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Shame is one of the major obstacles most Adult Children from Dysfunctional Families (ACDFs) have trouble overcoming. In the second in a series on dysfunctional families, the power of Christ, the loving nurture of a support group, lots of patience and time, and in some cases professional counseling are given as means for ACDFs to learn, change, and recover from their shame.

**12** Retired workers hear Hobbs  
Herschel Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., declared, "When you labor for the Lord your work will live on" to the Fellowship of Retired Workers in Arkansas of Southern Baptist Churches, Institutions, and Agencies. The program, held July 18, provided retired Baptist workers from around the state opportunities for fellowship, as well as information for retired Christian workers. Topics dealt with such subjects as finance, health, problems, and ministering in retirement.

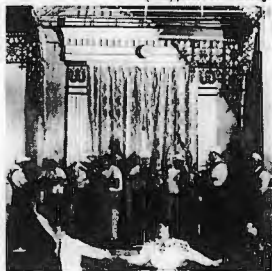
**14** New ethics center created  
"Moderate" Southern Baptists have formed a new Baptist Center for Ethics, to be headed by Robert Parham, who has resigned from the SBC Christian Life Commission. The new center stated agenda is three-fold: to call Baptists and others back to basics, concentrate on consensus issues, and challenge Baptists to face the complex and cutting edge issues with intelligence and compassion.

**14** Texas, Baylor announced agreement  
Baylor University and Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders have reached an agreement which may end the struggle over who will control Southern Baptists' largest university. The two-fold agreement, requiring an amendment to the Baylor charter and an inclusion in the Baylor bylaws, must still be approved by the respective boards of the two groups.

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At a Fourth of July celebration honoring visiting Americans in Kazakhstan, a handful of Kazakhs play and sing with the Arkansas Ozark Band in front of a Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Alma-Ata, the Soviet Republic's capital city. The concert occurred at the end of the first Kazakh-American Cultural Festival June 21-July 6.

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# Where do we stand?

J. EVERETT SNEED

Recently someone asked, "Where are Southern Baptists as far as race relations?" When one analyzes the question he discovers that we have made tremendous progress, but we still have not arrived.

In seeking an answer to the question, we recently interviewed Jack Kwok, ABSC director of Cooperative Ministries. Cooperative Ministries works as a liaison between Southern Baptists and National Baptists (black Baptists). The Cooperative Ministries program involves three areas of work. Dr. Kwok pointed out that all of these areas assist with race relations, but the third is directly involved.

The first area is educational support. This effort has built many bridges of communication and trust, which has laid the ground work for better race relations. Currently, Cooperative Ministries is maintaining five training schools. At one time the faculty of all of these schools were white Southern Baptists, but today there is only one faculty member in one training school who is a white Southern Baptist. All the rest are National Baptists who have received training from our Southern Baptist seminarians.

In addition to the training schools, over 7,200 pastors and lay people in 114 clinics, representing more than 75 churches, have been training in clinics. These clinics also have Southern Baptist leadership. The clinics have opened doors for partnership.

Kwok quoted one National Baptist leader as saying, "We are interested in working more closely with Southern Baptists in race relations because Southern Baptists have proven their interest in us through these clinics." The clinics are designed to help National Baptist churches with stewardship, evangelism, Sunday School leadership training, discipleship leadership training, and church administration.

Southern Baptists also are assisting Arkansas Baptist College (a National Baptist institution) by providing teachers. Two Southern Baptists currently are faculty members there. One of these is Dr. Kwok.

Arkansas Southern Baptists also have provided scholarships for National Baptist preachers. In the past 18 years, we have provided these scholarships for more than 300 National Baptist ministers.

The second area that lays the foundation for improved race relations is joint pro-



jects. A number of these projects have been held in the past few years. Among these are joint evangelism conferences, a joint convention, and joint pastoral ministries conferences. A number of local associations have followed the lead of the state by having local associational joint projects.

Another kind of project that has assisted greatly in building relationships is joint building projects. Arkansas Southern Baptists have assisted National Baptists in building churches in several communities. Two Brotherhood groups, Church In A Day and Nailbenders, have both assisted in the construction of National Baptist church facilities. In each instance where a church has been constructed with the help of white Baptists, it has produced a very positive response in the entire community.

Finally, Cooperative Ministries is involved in direct race relations. Joint fellowships have been extremely affective in producing a proper relationship between black and white Baptists. Last year over 2,500 attended fellowship services across Arkansas. These regional fellowships are structured with a black pastor preaching in a white church or a white pastor preaching in a black church. At the conclusion of the worship service a fellowship is held, and those in attendance are urged to fellowship across

racial lines. Often these fellowships result in black and white pastors exchanging pulpits.

There still is a great deal to be done to improve race relations. Perhaps our first sin is that of apathy. The truth is that many of us are not really interested in race relations. Often we don't care enough to discover the facts; and if we do, our commitment often is not strong enough for us to be motivated to action.

A second sin is that of timidity. Often we are fearful to speak out against those who are racists and bigots. We simply allow racism to go by unchallenged.

A third sin is that of paternalism. Some who believe that they are free of racism are paternalistic; that is, they fail to relate to their black acquaintances as equals. It is easy for an individual to feel that he is superior. But, we must remember that God created all people in his image. The best way to have a proper relationship with any individual is to treat that person as an equal.

A final sin is that there are a few who still want to quote, "Stone the prophets." These are the individuals who become angry with anyone who preaches or teaches a proper biblical perspective on race relations. Fortunately, this group is becoming smaller with each passing year. But there are still some who would want to terminate a pastor who desires to open his church to all who would want to come.

A recent survey documented that Southern Baptists are the most racially inclusive mainline denomination in America. Unfortunately, we do not have documentation on Arkansas. But, it is obvious that we are closer to the biblical ideal today than we were in the past.

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DON MOORE

## You'll Be Glad To Know



I have found myself often saying, "None of us know what we are doing" at any given time. At first, that sounds like a confession with which some of our friends might happily agree. There is doubtless some truth to that statement regardless of who makes it.

It is most noticeably true in the area of the Kingdom of God. When a minister of music stopped and helped a young lady with groceries that had burst the sack and fallen on the street, he didn't know what he was doing. He was making the initial contact that would result in that family joining the church, surrendering to the ministry, graduating from seminary, and today pastoring a church in Fort Smith.

Another minister of music did not know what he was really doing when he took time to lead a businessman to the Lord when the business man asked about the "I Found It" bumper sticker. That man was to become a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and recently donor of a piano for the worship center in Siloam Springs.

One good thing about going there (more), is that you in which you were ministering in the past, and you do it. Since we do not know "going" in terms of long range need to be sensitive to inventory will go on counting for time.

Many of you have investigated Springs Assembly this past year know what you were doing point, after six weeks of care, 6,797 registered. This is I last year. An average of 6,500 accepted the Lord as their total of 375-400 being saved indicated their call to a church. What a fantastic ministry!

This is a good place to say to all who have, by faith! Siloam Campaign. It is also encourage the many you their parents who have been Siloam this year to make a contribution. We can claim a victory from the Mabee Foundation 1992 if we will raise the Campaign goal. Yes, we will or we will lose the \$295 Grant.

## Letters to the Editor

### Headline a shock

David Brigg's article in the June 5, 1991, edition of the *Jonesboro Sun* entitled "Baptists Hail North as Hero" was a shock. Why would Baptists exalt a person convicted of "helping to fabricate a chronology of the Iran-Contra affair, destroying documents, and accepting illegal gratuity"? Have we lost our minds? How many Cooperative Program dollars were spent to give platform to a man who was convicted of accepting "illegal gratuity"?

The article describes North as Moses-like (by North's own comparison). Can thinking persons honestly accept that? God led Moses. Did God lead North to break the laws of our land? Have we become so blind that we cannot discern God's leadership from a worldly ambition? And call him a hero, putting him before a great denomination like Southern Baptists! Where we live, even some lost people are laughing at Southern Baptists for this action.

The Bible teaches that Christians should yield to "authorities." Do we not recognize the authority of church leaders, father, employers, and the law? Les Roberts was quoted as having said, "Oliver North represents a commitment to God." If Oliver North represents a commitment to God, Southern Baptists are in a bad state of confusion. Can we indiscriminately choose our own course and not be responsible to anyone? If the ends justify the means, and

it appears Southern Baptists endorsed that in endorsing North, chaos is on the rise and confusion on every hand. May God help us.—Winfred P. Bridges, Lake City

### Worse than a felon

A letter writer of your July 4 publication expressed disappointment that Oliver North, a "convicted, unrepentant felon who compares himself to Moses" was allowed to speak to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Perhaps the writer has forgotten that Moses was worse than an unrepentant felon—he was an unrepentant murderer who ran away to escape punishment. Yet, God called him to and he fulfilled a task so important Jesus compared himself to the great lawgiver, Moses!

Perhaps the writer is also unaware that our own government betrayed Nicaragua under a previous administration and allowed it to fall into the hands of godless communist Sandanistas whose weapons were supplied by the Soviets. Our own Congress failed to provide necessary aid to the freedom fighters to defend their homeland against the Communists. This is what caused the patriotic, freedom-loving, God-fearing Oliver North and others to seek a way to provide aid to Nicaragua. Some in Congress were then furious that anyone would dare do in secret what they had failed to do in defense of freedom south of our

## Accreditation input sought

James McDaniel, pastor of Brinkley First Church and president of the ABCS Executive Board, is seeking opinions on the issue of accreditation. Those wishing to comment may write him at 215 W. Elm, Brinkley, AR 72021. He submitted the following letter to the *News* magazine regarding the subject.

"I appreciated your editorial on accreditation in the July 4, 1991 ABN. As you mentioned in your editorial, there are two continuing studies on self accreditation by the Education Commission and the Executive Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I am serving on the Education Commission. There is quite a variance of opinion among the commissioners regarding the influence of accreditation associations. There are some who say the accreditation associations haven't any in-

fluence on our schools. It is said that some of our schools are experiencing undue pressure from their accreditation association(s), especially the Association of Theological Schools, because of a shift to the right in their theology. It also has been said that is true for other non-SBC evangelical schools as well. There are a number of people who are suggesting we need to form either an SBC accreditation association or lead out in an effort to enlist other evangelical schools in the formation of a separate accrediting association.

"It was suggested at this year's annual meeting of the Education Commission that we request individuals let us know their thoughts about the issue of accreditation.

"I would appreciate hearing from ABN readers on this issue."

own border.

As Dr. Francis Schaeffer noted, there are two world views. One is Judeo-Christian and often called right wing by a left-leaning media. The other is anti-Christian, but is seldom called left-wing. One is for life and liberty and believes in Bible Inerrancy. The other believes in socialism, communism, humanism, relativism, and other -isms, New Age, so-called liberation theology, abortion, and euthanasia. We must choose which world view we will follow and contribute to.—Gwen Carpenter, Magnolia

## Is Christ enough?

Larry Pillow's current series reflects a disturbing trend among evangelicals nowadays—that of turning to psychology rather than to Christ himself for the answers to man's problems.

Rev. Pillow remarks that an estimated 80 percent of today's adults grew up in dysfunctional families. Going by his list from *Twelve Steps*, I would say that 100 percent is more accurate. Yet we live in one of the most humane societies ever known! A glance through history will convince nearly anyone that our forefathers were not only equally cruel, but more intensely so. Nevertheless, Paul could write in I Co. 6:11 that "Such were some of you; but ye [were] washed... ye [were] sanctified... ye [were] justified in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

It is enlightening to read the biographies of some of the great believers of past ages. Many grew up in wretched conditions and suffered horribly. Yet they displayed a spiritual vitality and walk with Christ rarely observed today, for the gospel transformed them in a way that no psychological rap session ever could.

The real question is this: Is Christ enough? Southern Baptists, among others, seem to be answering "No!" We have forsaken our first love. We have churches, but not congregations of the saints. Our denominational publications spew forth strings of vague platitudes. We have built our existence around denominational programs rather than upon the Savior. It is, therefore, no surprise to see us turning to psychology rather than theology, to Freud rather than Christ, to man rather than God.

A therapist will suffice for dysfunctional persons, but sinners need a Savior. May the Lord grant each of us grace to lay hold on Christ rather than the latest psychological fad.—John Windsor, Little Rock

MIKE HUCKABEE

## The President's Corner

### Grateful to be numbered



While attending a recent meeting as a guest of the Baptist Memorial Health Care Systems of Memphis, a scripture came to mind: "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn" (Is. 51:1).

In a most convincing manner, Joseph Powell, the administrative staff, and the trustees of our Baptist hospital jointly owned by Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee Baptists, clearly understood the "rock from which they were hewn." One sensed not only a genuine commitment to health care excellence and pacesettering the hospital industry, but a marked Christian distinctiveness about the way the health care business is run.

The experience at Baptist Memorial, Memphis, is typical of what I've witnessed in our institutions and agencies these nearly two years serving as your president. We have some truly outstanding people at work for us! And some of the things being done in the name of Jesus and under the Baptist banner are truly extraordinary.

In September, Arkansas Baptists will dedicate the long-awaited Promise House in El Dorado, as part of the Children's Home and Family Services Ministry. Promise House will provide a positive alternative to abortion and offer promise and future to young pregnant women as well as to families wanting children.

The dedication of the beautiful new Siloam Springs Worship Center was one of the most moving events I've witnessed in a long time. As retired missionary

Joseph Scaggs prayed, the Lord moved in that assembly and it was as if the paint was going to peel from the ceiling! As the program got underway, I marveled at the quiet, humble, and unassuming spirit of Mrs. Bernice Jones, whose generosity made the facility possible and realized how blessed we are in Arkansas to have among us those who gladly invest in the lives of others.

In May, it was my privilege to speak at commencement at Williams Baptist College. God has done some wonderful work on that campus, and the students and faculty there exemplified deep commitment to God's Word and work. During the Christian Focus Week at Ouachita earlier in the year, I was refreshed by the spiritual depth of the students and the willingness of professors to openly share their faith.

The list could go on, but this column cannot! There have been times when the Arkansas Baptist Foundation has assisted members of my church in estate planning. Executive Board program personnel have demonstrated again and again innovative strategies for bringing people to Christ. The Newsmagazine provides information and inspiration. Arkansas Baptists can be glad that money and prayer invested into our cooperative work is making a difference and remains worthy of our trust and support. More than ever, I'm grateful to be numbered among Southern Baptists in Arkansas.

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

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# Moving from shame to grace

*The road to recovery: second in a series on dysfunctional families*

by Larry Pillow

Special to the Arkansas Baptist

For centuries a Chinese custom required girls to wear their shoes tight to make their feet smaller. Smaller feet were seen as a sign of feminine grace. In modern times they discovered the tight shoes also caused great pain, so they abandoned the custom and eliminated the pain.

Children growing up in dysfunctional families learn a lot of "customs" that cause a lot of pain. Those family "customs" or rules learned in a dysfunctional family and articulated first by Claudia Black and later by others are: (1) Don't talk, (2) Don't trust, and (3) Don't feel. Wayne Kritsberg calls them the rules of (1) denial, (2) rigidity, (3) isolation, and (4) silence (Wayne Kritsberg, *The Adult Children of Alcoholics Syndrome*, New York: Bantam Books, 1988).

If we are going to experience freedom and have spiritual and emotional health as adults, then we must learn to "spit in the soup of our family of origin." As children we had to follow the family "rules" in order to survive. As adults we must break the "rules" in order to get well.

This is not an easy task, but with the power of Christ, the loving nurture of a support group, lots of patience and time, and in some cases professional counseling, we can change and learn a new set of rules to live by. We can learn to open up and share our thoughts and feelings with others. We can learn to experience and express emotions appropriately. We can learn how to trust as we develop meaningful relationships with "safe people in a safe place."

One of the major obstacles most ACDs have difficulty with is overcoming shame. First we are ashamed of our drunkard or abusive parent. Then we become ashamed of ourselves. All of our emotions are influenced by our shame, and thus we become "shame bound" in everything we do.

It helps to understand the difference between shame and guilt. Guilt is about what we do. Shame is about

what we are. Shame is the belief that we are defective, flawed. "Guilt is a fault of doing, proportionately to the act. Shame is disproportionate to the act. A trivial event can trigger a massive feeling of shame" (Sara Hines Martin, *Shame on You!*, Nashville: Broadman Press, 1990, p. 18).

One man shared with Charles Sell, "Whenever I go to a social event, I feel like I don't belong, that somehow I'm

some of the shame that I feel whenever someone asks me my maiden name or who my father was."

Our family of origin can shame us by embarrassing us, by saying harsh and hurtful words to us, and with family secrets. Sell writes, "The most simple explanation of the source of the adult child's shame is the intensity of the disgraceful things that happened to her or him" (Charles Sell, *Unfinished*

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"Life is a party that you attend to which you haven't been invited."

different. All evening long I fight the feeling that someone is going to come up to me and say, 'Please leave; you don't belong here.' Life is a party that you attend to which you haven't been invited" (Charles Sell, *Unfinished Business*, Portland: Multnomah Press, 1989, p. 78). That is what shame produces in our lives.

There are three major causes of shame. The first major cause is our family of origin. We get toxic shame from those we value. If we do not value someone, then it's almost impossible to be shamed by them.

A lady who attends one of our support groups wrote, "I don't know if I can be helped or not. But I would like to chisel away even a small portion of

*Business*, p. 80). And as one author put it, "It is not the traumas we suffer in childhood which makes us emotionally ill but the inability to express that trauma" (Sara Hines Martin, *Shame on You!*, preface).

Authority figures like preachers and teachers are a second major cause of shame. Toxic shame from authority figures is usually in the form of perfectionism. Perfectionism says, "You can always do better."

A third source of shame is our culture. Our culture says a person's value is determined by what he has and by what he achieves and that "beauty is the gold coin of human worth," as James Dobson observes.

One of the consequences of shame-

based behavior is that we become "human doings" rather than "human beings." We try to outrun our shame by "trying to play football down on the field while we are selling popcorn in the stands." Shame also causes us to be preoccupied with appearance. The greater the internal shame, the greater the external coverup.

Shame also causes us to withdraw, fills us with self-doubt, and devastates our self-esteem. Most shame-bound people also become co-dependent and look outside of themselves for validation that they are worthwhile human beings.

What is the cure for shame? We must identify the sources of our shame. It helps if we can talk about the shaming experiences in "a safe place with safe people" such as a support group in a local church. There are several other things we can do to deal with shame, but none are more important than learning to appropriate massive doses of God's grace.

Brennan Manning, in his interesting book, *Ragamuffin Gospel*, tells a story illustrating God's grace about a surgeon that had performed surgery. "I stand by the bed where a young woman lies, her face post-operative, her mouth twisted in palsy, clownish. A tiny twig of the facial nerve, the one to the muscles of her mouth, had been severed. She will be thus from now on. The surgeon had followed with religious fervor the curve of her flesh, I promise you that. Nevertheless, to remove her tumor in her cheek I had to cut the little nerve.

"Her young husband is in the room. He stands on the opposite side of the bed and together they seem to dwell in the evening lamplight, isolated from me, private. Who are they, I ask myself, her and this wry mouth I have made, who gaze at each other so generously, greedily? The young woman speaks.

'Will my mouth always be like this?' she asks.

'Yes,' I say, 'it will. It is because the nerve has been cut.'

"She nods and is silent. But the young man smiles.

"I like it," he says, "It is kind of cute."

"Unmindful, he bends over and kisses her crooked mouth, and I am so close I can see how he twists his own lips to accommodate to hers, to show

her their kiss still works." (Brennan Manning, *Ragamuffin Gospel*, Portland: Multnomah Press, 1990, pp. 105-106).

That's a good illustration of God condescending and "twisting" himself on the cross, dying for our sins, and "curving" his mouth to kiss our crooked mouths so that we can get over our shame!

I was bound by shame for years and didn't know it. I knew I struggled with temper tantrums when I was a child. I did not know that the shame I embraced as a result of losing my temper in public was a bigger problem for me than the anger itself.

A support group I meet with helped me to get in touch with some of my deep and longstanding shame. As a result of the discovery of these feelings of shame I was able to write a poem which brought me lots of healing. I share the poem for your meditation:

### *The Cries of a Lonely Lad*

*Baseball was my life as a lad,  
It kept me up for my absent Dad.  
Excitement increased as game day got  
close,  
I wore my uniform with more pride than  
most.*

*If I could hit and catch the game was  
fun,  
But if I made a mistake I wanted to run.  
If the ump made what I thought was a  
bad call,  
I would get angry, and stomp and bawl.*

*People made fun of the way I acted when  
I got mad,  
They would not have if they had known  
I was a lonesome lad.  
Foolishly, much of my worth depended  
on how well I played the game.  
And if I lost my temper I hung my head  
in shame.*

*So if you see a young man getting angry  
today,  
And you wonder just what you should  
say,  
Whatever you say let me encourage you  
to refrain,  
From laughing at him or calling him a  
name.*

*Take it from me as one who got teased a  
lot,  
Sometimes a bat and glove is all the fun  
a little boy's got.  
So if a young boy loses his cool and acts  
like a fool,  
He's a lonely lad just like me.*

## Nailbenders needed

Nailbenders for Jesus need volunteers to help with the following church construction projects:

- Sept. 8, South Main Church, Crosssett
- Oct. 7, Peach Orchard First Church
- Nov. 4, Belview Church, Melbourne

For more information, contact the ABSC Brotherhood Department at 378-4781, ext. 5158.

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## Minister of Education and Youth Sought

First Baptist Church, Heber Springs, Arkansas, 201 N. Fourth Street, Heber Springs, AR 72543, has formed a Minister of Education/Youth Search Committee. All recommendations and biographical sketches should be sent on or before September 1, 1991, to Steve Garrison, Chairman.

## Caseworker Needed

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## People

**Mary Emma Kyser Humphrey** died Aug. 3 in Beaumont, Texas, at age 84. She was a retired employee of Arkansas Baptist State Convention, having served for more than 11 years in the Sunday School Department as children's consultant when she retired Dec. 31, 1972. Mrs. Humphrey was a member of Immanuel Church in Little Rock for 60 years, and worked in the children's department for 42 years. She also served on the staff of the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock. She was a member of First Church in Beaumont, Texas, at the time of her death. Her funeral services were held Aug. 6 in Little Rock. Humphrey was the widow of James E. Humphrey Sr. Survivors are three sons, James E. Humphrey of Texarkana; Raymond D. Humphrey of Houston, Texas; and Charles C. Humphrey of Beaumont, Texas; a brother; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Siloam Springs Baptist Assembly Bell Tower Brick Fund, P.O. Box 14, Little Rock, AR 72203.

**Brenda Sue Freeman** of Peary died Aug. 3 at age 41. She was a member of Lee Chapel Church, Peary, where her husband, Jim Freeman, serves as pastor. She was manager for the Family Eye Clinic in Peary. Funeral services were held Aug. 6. Other survivors are two daughters, Jenny Freeman, and Emily Freeman, both of Peary; her mother, Mrs. Howard Bell of Sparkman; two brothers; and a sister.

**Coy Camp** has resigned as pastor of Hickory Grove Church to accept the pastorate of First Church, Yorktown.

**Greg Jackson** observed 10 years of service with Central Church in North Little Rock July 28. Jackson, who serves as minister of education, and his wife, Paula, were honored with a reception Sunday evening. In the morning worship hour, he received special recognition and was presented with a plaque.

**Milton Cowling** began serving Aug. 4 as pastor of First Church in Prescott. He recently completed a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological from which he already holds a master of religious education degree. Cowling also is a graduate of Southern

Arkansas University in Magnolia. He and his wife, Rozan, have two children, Ross and Laura.

**Bill Files** was honored with an "Appreciation Potluck" July 28 by Grand Avenue Church in Fort Smith in recognition of his service as interim business administrator since February 1990.

**Clifford Toney** of Jonesboro has joined the staff of the Jay Strack Evangelistic Association in Dallas, Texas, as a crusade director. Toney, who is serving as president of Williams Baptist College Alumni Association, is a member of Central Church in Jonesboro.

**Danny Ingram** began serving July 21 as pastor of Sage Church, coming there from First Church in Tuckerman where he had been serving as minister of youth and education.

**Greg Keen** has joined the staff of Quitman Church as minister of music and youth. He is a junior at Williams Baptist College.

**Jeff Thomas** was ordained to the gospel ministry July 21 at Valley Church in Searcy where his father, Bert Thomas, serves as pastor. Thomas also preached the message for his son's ordination. Others

participating were Jim Hill, director of missions for Calvary Association, David Watson, Audrey Altom, Charles Kitts, and Harold Cato. Thomas, a recent graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is serving in the pastoral internship program at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock.

**Alan Smith** has resigned as pastor of Two Mile Church, Mena.

**Duke Brown** is serving as pastor of Granin Church, Gillham, coming there from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Don Jones** has resigned as pastor of First Church in Mount Ida to serve as director of missions for Little River Association.

**Mike Frelight** is serving as pastor of Beech Grove Church, Paragould.

**Junior Jernigan** has resigned as pastor of New Liberty Church, Marmaduke.

**Leroy Patterson** is serving as interim pastor of Opepo Church, Perry.

**Stephen Fawcett** has joined the staff of Sylvesterino Church in Fouke as minister of music, coming there from Oak Grove Church, Ashdown.



*Bryant First Southern Church observed Victory Day July 14, celebrating the retirement of two debts for a combined 12 years early with a substantial projected savings to the congregation. The church has committed itself to be debt free and will add to and remodel its facilities in the same manner. Pictured (left to right) are John Oldner, stewardship campaign chairman; Garland Pinnell, a charter member; Pastor Jim Lagrone; and Ken Brunt, chairman of deacons.*

**Jay Rowton** is serving as pastor of Tennessee Church, Texarkana.

**Cindy Berry** has joined the staff of Calvary Church in Little Rock, serving as associate preschool director.

**Michelle Showalter** has joined the staff of Calvary Church in Little Rock as director of the Mothers' Day Out program.

**Patty Huston** recently was recognized by Rosedale Church in Little Rock for 13 years of perfect attendance.

**Wayne Cook** has resigned as minister of single adults at First Church in Springdale to join the staff of First Church in Woodstock, Ga., as minister of elementary and preschool children.

**Gene Tanner**, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, Perryville, was ordained to the ministry by the church July 20.

**Tommy Parker**, a member of First Church in Perryville, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry.

**Timothy Paul Vining** began serving Aug. 5 as pastor of Dermott Church, coming there from Bessemer, Ala. A native of Alabama, he is a graduate of Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served churches in

Alabama, Texas, and Tennessee. Vining and his wife, Linda, are parents of a son, Timothy Paul II.

**Ralph Burrage** has accepted the call to join the staff of First Church in Springdale as minister of education. He will come there from Beaumont, Texas, where he has served as associate pastor and minister of education at Calvary Church. Burrage, a graduate of Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has served as a design editor of the Sunday School Board's growth journal. He and his wife, Yvonne, have two children, Jason and Joshua.

**Gary Kirkendoll** recently resigned as pastor of Pleasant Valley Church, Shirley, to serve as pastor of First Church in Greenbrier.

**Shelby Bittle** is serving as full time pastor of Brownsville Church and residing at 103 West Quitman in Heber Springs, AR 72543.

**George Theral of Fayetteville** died July 21 at age 71. He was a member of First Church in Fayetteville where he had served as pianist, a deacon, and a Sunday School teacher for more than 30 years. Theral is survived by his wife, Nathalie, who is a past president of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union. Other survivors are four children, Lane Theral of Booneville, Kent Theral of

Fayetteville, Greg Theral of New Orleans, and Jan Story of Fayetteville; and nine grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the music ministry of First Church in Fayetteville, P.O. Box 906, Fayetteville, AR 72702.

**Nathan Davis** resigned July 15 as minister of music and youth at Crystal Hill Church in Little Rock.

**Debbie Smith** has resigned as director of children's ministries at Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock, effective Aug. 31.

**Greg Kelley** began serving July 14 as pastor of Happy Hollow Church, Vilonia.

**Tom Davis** has resigned as pastor of Naylor Church, Conway.

**Roy Buckelew of Arkadelphia** is serving as interim pastor of Calvary Church in Little Rock.

**Virginia Morgan** was honored July 28 by First Church in Hughes in recognition of 20 years of serving as a Sunday School teacher. In the morning worship service, Pastor Carroll Evans presented a biographical sketch of her services, as well as those of her late husband, Gibson Morgan. An evening fellowship honored Mrs. Morgan prior to her moving to Wynne.

**Phelan Boone** has announced his retirement as pastor of Ebenezer Church in El Dorado, effective Sept. 29. He and his wife, LaVerne, will reside at 111 Maryland Drive in Texarkana, TX 75501.

**Doug Stewart** is serving as pastor of Angora Church, Leslie.

**Kevin Carter** has resigned as pastor of Scotland Church to serve a church in Rolla, Mo.

**Mark E. Taylor**, who has been serving as interim pastor of First Church in Osceola and has previously served the church as youth minister, has accepted the call to serve the church as full time pastor. A native of Florence, Ala., he is a graduate of Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss., and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. Taylor also has served as a staff member of churches in Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

**Curtis Honts** resigned Aug. 15 as minister of education and youth at Lakeshore Drive Church in Little Rock, following seven years of service.

**Bob Womack**, director of financial aid at Williams Baptist College, is serving as part time youth director for Shannon Church at Pochahontas.

**Randy Magar** has resigned as pastor of Old Austin Church at Austin.



*Dardanelle First Church conducted a building dedication July 28 with Jimmie Sheffield, ABCS associate executive director, delivering the dedicatory address. The new \$230,000 facility provides an additional 5,600 square feet of educational space and consists of two new buildings, containing a nursery and children's department. It has 10 rooms, two restrooms, and janitorial facilities. The project also included the remodeling of the first floor of the old educational building and fellowship ball. Other program participants included Jeff Cbeabam, director of missions for Arkansas River Valley Association, and Editor J. Sneed. Bob Parsley is pastor.*

ABN photo/J. Everett Sneed

## Briefly

**Heber Springs First Church** ordained Glenn Dugger, Henry C. Kelley, Mike Moore, Mike Price, Wayne Rose, Larry Winter, and Gary Xiques, to the deacon ministry Aug. 11.

**Tumbling Shoals Church** recently voted to purchase a lot that adjoins the south of its present property. This will provide additional education and parking space.

**Riverside Church** of Donaldson observed its 35th anniversary July 14. Pastor John L. Clement preached the morning message. A noon meal was followed by an afternoon program that featured Jack Ramsey, ABSC director of Church Extension, as speaker. Others on program were Barbara Strother and the Randall Jones Family of Benton.

**Hardy First Church** recently conducted a vacation Bible school that resulted in one profession of faith and an enrollment of 167 with an average attendance of 133. Bill Tinker was VBS director and Wes Prullit is pastor.

**Olivet Church** in Little Rock is observing its 45th anniversary this month. Jeff Lawson, minister of music and youth, was ordained Aug. 4. Gray Allison of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary was speaker on Aug. 11. Other activities include a youth musical Aug. 18, a church wide banquet Aug. 24, and Anniversary Sunday Aug. 25.

**Rogers First Church** held a one day evangelism conference July 28 that featured Gene Williams, president of Luther Rice Seminary, as speaker.

**Douglasville Church** in Little Rock will observe homecoming Aug. 25 with activities that include a noon potluck meal. Glenn Smith is pastor.

**Reydel Church** near Pine Bluff will observe its 60th anniversary Sept. 15 with activities that include Sunday School at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., a noon potluck meal, and an afternoon service. Guy Kochel of Jonesboro, a former member, will be featured speaker. Harold Green is pastor.

**Watson Chapel Church** in Pine Bluff youth have returned from a choir mission tour to Dickinson, Texas, where they assisted the Bayou Church by leading in worship services, presenting musicals, teaching backyard Bible clubs, taking surveys, and doing repairs.

**Conway Second Church** 57-member youth and adult mission team has returned from the Texas-Mexican border where they assisted with the Trinity Church and Calvario Mission which they started two years ago in Olmito, Texas, and is now self supporting. This youth choir group has helped start seven Southern Baptist churches over the last 12 years.

**Alexander First Church** is conducting a series of backyard Bible clubs in the Woodland Hills area, with the first club enrolling 40 children.

**Gould First Church** will observe its third annual homecoming Aug. 25 when former members, pastors, and friends will be special guests. Former Pastor Harold Elmore will speak in the morning worship service that will be followed by a potluck luncheon and afternoon program of music. Joe Craft is pastor.

**Hot Springs Second Church** held a commissioning service July 28 for Interim Pastor John Wright and his wife, Jean, who have been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as missionary associates to South Korea. Little Rock First Church, from which he recently resigned as pastor following more than 19 years of service, will hold a commissioning service for the Wrights Aug. 25. On that date, Wright also will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the gospel ministry.

**Rector First Church** has voted to implement the Deacon Family Ministry Plan and the "2x2" Shut-in Ministry Plan.

**Centerville Church** at Dardanelle ordained Lee Collins to the deacon ministry July 28. Jeff Cheatham, director of missions for Arkansas River Valley Association, preached the ordination message.

**Dover Church** has voted to build a two story education building at an estimated cost of \$180,000 that will provide a minimum of eight new classrooms.

**Newport First Church** youth were in Oklahoma City July 20-26 doing summer mission work with Carey Heights Church. Six mission teams led backyard Bible clubs each morning and conducted afternoon evangelistic community surveys in more than 800 homes. Evening revival services resulted in 25 professions of faith, 12 of which were by adults.

**Cave City Eastside Church** and **Blytheville Calvary Church** youth mission teams and their adult sponsors were in South Point, Ohio, July 22-26. They conducted a vacation Bible School at First Southern Chapel that resulted in an enrollment of 236, an average attendance of 187, and 20 professions of faith.

## O'Neel celebrates 15 years

George L. O'Neel celebrated his 15th anniversary of service as pastor of Bella Vista Church July 14 when the church honored him and his wife, Arlene, with a reception and presented them with a love offering.

The church also honored O'Neel with a four-week sabbatical to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. His home church is First Church in Fort Smith and his other pastorate was at East Side Church in Fort Smith.

In his tenure as pastor at Bella Vista, he has led the congregation in several building programs, as well as a membership increase of approximately 400. The church has led in per capita giving to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Cooperative Program, for several years.

The O'Neels are parents of two children, Robin, a music teacher in the Magnolia school district, and Roger, who is completing his master's degree and serving as a minister of music in Austin, Texas.



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## Prayer program launched at Super Summer

Super Summer, held June 17-21, at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, aimed its vigorous week-long schedule toward preparing teens to make a difference on their school campuses.

In its sixth year, Super Summer drew 612 youth from more than 60 Arkansas Baptist Churches. This year's emphasis was on personal evangelism and discipleship.

Super Summer Executive Director Randy Brantley said students were equipped and challenged to invade the darkness of the youth culture in which they live.

Brantley hopes this year's Super Summer will be instrumental in mobilizing 10,000 Arkansas teenagers to pray for their school campuses through a back-to-school youth led prayer meeting called "See You At The Pole." The program is being initiated by Super Summer students and is simply Christian students from a local school campus encouraging other students to meet them at their school's flag pole on Sept. 11

at 7 a.m. to pray for their campus.

Super Summer Steering Committee Chairman, Terry Morris, minister of youth at Watson Chapel Church in Pine Bluff said Super Summer was designed to offer something challenging, exciting, and different for older youth. Morris said several factors make Super Summer attractive. First, it is held on a college campus. Second, it features outstanding youth communicators on the program. Third, the format allows students to receive intensive evangelism training in a "school" setting in the mornings while allowing young people freedom to choose their evening seminars from a long list of "hot" topics.

"Super Summer is trying to build a vibrant commitment to Jesus Christ among Arkansas Baptist teenagers," Brantley concluded. "We want to help them understand that Christianity is real and exciting and affects every dimension of our lives. Then we want to challenge them to move into the greatest mission field in America—their high school campuses—and make a difference."

Super Summer is sponsored by the ABSCEvangelism Department.

## Staff changes at Children's Home

Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, Monticello, recently honored Van. H. Evans in recognition of his retirement as business manager following more than two years of service.

Larry Toller has been employed as business manager for the facility. Larry has been an employee of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, for 10 years. He and his wife, Kenett, have one son, Michael.

## Boyce term to start

The Boyce Bible School fall term will begin Aug. 23 and go through Oct. 12. The following classes will be held on Fridays: 6:00-7:55 p.m.—Study Skills, taught by Bill Faulkner; and 8:20-10:15 p.m.—New Testament Survey, Part 1, taught by Everett Sneed.

The following classes will be held on Saturday: 7:45-9:40 a.m., Geographical and Historical Background of the New Testament, taught by Paul McClung; 10:15 a.m.-12:10 p.m., The Doctrine of God, taught by Maurice Hurley; and 12:50-2:45 p.m., Marriage and Family Counseling, taught by Larry Henderson.

Classes will meet at Baptist Medical System Support Center at 1009 Col. Glenn Road in Little Rock. For further information contact Lehman F. Webb at 376-4791, ext. 5149 or P. O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203-0552.

## 500 attend Young Musicians Camp

Young Musicians Camp, one of the largest music camps for grades 4-6 in the Southern Baptist Convention, boasted 501 in attendance this year, with two decisions to accept Christ and 10 decisions for recruitment.

The missions emphasis was carried through by camp missionary Fred Spann of Brazil, and Skip Wofford and Jim Woolley from Booneville First, who spoke on their music mission trip to Guatemala. Four choirs of approximately 100 campers each performed an entire musical from memory to close the camp.

Other camp activities included music activity classes, rehearsal, worship, and Peanut Olympics. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention Church Music Department sponsored the event.

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## Retired workers hear Hobbs

by J. Everett Sneed  
Editor, Arkansas Baptist

"When you labor for the Lord your work will live on," declared Herschel Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. Dr. Hobbs was one of several individuals who addressed the Fellowship of Retired Workers in Arkansas of Southern Baptist Churches, Institutions, and Agencies. Others on the program, held July 18, at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, included James Walker, Kathleen Jones, Kathleen Jones, and Bob Holley.

The program, which drew retired Baptist workers from all over the state, provided opportunity for fellowship, as well as information for retired Christian workers. Topics dealt with such subjects as finance in retirement, health in retirement, problems in retirement, and ministering in retirement.

A panel discussion was led by James Walker, director of the ABSB Stewardship/Annuity Department. His topic was "Where to Live and How to Pay the Bills." Walker gave several considerations for retired individuals to make regarding where to live in their retirement. Among these were: (1) live where you are happy and near your support systems, (2) make sure the advantages outweigh the disadvantages regarding your place of living, (3) remember the decision is yours as long as you are healthy, (4) protect your freedom as long as possible, and (5) recognize that changing living locations often can produce cultural shock even within the state where you always have lived.

Dr. Kathleen Jones, retired medical missionary to Indonesia, discussed "Keeping a Sound Mind in a Sound Body." She emphasized that an individual needed to plan for retirement as far as their health is concerned. Both before and after retirement



Newly elected retired workers officers are Lebnan Webb of Little Rock, president; Harold White of England, first vice president; Raymond Crofts of Benton, second vice president; and Mrs. Bill (Erlene) Bowers of Little Rock, secretary.

an individual should: (1) eat a well balanced diet, (2) have a well balanced exercise program, and (3) have an annual physical. She said, "When Christians have health problems they should ask the Lord to help them in overcoming the difficulty."

Bob Holley, director of ABSB Discipleship Training, said, "This group has many years of combined ministry. Many of you are continuing to minister during your retirement years." He emphasized that there were many oppor-

tunities for ministry, both through the church and in the secular community. Holley observed that the Arkansas Agency on Aging has produced an 80 page book, listing opportunities for ministry for retired persons.

Hobbs, discussed "Living with the Ups and Downs of Retirement," as a part of the panel. He also brought the closing message, entitled "What on Earth are You Doing?" Based on Matthew, chapters 24-25, Hobbs emphasized that Jesus told the apostles just prior to his ascension, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power" (Ac. 1:7). If the apostles didn't know and Christ didn't know during the days of his flesh, it is certainly inappropriate for people today to set dates for the return of the Lord.

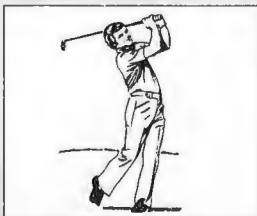
Hobbs said the only insight that Christ gave into his return was in his statement, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Mt. 24:14).

Christ did, however, emphasize the necessity of his followers being active in kingdom work until his return. Christ said, "Blessed is the servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (Mt. 24:46).

Based on this, Dr. Hobbs made several observations. Among these are: (1) Retired people need to stay busy; (2) God made people to work; and (3) It is necessary for all people, those with full time employment and those retired, to take rest and vacations.

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### Correction

The "Arkansas All Over" section of the Aug. 1 edition of the ABN should have stated that John Silvey is no longer serving as pastor of Rover Church.

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## New ethics center created

by Herb Hollinger  
Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP)—A new voice, not a counter voice... not an anti everything... filling a vacuum in Southern Baptist life... openness, integrity, and compassion.

Those were some of the descriptions given the new Baptist Center for Ethics by organizers at a news conference in Nashville July 30. The new ethics agency was formed, organizers said, to fill a "vacuum covering New Testament ethics in Baptist ranks."

The "vacuum" was one way of referring to what organizers said was their disagreement with the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and its "limited agenda."

Dissatisfaction with the CLC was visibly apparent as Robert M. Parham, who has resigned as an associate director of the CLC, was introduced as the BCE's executive director. Parham announced his resignation from the CLC July 26, effective Sept. 1. Parham, 38, has been with the SBC ethics agency for six and a half years and was interim executive director for four months in 1988.

Although BCE organizers hope to have

a relationship with the new Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, official ties have not been established, according to Joel Snider, chairman of the agency's board of directors. Snider is pastor of the Creeview Baptist Church in Nashville.

The new agency has a threefold agenda, according to Parham: (1) to call Baptists and others back to basics—personal ethics and character development; (2) concentrate on consensus issues—caring for the hungry, strengthening families, fighting substance abuse, promoting integrity in the marketplace, and fostering racial and ethnic reconciliation; and (3) challenge Baptists to face the complex and cutting edge issues, like health care, endangerment of the earth, and medical ethics, with intelligence and compassion.

In response to the center's creation, Richard D. Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. The creation of the Baptist Center for Ethics acknowledged Baptists' right to do whatever they want in the area of ethics, but he noted the CLC is the agency which the Southern Baptist Convention has assigned the task of speaking to "ethical, moral, public policy, and religious liberty issues."

## Texas, Baylor announce agreement

DALLAS (BP)—Baylor University and Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders have reached an agreement which may end the struggle over who will control Southern Baptists' largest university.

The joint agreement must be approved by the two groups' boards and by the messengers to the annual meeting of the state convention in November in Waco.

In "An Open Letter to Texas Baptists Concerning the Relationship of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Baylor University" the leaders expressed hope the proposal will help conclude a controversy which resulted from an action by the Baylor board on Sept. 21, 1990. That action amended the institution's charter to alter the relationship of Baylor to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, giving the university the right to control election of its regents.

BGCT Executive Director William M. Pinson Jr. and Baylor University President Herbert H. Reynolds said the proposed agreement provides for primary objectives and assurances sought by representatives of the BGCT and Baylor during the "extensive, fruitful and cordial

discussions" which have been ongoing in the months following the Baylor board's action in amending its corporate charter.

The Committee on BGCT/Baylor Relationship's primary concern was to eliminate the two-tiered system of having both regents and trustees for Baylor, to have the right by the BGCT to elect directly a portion of the Baylor board of regents, and to secure some assurance Baylor would remain "true to its Baptist heritage and commitment."

The agreement provides: (1) for amendment of the Baylor charter to eliminate the office of trustee and to provide the BGCT directly will elect annually 25 percent of each class of Baylor regents, and (2) for inclusion in the Baylor bylaws, and as already the case in the Baylor charter, all Baylor regents must be Baptist. Baylor will continue to be operated within Christian-oriented aims and ideals of Baptists, including those contained in the Baptist Faith and Message statement adopted in 1963, and the assets of the university upon discontinuance by dissolution and liquidation will be transferred to the BGCT.

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is unable to tell from the brief account if  
the chamber was no longer needed because  
the people already had quit giving their  
tithes, or if the people quit giving because  
there was no place to store the tithes.

As is so often the case, one evil begets  
another. There was no place to store  
the tithes, the people quit giving the  
tithes, and the Levites had to leave the  
house of God and find work in the field.  
Nehemiah threw all of Tobiah's possessions  
out, cleansed the chamber, and then  
challenged the people with "Why is the  
house of God forsaken?" The people  
responded.

Next, Nehemiah found that the people  
had returned to working, selling, and buy-  
ing on the Sabbath day. "What was wrong  
with working on the Sabbath?" It pro-  
faned the day by breaking God's command-  
ment. It caused God's people to blend  
in with the world and not to be a sepa-  
rate (holy) people. God created people with  
a built in need for rest and worship. He  
set the day aside. Nehemiah closed the  
gates so the people would not be distract-  
ed by the sellers and merchants from  
remembering "the Sabbath to keep it  
holy."

How many workaholics are depres-  
sed and enslaved today because they do  
not follow God's commandments? In  
order to fulfill God's potential for his  
people, they must live in obedience to his  
commandments, to include worship and  
rest.

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**Life and Work***The eyes of faith*

by Jim Files, Windsor Park Church,  
Fort Smith

Basic passage: 2 Kings 6:8-23

Focal passage: 2 Kings 6:8-9, 12, 15, 17

Central truth: The Lord works by faith  
to strengthen us and subdue all our  
enemies.

A war was taking place involving the  
king of Syria (v. 8). He asked the king of  
Israel to heal his commander-in-chief,  
Naaman, of leprosy. Instead of gratitude for  
Naaman's healing, the king declared war  
on Israel. The nature of our enemy never  
changes; he always stands opposed to  
anything that brings glory to our God.  
However, we have no mention of Naaman  
in this conflict, indicating his healing was  
complete and lasting.

God informed Elisha that a trap had been  
set by the enemy (v. 9). A prophet's  
ministry not only is involved with miracu-  
lous deliverances, but also with warning  
God's people of the tactics of the enemy.  
Israel's king heeded the word of Elisha and  
was watchful. It is amazing how angry the  
enemy becomes when his plans are spoiled  
by God's wisdom. Even his soldiers re-  
cognized God's hand on Elisha (v. 12)!

When the king of Syria set his sights on  
Elisha, he sent a great host to capture him.  
The sight of this army brought fear and  
panic to the heart of Elisha's servant (v. 15).  
Elisha boldly stated what he already saw  
by faith. Then he asked the Lord to show  
his servant what Elisha knew (v. 17). Truly  
there were more that were with them than  
those who were against them. These were  
the heavenly angels sent as the army of the  
living God. God's desire in all ages is for  
us to know that he guards his servants. He  
never leaves us alone.

After God opened the eyes of Elisha's  
servant, he worked on the eyes of the  
enemy. As the Syrians came down to attack,  
God struck them with blindness (v. 18).  
But, God's purpose was not to destroy the  
enemy, but to bless him. When Elisha led  
them to Samaria, he prepared a feast for  
them. Their eyes were then "opened" to  
the goodness of Elisha's God. The result  
was "they came no more to the land of  
Israel" (v. 23). What a testimony to our  
God! The battle belongs to the Lord! We  
sometimes lose sight of the promises of  
God when engaged in conflict, but he is  
always with us and works in supernatural  
ways to secure the victory for us.

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**Bible Book***God's judgment*

by R.V. Haygood, Garfield First Church  
Basic passage: 1 Kings 13:14-20

Focal passage: 1 Kings 13:1-5, 33-34;  
14:1-3, 7-18

Central truth: Sin brings separation  
from God, suffering, and death.

As Jeroboam participated in the first act  
of worship of the two golden calves he had  
set up in Bethel, a prophet brought a  
message from God, Josiah, a descendant of  
David, would burn the bones of Jeroboam's  
priests on his altar (2 K. 23:15). The thing  
he had created in an effort to make his po-  
sition secure would destroy not only his  
position, but his family and his nation.

Jeroboam attempted to seize the man of  
God, but his hand was paralyzed and  
shriveled up while the altar split apart and  
his ashes poured out as a sign that the  
message had come from God. He ignored  
the warning and continued to lead his peo-  
ple in idolatrous worship (1 K. 13:33-34).

Tragedy struck Jeroboam in the form of  
his son's critical illness. As is the case with  
many, concern for a loved one in a situa-  
tion beyond his control caused Jeroboam  
to seek counsel from the only person who  
has had a spiritual influence upon him (1  
K. 14:1-3). The prophet Ahijah had  
delivered God's message that he would be  
king over Israel and God would be with  
him if he would be faithful (1 K. 11:29-38).

God's message this time was one of con-  
demnation for Jeroboam's unfaithfulness  
and the evil he had done. His descendants  
would all experience violent deaths. God  
would give Israel up and scatter the peo-  
ple because Jeroboam sinned and made  
Israel sin. "Thou, O God, shalt bring them  
down into the pit of destruction: Bloody  
and deceitful men shall not live out half  
their days" (Ps. 55:23).

The child who was presently ill would  
be the only exception. He would die, but  
would be buried, and all Israel would  
mourn because he was the only one of  
Jeroboam's family in whom God found  
anything good (1 K. 14:12-13). He would  
be spared from the terrible future of his  
family by an early death.

God gives us many warnings and oppor-  
tunities to choose to honor him, but he  
says, "Be still, and know that I am  
God. . . I will be exalted in the earth" (Ps.  
46:10). Those who choose him will share  
in his victory. Those who rebel will be  
condemned.

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## LESSONS FOR LIVING

## Convention Uniform

*The conversion of Paul*

by Bob Parsley, First Church, Dardanelle

Basic passage: Acts 7:54-8:3; 9:1-22

Focal passage: Acts 9:1-16

Central truth: The Lord used two visions to convert and convince Paul.

The conversion of Paul from enemy to apostle was a dramatic and beautiful event. Luke emphasizes Paul's salvation experience by repeating it three times in the book of Acts. Luke intended for our focal passage to be a testimony to the beginning of the ministry of Paul.

No conversion has ever taken place in a vacuum. God uses events and people to bring salvation to individuals. Paul must have been troubled by the death of Stephen (Ac. 7:54-60). He showed his support of that crime by holding the murderers' coats. Paul quickly promoted himself to one of the leading persecutors of the church (Ac. 8:1-3). These attacks against the early Christians drove them out of Jerusalem, and they preached the gospel wherever they went. God often makes good come from bad circumstances.

Paul was determined to export his persecution from Jerusalem to Damascus, about 140 miles away. Many Jews lived there and apparently large numbers of them were responding to the gospel. Paul meant to stop the "infection" with threats of prison and violence.

As he and his party were approaching their destination, a blinding light engulfed the tormenter of Christians. Jesus called Paul by his Jewish name, Saul, and demanded to know why he was persecuting God's Son. Paul could only answer with a question, "Who are you, Lord?" (9:5). Jesus identified himself by name and commanded Paul to get off the ground and go into the city to await further instruction. Paul's life was forever changed by this vision on the Damascus Road. By seeing Jesus during this vision, he would one day be made an apostle and missionary to the Gentiles.

A second vision, which was given by Jesus to Ananias, is very important in the story of Paul's conversion (9:10-16). By being obedient to Jesus, Ananias overcame his fear of Paul and brought love and acceptance to a new Christian. Two visions, inspired by one Lord, gave the new birth to one of the most dedicated defenders of the faith for all time, the Apostle Paul.

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## Life and Work

*God desires to talk to us*

by Bob Harper, First Church, White Hall

Basic passage: Luke 11:1, 5-13

Focal passage: Luke 11:9

Central truth: God desires to have an open communication channel with his children.

Is there a magical formula to get God to give me what I ask for in my prayers? Can God be pestered to the point of giving in to my desires? Some people believe that this passage of Scripture reflects our need to be so persistent in our prayer life until an unwilling God is forced or manipulated into giving us what we desire of him. Nothing could be further from the truth.

God desires an open communication channel with his children, just as he desires for all human beings to become his children by faith in his Son. In no way is God withholding blessings or information from those who need it, but rather Jesus is showing us in this passage of Scripture the great contrast of how much more God is willing to share with us than all these other earthly illustrations portray.

For a man to get out of bed and lend his neighbor some bread took a great effort and willingness to be of help to those in need. God's desire in our prayer lives is to give us what we need, not just what we ask for. Thus persistence in prayer is a two-way street; asking God for what we think we need and God persistently reflecting back to us what we actually need.

To ask reflects our real desire to want to know the answer. Just as a small child has so many questions for their parents, we too must be constantly asking God for more knowledge of how he wants us to live our lives.

To seek shows our desire to want to discover and experience firsthand what God has in store for us. This seeking attitude enables us to possess what God desires for us to have and be what he wants us to be.

And to know means there are doors (barriers to life) that appear at first to be closed, but that are really open if we will continue to push hard enough for them to open.

God desires that we have the good gifts of life. As we persistently pray asking, seeking, and knocking, we will reopen the prayer channels and discover a truly meaningful dialogue with God.

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## Bible Book

*Judah, a true revival*

by R.V. Haygood, Garfield First Church

Basic passage: 1 Kings 14:21-15:24

Focal passage: 1 Kings 14:21-26; 15:1-5, 9-14

Central truth: Leaders' choices greatly influence the course of the group.

"Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed" (Pr. 11:11 NIV). Many people stand at a crossroad and wait for someone to give them direction. The course they will take depends upon the leadership they receive.

Rehoboam remained faithful to God for the first three years of his reign. However, when his kingship was firmly established, he turned from God, possibly influenced by his foreign mother and her idols. It is doubtful that Solomon would have brought such influences into his household if he had realized the devastating effect it would have not only on his family, but on his entire kingdom.

"Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord... above all their fathers had done" (1 K. 14:22). They built numerous places where they worshipped the Canaanite fertility gods.

God punished Judah by allowing Egypt to invade her cities and plunder Jerusalem, taking the treasures from the temple and the king's house (1 K. 14:25-26).

Rehoboam's son Abijah "walked in all the sins of his father" (1 K. 15:1-2). The progressive spiritual decline of the nation under the rule of Solomon, Rehoboam and Abijah would have deserved the removal of David's family from the throne except for God's faithfulness to his covenant promises (2 S. 7:12-16). "For David's sake" they remained on the throne (1 K. 15:4-5).

Judah experienced true revival under Asa's leadership. He "did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord... took away the sodomites... removed all the idols." He even dethroned his mother and destroyed her idol (1 K. 15:11-13). He led them "into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers" (2 Ch. 15:12) and restored temple worship.

"Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord" (1 K. 15:14), and Judah experienced peace and prosperity during most of his 41 year reign. Not even his enthusiastic reforms, however, could overcome past influences enough to completely eliminate idol worship (1 K. 15:14).

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## KAZAKHSTAN

## Cultural festival a first

by Michael Chute  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

ALMA-ATA, U.S.S.R. (BP)—The first large-scale cultural exchange between Americans and Kazakhs created an array of humanitarian, environmental, business, and social projects in Kazakhstan, second-largest of 15 Soviet republics.

The first Kazakh-American Cultural Festival, June 21-July 6, drew 330 Americans and more than 100,000 Kazakhs. Southern Baptists initiated the cultural exchange, working with the Central Asian Foundation, a non-profit corporation that directs Christian aid toward human and economic development. Kazakhstan's Golden Apple Foundation and the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey assisted CAF. Americans of many denominations participated in the exchange that brought them into contact with a primarily Muslim people largely isolated from the West for centuries.

Projects held across Kazakhstan—a vast region as large as the eastern United States—involved medical, business, technical and professional people, educators, university students, construction and crafts workers, pastors, media producers, athletes, and performing artists.

A significant part of the festival was the first international religious conference ever held in Kazakhstan. It created a forum for

adopting a "manifesto"—signed by leaders of Islam, the Russian Orthodox, Baptists and Seventh Day Adventists—calling for a law to guarantee religious freedom and grant each person the right "to choose the most satisfying religious confession." The manifesto also said religious freedom guarantees the "government will not interfere in any way—either by restriction or favoritism—with any religious confession."

Fourteen American musical performing units toured throughout Kazakhstan with Kazakh groups. The groups were diverse—a professional concert pianist, a group of singers that only began practicing together after arriving in Alma-Ata, and a bluegrass band of Baptist ministers were among the American performer groups that participated in the festival.

The Arkansas Ozark Band was made up of a pastor, Lynn Robertson; an evangelist, Wes Kent; and three ministers of music, Tom McCone, Brandon Willey, and Bill Waller. All are from Arkansas except Kent, who now lives in Alabama.

The performers also traveled with a Kazakh folk group to other towns where they gave joint concerts.

Kazakh and American businessmen and professionals focused on establishing the infrastructure for a market-based economy in the republic. An agreement between CAF and the government calls for the immediate enlistment of 10 American business specialists to help an economic committee train Kazakh business leaders in Alma-Ata.

American medical workers and environmentalists aided health institutions in Semipalatinsk and Pavlodar. The two communities, located on either side of a nuclear test site, have high rates of radiation-related diseases.

Americans also helped in food distribu-

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At a July 4th celebration honoring visiting Americans in Kazakhstan, a band of Kazakhs play and sing with the Arkansas Ozark Band in front of a Russian Orthodox cathedral in Alma-Ata.

tion around the inland Aral Sea. Southern Baptists have provided \$1 million dollars to a feeding program in the famine-stricken region. At least 7 million people in the Aral region face severe malnutrition because of extensive irrigation from its source rivers. Diversion of water for cotton fields in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan has put the region on the brink of ecological disaster.

A team of U.S. ecologists has agreed to form a consortium with Kazakh environmentalists to attempt revitalizing the Aral Sea. The group also hopes to get people involved in humanitarian projects.



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## Arkansans participate

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The friendly and gracious spirit of the Kazakhsan people obviously impressed the members of the Arkansas Ozark Band during the group's recent trip to the Soviet Republic. Wes Kent, an evangelist from Birmingham, Ala., and four Arkansans—Tom McCone from Monticello First Church, Lynn Robertson from Camden Hillside Church, Bill Waller from Paragould East Side Church, and Brandon Wiley from Fort Smith Windsor Park Church—participated in the Kazakh People's Festival June 21-July 6.

Flying into Alma-Ata, capital of the Soviet Republic, the group immediately realized that they were part of something very special. They were met with a great colorful reception; a crowd of children and adults met them with flowers and warm greetings. The group played in the capital three days and then were transported by helicopter to the "The Steppes Treasures" festival in the Chilik district. The group also performed in the cities of Kzyl-Orda and Chimkent.

At Chimkent, the group's hectic schedule was relaxed a little in order to visit a Baptist church there. Chimkent Baptist Church is comprised of a congregation of about 700; they currently are in the process of reconstruction. For 17 years, they were not allowed to have a permit to rebuild their church. Three years ago the permit came through, so the congregation razed the old building and, using only believers, are in the process of reconstruction. The Gideons have provided the church with Bibles for distribution, but the church is in need of Bible study materials, especially for children.

According to Wes Kent, the republic is mostly Muslim, followed by Russian Orthodox. Group members were allowed to visit a mosque, where they were met by three priests who had prayer for the group, and then allowed Kent to pray for the priests.

Kazakhstan is about two and a half times the size of Texas, Kent remarked, and temperatures ranged from very mild in the



Wes Kent (left) gives copies of the gospel of John to a layman and the pastor of Chimkent Church, as Tom McCone looks on.

capital region to 115 degrees in Kzyl-Orda.

The group performed folk music, incorporating hymns related to American folk culture, and secular selections. Groups members performed using vocals, mandolins, guitars, harmonica, and mountain dulcimer. Audience size depended on location and ranged from 100-800.

Time for individual witnessing mostly came with the native performers with whom the group traveled. The group also distributed 500 gospels of John in Russian.

One of the most moving moments for Brandon Wiley came when the man who had been in charge of trip logistics, Baurzhan, made a profession of faith. Tom McCone had been able to present the plan of salvation to him through an interpreter. The group gave him several books and praise tapes with a Walkman.

Another standout moment came when the group was asked to name a baby during a village ceremony involving about 10,000 people, according to Tom McCone. They named the baby "Karen," which means "God's grace."

Bill Waller was surprised at the openness the group encountered; there were many more opportunities to witness than they expected. Even those who were strongly Muslim gave the group a fair hearing, Waller said. Those who do not follow Islam were more humanistic than atheistic in their approach. Waller commented, "They would say, 'I don't consider myself a religious person,' but no one ever said 'I'm an atheist.'" The other thing Waller noticed was that the culture reminded him of the 1950s—about 40 years behind the U.S. both socially and culturally.

Lynn Robertson was impressed by the

fourth of July gala which provided a grand finale for the festival. Held in a large park in Alma-Ata, the celebration was attended by a large number of Kazakhstan people as well as Americans. They had fireworks, and the Kazakhsan people joined the Americans in singing "God Bless America." Robertson was moved by the people of a Soviet republic embracing Americans, calling them "American brothers" and graciously expressing their appreciation.

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## WORLD

# Couple to distribute Bibles

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Jeff and Dorothy Howard, members of Life Line Church in Little Rock, will be going as volunteers to the Soviet Union Sept. 2-10. The primary focus of their trip will be Bible distribution. The Howards also will be involved in music, youth ministry, children's activities, and other church-related ministries.

The Howards learned about the possibility of serving as volunteers in Russia through the June 6 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Jeff, a graduate student at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, had become interested in going to the Soviet Union through the international studies department, which has an agreement with the University of Moscow. But when plans for him to go did not materialize, he was excited about this opportunity.

Jeff had read the *Newsmagazine*, but had not picked up on the article entitled "Soviet Union—Focus: Bibles." The article related that the Foreign Mission Board was seeking to enlist 50 volunteers for a Soviet Union-wide Bible distribution effort. Dorothy, Jeff's wife, and a kindergarten teacher at Baseline Elementary School in Little Rock, saw the article and called it to her husband's attention. After prayer the couple felt that it was God's will for them to be involved in this endeavor.



Dorothy and Jeff Howard

Obtaining the \$5,000 needed for the two of them to make the trip was a problem. But their church, Life Line, loaned the money to them, making possible the trip. The Howards are in the process of raising funds to repay the debt.

The need for the trip was reinforced by the fact that the Howards had opened their home to a husband and wife from the Soviet Union who had shared with them the need for Bible distribution. They had told the Howards that Bibles were extremely expensive, making it very difficult for individuals to own the Word of God.

A part of the fee paid by the Howards will go toward purchasing Bibles from a printing press located in Moscow.

Other Arkansans participating in the campaign, known as "Moscow Project," are Sherry Barnett of Little Rock, Carol Fields of Jonesboro, and Ellen McMillan and Susan Yates, both of Fort Smith.

## 'What about the the lost one?'

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—In the "kingdom's exam," 99 is not a passing grade, a home missionary told participants of the July 13-19 Woman's Missionary Union leadership training week at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

"Look at the shepherd who could have so easily said, 'I have a pretty good record and administrative ability. Only one sheep is absent,'" said Kenneth Johnson, a church extension home missionary in Oakland, Calif.

"But God says, 'What about the lost one?' WMU constituents, can you account for the lost 'one?'"

Johnson spoke to more than 1,090 men

and women attending the WMU leadership training conferences.

"What about the lost one who struggles just to eat every day while you dine sumptuously three times a day?"

"What about the lost one who comes to your church smelly, homeless, uncultured, and everybody just looks with amazement that God would let this happen?"

Building on the week's theme, "Called and Accountable," Johnson stressed not only are all Christians called, but all Christians are equally accountable for what they do within God's kingdom.

"We're not called to be bench members or to sit in bench isolation," Johnson said.