otherwise," continued the editorial, "let's get out of Vietnam, now."

Thus the California paper becomes the second Southern Baptist weekly to suggest the possibility of a United States withdrawal from Vietnam, the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* having made a similar suggestion recently.

Correction

The article by Dr. Frank Norfleet, "Our Main Point of Reference," referred to editorially last week but inadvertently omitted from that issue, will be found in this issue.—ELM

Advertising that kills

On September 11, Senator Robert F. Kennedy (Dem., N.Y.) speaking to the World Conference on Smoking and Health, stated that he would propose three bills aimed at making high-tar cigarettes more expensive and telling all smokers that cigarettes are dangerous.

His proposals would extend the warning against cigarettes to cigarette advertising as well as to packages. They would authorize the Federal Communications Commission to regulate the times and types of programs on which cigarette advertising may appear; and, set up a sliding scale of taxes on cigarettes.

Mr. Kennedy gave his reasons for regulating television advertising of cigarettes as follows: "Television advertising encourages people to smoke cigarettes; cigarettes kill people in large numbers; it is not morally justifiable to encourage people to kill themselves; therefore, cigarette advertising on television should be banned."

I would give a hearty "Amen" to the reasons Mr. Kennedy uses for banning cigarette advertising on television. It would be a step in the right direction to alleviate human suffering and safeguard the health and welfare of society. By the same token of reasoning for banning television advertising of cigarettes, the ban on advertising the product should be extended to magazines, newspapers, bill boards and other media. Cigarettes advertised by other media will have the same damaging effect upon people as those advertised on television.

If and when we may be able to clear this hurdle, then possibly we can move on the same line of reasoning to regulate the advertising of a more deadly killer of people than cigarettes. Alcohol contained in beer, wine and whiskey is a deadlier killer of people than cigarettes. All the reasons given for banning of advertising cigarettes on television will apply to advertising of beer, wine and whiskey.

The liquor industry is a much more lucrative business than the tobacco industry, and deeply entrenched in the political and social fiber of our nation. It is not the part of political expediency to advocate any move to curb this gigantic, monster killer of people. Nevertheless, it is not morally justifiable to encourage people to kill themselves.

There is much talk about building a "great society." If our society goes down in history as a "great society" political expediency will of necessity

have to give way to great moral principles founded upon deep spiritual convictions. Let us hope and pray that the tide of the revolution we are experiencing in our time may soon turn to "repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." AMEN!—Harold White, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Paris, Arkansas

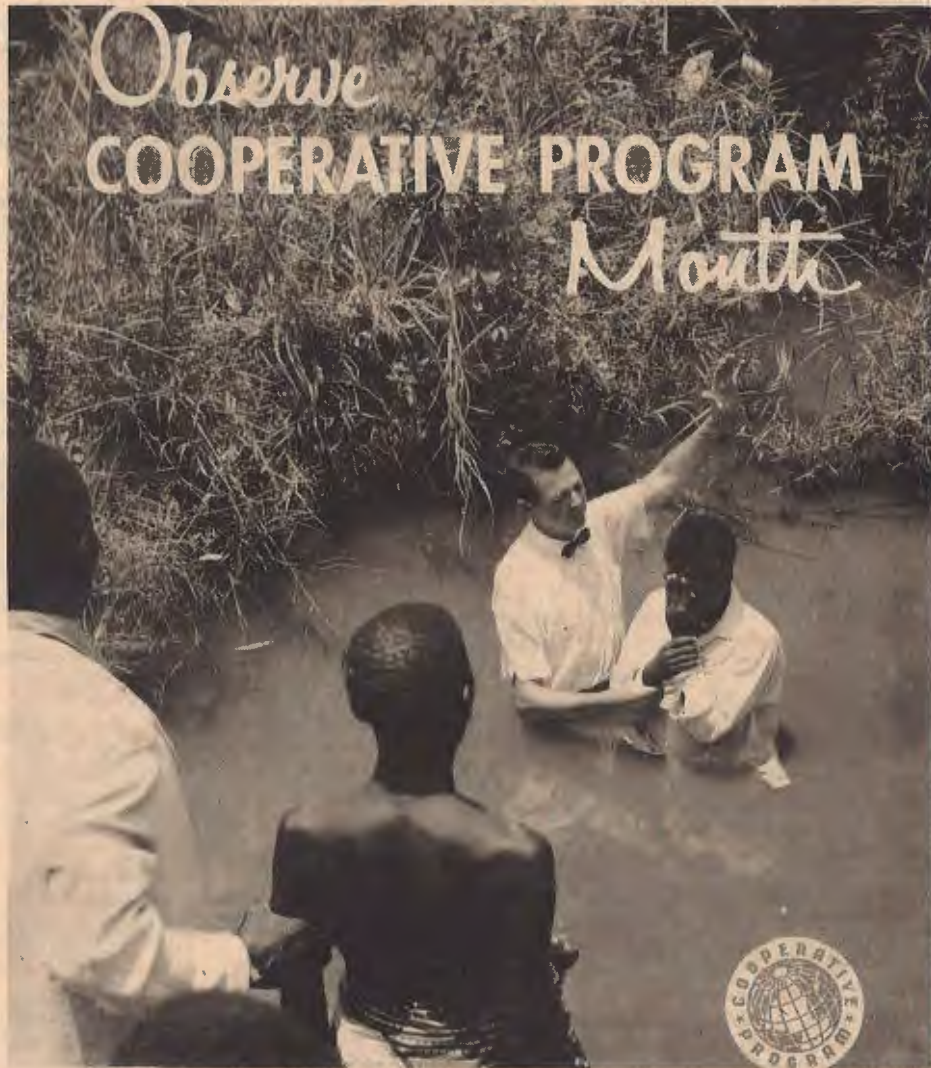
Seymore and missions

Thank you for running a picture of Brother J. D. Seymore, our Association's Missionary, on your cover of the Newsmagazine.

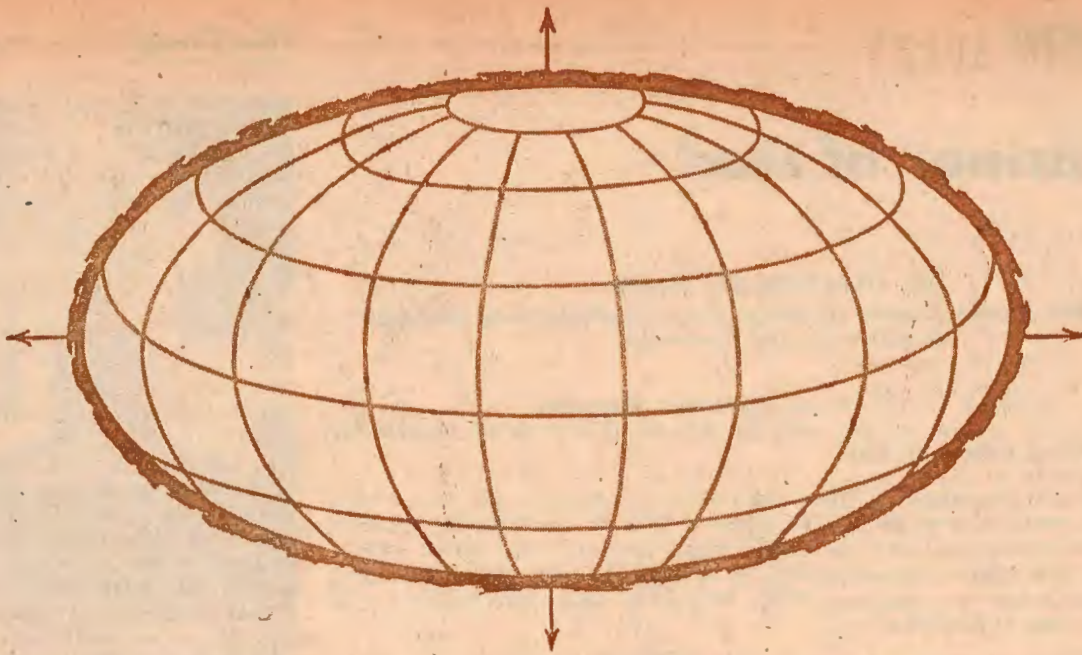
If any man in the state speaks for mission work, Brother Seymore does. For many years he has served Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association, and has served well. Adapting his methods to the needs around him, Brother Seymore

has taken the gospel into every nook and cranny in the association. Conducting revivals, and up to ten Vacation Bible Schools per year, the weeks of our Missionary are filled with a burden for churches that, for some reason or another, cannot have full time work. He preaches every Sunday in some community that otherwise would not have a Baptist witness. When you talk about State Missions, you talk about Brother Seymore.

We appreciate the work being done by our state mission department in our association. Many of our churches have been helped in the past. Some are now receiving ministerial aid. Our Missionary's salary has a supplement from the mission department. Brother Elliff has been in our association helping to establish new work. Brother Dale Barnett has conducted revivals for us. Baptist work in our association could not be sustained without the help that comes to us from Arkansas Baptists through our State Missions Program.—Emmett Pipkins, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton, Ark.



BAPTISMAL Service in Africa... Missionary Jackie G. Conley baptizes convert in an open stream in Tanzania. The man is a member of Kapolwe Baptist Church, which is in the Tukuja area. (Foreign Mission Board photo)



Recently the denominational press reported that an older state convention's executive board is this fall recommending a reduction of its gifts to the Cooperative Program in order to increase its support to Christian education.

I suppose this was inevitable; nevertheless, it greatly disturbs me. The setting off of a chain reaction of such decisions could be a severe blow to our entire foreign mission enterprise. The circumstances surrounding such decisions make it mandatory that we face these issues head-on—and rapidly!

A look at results

A look at what we have done for foreign missions through the Cooperative Program would seem to be in order. Our SBC executive committee received from our State Baptist conventions, for the fiscal year of 1966, \$24,005,047. The foreign Mission Board received from this amount \$11,829,531 or 49.28 percent of the total. This includes a convention budget item of \$10,000,000 and \$1,829,531 which came from the advance portion of the Cooperative Program budget.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering accounted for \$13,243,847. This amount set a new record and is, perhaps, the greatest foreign mission offering given during a similar period by any denomination in all of Christian history. The remainder of the total of \$28,595,738 which the Foreign Mission Board received last year came from miscellaneous gifts, other miscellaneous income, and the World Relief Fund.

The "advance" portion of the budget is that part which remains after all the objectives of the nation-wide Cooperative Program have been reached. It is divided between the Home and Foreign Mission Boards on a 66 2/3—33 1/3 basis.

Our main point of reference

BY FRANK F. NORFLEET
Pastor, Wornall Baptist Church
Kansas City, Mo.

Percentagewise—and there are many ways to figure percentages—the advance portion is infinitesimally small: \$1,829,531 out of \$668,779,972 total given to all causes by Southern Baptist churches last year. But this amount cast into the center of that which is at the heart of all we propose to do to change the world is a mighty force!

A number of other state conventions are reported to be seriously considering following the action of the one already mentioned. Since the basic Cooperative Program budget was not met until December in both 1964 and 1966, and only in November in 1965; and since it is anticipated that it will be even later before we reach it this year, it is almost certain that a much smaller amount for missions will be available from the advance portion this year. Further, the budget increases for 1968 make it virtually impossible that there will be an advance portion next year.

Largest damage

The largest damage, of course, will be psychological. For a number of years we have held tenaciously to the hope that more churches would be able to divide their gifts 50-50 for the Cooperative Program. In turn, we have believed that eventually the state conventions would send half their total receipts on

to the SBC Executive Committee, for world missions. However, as a matter of cold fact, most state conventions have experienced a "hang up" at 65-35.

Since we do not seem to be able to advance, it would seem that the next best thing would be to hold the line firmly where we are now. And there seems to be something particularly reprehensible about playing off one good cause, such as Christian education, against another, such as our world-wide mission program.

Hold the line

Since I began discussing this with my fellow Baptists, I have listened to a great cornucopia of reasons why we should "broaden our base," "strengthen the home base," etc., etc. I am aware of the validity of most of these arguments. However, with the nuclear holocaust constantly hanging over us as a possibility, and with the population explosion of the world calling for a greater effort than ever before, I feel that if we spend much more time strengthening the home base there is a distinct possibility that there will be nothing left for which to strengthen it. I sincerely hope that the trend can be reversed and then that the Great Commission can once again become our main point of reference.

The armor of God

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, past president, Southern Baptist Convention

(SECOND IN SERIES ON CHRISTIAN WARFARE)

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"—Ephesians 6:11.

In military life the armor is furnished by the commander. But the soldier must put it on, wear it, and use it. The same is true of the Christian's armor. It is "the whole armour of God" or "God's whole armour." The words "whole armour" render one Greek word *panoplian*. It comes from two other words *pan*, all, and *hoplon*, arms or weapons. From this word comes the English word "panoply," the arms of a soldier.

A Roman soldier's complete armor included shield, sword, lance, helmet, greaves (protection for the shins), and breastplate. Subsequently Paul listed the armor of the Christian as though he were describing the armor worn by the soldier on guard. He omits *lance* and *greaves*. These would be worn only by a soldier in battle, not one guarding a prisoner. But Paul adds *girdle* and *shoes*. Note that he lists no armor for the back. Neither a Roman nor a Christian soldier should ever turn his back to the enemy. He stood in face, to face combat.

Paul says that the Christian should "put on" this armor. These words render a verb meaning immediately to do this for one's self. God furnishes the armor, but He does not dress us in it. In Luke 24:49 "ye be endued" should read, "ye get yourselves clothed." God gave His Spirit. But we must get ourselves clothed with His power.

"That ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." This is a purpose clause. We must get ourselves clothed with God's armor, not for a parade, but to be able to stand against the enemy in battle. The word "against" (*pros*) might well read literally "face to face." It is a face to face encounter. "Wiles" renders a word brought over into English as "methods" (*methodeias*). The devil has many methods or tricks which he employs in his battle against God and His soldiers. He uses them to endeavor to find the weak spots in the Christian's armor. This is why we must put on the "whole armour" of God. If one part is missing the devil will find the weak spot and exploit it. If the Christian is well-armed he will have something with which to counter every thrust of the Slanderer.

A soldier uses many tricks to catch his opponent off guard. God's soldier should be so strong, so well-armed, and trained that, no matter what the trick of the enemy, he will find himself face to face with the soldier of the Lord. He should be prepared to meet and defeat the enemy on every hand.



Ft. Smith progress

Another spire is lifted into place to the glory of God in Arkansas.

Pictured here is the spire being lifted to the belfry atop the new sanctuary of First Church, Fort Smith. The top of this copper spire will reach 140 feet into the air.

The sanctuary seating capacity will be 973 on the main floor, 296 in the balcony, and 85 in the choir area, for a total capacity of 1,354.

There will be seven offices, three storage and work rooms, a choir rehearsal and robe room, and the basement will house the mechanical equipment. Floor space will be approximately 22,274 square feet.

The exterior finish will be brick with white trim, and the interior will have plastered walls, drapes, and carpeting. Grounds will be appropriately landscaped.

The architectural design of the building is Colonial. Architect for the new sanctuary is a former member of the church, Bill Blair of Benham-Blair & Affiliates, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Total cost of the building will be \$750,000. The congregation has tentative plans to enter the new building near the first of the new year.—Church Reporter.

Missionary testimonies

Learning to read Bible

"Through the adult literacy program we are teaching men and women how to read the Bible in this city of over 300,000 people," said Missionary Dorothy Emmons of Nairobi, Kenya.

"There are literally thousands who were not privileged to attend school at all during their childhood. As fast as we can get to

them they are now having the opportunity to have the door of the printed word open to them. The reading of the Bible brings many of these to Christ.

"We, your missionaries, could not be here were it not for your support through the Cooperative Program."—Tom Greene.



Clear Creek news

BY PAUL E. WILHELM

Rev. Kenneth Huff, associate pastor of Second Church, Van Buren, has resigned to become pastor of Shady Grove Church, north of Van Buren.

Rev. James Nelson, pastor of Trinity Church, north of Alma, resigned recently to accept the pastorate of First Church, Mission, Kan. Rev. Nelson has been at Trinity 38 months. During this time the church auditorium was air-conditioned and the church re-roofed. The baptistry was completed. There were 28 additions to the church, 15 of them by baptism.

Rev. John O. Woodard, pastor of Union Grove Church since October 1967, resigned Aug. 14. During this time there were 141 additions, 85 of these by baptism. Sunday School attendance increased from 63 to 92. Receipts increased from \$2,055 to \$5,481. The auditorium was re-furnished and air-conditioned, a new educational building was constructed and a new kitchen and dining room were built and furnished.

Rev. Eddie Smith, former pastor of the Shibley, and Webb City Churches, became pastor of Union Grove Church, near Clarksville, Sept. 17.

A youth choir of First Church, Van Buren, recently completed a tour that included churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. The church has licensed Charles Coble, Jimmy Riddle, Gary Bachelor, Howard Green, Paul Bates, and Bob Calhoun to the ministry. In addition to these six there are two others who have surrendered to the ministry recently, and one more plans to do evangelistic work on a foreign mission field. Mrs. Eula Armstrong is youth director. Harold Biggs is minister of music and education. Bruce Cushman is pastor.

Billy Jones, student at College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, recently accepted a position as minister of music and youth at First Church, Clarksville. Billy Usery is pastor.

First Church, Ozark, plans to remodel the rostrum and instrument area of its auditorium. The work will include a re-framed platform with space for organ and piano. The front of the rostrum and choir rail are to be paneled. New carpet is to cover the platform. A new pulpit, Lord's supper table, new microphone and stand are all part of the improvements. The platform pews will be refinished to match the new furniture. Portions of the remodeling and furniture are being given in memory of the late Faber L. Tyler, and Harley Cannon. Gerald Jackson is pastor.



ARCHITECTS' drawing of First Church parsonage, Springdale.

To build parsonage

First Church, Springdale, held groundbreaking ceremonies for its new parsonage Sept. 10 immediately following the morning worship service.

A presentation of the purpose of the ceremony was given by Building Com-

mittee chairman, Ira Simonds, followed by a short devotional by Gene Layman. Rev. Burton A. Miley, pastor, led in prayer. Original Homes, Inc., of Springdale is the contractor for the story and a half brick structure.

Tommy Hood ordained

Tommy Hood, son of Mrs. Gladys and the late Mr. Jim Hood, was ordained by First Church, Lake City, Aug. 6. Mr.



MR. HOOD
Church.

Hood surrendered to the gospel ministry three years ago. He was licensed to preach by the Lake City church two years ago when he entered Southern Baptist College as a ministerial student, which he and his wife, Linda, have attended since. He is pastor of Morton

The council was composed of ordained ministers and deacons in Mount Zion Association. Associational Moderator James Sanders was moderator, Missionary Carl Bunch brought the charge to the church, local pastor John Basinger led the examination, Bowman's pastor T. E. Farrar was council clerk, Pastor Raymond Edwards of Light, brought the ordination sermon, and Nettleton's pastor Harold Ray led the ordination prayer.

New church formed In Little Red River

BY BOB HOLLAND

A mission of the Brownsville Church, Heber Springs, was constituted a church in a service Sept. 3. Pastor of the new church, to be known as Woodrow Church, is J. C. Verser, Rt. 3, Heber Springs.

H. M. Dugger, formerly missionary of the association and now pastor of Mt. Hebron Church, was the speaker for the occasion. The new church has 21 charter members and plans to erect a church building soon.

Other new pastors in the Little Red River Association include: Paul Huskey, formerly pastor of Desha Church, Concord Church; Cecil Harness, from Oxley, Post Oak Church; and A. L. Pate, Pangburn. Harris Chapel.

Recent pastoral resignations include: Roy Bailey, from Mt. Zion, Banner; W. J. Black, from Pleasant Valley, Heber Springs; and Clytee Harness, from Quitman Church.

Available for supply

Rev. John P. Whitlow, of 1922 Battery, Little Rock, is available for interim pastorate and supply preaching. He can be reached at FRanklin 2-2498.

Chapel honors youth

Rowe's Chapel, Mt. Zion Association, recently honored its church youth with a gingham and denim banquet.

Jackie Adams and Mylinda Houchin were crowned junior king and queen, and Danny Smith and Jane Ellen Poe were crowned senior king and queen. James Moore, pastor, presented a Bible to Roger Poe as an award for being chosen youth of the year.

The youth of Rowe's chapel fill the various teachers' and officers' positions on the last Sunday of each month.—Reporter.

Dedicate new building

Beech Street Church, Texarkana, dedicated its new building Sept. 24 with a dedication service and open house.

Taking part in the program were the youth and sanctuary choirs. Milton E. DuPriest is pastor. (CB)

Oak Cliff has homecoming

Oak Cliff Church, Ft. Smith, marked its seventh anniversary with a homecoming service Sept. 24.

Gifts of Bibles were awarded to those bringing 10 Sunday School visitors. Special family-size Bibles were given to those bringing 15 visitors. Rick Ingle is pastor. (CB)

Has 100th anniversary

Ouachita Baptist Association will celebrate its 100th anniversary Oct. 10 with ceremonies beginning at 9:30 a.m. at First Church, Mena.

Rev. C. H. Seaton and Rev. Jesse Reed will be guest speakers. Mr. Seaton, of the State Brotherhood Department, will speak at 11:30 a.m. The closing sermon will be delivered by Mr. Reed, associate in the State Department of Evangelism. Dillard S. Miller, pastor of Mena's First Church, serves as moderator of the association. (CB)

Help for the deaf

Hearing aid devices have been installed in First Church, Springdale, for the aid of those with hearing difficulties.

The devices are located to the front of the church and have individual adjustments on them.

Serving on the property committee, which secured them, are Charles West, Lon Cook and Harvard Harp. Burton A. Miley is pastor. (CB)

Hillside sanctuary

Hillside Church, Camden, has completed its sanctuary and held its first service there Sept. 9. (CB)



TEN YEARS of consecutive Sunday School attendance received special recognition recently, when Mt. Zion Church, Paragould, honored two of its members. Shown here with Thomas Langley, Mt. Zion pastor (center), are Lawrence Bowlin and Debby Tennison. (Church photo)

Fox to Camp Breckenridge

Rev. Paul Fox, pastor of Lakewood Church, Huntsville, Ala., for the past 4½ years, has resigned to become affiliated with the Guidance Counseling Department at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

Mr. Fox formerly served in Arkansas as pastor of churches in Van Buren, Pine Bluff, and Little Rock. Mrs. Fox served as a Junior Sunday School worker in Arkansas and also as State Stewardship chairman for the W.M.U.

Marilake, daughter of the Foxes, is a senior at Ouachita University.

Jack Wildt ordained

Jack Wildt, pastor of Richland Church, Kelso, was ordained Sept. 3 at his home church, Calvary Southern, in Alton, Ill. Mr Wildt is presently attending Ouachita University, where he lives with his wife and two children.—Reporter

Church to build

First Church, Manila, has voted to build a new auditorium.

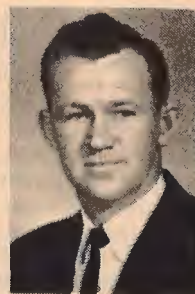
The vote to build followed a recommendation by the building committee which came after a 9-month study.

The building committee was composed of Carl Looney, chairman; Wayne Shedd, Pete Stanford, E. W. Robertson, Milton Towles, Ed Griffin and L. B. Gunn. (CB)

Huskey to Concord

Rev. Paul Huskey resigned as pastor of First Church, Desha, Aug. 23 after a 3-year and 11-month ministry

to accept the pastorate of First Church, Concord. During Mr. Huskey's pastorate at Desha there were 100 professions of faith, 70 of which were baptized into the church, and 22 others coming by letter. The budget was increased from \$5,200 to \$8,840 and the church built a \$15,000 pastorium.



MR. HUSKEY

Revivals

Cass Church, near Ozark, Aug. 7-12; Young People of Van Buren First, conducting; 3 professions of faith. Vurl Acord, pastor.

Desha Church, Desha, July 27-Aug. 7; Paul Huskey, evangelist; Billy Goynes, song leader; 17 professions of faith; Paul Huskey, pastor.

Columbia Ave. Church Pontiac, Mich., Aug. 27-Sept. 3; evangelists, Walter K. Ayres and Rev. Harold Crane, visiting team; 10 for baptism, many rededications. E. Clay Polk, pastor.

Hermitage, Sept. 10-17; O. Damon Shook, evangelist; Doyle Neal, singer; 26 additions, 16 for baptism; 10 by letter.

Marsden, Hermitage, Sept. 8-10; Bailey Smith, evangelist; Harvey McKenzie, singer; 8 additions; 2 for baptism; 6 by letter.

Richland Church, Kelso, Aug. 21-27; 4 for baptism, numerous rededications; Jack Wildt, pastor.

Northside Mission, Pfeiffer, Aug. 21-27; Charles Jones, pastor, Sulphur Rock Church, evangelist; David Cone, summer associate pastor, Calvary Church, Batesville, song leader; 5 professions of faith, 4 for baptism; R. A. Bone, Calvary Church pastor; Jack Kwok, North Side Mission pastor.

East Mt. Zion, near Clarksville, Aug. 13-20; Garland Brackett, pastor, Webb City Church, evangelist; Dewey Woodward, minister of music of East Mt. Zion, song leader; 1 profession of faith; 7 dedications. Julian Rowton, pastor.

Mountainburg, First; Aug. 19-20; Young People of Van Buren First, conducting; 1 profession of faith; several dedications. H. L. Heath, pastor.

KENNETH L. EVERETT, an assistant editor at the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, recently resigned to become director of public relations of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex.

During his five-year stint at the Brotherhood Commission Everett handled major editing assignments on **Baptist Men's Journal** and **Guide**, two quarterlies containing missions information for men. (BP)

DR. GEORGE W. HARRISON, associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, and Dr. Henry Clayton Waddell, professor of Christian Ethics, have returned to New Orleans Seminary following a year of sabbatical leave.

CECIL A. RAY, 44, was elected director of the Stewardship Division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas. Ray, who has served as secretary of the convention's Cooperative Program and church finance department for the past six years, will succeed O. D. Martin, 68, who is retiring from the post he has held since Aug. 1, 1962.

Deaths

THEO T. JAMES, 63, missionary of Greene County Association since 1961, Sept. 19; of a heart attack. Missionary



MR. JAMES

James was a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. Former pastorates included Arkansas City; Immanuel, Pine Bluff; First, McGehee; Rison, Heber Springs, and Amity. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Cleoda May Murphy of Ft. Worth, Tex., and twin daughters, Mrs. Tommy Purnell, Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. James T. Jackson, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

S. S. CALDWELL, retired businessman and former Mayor of Dierks, July 9, in Nashville, Ark. He was the oldest member of Dierks First Church. Survivors include his wife, a son, Howard S. Caldwell of Hot Springs, three brothers, two sisters, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ANDREW GROVER BOATMAN, 76, Sept. 20, in Little Rock. A 43-year resident of North Little Rock, Mr. Boatman was a member of Amboy Church and chairman of deacons for 15 years. He was a retired boilermaker for the Missouri Pacific Lines. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Fleurette Mabry Boatman; two sons and seven daughters.

DR. J. FRANKLIN RAY, 95, oldest foreign missionary of Southern Baptists; in Jackson, Tenn., Sept. 13.

Dr. Ray was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1904. He did evangelistic work in Fukuoka, Hiroshima, and Kure and in the Shimonoseke-Moji-Kokura-Yahata area. He left Japan in 1940 and retired two years later.

A native of Ripley, Miss., he received the bachelor and master of arts degrees from Union University, Jackson, and the master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. In 1922 Union University awarded him the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Survivors include three children, Rev. Hermon S. Ray, J. Franklin Ray Jr., and Mrs. Charles C. Hazell, and seven grandchildren.

ZENO WALL, 85, prominent North Carolina Baptist leader who formerly was head of a North Carolina Baptist college and superintendent of the convention's children's homes, of cancer.

He was pastor of First Church, Shelby, N. C., for almost 25 years.

He was a former president of North Carolina Baptist State Convention, president of what is now Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, N. C., and superintendent of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes.

Pruitt accepts call

Rev. Britton J. Pruitt has accepted a call as interim pastor of Leonard St. Chapel, Hot Springs.

He is a senior at Ouachita University.

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Seizure laws

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.

PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

When our country was first settled, and for a long time afterward, certain churches were known as the Established Churches. In this union of church and state citizens were forced to pay taxes for support of the churches. If a citizen refused to pay, his property could be seized.

Baptists suffered such under the "seizure" laws. We have heard of this but few know what seizure meant, what articles were taken and how citizens were treated who refused to pay. An old historian, David Benedict, tells about the sufferings of a small church under the pastorate of Elder Moulton, Sturbridge, Massachusetts, organized 1749.

"For three years from that period the civil officers pursued them with great severity; five of their principal men were imprisoned in Worcester jail, and property of different kinds taken from them, to a large amount, for an infant church.

"Mr. Moulton, by authority of an old law, was dragged to prison as a stroller and vagabond, because he came from another town. From 1750, and onward, for a few years, the assessors acting by state authority for the support of the established church, seized upon every kind of property which came in their way, however trifling in value, or needful for the owners.

"Kitchens were robbed of their shovels and tongs, trammels and andirons; larders of their pewter ware; housewives of their spinning-wheels, warming-pans, tankards, and quart pots; the mechanic of his broadaxe, saw, and other tools; and the farmers of their cows, oxen, and smaller stock, in great abundance. And to complete this scene of outrage and oppression, to put a finishing stroke to this high-handed course of ecclesiastical greediness, from Dea. John Newell, they took a flock of geese, besides his cow and pewter ware.

"All this was done in the middle of the eighteenth century, for the support of a pedobaptist minister by the name of Caleb Rice. It is not for us to sit in judgment on his piety; but, in this age of the world, it is difficult for us to conceive how a man possessed of any portion of that charity, which the gospel inspires, could sit still and see such wanton and unrighteous havoc made of the scanty possessions of his neighbors, under religious pretences. In one case, a yoke of oxen was sold for one sixth of their value. The whole society estimated their damages at more than one hundred pounds; . . . and all for the support of a minister whom they did not wish to hear. Such are the sad effects of the dangerous and ever-hurtful union of church and state." (David Benedict, General History of the Baptist Denomination, p. 415)

BEST ends two-year study; findings emphasize purpose

BY JIM NEWTON

NASHVILLE—The Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) ended its two year investigation of the problems facing Baptist higher education when the BEST Findings Committee called, among other things, for clear statements of purpose for Christian education.

Throughout the 113-page book outlining the results of the two year study, a thread of suggestions was woven calling for both Baptist state conventions which own schools, and the colleges themselves, to draft statements of philosophy, purpose and objective.

Three other key solutions to problems facing Baptist higher education were also repeated with a dominant theme throughout the report when it was presented to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here:

That there exists a communications gap between the colleges and the majority of the Baptist constituents, and something must be done to close this gap.

That control of the institutions must be vested in the elected boards of trustees of the schools, and the 16 state conventions which own the schools must not seek to control them from the floor at the annual meeting.

That Baptist schools face a financial crisis, and extraordinary efforts must be made to provide the necessary funds to meet the demands.

The Findings Committee, however, did not resolve the question of acceptance of federal aid being faced by the 54 Baptist colleges and universities throughout the nation.

It left the decision instead to the elected boards of trustees and to the 16 conventions. Several of the conventions are in the midst of studies on the question, and some had delayed their studies with the hopes that the BEST investigation would come up with concrete suggestions.

It did, however, offer some guidelines, suggesting that there can be co-operation between church and state as well as separation; that the trustees should make the decision on the matter; that each federal aid program should be studied carefully; and that the consequences must be examined if they either accept or reject federal aid.

The Findings Committee stated in its report that some of the controversy generated during the two-year study over the federal aid question had ac-

tually "tended at times to divert attention from the basic question of ways and means for adequate support by the Baptist constituency."

The Findings Committee concluded its report with a summary of six significant results of the two-year study which has involved more than 8,000 Baptists. The results, in the opinion of the 18 members of the committee, were:

"1. An increasing awareness of the significance of Christian higher education as an integral component of the Baptist witness.

"2. A more enlightened understanding of the present difficulties that confront our Baptist colleges and universities.

"3. A consciousness of need for definition of the purposes of Christian higher institutions in our present day culture, and for more effective relationship between the colleges and the denomination.

"4. A more precise understanding of the nature and extent of financial support necessary to provide Christian higher education of acceptable quality.

"5. A deeper understanding of the vital relationships between the colleges and the conventions that foster and support them, and a clearer understanding of the areas of control and lines of responsibility.

"6. A rededication on the part of many to the improvement and strengthening of the Baptist colleges and universities."

Perhaps the most dominant theme upon which the lengthy report focused was the need for both the colleges and the conventions to draft statements outlining the purposes, objectives, and underlying philosophy of Baptist institutions of higher education.

Significantly, the Findings Committee drafted a model statement of purpose with suggested elements in the purpose of a Christian college that the respective colleges and conventions could use as a guide.

The model statement of purpose had six key points. Summarized briefly, the model suggested that the Christian college should:

Provide higher education within the overall perspective of the Christian world view.

Create and nurture an atmosphere conducive to the Christian ethic.

Be a center of study and a forum for discussion of the issues and challenges facing the sponsoring denomination, thus being on the cutting edge of religious thought.

Give emphasis to the liberal arts and humanities.

Help prepare workers for all the denominational enterprises, which is a valid if not a major purpose of a Christian college.

Develop graduates who are committed to and who practice the Christian religion.

Most of the 113-page printed report was devoted to a summary of the ideas discussed by the first and second National Study Conferences of BEST, and the 24 regional seminars held during the first three months of 1966 and 1967. (BP)

1968 SBC meeting Scheduled for Houston

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Houston in 1968 instead of New Orleans, according to action by the Executive Committee of the convention.

The Executive Committee voted to switch the 1968 and 1969 meeting sites.

The action was taken when it became apparent that construction of the new Rivergate Convention Hall in New Orleans would not be completed in time for the convention to be held in New Orleans next year.

The day before the Executive Committee met, it was reported that a portion of the roof of the Rivergate construction collapsed, delaying completion of the convention hall past the scheduled April 24 completion date. Already construction was 18 months behind schedule.

Revised dates for the conventions will be June 3-7, 1968, in Houston; and June 9-13, 1969, in New Orleans. (The SBC constitution gives the Executive Committee authority to change the meeting sites in such emergencies.)

In other action the committee voted to recommend revised dates of the 1970 convention scheduled previously in Denver from the week of June 1-5 to the new dates of June 8-12. Reason given for the change was because of vote taken by the SBC recently which indicated that the majority of the messengers to the convention preferred the second week in June to the first week in June for the meeting dates.

Selected as the headquarters hotel for the 1968 convention in Houston was the Rice Hotel. Meeting place will be the Houston Coliseum. (BP)

Hospital costs rise

DALLAS—Rising costs in hospital and medical care in recent months have caused an upward adjustment in premiums of the Health Benefit Plan offered by the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board here.

But with the increase, effective Jan. 1, will also come more allowance for room rates, according to an Annuity Board official.

Baynard F. Fox, director of the life and health department of the Annuity Board, said he regretted having to announce a premium increase, but from the member's standpoint an increase would be better than cutting benefits.

He said the Health Benefit Plan is designed to keep up automatically with rising costs of hospital and medical care. Necessary hospital services, which usually constitute up to 70 percent of the hospital bill, are covered in full in the Blue Cross part. In like manner, the Major Medical part also keeps pace with rising costs of other medical expenses at home and in the doctor's office, he said.

Fox said the new monthly premium rates which become effective on Jan. 1 are: \$8.50 for one person; \$21.25 for two persons (couple or parent and child); \$23.50 for a family (parents and all children under age 19); and \$5.50 for each sponsored dependent (single and under age 25).

Fox said that on Jan. 1 the new room allowance will go into effect. The plan will then pay \$15 a day under the basic Blue Cross part and up to \$30 a day maximum in the Major Medical part of the plan.

Applications are being accepted during the fall semi-annual enrollment period which closes Nov. 30, for coverage to begin on Jan. 1, Fox stated.

The Health Benefit Plan is a conventionwide plan providing hospitalization-surgical-major medical benefits. It is open to all salaried ministers, church and agency employees, except hospital personnel.

"Protection may be continued after retirement at no increase in cost," Fox concluded. (BP)

Reds defend religion

MOSCOW—Komsomolskaya Pravda, daily newspaper of the Young Communist League, surprised its regular readers here by publishing an impassioned defense of Christianity.

The pro-religious statement, a letter to the editor by Mrs. A. Zyazyeva of Berezovsky, was countered with a lengthy defense of atheism by V. Kokashinsky, but its publication in a journal which has always seemed specially devoted to atheism, even by Soviet standards, was generally considered remarkable. (EP)

SBC agencies capital needs

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptist Convention agencies presented capital needs totaling \$37½ million for the five-year period of 1968-73, but their requests are expected to be trimmed drastically by the SBC Executive Committee next February.

Twelve different agencies of the convention made the requests. Two of them requested funds for new office buildings.

The SBC Home Mission Board in Atlanta and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington both presented capital needs for funds to construct new office buildings.

The requests were presented before the program subcommittee of the SBC Executive Committee, which will make a detailed study of the needs and make recommendations to both the Executive Committee and the convention for consideration.

The current capital needs program of the convention ends in 1968. Compared to the \$37½ million in capital needs proposed for 1969-74, the current program provides only \$8.9 million for capital needs through the SBC budget.

Much of the difference will be made up from gifts and other sources of income of the agencies. The SBC capital needs budget does not include operating funds, although the capital funds for the Home and Foreign Mission Boards currently are included in their operating funds.

Biggest request came from the SBC Foreign Mission Board, which asked for a total of \$11.3 million, including \$5½ million for evangelism and church development, \$2.2 million for schools, \$2.2 million for missionaries' homes, \$923,890 for hospitals and clinics, and \$424,000 for publishing houses.

The Home Mission Board asked for a total of \$2.7 million, including \$1.7 million for a new office building to be built in 1970-71 at a total cost of \$2½ million. By 1970 the staff of the board is expected to number 175, and the current headquarters building accommodates only 165 workers. A committee is studying location for the proposed building.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs requested \$600,000 to be used toward construction of a \$2 million Baptist Center "to house offices of agencies in the area, a Center for Advanced Studies, and a Continuation Education and Conference Center." The building would be built in 1970-71.

When the totals are combined, the capital needs requests of the six seminaries actually exceed that of the Foreign Mission Board, with a total of \$13.2 million.

Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, turned in requests for \$3.8 million. Major item in this was \$1.3 million for married student housing. Other items included a nursery school and kindergarten, medical center, gymnasium, renovation of Price Hall and Cowden Building, faculty housing, Memorial Building improvements, maintenance, building president's home, and campus parking.

Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., requested \$1.3 million. Major item is \$800,000 for a library and student housing, totaling \$420,000.

Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., asked \$3.3 million. The largest item was \$1.7 million for 14 apartment buildings. Also included were a chapel, classroom building, health and recreation building, missionary residence, and child care center.

New Orleans Seminary projected its needs at \$2.1 million, including apartments costing \$1 million, a new library at \$940,000 and a children's building costing \$175,000.

Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., asked only \$877,590. It listed a library at \$752,600 and 12 duplex apartments at \$125,000.

Southern Seminary, Louisville, asked \$1.8 million, including a music school building at \$1 million. Other buildings were a nursery-kindergarten, WMU Hall renovation, Rankin Hall renovation, Morton Hall renovation, missionary and faculty apartments, and campus roads.

Jacksonville and New Orleans hospitals turned in a total of \$8.5 million. Normally, these institutions will be told to look to local support for major funds.

The Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, asked \$566,000. It plans a television production wing costing \$350,000, a warehouse at \$106,000, additional office space at \$90,000 and a second passenger elevator costing \$20,000. (BP)

Cali seminary has 62 students

The International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali, Colombia, began a new year Sept. 4 with 62 students from seven countries (Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Panama, Guatemala and Spain).

"Every apartment and dormitory room is crowded and every available space is in use," reports Donald L. Orr, Southern Baptist missionary from Arkansas. Two kiosks of bamboo and thatch have been built to house the nursery and kindergarten for the students' children. (BP)



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Ambassador Life is a monthly publication and is the basic source for program material for each of the weekly chapter meetings. In addition to program material and mission stories, there is a special section for each of the age units—Crusaders, Pioneers, and Ambassadors.

Every member of the chapter should receive a copy of Ambassador Life. The subscription cost is small. (Ambassador Leader is 25 cents per quarter and Ambassador Life is 55 cents.) The magazine should be ordered from the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104.

Subscription order forms and other helpful tracts and suggestions are available, free, from the Brotherhood Department. Call on us if we may be of help to you.—C. H. Seaton, Brotherhood Department

Congo service program

AKRON, Pa.—The Mennonite Central Committee here announced initiation of a new service program which will send young men and women to the Congo for periods of 26 months. The program will be carried out in conjunction with the Free University of Congo. (EP)

Parents best teachers

DALLAS—Parents are the "best religious teachers" even though they are often unaware that they are teaching, said Mrs. Mary Reed Newland at a seminar on religious education sponsored by St. Francis Episcopal Church.

"Parents are teaching from morning to night although many of them believe religious education comes from the classroom," she said. (EP)

Dixie Jackson funds help Negro minister

Robert Dickerson Jr., formerly a pre-med student at A. M. & N. College, Pine Bluff, is now studying for the ministry at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, on a scholarship. Robert surrendered to the ministry a short time before his graduation from college. He has worked with our department three years as a summer mission appointee of the Home Mission Board. He is a living example of the fruition of the Dixie Jackson State Mission Offering, which provides approximately a third of the budget of the Race Relations department.



MR. DICKERSON

Now living in Room 213 of Ft. Worth Hall, Robert wrote recently to express his gratitude for the privilege of studying at Southwestern Seminary. His letter follows, in part:

"These accommodations are marvelous. I simply have not seen a place as nice as this place. This dormitory is beautiful and quite conducive to study.

"Daddy came down with me and returned after seeing that I was properly settled. I received the full scholarship, Dr. Hart, which includes room (I live in a single room) and also full meal ticket. Dr. Gresham relayed this to us on our arrival. I received the benefits immediately and the meal ticket also.

"The courses I have registered for and am taking are: Greek, Preaching, Biblical Backgrounds, Church History and Old Testament. I am taking 18 hours. The courses are sometimes difficult but they are so enjoyable and different. One of my fine, inspiring teachers is Dr. David Garland [formerly pastor of Baring Cross Church, Little Rock.

"Dr. Hart, I am deeply appreciative for all you have labored to do to make possible my entering Southwestern Seminary.

"Upon my first day here, Daddy and I went in to meet the president, Dr. Naylor. He prayed for me right there. Quite an experience!

"I shall endeavor to do my best to gather all that is possible here. I have united, by promise of letter, with Gambrell Street Baptist Church, pastored by Dr. Glen Edwards, and have been attending there often.

"Saturday Dr. John McClanahan wrote me a nice letter.

"I hope to continue my summer missions work and camp work next summer, the Lord being willing."

I feel sure that in the future, as well as at present, we shall be very proud of this young man as he labors for the Lord.—Clyde Hart, Director, Race Relations Department

"How to Do It" Workshop Park Hill Church North Little Rock Oct. 27 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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MRS. LEWIS

You can't afford to miss it! Help your church be one of the churches of Arkansas to have at least one worker from each department (nursery-general officers) to attend the State Workshop.—Ralph W. Davis

Interreligious crusade

PORTLAND, Ore.—The National Urban League plans to work with leaders of the major religious faiths in launching an interreligious crusade against discrimination and in behalf of racial harmony.

"It is now clear," Whitney M. Young, the league's executive director, told the civil rights organization's annual meeting here, "that we must launch a crusade for the hearts, minds and consciences of men, a movement to energize the religious community to full leadership in the struggle for men's hearts."

Mr. Young recently met with Pope Paul VI in Rome and with Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, in Geneva, to get their support for an interreligious crusade against discrimination. (EP)

Area evangelism conferences attract attendance of 920

The first area-wide Evangelism Conferences to be held in the state were a tremendous success.

Six conferences were held beginning Sunday afternoon, Sept. 10, at Warren and closing Friday night, Sept. 15, at Hope.

J. T. Elliff spoke at each session on "The Bible Basis for Evangelism"; Dr. S. A. Whitlow spoke on "A New Testament Example"; and John Bisagno spoke on "How We Do It."

There were 920 in attendance at the six conferences with 130 pastors, 10 missionaries and 16 ministers of music present. Most of the people in attendance do not regularly attend a state-wide Evangelism Conference.

The purpose of the conferences were two-fold: (1) to reach many people who do not attend the state-wide Conference; (2) to help our pastors in get-

ting their members involved in personal witnessing.

It is very difficult to evaluate meetings like these. However, if a few people really caught the spirit of their responsibility in personal witnessing, if a few pastors picked up the idea of personal witnessing among their members and prospects, and got some ideas on how to give an invitation, the meetings were worthwhile.

Mr conviction for a long while, has been that we need to keep the matter of evangelism before our people all of the time. There seems to be an "up-surge" of interest in evangelism. I hope and pray this is so.

The 1968 area-wide Evangelism Conferences will be held Sept. 15-20. Pastors, please mark this date on your calendar and urge your people to attend.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

'Do good . . . tell the people'

"Do good—tell the people."

This is the slogan of musicians all over the Southern Baptist Convention at this time of the year.

From east to west and north to south, Southern Baptist music directors, pastors, and church clerks are receiving a pamphlet entitled, "Do Good—Tell the People."

If your church has a music ministry, be it one person or 1,000 persons, report this fact to your church clerk.

It is simply a matter of determining if your church has a music ministry, which it does if it has elected a person to be responsible for planning and directing its music program, and then making sure that his is included in the church records.

On the Uniform Church Letter to the Association there are several blanks which refer to the music ministry personnel. The music director's name and address should be given in Box 68. Then, in Boxes 108-119 on the Church Letter form, each person enrolled in any music group should be included in the proper age-level box. The music director should be included in the appropriate age box, even if he is the only person considered a part of your music ministry.

If your church has already sent its Uniform Church Letter to the Associational clerk, and if your association's annual meeting has already been held, it is not too late even yet to revise the report to make it reflect a true picture of your music ministry.

Music ministry growth in Arkansas has been as follows: 352 churches (29 percent) reported 23,187 enrolled in September, 1965; 423 churches 36 percent) reported 23,472 enrolled in September 1966. The goal for Arkansas by the end of September, 1967, is 594 churches (50 percent) to report its music ministry with a total enrollment of 25,000.

Your associational music director or missionary should have a quantity of brochures giving information on reporting the music ministry on the Uniform Church Letter. These can be helpful to you as you help your church clerk to complete the music information.

Yes, "Do Good—Tell the People."—Eleanor A. Harwell, Associate Music Secretary

(This is the fourth in a series of articles presenting new music program actions and emphases now available which may benefit your church and association.)

The bookshelf

1,1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes, edited by Glen Wheeler, Standard, 1967, \$5.95

"A week filled with selfishness and a Sunday full of religious exercises will make a good Pharisee but a poor Christian Living," this is typical of the materials found in this 300-page volume, "a choice selection of material for teachers, ministers, leaders, and speakers."

Since the editor and the publishers are of the Church of Christ faith, you would expect to find in the section on "Baptism" at least one presentation of Scriptures which they believe indicate that baptism is essential to salvation—and you will if you look on page 15.

But even we Baptists, who know that baptism is symbolic of what has already taken place in salvation and has nothing at all to do with saving one, will find much good and usable material here.

Practical English, A Complete Self-Correction Course, Edited by Donald O. Bolander, A Two-Volume Course and Reference Set on Grammar, Correct Usage, and Punctuation, published by Career Institute, 555 East Lange Street, Mundelein, Ill., 60060

The set is designed to be used as a step-by-step course or as a reference library. The publishers report that most commonly it is first studied as a course and is later used as a reference. Persons who already have a good grasp of English grammar will find it valuable for reference use.

Religion & Society: The Ecumenical Impact, by Claud D. Nelson, Sheed and Ward, New York, 1966, \$4.50

Arkansas readers will be interested in the Arkansas angle of this book. The author was an Arkansas Rhodes Scholar and the preface is written by Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, a former president of the University of Arkansas.

For persons of different religious faiths merely to be able to "agree to disagree" is not enough, says Dr. Nelson, "There can and must be a more common religious response to the problems that trouble the conscience of our pluralistic society: racial inequity, divorce legislation, the seeming secularization of public education, peace and war."

Unless the voice of religion is raised on these and other problems, and unless the religiously committed contribute to their realistic solution, organized religion will show itself to be as irrelevant and bankrupt as its detractors claim, he concludes.

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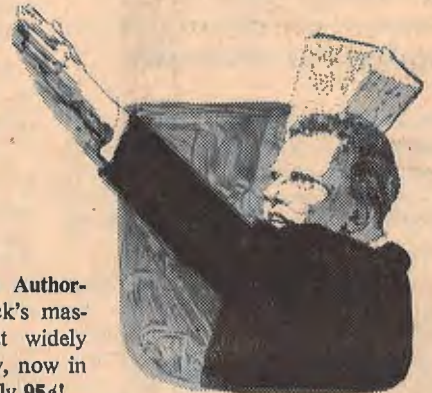


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BY FLOYD A. CRAIG

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—“Yesterday afternoon. . . I lost the most precious thing that life ever gave me, a three-and-a-half-year-old girl child. She was murdered at three in the afternoon, in the basement of a house only a few doors from ours. . . Had I caught the boy in the act, I would have wished to kill him. Now there is no undoing of what is done, I only wish to help him. Let no feeling of caveman vengeance influence us. Let us rather help who did so human a thing,” writes a 31-year-old math instructor.

This statement appears in one of the ten new informational and thought-provoking pamphlets just released here by the Christian Life Commission. The series is entitled ISSUES AND ANSWERS. The poignant declaration, taken from the juvenile delinquency pamphlet, opens discussion on the difficult issue and is followed by suggested answers for Christians.

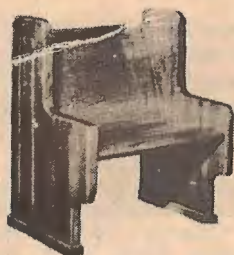
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Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

His commission our command

As the month of September comes to a close we begin to see the results of a statewide emphasis on missions in Arkansas. This year it was my privilege to help prepare the study material for this emphasis through Woman's Missionary Society.

But my interest did not start a few months ago when I was asked to write for this particular emphasis. Since my earliest childhood I remember hearing about and seeing some of the needs in our state of Arkansas. Once when Juanita Gill (now Mrs. Lawson Hatfield) and I were talking to a group of children in a mission Sunday School in Arkadelphia, a young Negro girl was asked a question about what she wanted to do when she grew up.

“I want the best education I can get,” she answered.

I wonder where she is today. I hope she got that fine education she wanted.

When our Master said “Go ye,” the command and commission included Arkansas. Opportunities of service are all about us, in every section of our state, through student preaching, new mission sites, chaplaincies, associational mission aid, the deaf ministry, and wherever there is a need to minister to body, mind, and soul.

One woman in our church recently had her ninetieth birthday and to celebrate this occasion she decided to give ninety birthday dollars to the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions. This is the same woman whose daughter asked her if she could have a few friends in to celebrate her birthday when she was 85. Her spirited reply to her daughter was, “Oh, why don't you wait until I'm 90 and have a big party!”

It is a challenge this year to know we will also be helping Colorado Baptists in an evangelistic crusade in 1968, as we pray and give.

“Go, therefore, and make disciples.”

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Goatchers Here On Leave



Earl and Jo Ann
Goatcher

Earl and Jo Ann Goatcher have returned to Little Rock and ABMC after spending four years operating a 25-bed hospital and clinic in Thailand. Thailand is in Southeast Asia. It is east of Burma and west of Laos and Cambodia and is separated from Vietnam by the width of Laos which is about 100 miles. The country has a population of 30 million and is about two-thirds the size of Texas.

The Goatchers were assigned to Thailand in 1963 by the Southern Baptist Convention Mission Board. The city of Bangkok with a population of 7,000 was selected as the site. The hospital is about 75 miles east of Bangkok, the capitol of Thailand. Mr. Goatcher is the administrator of the 25-bed hospital and Mrs. Goatcher fills one of the positions available for physicians at the hospital.

In addition to the 25 beds, the hospital has five bassinets and 20 additional beds for outpatients with leprosy and tuberculosis. Mr. Goatcher says that the incidence of leprosy and TB is very high in Thailand. At any given time the hospital is treating 2,500 to 2,800 leprosy patients. Along with the inpatient and outpatient clinics operated at the hospital, a mobile unit is sent out once a week and sees an average of 300 pa-

tients per month. About 1,400 patients are seen each month at the hospital and the mobile clinics. Mr. Goatcher points out that while 25 beds may sound small by American standards, these 25 beds amount to an intensive care unit. Patients who are not seriously or critically ill just aren't admitted to the hospital.

Shortage of personnel is a problem in Thailand too, according to Mr. Goatcher. "We train all of our personnel in the hospital except nurses and doctors," he said, "and because we are out in the country, we have to pay higher salaries to get them to come out and work for us. We start degree RN'S at \$60 per month or \$720 per year. For a nurses' aide, which is the equivalent of an LPN except that she doesn't give medications, we pay \$22.50 per month. This is better than elementary school teachers who receive \$20 per month. Physicians receive \$75 per month."

The country has three schools of medicine, operated by the national government, where the physician's education is paid for. At the completion of his schooling, the doctor must work for the government for two years. However, at the end of the two years, most doctors continue to work for the government. "Private medicine as we know it in this country is just beginning to be

practiced by a few doctors over there," says Mr. Goatcher.

Most hospitalization is provided by the government, with only a few private hospitals such as the one operated by the Goatchers and other missions. This government hospitalization does not include much more than room and board, however. When the doctor admits the patient and medications are ordered, then the patient or a member of his family must go to the hospital pharmacy and purchase the ordered drugs or IV's and bring them back to the nursing station. The nursing staff will then administer them according to the doctor's orders. If the patient has money and pays for the room and everything else, he obviously gets more attention and better service.

Mr. Goatcher said, "Although we have five physicians appointed, we rarely ever have that many. When we left in July, there were two physicians on duty."

Mrs. Goatcher, a pediatrician, received her M. D. from the University of Texas School of Medicine in Dallas and served her residency in pediatrics at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine at Little Rock. She is a native of Odessa, Texas.

Mr. Goatcher is a native of Formosa, Arkansas, and received his B. S. from the University of Arkansas and his B. D. from Southwest Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. He served a one-year administrative residency at ABMC in 1961-62.

While the Goatchers are home on leave, Mr. Goatcher will be located at ABMC and Memorial Hospital. He said, "I am looking forward to renewing friendships that have served me well for the past four years. I feel quite at home here because our hospital in Thailand is ABMC in miniature." They are scheduled to return to Thailand in 1968. The Goatchers presented a program at the Student Hour Thursday, September 14, in the SUB Chapel and showed slides of their mission hospital in Thailand.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS TOUR CENTER

Over 220 Vacation Bible School Students from 11 Baptist churches toured the Center during the months of June and July. The groups included Gravel Ridge Baptist Church, Park Hill Baptist Church, Jacksonville Baptist Church, South McGehee Baptist Church, Baptist Tabernacle, Douglasville Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, First Baptist Church of Dumas, Tyler Street Baptist Church and Gaines Street Baptist Church.

A copy of the ABMC 1966 annual report was given to each student as well as copies of material distributed by the Pastoral Care department. Each tour was started with a presentation by one of the Chaplains about the department's ministry in the Center.

Assumes Duties As Controller



W. C. Mullen

W. C. Mullen has assumed the duties of Controller for the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center. As controller, Mr. Mullen will head the Finance department consisting of Data Processing and Accounting.

Mullen is a native of Heber Springs, Ark. where he was graduated from high school. He received his bachelor of science in business administration with a major in accounting from the University of Arkansas in 1961. Prior to coming to ABMC, Mullen worked as Chief Accountant for Dow Smith, Inc. and Associated Wholesale Grocery of Arkansas, Inc. He is a member of the National Accountants Association.

Mullen and his wife Faye have two children, Karen, seven and Kathy, two. They live at 7005 Talmage Drive, Little Rock and are members of Temple Baptist Church.

TV COMMERCIALS FILMED AT CENTER

Beginning September 5, 1967 Blue Cross and Blue Shield will begin its fall advertising campaign on TV. ABMC was selected as the hospital for the filming of the "on location" spots. The commercials run 20 seconds in length and will be shown on all six TV stations in the state.

Four areas of the hospital were used in the filming, the general chemistry section of the Laboratory, Coronary Cath Laboratory in Radiology and the corridor leading to the Operating Room. The Operating Room scene was filmed in the Emergency Room. ABMC personnel were used in all sequences filmed at the Center. Filming was done between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on three successive days.

In addition to the color TV commercials, black and white still photos were taken of the 13th Street Lobby and the Patient Accounts area for inclusion in a booklet to be distributed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Employee of the Month:

Mrs. Fuller Resigns - But Doesn't Retire



Mrs. J. C. Fuller

Mrs. J. C. Fuller, full-time employee for part-time pay will resign from her position as Counselor to the faculty and students effective September 30, 1967. Beginning October 1, 1967, Mrs. Fuller accepts a new position as counselor to the faculty and students two days a week on a volunteer basis.

Mrs. Fuller has been a member of the hospital family for over 30 years. She moved to Little Rock in 1933 from Arkadelphia where she was Dean of Women at Ouachita Baptist College. Mrs. Fuller immediately started working with the Hospital Auxiliary. In 1937 and again in 1941 she served as secretary to the Auxiliary. In 1955 Mrs. Fuller accepted a part-time, temporary position as counselor in the school of nursing. It is from this 12-year "temporary" position that Mrs. Fuller now resigns.

In 1957-58 Mrs. Fuller was elected President of the Auxiliary and reorganized it under a new constitution which provided for community-wide participation and involvement. The involvement was accomplished by or-

NEW VISITING HOURS SIGN

New visiting hours signs have been affixed to all entrances of the Center. The new signs are not only larger than the old ones, but are printed with black ink on white paper which makes them more noticeable and easier to read.

It is hoped that violators of the visiting hour privileges have done so out of lack of information about the visiting hours. The new signs should at least attract more attention and readership and, hopefully, reduce the number of violators of the rules and regulations.

The new signs also remind readers

ganizing the adult and junior Volunteer programs. Under her guidance the first adult volunteer orientation program was held March 19, 1957. The first year of the program produced more than 7,000 hours of volunteer service to the hospital. Mrs. Fuller established the Milton Green Patient Library which has now accumulated over 1,000 volumes.

Mrs. Fuller is a native of Alabama and received her masters degree from Columbia University of New York. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita Baptist University for six years and is presently Secretary of the Board. She is also a member of the Arkansas League for Nursing, American Association of University Women, Auxiliary to ABMC and the Lyla Pye Student Loan Committee. She is a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church and has served as Vice President of the State Women's Missionary Union. She will become an active member of the Volunteer program in October working for Miss Straubie and serving as counselor to the students two days a week.

that solicitations of any kind from the Center's patients or employees without approval is prohibited.

Finally, the new signs remind employees and visitors alike that the hospital is not a place where anything is taken casually. The hospital is a place where professionals work with considered deliberation in meeting the health needs of its patients. The least that could be expected in such a setting is to contribute to the decorous atmosphere by being appropriately dressed, whether on duty or off, or whether relative, friend or visitor.

Rev. Hassell Returns



Rev. Jerre Hassell

Rev. Jerre Hassell, former Associate in the Pastoral Care department, has returned to ABMC. Rev. Hassell served his one-year internship in Clinical Pastoral Education at Arkansas Baptist Hospital in 1958 while serving as Pastor of the Geyer Springs First Baptist Church. He was a full-time associate in the Pastoral Care department from 1961 through 1965 and is accredited by the Chaplains' Division of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

Rev. Hassell, who hales from Dallas, Texas, received his B.A. degree with a major in Bible from Baylor University and was graduated with a B.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky in 1957. He was pastor of Central Baptist Church in North Little Rock from 1965 until returning to ABMC. Rev. Hassell and his wife Barbara Ann have two children, Patricia Lynn, nine and Nancy Carol, six, and they live at 1543 Kent Road, North Little Rock.

GIFTS TO ABMC

Recent contributions to ABMC's Coronary Intensive Care Unit fund were made in memory of Mrs. Walter Simpson by Mr. Walter N. Brandon, Jr. and in memory of Mrs. Allen Brady and Dr. J. S. Spillyards by Mrs. Arthur E. Inglis. W.M.U. Circle #1 of Immanuel Baptist Church made a gift to the fund in appreciation of their chairman, Mrs. Charles H. Andrews.

Other gifts to the Intensive Care fund were made by Dr. Ben O. Price, Mr. Cal Acklin, Mr. Buel Croom, Mr. B. C. Huddleston, Mr. W. M. Bruce, Jr., Mr. Harold A. Wood, Mrs. Dorothy Holland, Mrs. Calvin Goins, and Mr. C. B. Goins, Jr.

Other gifts to the Center include a contribution for charity by the Woman's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church, Camden, Ark., a gift to the Pediatrics unit by Circle #7 of the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, and a contribution to the student swimming pool by Dr. E. C. Reed, Jr.

20 Graduates Join Staff



Twenty nurses from the ABMC School of Practical Nursing who were graduated at exercises held September 7, 1967 have joined the staff at ABMC. They are from left to right: back row; Rosetta Hart, Linda Russell, Dorothy Rubow, Wanda Wilson, Betty Moix and Pfyllis Wampler. Middle Row; Barbara Whitley, Mischa Bryant, Elouise Evans, Nelda Jackson, Margaret Morrow and Anna Schilling. Front Row; Mary Barton, Marilee Jadeed, Shirley Maddox, Sandra Harris, Jacquelyn Eubanks and Jessie Tull.

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT REPORTS FOR DUTY



Leland Zimmerman

Mr. W. C. Mullen, Controller, announced the appointment of Mr. Leland Zimmerman as Chief Accountant for Arkansas Baptist Medical Center.

Mr. Zimmerman is a native of Stuttgart, Ark. where he was graduated from high school. He received his bachelor of arts degree with a major in accounting from Ouachita Baptist University in 1961 where he earned a membership in the Blue Key National Honor Society and served as treasurer

Sixth Class Graduated

ABMC's School of Practical Nursing graduated its sixth class at exercises held in the Chapel of Immanuel Baptist Church Thursday, September 7, 1967 at 7:30 p.m. Following the Commencement address by Dr. G. Grimsley Graham, Mr. A. James Linder, President of the Board of Trustees of ABMC, presented the 26 graduates with their certificates. Mr. W. H. Patterson, Associate Administrator, presided at the ceremonies. Following the graduation exercises, a reception was held in the Flenniken Auditorium of the Student Union Building for the graduates, the relatives and friends.

Since the School's first graduation in September of 1965, it has graduated 117 nurses. Ninety-two of the graduates have joined the staffs of ABMC and Memorial Hospital. Three classes are enrolled in the school year in March, July and September. Mrs. Mary Jackson, Director of the School, said approximately 60 students had been enrolled for the September 1967 class.

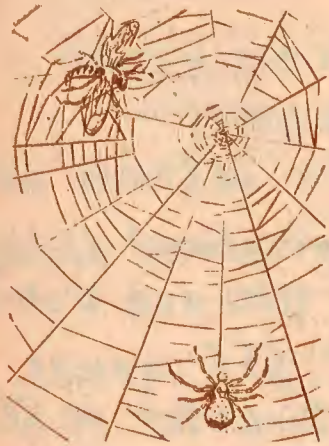
of the Student Senate for one year. He has several years accounting experience working for certified public accountants in the Little Rock area.

Zimmerman and his wife Marguerite live at 411 West "L" Street in North Little Rock and are members of Park Hill Baptist Church. The Zimmermans have two children Dee, seven and Lee, three. Mr. Zimmerman assumed his new duties as chief accountant August 15.

That Was The Year That Was (1966-67)

- Sept. 15, 1966 - 14,030 Baptist students arrive on Arkansas college campuses.
- Oct. 14-16 - BSU Convention at Russellville attracts 600.
- Oct. 18-19 - Southern Baptists' first "denominational dialogue" team meets with students at OBU and U of A.
- Nov. 1 - New addition to BSU Center at SSC opens.
- Jan. 1, 1967 - Winston Hardman becomes BSU Director at SCA.
- Jan 7 - J. Straubie has 15th anniversary at ABMC.
- March 11-12 - Pres. of American Medical Association, Dr. M. Rouse, spends two days with BSU at U of A Med.
- Mar 18 - New BSU Center at Henderson State dedicated.
- Mar 18 - Bill Glass of Cleveland Browns shares Christian testimony with 200 at U of A BSU.
- Apr 13 - First BSU Installation Banquet for Westark Jr. college and Sparks School of Nursing
- Apr 29 - 18 Arkansas students appointed BSU Summer Missionaries. (Another 50 with Home Mission Bd.)
- June 29 - MIL Singers begin tour of Arkansas.
- Aug 22 - Ex. Bd. authorizes hiring of architect for new BSU Center at Ark Tech.
- Sept 1 - Gerald Cound becomes BSU Director, A + M. Danny McCaulley, of C of O, AC, ASJC, + PCJC.
- Sept 15 - Over 16,000 Baptist students arrive on Arkansas campuses.

My daddy is too tight to hire a real artist. He only paid me 50¢ for all this. Timothy Logue



He came during the night early in September. He made his way through a hole in the screen. There in my window, he spun his web. He was as large a spider as I have ever seen, measuring nearly three fourths of an inch in body length. His leg span was easily an inch and a half. He was a brown spider with darker brown spots on his legs. He had two "horns" protruding from his back on the lower segment of his body. A double row of dark-brown spots marked the center line on his back. Tiny hairs were visible on his body and legs.

At first I considered him a formidable pest and planned to dispose of Mr. Spider immediately. However, the busy fall days went by and I seemed to lack the time (or the courage) to destroy either Mr. Spider or his web. Soon I began to miss him when he wasn't sitting in his web swaying in the breeze.

When I became interested enough in my new acquaintance to notice his actions, I found that he came out onto his web on warm, sunny days and nice evenings. Unless busy about the web, he always sat in the center of it and always sat head downward. On cold, blustery days he sat against the upper windowsill, one back leg outstretched, seemingly attached to a thread of the web.

However ugly I considered the spider, his web was beautiful. To make it, he attached main threads ("guy wires," as I called them) to the window, screen, and sill so that his web filled the entire lower portion of the window.

Once his "guy wires" were secured, he began work on the web itself. First, he made the spokes (usually between fifteen and twenty out from the center). Then he spun a large outer circle, traveling from spoke to spoke. Then he spun another circle and another, each about a quarter of an inch nearer the center of his web.

He used his back pair of legs to stretch the threads and help pull them into place. When he approached a spoke,

The spider in my window

BY BARBARA GALE

he touched his spinneret to it, attaching the thread, then moved on to the next spoke. He seemed to have an endless supply of thread.

I had watched Mr. Spider for about a week as he feasted on the tiny insects that made their way through the window screen and into his web. One sunny afternoon when the wasps and box elder bugs were out, I began to wonder what he would do if he were to encounter larger prey. I went outside and carefully removed the window screen.

I was disappointed. My friend wasn't interested in wasps or box elder bugs. Nor were they interested in him. That evening, however, I saw the catch I had been waiting for. A miller (moth), darting against the lighted window-pane, became ensnared in the web. The spider pounced on him immediately, wrapping his long legs about him and poisoning him with his fangs. In just a few seconds the miller lay motionless.

Then the spider quickly wrapped him up, turning him round and round, encasing him in a blue-gray shell. The thread he used to entrap his prey looked to be much heavier than the one he used to make his web.

The spider carried his catch to the upper sill of the window. There he attached it and sat and ate. The next morning, except for the damaged web, there was no evidence of the miller. I found the blue-gray shell on the ground below the window.

After that, I saw the spider catch a number of millers. He always ate first, then repaired or completely rebuilt his web. He kept it neat. If falling leaves became caught in it, he soon discarded them.

One morning, late in October, my spider was gone. It had been an extremely cold, blustery night. Again I went outside and looked about under the window. I found him lying frozen in the snow.

I wonder if, sometime when conditions are right, I shall not discover that Mr. Spider was a "Mrs." and that she had been laying her eggs in some warm crevice in my window. When the eggs begin to hatch, a new cycle in the life of the spider will have begun.

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Buster was a nuisance

BY IRENE TURNBOW

Mike was visiting his grandfather, who lived alone on a farm. He made friends with Buster, the greedy rooster, by letting kernels of corn fall through a hole in his jeans pocket. Buster gobbled up the corn and became very tame.

Buster tagged almost everywhere after Mike and his grandfather.

"Buster's a nuisance!" exclaimed Grandfather. "I think I'll sell him along with the other chickens I'm fattening for the market."

"Oh, please don't do that!" exclaimed Mike.

The next morning when Mike came downstairs, his grandfather was just setting the food on the table. "I'm a little late," he complained, "because Buster didn't grow for me."

"Oh, I hope nothing happened to him," said Mike. "He was all right yesterday evening."

"Yes, I remember how he followed me to the house," said Grandfather.

"He kept pecking at the red handkerchief in my back pocket. He didn't stop until he had dragged it all the way out."

"I really don't care about that old, red handkerchief," admitted Grandfather. "I suppose I'm just out of sorts because I can't find the wristwatch I lost a few days ago."

Mike dried the dishes for his grandfather and then went with him to the barn. When they got inside, they heard a faint crowing which seemed to come from the far side of the barn. They followed the sound to an old barrel. When they looked down into it, there was Buster!

Mike lifted Buster out. When he did so, he saw a red handkerchief and a wristwatch! "Look in the barrel, Grandfather," he cried.

While Grandfather was getting his things, Mike petted Buster and said, "You're a good rooster after all!" Looking up at his grandfather, he asked, "You won't sell Buster now, will you?"

"No. Buster's a good fellow to have around," replied Grandfather, smiling at his grandson.

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The God we worship

BY C. W. BROCKWELL JR., PASTOR
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Life and Work

October 1

Deut. 4:32-40;

Ps. 103; Matt. 6:7-13

The story is told of a small boy bending over the crib of his newborn brother and whispering: "Tell me quick, little brother, before you forget, what does God look like?"

No need for that. Jesus came to show us what God is like. Christ came to bring the wonderful message from God that he loves us. That is the primary knowledge of God. Anything else we learn of him is directly related to his love for us.

Let us not make a false assumption here. Don't think that if you just understand a little about God that you will automatically worship him. Not so at all! The Devil knows about God and he is God's enemy. First, you must accept God for who he says he is. Until you do, you can come no closer. The whole basis of spiritual understanding is fellowship.

When you accept God through his Son Jesus, he accepts you because of Jesus. Then you are ready to begin to understand the God you worship.

He is the Only One (Deut. 4:32-40)

List here three gods men worship today.

1.
2.
3.

How many of these are living and in control of the world? None. Only Jehovah God lives and works.

Moses, the man who couldn't speak, certainly made Israel's indifference and unbelief look cheap compared to God's greatness. He took three questions, supplied three answers, and wrapped them up in a declaration of man's duty to God.

Question Number One: In all the history of man, did God ever do anything as great as he has in making you his people (v. 32)?

Answer: No, because he wanted you to know that he is God (v. 35). Each person receives God's best. Personal attention is the only kind God gives. He has no secondhand salvation. He makes us all new in Christ.

Question Number Two: Did anyone ever hear God speak as plainly as he did to you and live to tell it (v. 38)?

Answer: No, for this instruction is tailor-made to every generation (v. 36).

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God said far more on the cross than he did from the burning bush. How else does he speak today?

Question Number Three: Has God brought anyone through greater handicaps than he has you (v. 34)?

Answer: No, because he keeps his promise regardless of how mean the world becomes (v. 37). Sin is so entrenched in our lives that we have to die to it to get rid of it. Think of all the ifs, ands, buts, and maybes thrown up to keep you from being born again. Amazing grace, how great its power!

Therefore: God is supreme in heaven and earth. Who else is worth obeying?

He is the Holy One (Matt. 6:9)

God is the kind of father we need. He doesn't get mad at us unless we make it very clear that we intend to keep on being stubborn and selfish. Even then, he does not punish us the way we really deserve it. Instead, he accepts our repentant apology and puts our sin far behind his back, never to be recalled again. Before he made us, he anticipated our needs and perfectly provided for them. He only asks our respect and obedience. Such a small request that is, compared to what he does for us!

He is the Holy One (Matt. 6:9)

God is different. He fits into no one's category. He stands alone. Even when

you speak his name, you had better have the right attitude in your heart. The reason is God's name stands for his character, his being.

Since God is different, it follows that his disciples should be different also. Write down one specific way in which you are different from any "good" man who's lost

If you had difficulty thinking of an answer, this quarter of lessons is for you. They are designed to help you strengthen and develop your own worship of God. The Adult Training Union will supplement this study. My prayer is that you will see worship as a truly happy privilege as well as a sacred duty owed to God. Remember, the God we worship is Jesus Christ. Don't let anyone persuade you otherwise "for there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5).



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Why prophets are needed

BY VESTER E. WOLBER
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION, OUACHITA UNIVERSITY

In October we study Amos.

The era of Jeroboam (2K. 14:23-15)

All that we know of Amos is found in his book, which seems to be a condensation of his preaching to Bethel in Israel. Although his journey carried him only 20 miles from his home in Tekoa, Judah, it did involve passage from one sovereign nation into another.

1. Political conditions

Jeroboam II was King in Israel, having enjoyed several years of territorial expansion chiefly at the expense of Syria. He promoted idolatry, but God used him to preserve and expand Israel lest the nation die.

2. Social conditions

An unhealthy social climate existed in Israel. The rich landowners, greedy, dishonest, and heartless, employed oppression, fraud, graft, and robbery in pursuing their plans to possess and control. They grew richer while the poor became ever poorer, and there was no middle class.

Wealthy landowners lived for luxury, sex, wine, and social status, all the while assuming that their continued prosperity was an indication of divine favor.

3. Religious conditions

Religious institutions were faithfully attended and lavishly supported. Well-dressed families assembled for religious ceremony, made offerings and brought their tithes into God's house—a grim reminder to modern Baptists that even the practice of tithing cannot guarantee that one will walk uprightly. Their hypocritical religiosity did not favorably impress either God or Amos (see 5:21).

Prophetic condemnation (Amos 8:4-7,11)

In words fitly chosen, Amos denounced affluent Israel on several counts.

1. Heartless oppression (8:4)

They trampled on the poor and brought the needy to destruction. True religion is always compassionate, and if modern Christianity has to some degree lost its compassion, it has to that degree lost its essence.

2. Surface religion (8:5)

The prophet portrays affluent men, correctly religious, waiting in anxiety

for the Sabbath and holy days to pass so they could get back to crooked dealings and heavy-handed oppression. Too religious to violate religious laws by selling on the Sabbath, they held no scruples against deceiving and cheating their victimized customers during the week. When religious regulations outranked one's moral obligations, his religion needs reform.

3. Dishonest business

Were Amos with us today he would classify such business practices with modern "rackets." They used small vessels for measuring grain which they sold, and light scales for weighing the money with which their customers paid for the grain.

The men of Bethel were not the last merchants to extract more money and deliver less produce than had been agreed upon; nor were they the last men to sit in God's house on the Sabbath and devise plans for crooked dealing.

We might all be shocked if we knew some of the thoughts which pass through the minds of some of the people as they sit in church on Sunday morning. Amos preached to people who looked upon the Sabbath as an inconvenient interruption of their nefarious practices, and were always looking beyond the holy days when they might take up again their daily rounds of oppression and fraud.

Divine warning (8:7-12)

1. God does not forget sin.

Man's costliest leap of faith is in jumping to the conclusion that God does not take notice of his sin. From ancient times there have been those who have said that God does not see, or God does not care, or does not remember, or punish.

Sometimes God allows natural consequences to follow after one's wrongdoing. Sometimes he assigns a punishment not directly related to the sin. Often he sends a lashing conscience coupled with fear of exposure. Ultimate judgment, however, is withheld until the consummation of the age. Augustine said that we have in this life just enough judgment to warn us of the severity of final judgment, but not enough to make final judgment unnecessary.

International

October 1

2 Kings 14:23-25;

Amos 8:4-7, 11

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2. God punishes severely.

In spurning God's word, Israel lost God's word. It is a dangerous act to reject any revelation which God offers to men. One generation later the nation fell and most of the Israelites were carried captive into Assyria. There is no record of any prophetic word being sent to them.

America and the western world might well take warning. If America neglects or rejects the revelation from God, we might some day find ourselves seriously seeking and not finding a message from the Lord. God speaks to those who perk up their ears, listen, and obey; but he will not continue to speak to people who will not hear.

Jesus said that those who heard his words and obeyed them were like wise men who build houses on solid foundations, and those who heard his words and did not practice them were as foolish men who build houses on sandy foundations. Amos described men who could not obey because they would not hear; and in refusing to hear God's voice they lost their capacity for hearing it.

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| Church | Sunday School | Training Union | Ch. Adms. |
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| Alexander First | 76 | 34 | |
| Ashdown Hicks First | 37 | 83 | |
| Berryville Freeman Heights | 166 | 60 | |
| Blytheville New Liberty | 113 | 35 | |
| Camden | | | |
| Cullendale First | 397 | 134 | 2 |
| First | 489 | 108 | 1 |
| Crossett | | | |
| First | 502 | 162 | |
| Magnolia | 161 | 125 | |
| Mt. Olive | 243 | 107 | |
| Diaz | 206 | 113 | 2 |
| Dumas First | 281 | 65 | 4 |
| El Dorado | | | |
| Caledonia | 40 | 23 | |
| Ebenezer | 152 | 59 | |
| First | 734 | 477 | 3 |
| Immanuel | 465 | 165 | 2 |
| Forrest City First | 528 | 139 | |
| Gentry First | 203 | 76 | 1 |
| Greenwood First | 239 | 115 | |
| Harrison | | | |
| Eagle Heights | 208 | 60 | |
| Northvale | 108 | 61 | |
| Hope First | 475 | 134 | |
| Hot Springs Piney | 216 | 86 | |
| Imboden | 105 | 57 | 5 |
| Jacksonville | | | |
| Bayou Meto | 133 | 87 | 1 |
| First | 518 | 138 | 1 |
| Harmony | 63 | 47 | |
| Marshall Rd. | 336 | 153 | 11 |
| Jonesboro | | | |
| Central | 540 | 225 | 5 |
| Nettleton | 273 | 109 | 1 |
| Lavaca | 255 | 136 | 10 |
| Little Rock | | | |
| Gaines Street | 413 | 197 | |
| Geyer Springs | 447 | 149 | 2 |
| Immanuel | 1,110 | 440 | 6 |
| Life Line | 485 | 125 | 6 |
| Rosedale | 249 | 104 | 3 |
| Magnolia | | | |
| Central | 680 | 256 | 7 |
| Manila First | 154 | 58 | |
| Marked Tree Neiswander | 111 | 61 | |
| Monticello | | | |
| First | 298 | 98 | 1 |
| Second | 251 | 77 | 4 |
| North Little Rock | | | |
| Baring Cross | 642 | 132 | 2 |
| South Side Chapel | 19 | 16 | |
| Calvary | 447 | 181 | 1 |
| Gravel Ridge First | 175 | 88 | |
| Runyan Chapel | 63 | 32 | |
| Indian Hills | 136 | 55 | 3 |
| Levy | 519 | 160 | 3 |
| Sixteenth Street | 46 | 30 | |
| Paragould Mt. Zion | 126 | 56 | |
| Pine Bluff | | | |
| Centennial | 231 | 117 | 2 |
| First | 731 | 115 | 5 |
| Green Meadows | 114 | 44 | 1 |
| Second | 218 | 75 | 3 |
| South Side | 692 | 229 | 28 |
| Tucker Chapel | 23 | 13 | |
| East Side Chapel | 61 | 40 | 1 |
| Watson Chapel | 202 | 99 | |
| Rogers First | 445 | 151 | 4 |
| Springdale | | | |
| Berry Street | 129 | 61 | 8 |
| Elmdale | 266 | 90 | |
| First | 415 | 105 | |
| Oak Grove | 74 | 34 | |
| Texarkana | | | |
| Beech Street | 459 | 124 | 5 |
| Mission | 13 | | |
| Van Buren | | | |
| First | 436 | 212 | 4 |
| Oak Grove | 161 | 102 | 2 |
| Second | 66 | 30 | |
| Vandervoort First | 55 | 22 | |
| Walnut Ridge First | 265 | 123 | 9 |
| Ward Cocklebur | 39 | 32 | |
| Warren | | | |
| First | 445 | 124 | 2 |
| Southside Mission | 90 | 71 | |
| Immanuel | 240 | 66 | |
| West Memphis | | | |
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"Watching Saturday night's late show doesn't bother me on Sunday mornings—much."

—ARK-E-ODOLOGY by Gene Herrington

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Extravagant verbosity

The service-station manager, sending his assistant out to fix a physician's tire, advised him: "Diagnose the trouble as flatulency of the perimeter, and charge him accordingly."

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It is estimated that only one person in a million has any grasp of the international situation. The amazing thing is how often we encounter him.

After the discharge

"Dear Pa: If you want me to come back to the farm when Uncle Sam says he don't need me any more—here's what you'd better do: Buy two of the meanest mules you can find. Name one of them 'Corporal' and the other 'Sergeant.' I'll be glad to spend the rest of my days telling them exactly what I think of them. John."



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CHILDREN rally for a picture before scampering home on the final day of Vacation Bible School at the First Church of Bermuda. More than 200 attended, mingling with carpenters and other workers finishing the church's new building. (Bermuda Sun Weekly photo)

News bulletins

The board of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center has voted to accelerate the center's construction program and build the first two stages of the new \$13-million center at University and Evergreen beginning late next year or early in 1969.

According to plans announced Saturday, the eight-story structure will later have a four-story addition to complete the planned medical complex. Under present plans, the first unit of the new center will be a 500-bed facility, with 200 beds to be added in the later addition.

It is planned to secure from \$3 to \$4 million from the federal government and to borrow the remainder, Dr. John Gilbreath, medical center administrator, said. The loan would be repaid through hospital charges and private contributions.

The medical center, discontinued as an institution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention by convention action last fall, now operates as an independent Baptist institution. This will be the first time federal funds have been used for construction by the center, this method of finance having been in conflict with the established policy of the state convention as long as the medical center was in the convention.

George Purvis, of the Game and Fish Commission, has accepted an assignment to do an "Arkansas Outdoors" feature for the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, beginning Oct. 5. This feature will take the place of "Outdoors with Doc," formerly done by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., now with the Office of Economic Opportunity, Atlanta. Mr. Purvis is a member of University Church, Little Rock.

Little Rock detectives decked out as Arkansas Razorback fans raided three "private" clubs in the city early Sunday, arresting and charging six persons with selling whiskey without license. A large amount of liquor was confiscated, according to Police Chief R. E. Brians, who directed the raids. Wearing red hats and ties, the officers were admitted to the clubs without membership cards and were sold liquor, Brians said.

Presbyterian giving

ATLANTA, Ga.—Members of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) increased their giving for all causes during 1966 by nearly \$5 million over the previous year, for a total of \$117,636,460.

According to figures released here by the Stewardship Department of the General Council, the total represents a 3.84 per cent increase in per capita giving,

from \$119.10 to \$123.67.

The 955,000-member denomination has 4,002 churches in 16 southern and southwestern states. These churches are grouped into 16 synods and 79 presbyteries. The Synod of Appalachia, with four presbyteries in Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee, topped all others in per capita giving with \$141.31. (Last year the highest ranking synod gave \$133.57 per member.) (EP)

'Country Club' churches

NEW YORK—The president of the American Institute of Architects called for a "moratorium on the building of cathedrals and suburban 'country club' churches" at an interreligious and inter-disciplinary meeting here.

Robert L. Durham, of Seattle, Wash., told representatives to the first International Congress on Religion, Architecture and the Visual Arts that "we must humanize the structures which house the religious life of our city centers."

Mr. Durham charged that for 100 years architects have returned from Europe with sketch pads and "proceeded to build little cathedrals unrelated to the real life of the people." (EP)

Central American crusade

UPLAND, Calif.—A winter tour of Central America, climaxed by attendance at the Nov. 28-Dec. 11 united evangelistic crusade in San Salvador, is being arranged by World Gospel Crusades, according to its president, Dr. C. Mervin Russell.

Heading the tour are Russell and WGC President Emeritus Dr. B. H. Pearson, former head of the literature organization founded by Mrs. Charles Cowman, who wrote the devotional book *Streams in the Desert*.

The city-wide crusade in El Salvador's capital city will be held in the 10,000-seat sports arena, sponsored by 33 evangelical churches as part of the organization's "Every Creature Crusade" in the country. (EP)

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