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NEWSMAGAZINE

Inside
Your guide to the 1978 meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. This section contains programs, recommendations to be considered and other information for messengers. File it for reference later.





I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

The mark of a winner

What is the unique quality which produces the winner? It is that remarkable ability to put that last ounce of supreme devotion to the task. This distinguishes the winner from the "almost winner" and determines the champion. This principle is true among contestants of similar ability, training, experience and preparation. But it's the last ounce, strategically put, which places a person as number one.

There are some conquests which are critical, decisive and for which victory has no substitute. Our mission orders (Matt. 28:18-20) are such. The Great Commission admits to no options. There are no alternatives. It is not an item of debate, negotiation, mediation or arbitration. It is a command, a directive, an order, an absolute. It is an ultimatum, not a suggestion. This is a decisive issue and cannot be handled except by a definite win. If this battle is lost, the war is lost.

The Bold Mission Thrust has put a lot of good things together. We may not see so complete a package of mission concern again in our lifetime. We must succeed at this point.

Taking our lesson from God's first venture in to foreign missions when Jonah was dispatched with the message to Nineveh, we will observe these salient facts. God was the supreme authority in launching the endeavor. Human instrumentality was God's mode of operation. God chose the missionary and dealt directly and unilaterally with him. God explained his orders and the reason. God meant for Jonah to succeed.

It is quite obvious that God did not have a second line of defense in this mission project, nor did he have a back-up prophet standing by in case Jonah failed, no. God doesn't have a second team on call nor a replacement for deserters at his side. God doesn't operate with losers. He has a right to demand winners and he will have victory in his mission ventures. He will never back off at this point. No one is scheduled to take over if we fail. God will never release us from this command. We will put the last ounce where the last ounce counts, absorbing whatever pain we may incur in the doing of it. Whatever that last ounce pain is, it will be less than the pain encountered by the unbearable loss of a decisive conflict. There is no curse like the curse placed upon one who has failed God. Listen to Cain as he flees from the presence of God into the unwelcome wilderness crying, "My punishment is greater than I can bear." This is the sort of pain one brings upon himself when he fails God in that crucial time when God is depending solely on him. Our Bold Mission Thrust may be a "now or never" proposition which means it is a now or never burden upon resident leaders who risk the threat of being castaway forever if God's strategic mission thrust is foiled (1 Cor. 9:27).

I must say it!

In this issue

Convention ahead



College presidents Daniel Grant and Jack Nicholas will bring reports to the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as they did last year. Business matters necessary to Baptists' ministries will be one focus of the meeting Nov. 6-8 in Little Rock's First Church. A preview of convention business and programs begins on page 10.

Literature profits 9

Sunday School Board President Grady Cothen told a group of Baptist state paper editors that the sale of literature to Baptist churches allows the Board to contribute money to state conventions, the SBC Executive Board, and to support seminary professors to help train future workers for Baptists.

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The state convention

The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



The 1978 Arkansas Baptist State Convention will consider many important matters which should set the stage for our work during the next 12 months. It is likely there will be a difference of opinion on some of the items of business, although we haven't heard of any major controversies in the making. It often is more important how we conduct ourselves than it is what action is taken on many matters. A convention which conducts its business with dignity and respect usually provides the basis for a year of growth.

When an issue arises where there is a difference of opinion, certain rules should be followed. First, each person wishing to speak should come to a microphone and wait to be recognized. No one who has not been recognized by the presiding officer should interfere with the one speaking in any way.

The same courtesies should be extended to others that we desire or expect for ourselves. On occasion full-time religious workers conduct themselves in a manner that they would not allow in their own local church. Most of us would be exceedingly disturbed, and rightly so, if hissing, yelling or booing took place in our monthly business meeting. We would also be very displeased if a group gathered in the foyer of the church and talked so loud that it was difficult to conduct the Sunday morning worship service. Christian respect demands courteous conduct.

Some problems arise from a lack of knowledge of parliamentary procedure. For example, to simply say, "question" has no effect. If a person wishes to cut off debate on a given matter, he should say, "I move the previous question." Certain parliamentary matters are difficult but we are fortunate to have knowledgeable people to guide us. President Johnny Jackson, Vice President Bill H. Lewis and Parliamentarian Carl Overton are exceedingly well qualified to deal with complex parliamentary matters and there will be no difficulty if we cooperate with them.

Among the items of business to be considered at this convention is a record budget of \$6.5 million. This budget reflects an increase of one-half of one percent

to world missions. We can take pride in the fact that this proposed budget will increase our percentage to world missions for the eighth consecutive year if passed. We are the only state convention which has had an increase in its percentage to world missions for eight consecutive years in the history of the SBC.

This year's budget will include two new items, a Ministry of Crisis Support and an associate to deal with moral problems which confront the state and the nation. A discussion of these matters will appear on page 15.

President Johnny Jackson is serving our Convention with distinction. His emphasis on missions and evangelism are evident in the convention program. These are the emphases which have made Baptists great, and further outreach depends on our remaining true to these biblical concepts. President Jackson's organizational ability is also of great value to our Convention.

Perhaps the most important ingredients in any Baptist convention are the messengers. Since no instructions are given by local churches to those who are elected to serve from their congregations, each messenger has a great responsibility. This responsibility includes both mental and spiritual preparation. Mental preparation requires a thorough knowledge of the matters to be considered. This can be accomplished through studying of the *Book of Reports* and attending all the business sessions.

Spiritual preparation includes a sincere seeking of Divine guidance before voting on any matter. It also involves a recognition of the importance of the individual rights of others and the ability to joyfully accept the decision of the convention whether the majority votes our way or not.

We predict a great convention which will prepare for a year in which many people will be reached for our Master. As Arkansas Baptists keep the spirit of Christian love and depend on the leadership of the Holy Spirit, our success is assured.

Guest editorial Sister Ruth's healing theology falls short

President Carter's family makes an interesting study. Mother Lillian, Brother Billy and now sister Ruth have all made their marks.

Recently *Newsweek* magazine spotlighted Ruth Carter Stapleton's rise to fame as a faith healer by virtue of being the sister of the President of the United States.

Although Ruth's sincerity is unquestioned, her approach to faith and healing leaves much to be desired. Evidently she has divorced herself from doctrine in developing a simplistic elastic eclecticism. Eclecticism is a pick and choose approach — something like a cafeteria line.

Although she denies saying that "Jesus was just a man" she does say, "Personally, I rely on Jesus. But who knows,

maybe God was in Buddha just like He was in Jesus." Who knows? The Bible knows.

Ruth says that she frequently substitutes the Virgin Mary for Jesus in her guided meditations. But there is no substitute for Jesus.

Sister Ruth's program of inner healing and self-help border on a gospel of works with a generous sprinkling of psychological jargon.

W. R. White, former president of Baylor University, was one of the first to say, "I believe in faith healing but not faith healers." That sentiment is still appropriate. Sister Ruth's therapeutic theology falls short. — Editor Presnall H. Wood in the Texas "Baptist Standard"



One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

Can any good (news) come out of Moscow?

While reading the newspaper recently an interesting headline caught my attention: "Moscow Baptists constitute 'second' church at Mitishi." The story reported that a new Baptist Church is to be established in a suburban city on the circular highway which rings the capital city of Moscow. Mitishi is about 30 minutes away, by tram or bus, from the Central Baptist Church in Moscow which Betty Jo and I visited just two years ago. Among the details in the news story were that the new church is a "daughter" congregation of the old Central Baptist Church in Moscow; that it has received approval from the Communist government for registration as a congregation of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians — Baptists; and that it has applied for a building permit to construct a 400-seat chapel.

That news item is more exciting than it might seem. During my visit to the Soviet Union in 1976 I attended a briefing for American local government officials on the subject of city planning in the metropolitan area of Moscow. One of Russia's leading city planners described with great pride a model "satellite city" some 30 miles away from Moscow. When he pointed out beauti-

ful residential, industrial, educational, and recreational areas, I asked him, "Where are the churches?" He replied with a smile, "We have no need of churches. Just a few are left and they are attended only by old women." I told him I attended the Moscow Baptist Church the day before and that it was packed with men, women, and young people. He then replied, "If residents of this new suburban city want to attend church, they can ride our excellent mass transportation system back into the heart of Moscow."

There are two encouraging things about the news story on the establishment of the Second Baptist Church at Mitishi. It is exciting to hear that even in an officially atheistic nation, an old downtown church is organizing a new church in the growing suburbs. It is also encouraging to hear of an apparent reversal of a Communist city planner's decision that they have no need for churches.

My respect for the Baptists and other Christians living in Communist countries continues to grow. I only wish I had a portion of their faith in the face of obstacles, and of their patience and perseverance.

Boyce Bible School session to begin

The second term of the fourth annual session of the Arkansas Center of Boyce Bible School will get underway at the educational annex of Central Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, Dr. W. T. Holland, director, has announced.

Courses to be offered include introductory Greek, planning and leading church worship, and Southern Baptist missions. Classes are held from 6 to 11:15 p.m. on Friday evenings, and from

7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Saturdays. A limited number of sleeping accommodations are available cost-free on Friday evenings. There is a cafeteria in the building.

The regular professors, Dr. Holland and Raymond Coppenger, will be teaching, and Pete Petty of the Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will teach a course in missions. Mrs. Jean Pilcher, minister of

Foreign mission briefs

ILOILO CITY, Philippines — New Baptist work started recently on Panay Island in central Philippines when 26 students and professionals met together and formed First Southern Baptist Church of Iloilo City. Most of the group are from Mindanao, an area of rapid Baptist growth. Southern Baptist missionary Charles L. Miller, who lives on the nearby island of Negros, was instrumental in starting the new church, according to William T. Roberson, missionary press representative. Iloilo City is located in one of the most densely populated areas of the Philippines.

CALI, Colombia — Prayers of thanksgiving were offered for what was described as the "miraculous deliverance" of Southern Baptist missionary Zach J. Deal Jr. of Virginia, who fell almost 30 feet from the roof of a church building he was helping construct in Medellin. Joan (Mrs. Thomas L.) Norman, missionary press representative, reported that Deal escaped with cuts and bruises and a broken rib and arm and crushed left wrist. The prayers were offered during the recent annual meeting of Colombia missionaries in Cali.

ARUSHA, Tanzania — Delegates to the Baptist Convention of Tanzania recently voted to begin a five-year project to help implement Bold Mission Thrust in their country. Goals of the project, called "Bega Kwa Bega" (Shoulder to Shoulder), include starting new churches in all the major cities, holding revivals each year in every region of the country and adding 35,000 Baptists by 1985.

music at First Church, Little Rock, will teach a course in song leading.

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

Pre-enrollment for Little Rock area students will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19. Commuting students will register from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Oct. 20.

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

Term schedule

Fri. — 6:00- 7:55 p.m. — 0565.2
 Fri. — 6:00- 7:55 p.m. — 0910.1
 Fri. — 8:00- 8:15 p.m. — Assembly
 Fri. — 8:20-10:15 p.m. — 0710.2
 Fri. — 10:20-11:15 p.m. — 0502
 Sat. — 7:45- 9:40 a.m. — 0581.2
 Sat. — 9:45-10:10 a.m. — Chapel
 Sat. — 10:15-12:10 p.m. — 0666.2
 Sat. — 12:50- 2:45 p.m. — 0876.2

Introductory Greek
 Reading improvement (English)
 (All Friday students)
 Planning & leading church worship
 Field education
 Intro. Ephesians & Colossians
 (All Saturday students)
 Southern Baptist missions
 Song leading

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Woman's viewpoint

Joanne Jackson Lisk

Gift of silence

The morning worship service was nearly over in the beautiful little chapel of the Brechin Baptist Church. My heart had been stirred as I heard the blending of Scottish, English, and American accents during the hymn service. I looked out at the mixture of people as I sat at the small pump organ, sharing in the service in a way I had so often done during the years we had served a similar church in East Anglia (England). How quickly my sons had adapted to this vacation environment, I thought, as I saw them singing and smiling at new teenage friends in the congregation. But then, having lived among the English people for over four years, they really felt "at home" anywhere on the beautiful British Isles.

The young pastor, Phillip Salmon, had been our friend at nearby Keo, Ark., for two years before he and his lovely wife, Rita, had felt called to go to the church in Scotland. Phillip had certainly adapted in the past year to the British way of services, I thought with a smile, as he gave the "intimations" instead of the "announcements"!

Leaving their homeland with two preschool-age sons had taken courage. Living in Scotland had required many changes in lifestyle. But, of course, Phillip had continued to preach the same Jesus Christ and had thrilled during the preceding year as both British and Americans had joined the congregation; as programs of education and fellowship had been planned and strengthened.

Even though adjustments are never easy, Rita had told me on a positive note of their first year in Scotland: "I love the beautiful summers, the marvelous cultural opportunities, the awe-inspiring scenic surroundings, and the knowledge I'm here through it all because God put me here!"

Yes, I thought, how wonderful to share in the gifts which other Christians of other cultures, countries and races so generously give us when our lives touch theirs — whether at home or abroad. And as all these and many more thoughts passed through my mind at benediction time, I bowed my head and said, "Thank you, Lord, for a 'home-

coming' with a church I have become a part of through prayer, giving and the letters of loved ones who are serving here. I rejoice to be really 'at home' in this small town in Scotland and in this Baptist church because I am a part of the family of God!"

And then, the most wonderful gift of the day was given to me. I had received it before when we lived in England and had worshipped often in English churches on Sunday afternoons or special occasions, but I had forgotten all about it in our clock-oriented American culture. You may not think it much of a gift, but I wish you could experience it in an English church setting — or in your own church here in Arkansas. What is this gift of which I am speaking?

The "amen" of the benediction was pronounced. However, instead of the hustle-bustle of gathering children, coats, visiting and fellowship, all the congregation sat down again together. Heads were bowed in prayer or turned toward the stained glass windows which pictured Bible scenes. Prayer-charged silence reigned as perhaps three or four minutes ticked away on the forgotten clock. People's thoughts I could not know, of course. But the "gift of silence" was beautiful, and reminded me of a promise in Isaiah: "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Isa. 30:15b).

Joanne Jackson Lisk is the wife of Richard Lisk, pastor of First Church, England. Besides being a homemaker, she is a registered nurse, writer for denominational publications, and choral director for the church. She is active in WMU programs on the state level. Mrs. Lisk holds the B.S. degree in nursing from Baylor University, and she studied music for 2½ years at North Texas State University. The Lisks are the parents of Lynn Daniel, 17, and Richard Joe, 15.



President on campus

Johnny Jackson (extreme right), while president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is touring the state as a guest of the state Student Department and the local campus organizations speaking on each campus. Shown with President Jackson is Jack Nicholas (left), president of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and David Jackson (center), president of Southern Baptist College BSU, after Jackson spoke in chapel there recently.

Attention Damaged Churches

Churches damaged by the Sept. 13 flood may be eligible for low interest loans from the Small Business Administration. For information call 378-5385 or come to the Disaster Branch Office, Federal Building, Little Rock.

Chicot Road Church, Mabelvale will be in revival Oct. 9-15 with Dick King as evangelist. Joe Williams will direct music. Sam Whitlow is pastor.

Monticello Second Church will be in revival Oct. 1-8. Edward G. Robinson of Lebanon, Tenn., will be evangelist. Mrs. Robinson will work with women of the church in personal witnessing, and assist her husband with the youth.

Clarendon First Church will have a World Missions revival Oct. 26-29. John Anthony, missionary to Israel, will be guest speaker. C. Michael Anders is pastor.

Norfolk First Church was in revival Sept. 11-17. Billy Walker of Walnut Ridge was evangelist. Music was directed by Terrell Wallace of Hot Springs. Paul Huskey is pastor.

Brinkley First Church had John Cheyne as guest speaker on Oct. 1. Dr. Cheyne, a representative of the Foreign Mission Board, spoke on the World Hunger program. The Brinkley church is planning a special World Hunger offering to be taken along with the Lottie Moon Season of Prayer offering. James McDaniel is pastor.

University Church, Fayetteville observed "Good News Week" Sept. 24-27. Adrian Rogers of Memphis was speaker. Joe Ann Shelton was in charge of the music program. H. D. McCarty is pastor.

East Side Church, Ft. Smith will observe its 25th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 29. The Kinsman Quartet, composed of students from Ouachita University, will present special music for the occasion. Trueman Moore is pastor.

Bella Vista Church ordained Loren Byerly as a deacon in services on Sunday, Sept. 14. George L. O'Neel, pastor, led the service of ordination.

Camden First Church is having a "Strength for Living" crusade Oct. 1-8. The Stalneckers, family are leaders. James C. Wright is pastor.

Concord Association held a "Train, Go and Grow" conference recently that was attended by more than 900 people. Huber Drumwright of Southwestern Seminary; Harold O'Chester, pastor of Allandale Church, Austin, Tex.; and Leon Kilbreth, "Mr. Sunday School, U.S.A.," led conferences in the areas of evangelism,

Sunday School work, and church doctrine.

Fordyce First Church held a "Widow Recognition Day" on Sept. 17, recognizing the 63 widows on the church's roll. Stephen P. Davis is pastor. The church recently received as a gift a three-octave set of Schulmerich Handbells. These were given by Mrs. Lamont Gray as a memorial for her husband and his parents. Handbell choirs have been organized for both youth and adults. Ben Pilgreen is minister of music/youth.

Forrest City First Church held a pre-revival prospect supper and evangelistic rally on Sept. 13. Jack Hazelwood and Ron Bowlus led the one-night rally. T. D. Hall and Sharon and D'Arcy Hodges led revival services Sept. 24-27. Kerry Powell is pastor.

Holly Grove First Southern Church is in revival Oct. 2-8. Danny Weatherford, pastor of Brickeys Church, is evangelist. Walter Phelps is pastor.

Bay First Church licensed Bobby Worthington to the ministry on Sunday, Sept. 10. Worthington is a student at Southern College, Walnut Ridge.

Antioch Church, Royal is having its fall revival Oct. 2-8. Clarence Shell, associate/state evangelist of the Evangelism Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is preacher for the revival. Steve Chitwood is directing music. Dick L. Cayce is pastor.

Ash Flat First Church held a services on Aug. 20 to ordain four deacons. Those ordained were Wendell Hassell, Orvis Nix, Bruce Talley and Dale Bailey. J. C. Montgomery, Director of Missions for Rocky Bayou Association, gave the charge to the church and Bobby Dailey, pastor of Belview Church, Melbourne, gave the charge to the deacons. O. I. Ford, pastor of the Ash Flat Church, led the interrogation. The service was preceded by the morning worship services and a noon meal.

East End Church, Hensley has organized a youth musical group, "Sounds for Christ." Oris Marie Reed assisted with organization.

Buie Church, Prattville had a growth increase in the past month. The attendance has more than quadrupled under the leadership of Gaines Armstrong, pastor. On Sept. 17, there were 15 additions to the church. There were 11 professions of faith, two joined by letter, and two by statement.

This gave a total membership increase of 19 for September.

Harmony Church, North Little Rock was in revival Sept. 24-29. Otis Chapman from the Toltec Church, Scott, was evangelist. Charles Miranda, church music director, led revival music.

Gold Creek Church is in revival Oct. 2-7. Ed Walker, pastor of Crystal Valley Church, is evangelist. H. B. Shirley is pastor.

Mountain Home First Church is in revival Oct. 1-6. Don Moore, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, is evangelist. Mitch Brooks from First Church, Fairview Heights, Ill., is leading music. Kenneth Threet is pastor.

Osceola First Church held a "Christian Growth rally" on Sunday evening, Sept. 24. Jimmy Stevens of Ft. Worth, Tex., was leader. Bob Wilson is pastor.

Wakfield First Church, Little Rock was in a fall "harvest" revival Sept. 25-Oct. 1. Bill H. Lewis, pastor of North Main Church, Jonesboro, was evangelist. Larry J. Stovall is pastor.

Haven Heights Church, Ft. Smith held ordination services on Sunday evening, Sept. 17, to ordain Jimmy Dime. Bob Wade is pastor.

Focus on youth

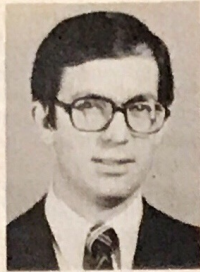
Forrest City First Church Royal Ambassadors and Acteens had a "Bike-a-thon" for State Missions on Sept. 8-9 as part of an World Missions weekend. They 'biked' 20 miles to a Baptist camp at Wynne on Friday. A meal was served, after which Jim Crane, missionary to Mexico, spoke.

The group spent the night and following breakfast and Bible study they returned on their bicycles to the church. They raised \$1,009 for State Missions. Tommy Gadberry, is RA director for the church. Nancy Cole is Acteen director.

Hope First Church youth are leading Backyard Bible Clubs this week. Bible stories, games, music and refreshments are used by the youth and the meetings are being held at the homes of members of the Hope church.

Vernon Payne

assumed the pastorate of North-east Church, Texarkana, Oct. 1, coming there from First Church, Cove. Payne, a native of Cisco, Tex., holds a bachelor of arts degree from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.,



Payne

and a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary. He pastored churches in Texas prior to coming to Arkansas. He is married to the former Sheila Cummins. She holds a bachelor of science degree from Howard Payne College and is an elementary school teacher.

Rev. and Mrs. Boyd Baker

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Texarkana on Aug. 16. Clyde Hankins, the pastor who married the couple, spoke and led in prayer at a luncheon given in their honor. The Bakers now reside in Texarkana.

Steven H. Thompson

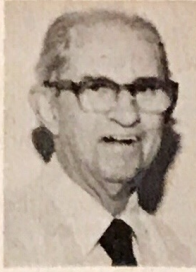
of Camden received a \$250 scholarship from Midwestern Seminary, one of 10 presidential awards given to entering seminary students each year. Thompson, a 1978 graduate of Southern Arkansas University, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Thompson of Camden. He was a member of Waldo's Memorial Church before leaving for school and is married to the former Sherry Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Burns of Hope.

William Wesley Lites

has been chosen to receive a scholarship for 1978-79 from Southern Seminary. He is a graduate of Ouachita University and the son of Wallace Lites.

James McDowell

has been chosen to receive a scholar-



Rev. and Mrs. Baker

ship for 1978-79 from Southern Seminary. He is the son of Mrs. Margaret McDowell of Fayetteville and a graduate of Memphis State University.

W. Dawson King

was honored by First Church, Little Rock, on Sept. 24. King was honored by the church on Sunday evening in observance of his 90th birthday. John B. Wright, pastor, spoke on "You Are a Mighty Prince Among Us," is recognition of King's years of Christian service. A reception followed.

William Brinkley

has been called as pastor of the Jericho Church. He comes there from Turrell.

Calvin Starkey

has resigned as pastor of the Fortune Church.

Bryan Wagoner

is serving as pastor of the Pine Tree Church, Tri-County Association.

Gary Peacock

was licensed to the gospel ministry by First Church, Helena, recently. Peacock, a student at Ouachita University, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Peacock of Helena.

Gene McMorries

is serving as director of properties and services for Central Church, Jonesboro. McMorries, who moved to Jonesboro in February and is an ordained deacon, is a graduate of Murray State University, Murray, Ky., and has served two years in

the United States Army.

Jerry Miller

has been called as minister of music/youth for Green Memorial Church, Little Rock.

B. L. Francis

has resigned as minister of music/youth at First Church, Paris.

Isaac Chaffin

has been called as pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Doddridge. He attended East Texas State University at Commerce and pastored Parker's Grove Church in Campbell, Tex. He and his wife, Shelly, moved on the church field on Sept. 16.

J. D. Webb

is serving as pastor of the Fouke Church. He came there from Biscoe First Church. Webb and his wife, Loretta, are parents of a daughter, Lori.

Robert P. (Bob) Focht Jr.

director of special ministries for Pulaski County Association has been asked by the Church World Services to serve as their liaison and coordinator during the crisis following the Sept. 13 flood. He has also been named to chair an Arkansas Inter-Faith Disaster Relief Committee composed of representatives of all the religious bodies in central Arkansas.

SCAN volunteers to be trained

Child abuse is a problem that is all too often revealed in the paper after a child has received a serious injury. The SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect) office has received 1,120 calls during the first eight months of 1978 reporting either child abuse or neglect. They believe there is a way of being sure that none of these families become another tragic story in the newspaper.

The volunteer staff at SCAN in Little Rock believe there is an answer to this serious problem and that answer is a caring community of individuals who are trained to give intensive, immediate therapy for the abusive parents. This caring community is made up of average individuals, people who have been willing to become SCAN lay therapists.

SCAN lay therapists come together for a two day training session each six weeks and at that time new volunteers are trained. There will be a training on Nov. 16-17. Call the SCAN office (371-2773) for more information.

No news is not good news!

If news about your church has been conspicuously absent from the pages of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* and you've wondered why, ask yourself or your church staff these questions:

- *Is some person in the church responsible for sending news?
- *Do they send news before it becomes history?
- *Do they send complete information (full names, exact dates, figures)?
- *Do they give the name, address, and phone number of a person to contact for more information?

If any of your answers are "no" that's bad news. The good news is that your church can change the circumstances. Meet the criteria above and send your news to *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. Call us at 376-4791 if you have questions.

Second Church, Hot Springs celebrates 75th Anniversary

Second Church, Hot Springs, celebrated its 75th Anniversary Sept. 3 through Sept. 17. A host of distinguished guests participated in the celebration. Among the guests were Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention; Carolyn Yeldell Staley, soprano and voice instructor at Valparaise University; Johnny Jackson, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Walter Yeldell, pastor of North Greenwood Church, Greenwood, Miss.; O. L. Bayless, associate pastor of Second Church; Millard Bennett, pastor of First Church, Inverness, Miss.; and Charles H. Ashcraft, executive secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. In addition a historical drama depicted the noteworthy events in the church and Pastor Sidney Sample gave a projection of the next 25 years as the church looks forward to its 100th Anniversary.

The church was organized Sept. 10, 1903, with 22 charter members. Prior to its organization it had been a mission of First Church, Hot Springs. L. S. Foster became the first pastor of the church in 1904, receiving a salary of \$50 a month. In 1911, the first structure of Second Church was completed. It was a white frame building with colored glass windows.

The church letter to the Saline Association in 1914 indicates that the church had 191 members and that the pastor was paid an annual salary of \$1,100. In October, 1919, Second Church was one of seven churches which participated in the organization of Central Baptist Association.

The church experienced substantial growth under L. F. Maynard. In 1927 the church membership had grown to 322. In the summer of 1928, a revival was held in which there were 50 additions to the church.

In May, 1929, William Jefferson Hinsley became pastor of the church. The church membership was 346 with an average attendance in Sunday School of 150. Hinsley served as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for three years, 1945, 1946, and 1947.

In 1932 a two-story west wing was added to the building. The upper floor accommodated the Junior Sunday School Department and the lower floor was for the Intermediates.

In 1940 the church constructed a new auditorium at an estimated cost of \$7,500.

On Dr. Hinsley's 13th Anniversary in 1942, the annual church letter reflects that the church membership had increased from 346 to 760. Sunday School

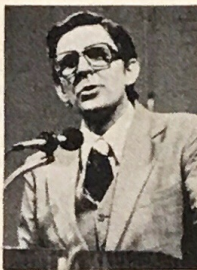
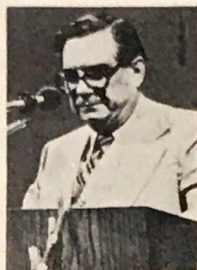
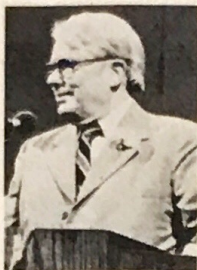
enrollment was 882 and the total finance for all causes was \$9,898.38.

Dr. Hinsley resigned and retired in 1946. The statistics indicate that he had baptized over 900 people during his ministry of 17 years.

O. L. Bayless became the pastor of the church in October, 1960, and served the church for 14 years. On Feb. 19, 1947, Ray W. McClung was called as education and music director. His wife, Faye, served as the church pianist and office secretary.

On Easter Sunday of 1947, people were turned away from the worship service because of inadequate seating space. Sunday School and attendance

Speakers during the weeks of celebration included Porter Routh, SBC executive secretary-treasurer; O. L. Bayless, former pastor; and Sidney Sample, present pastor.



had grown rapidly during the first year of Dr. Bayless' ministry.

On Oct. 3, 1948, a three-story building on the northwest corner of the church property was erected. It consisted of a groundfloor kitchen and a large meeting room and two floors to accommodate the children's Sunday School departments.

Bayless' third anniversary, designated as "Pastor Appreciation Day," rounded off a 13-Sunday "Sunday School Enrollment and attendance campaign — 850

in '50." The attendance for the campaign averaged 959 with an all-time high of 1158 on April 9. In 1957 Second Church became the sponsor of Vista Heights Chapel.

Other innovations developed under the ministry of Bayless included a Christian school (kindergarten and first grade), and the broadcast of the regular Sunday morning worship services. Every day, Monday through Saturday, a morning devotional was also aired.

On Jan. 29, 1954, a new \$250,000 auditorium was opened. A Sunday School goal of 800 was set for the day, but the church exceeded the goal with 891 in attendance.

The church took the sponsorship of the Vista Heights Chapel in 1957. The property was provided by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Henderson.

Bayless resigned as pastor on Oct. 18, 1960, to become secretary of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Colorado and to edit *The Rocky Mountain Baptist*. He served as editor of the Colorado state paper for 16 years.

Walter Lee Yeldell became the pastor of the church April 5, 1961 and served the church until May 28, 1972. Under his leadership the church took the sponsorship of the Leonard Street work in 1964.

On Aug. 7, 1965, the church dedicated the remodeling, refurnishing, and enlarging of the fellowship hall and held open house for the new adult and youth building, the final unit of the main church complex and the activities building across the street. The church property and buildings were valued at \$800,000.

The Vista Heights Chapel was organized as a church on July 6, 1969. Second Church granted letters to the charter members and Bill Williams, who had been pastor of the Chapel, continued as pastor.

On July 17, 1971, the church entered the bus ministry. By October there were 100 people riding the buses.

After the resignation of Dr. Yeldell, Ben Elrod, senior vice president at Ouachita Baptist University, became interim pastor in July, 1972. On Nov. 19, 1972, Millard Bennett was called as pastor of the congregation. Bennett resigned on Nov. 24, 1974, and Dr. Elrod again became interim pastor.

On May 5, 1975, J. Sidney Sample accepted the call to Second Church. Under his leadership significant emphasis

Cothen explains to editors literature sales fund uses

by Linda Lawson

has been placed on missions. In 1977, the church set a goal of \$5,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and exceeded the goal by \$1,300. The church also has accepted the sponsorship of the Barcelona Road Church of Hot Springs Village as a mission.

On March 27, 1977, a day of dedication was held for the newly remodeled sanctuary and other facilities. The remodeling included the installation of a Baldwin organ, a Baldwin Grand Piano, a new sound system, new lighting facilities, and a new pulpit area with enlarged space for the choir. The remodeling and installation of new equipment was completed at an approximate cost of \$250,000.

The "Deacon Family Ministry Plan," was inaugurated in 1977. The ministry plan provides for a systematic visitation and ministry to all of the 2,028 resident members.

The annual report of Second Church revealed that during the 1976-1977 associational year there were 32 baptisms, 133 received by letter, a Sunday School enrollment of 1565 with an average attendance of 635. The church property is valued at \$1,900,000. Tithes, all offerings and special gifts totaled \$312,339 with \$55,664 designated for missions.

Dr. Sample believes that the church has a bright future and is making plans for church growth. He said, "One, we must seek to commit every church member to faithfulness, to Jesus as Lord of life, to his church, and to witnessing. Two, as a church we must seek ways to communicate the gospel week after week to every person in Hot Springs and Garland County. Three, we must become a ministering church and develop ways to minister to the community we serve. Four, we must be prepared to expand the staff and facilities in order to accomplish all of our goals.

"Second Church," Dr. Sample continued, "has had a great past. But as we look forward to our centennial anniversary and accept greater challenges, larger goals, and reach out to a lost world, serving God and humanity until the Lord shall come even greater blessings are in store for us."

NASHVILLE — Sunday School Board President Grady C. Cothen outlined board distribution of funds to state conventions and the SBC Executive Committee and covered a wide range of issues in a 90-minute question-and-answer session with 22 Baptist state paper editors here.

The session with Cothen was part of a six hour Sunday School Board update for the editors sponsored by the office of communications.

Last year the Sunday School Board contributed \$1.6 million from literature sales to the state conventions according to a formula prescribed by the Southern Baptist Convention, Cothen said. The money goes toward paying the salaries of persons who direct programs related to the Sunday School Board.

This practice goes back to the creation of the board in 1891 when the Convention instructed the new publishing house to provide money to states to promote their programs and products.

"Anyone who believes the Sunday School Board can exist long without state workers is whistling in the dark," Cothen said. "We need this mutuality of relationship."

In addition, he said the board contributed \$600,000 to the denomination's executive committee.

Responding to questions about the board's new program of providing funds to pay the salary of a religious education professor on each seminary campus, Cothen said the project relates to the board's need to educate Baptist leaders about services, programs and products.

"We need to get to leaders while they're being trained," Cothen said. He added the board is placing on each seminary campus a curriculum laboratory with every piece of literature it produces.

He said all funds shared with states and other agencies represent purchased services and have been given at the instruction of the denomination. "We

must not violate the business and financial plan of the Southern Baptist Convention," Cothen said.

In other matters, he said surveys have shown that only a small percentage of the 35,000 Southern Baptist churches do not order Sunday School Board literature. While a broad spectrum of non-Baptist groups place orders, these total less than one percent.

Cothen said the board is placing a priority on producing quality literature rather than speaking out against independent publishing efforts. "We would spend all our time fighting brush fires," he said.

Cothen noted that he shared the editors concern about postal rate increases. He said the last rate hike increased the Sunday School Board's annual postal bill by \$350,000.

He announced a three-year plan for increasing product and institutional advertising by the Sunday School Board in Baptist state papers.

From the \$110,000 the board has spent in 1978, the total will increase advertising by 30 percent in 1979 to \$142,000, with a compounded increase of 20 percent in 1980 and 10 percent in 1981.

The editors offered Cothen several suggestions including the need for materials offering helps for ministers' wives.

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Arkansas Baptist State Convention annual meeting

Tuesday evening

Nov. 7, 1978

First Church, Little Rock

"Boldness in Purpose"

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33)

6:30 p.m.	Choral praise	Music Men/ Singing Women
6:45	Congregational singing	David Branton
6:55	Scripture and prayer	Frank Lady
7:00	Call to order	Johnny Jackson
	Enrollment of Messengers	C. A. Johnson
	Adoption of order of business	Clifford Palmer
	Welcome	John B. Wright
	Fraternal greetings, acknowledgements	
	Recognition of former presidents	
	Appointment of committees	
	Statements of committee chairmen	
	Announcements	
7:40	Resolutions and constitutional amendments	
7:55	Choral praise	Singing Women
8:05	BSU THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN	Tom Logue and Jamie Jones
8:35	Special music	Jack Price
8:45	MESSAGE	Jimmy Allen
9:15	Benediction	Charles Atkinson

Wednesday morning

Nov. 8, 1978

First Church, Little Rock

"Boldness in Stewardship"

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (1 Cor. 4:2)

8:30 a.m.	Choral praise	Music Men
8:45	Congregational singing	David Tate
8:55	Scripture and prayer	J. D. Webb
9:00	BIBLE STUDY	Dale Moody
9:30	Memorial moments	William Garner
9:40	Welcome to new Arkansans	
	Tribute to senior ministers	Charles H. Ashcraft
10:00	EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT	Kenneth Threet
10:30	Congregational singing	David Tate
10:35	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	
10:50	Miscellaneous business	

11:05	Arkansas Baptist Foundation	Harry D. Trulove
11:20	Special music	Jack Price
11:30	PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS	Johnny Jackson
12:00	Benediction	Terrel Gordon

Wednesday afternoon

Nov. 8, 1978

First Church, Little Rock

"Boldness in Worship and Praise"

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth." (Psalms 96:9)

1:30 p.m.	Choral praise	Handbell Choir Pulaski Heights, Little Rock
1:45	Congregational singing	Ray McClung
1:55	Scripture and prayer	Aaron Carter
2:00	BIBLE STUDY	Dale Moody
2:30	ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)	
2:45	Resolutions Committee (first report)	Mason Craig
3:00	Congregational singing	Ray McClung
3:05	Nomination Committee report	John R. Maddox
3:20	Miscellaneous business	
3:35	Special music	Jack Price
3:45	CONVENTION SERMON Alternate	Kendell Black Robert Tucker
4:15	Benediction	H. T. Ball

Wednesday evening

Nov. 8, 1978

First Church, Little Rock

"Boldness in Missions"

"And he said unto them, Go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

6:30 p.m.	Choral praise	Choir, First Church, Little Rock
6:45	Congregational singing	Glen Ennes
6:55	Scripture and prayer	Wayne Davis
7:00	Woman's Missionary Union report	Julia Ketner
7:10	BOLD MISSIONS IN ARKANSAS	Charles H. Ashcraft
7:40	Congregational singing	Glen Ennes
7:45	BOLD MISSIONS IN AMERICA	Jimmy Anderson
8:15	Congregational singing	Glen Ennes
8:20	Special music	Jack Price
8:35	BOLD MISSIONS IN ALL THE WORLD	Cal Guy
9:05	Benediction	Charles Alexander

**Thursday morning
Nov. 9, 1978
First Church, Little Rock
"Boldness in Evangelism"**

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

8:30 a.m.	Choral praise	
8:45	Congregational singing	Carbon Sims
8:55	Scripture and prayer	Dickson Rial
9:00	BIBLE STUDY	Dale Moody
9:30	Resolutions Committee (second report)	Mason Craig
9:45	Miscellaneous business	
10:00	Ouachita Baptist University	Daniel R. Grant
10:20	Southern Baptist College	D. Jack Nicholas
10:40	Christian Civic Foundation	Edward W. Harris
10:50	Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services	Johnny G. Biggs
11:05	MESSAGE "Building Evangelistic Churches in Arkansas"	Jesse Reed
11:35	Special music	Jack Price
11:45	MESSAGE	W. A. Criswell
12:15 p.m.	Benediction Adjourn	Harrison Johns

Music of the convention coordinated by Ervin Keathley
Organist, Elois Hynes



First Church, Little Rock: 1978 meeting site

**Host pastor welcomes
convention messengers**

When our Baptist friends across the State begin their journey to Little Rock to attend the annual Convention Meeting Nov. 7-9, they can be assured a warm welcome awaits them at the First Baptist Church. Ours is a hospitable church, and we will fling open wide the doors of our church and heart to receive you.

We have always done our utmost to provide the needs not only of the Convention, but all the auxiliaries, including meeting rooms and banquet arrangements. With the expansion of our facilities, we will be better able to care for your needs. Much interest has been shown in

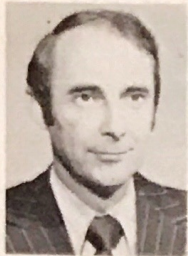
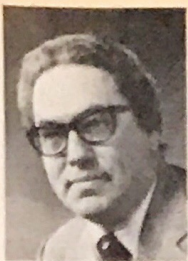
our Christian Family Life Center over the state, and for those who are interested guided tours throughout the week will be provided. These tours will include not only the Christian Family Life Center, but our new Education Building. The Lord has through His grace provided these facilities, and we are pleased beyond measure to share them with you.

Our staff has worked diligently in making arrangements for all the functions relating to the annual meeting, and they have done it with a glad heart. Each member of our staff will be on hand to assist you in

any way.

You will find an abundance of eating establishments in this section of the city. If you prefer not to go out, you may eat at our Snack Bar in the Christian Family Life Center which is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. We have a full staff on duty there during these hours.

Let us come praying for a good meeting. Our president, Johnny Jackson, has a superb program prepared for us, and the speakers he has engaged are outstanding. We'll have a good time together. WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME! — **John B. Wright**



From top left:
Jimmy Allen
W. A. Criswell
Kendell Black
Cal Guy
R. Keith Parks

Pastors' Conference

First Church, Little Rock

Theme: "Proclaiming Bold Missions"

Monday afternoon

Nov. 6, 1978

- 1:15 p.m. Congregational singing
Special music
Scripture and prayer
Special music
- 1:30 "Through the Printed Word"
Congregational singing
Special music
- 2:15 "Through Revival Evangelism"
- 2:45 Congregational singing
Special music
- 3:00 Message
- 3:40 Benediction

James Burleson
 Ron Alexander
 W. T. Byrum
 Ron Alexander
 Everett Sneed
 James Burleson
 Sharon Sanders
 Jesse Reed
 James Burleson
 "Dayspring"
 R. Keith Parks

Monday evening

Nov. 6, 1978

- 6:45 p.m. Congregational singing
Scripture and prayer
Special music
- 7:00 "Through the University Campus"
- 7:30 Congregational singing
Special music
- 7:45 "Through Personal Evangelism"
- 8:15 Congregational singing
Special music
- 8:30 Message
- 9:10 Benediction

Ervin Keathley
 Charles Chesser
 Ouachita Singers
 H. D. McCarty
 Ervin Keathley
 Ouachita Singers
 Clifford Palmer
 Ervin Keathley
 "Salt"
 R. Keith Parks

Tuesday morning

Nov. 7, 1978

- 9:00 a.m. Congregational singing
Scripture and prayer
Special music
- 9:15 "Through Equipping the Saints"
- 9:45 Election of officers
- 10:00 Congregational singing
Special music
- 10:15 "Through Prayer"
- 10:45 Music concert
- 11:15 Message
- 12:10 Benediction

Jay Gore
 Keith Lloyd
 "Reflection"
 Bill Bennett
 Jay Gore
 "Happy Side"
 Ferrell Morgan
 Southern Baptist College
 R. Keith Parks
 New President

Officers

Jack J. Bledsoe, President
 Sam Atkins, First Vice President
 Phil Lineberger, Second Vice President

Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association

Nov. 7, 1978

Park Hill Church

200 East C Street, North Little Rock

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 Music feature — Leon Westerhouse, Evangelistic Singer, Birmingham, Ala.
- 9:45 Who's new
- 10:00 Robert Cox, Dean of the Department of Education and Psychology, Texas Eastern University, Tyler, Tex.
- 11:30 Testimony — Leon Westerhouse
- 12:00 Lunch and Concert — BSU Choir, Henderson State University
- 1:30 p.m. Mischievous melodies — Lew King, East Side, Ft. Smith; Glenn Stewart, Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith
- 1:45 Business
- 2:00 Robert Cox
- 3:30 Adjourn

Program people

Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Tex., is serving his second term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Allen is a native of Hope. Dr. Allen writes a weekly newspaper column, and he has been a TV commentator, special observer at the United Nations for Southern Baptists, and worker for organizations seeking Christian influence in social concerns. Dr. Allen will speak Tuesday evening.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, has served that church since 1944. He is a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a prolific writer and world traveler. Dr. Criswell will speak at the closing session Thursday morning.

Kendell Black is pastor of Second Church, Conway. He will preach the "convention sermon" Wednesday afternoon.

Cal Guy, a speaker for Wednesday evening, is Professor of Missions at Southwestern Seminary. He has been a pastor in Tennessee, Texas and Oklahoma. He is an author and traveler.

R. Keith Parks, director of the Mission Support Division of the Home Mission Board, will speak to the Pastors' Conference, meeting prior to the annual meeting of the Convention. Parks lived in Arkansas during his youth. He was appointed a foreign missionary in 1954, and he has served as secretary for Southeast Asia.

Charlotte H. Clinebell, author of "Meet Me in the Middle", will be the speaker for the meeting of convention wives. Dr. Clinebell is a psychotherapist in private practice in Claremont, Calif.

Convention Wives Conference

First Church, Little Rock

Nov. 7, 1978

Tuesday morning

9:30 a.m.	Registration	
	Welcome	
	Invocation	Martha Henderson
10:00	Speaker	Charlotte H. Clinebell
11:30	Announcements	
	Adjourn	

Tuesday afternoon

1:30 p.m.	Registration continued	
2:00	Welcome	
	Invocation	Mrs. J. W. L. Adams Jr.
2:15	Special music	
2:30	Business	Mrs. J. W. L. Adams Jr.
2:45	Speaker	Charlotte H. Clinebell
3:30	Announcements	
	Adjourn	

Officers

Mrs. J. W. L. Adams Jr., president
 Mrs. Larry Henderson, vice president
 Mrs. Ed McDonald, secretary
 Mrs. Joe Gordon, social co-chairperson
 Mrs. Jon Stubblefield, social co-chairperson

Auxiliary meetings

Persons interested in world hunger, particularly those with agricultural interests, are invited to attend a noon Agricultural Fellowship Luncheon, Nov. 8, 1978, during the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. John R. Cheyne, Coordinator for Hunger Relief and Disaster Response for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va., will be present at this meeting.

Those interested should write Dr. Charles H. Ashcraft, executive secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203, or call 376-4791, by Oct. 27.

The meeting is tentatively scheduled for First Church, Little Rock.

The annual **Ouachita** "Tigers & Chickens" dinner will be served immediately after the Wednesday afternoon session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, at 4:45 p.m., Nov. 8, in the Fellowship Hall of First Church, Little Rock. Dr. Daniel Grant, president of Ouachita University, and the Ouachita Chamber Singers will be featured on the brief program. Tickets will be available at the Ouachita Booth and at the door.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Association will meet for a luncheon at noon, Nov. 7, at First Church, Little Rock. A representative of

the seminary will speak. Tickets will be available in the Book Store area, according to Hilton Lane, president.

Alumni of **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary** will meet Nov. 7 in the dining room of First Church. C. A. Johnson, president, reports that Russell Dilday, seminary president, will be the speaker.

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni luncheon will be held at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House, 9210 North Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Each person will pay for his meal, and wives are invited.

There will be a guest speaker from the seminary.

Dale Moody, professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will speak to **Southern Seminary** alumni at this year's Arkansas alumni meeting. The meeting will take place Nov. 8 at noon at First Church, Little Rock. Paul McClung of Mansfield serves as president of the state alumni association.

Southern Baptist College alumni and friends will meet for dinner Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. at First Church. A brief program will feature D. Jack Nicholas, president of the school.

Annuity secretary available at meeting

The Annuity Board is carrying out its theme for 1979 of "Church Staff Support in Bold Missions" by urging SBC churches to back their ministers and staffs by making sure they participate in retirement and insurance programs administered by the Dallas-based agency.

During the state convention in First Church, Little Rock, Nov. 7-9, the annuity secretary of Arkansas, Mrs. Nadine Bjorkman, will be present during all the sessions for conferences concerning the retirement and insurance plans for Southern Baptists who serve in church-related vocations. A convenient location for the Annuity Board display has been arranged in a classroom near the fellowship hall.

Besides retirement programs, the Board also administers life, medical and disability insurance. Annually, benefits are paid to more than 13,000 annuitants, including disabled persons, widows and retirees.

The president speaks

To help make our State Convention, Nov. 7-9, function as well as possible, I am presenting the following suggestions and instructions:



Jackson

1. All persons who have an assigned part on the program are asked to sit near the front of the auditorium and to be ready to appear on the program at the appointed time.

2. All persons on the convention program are urged to abide by the time limit given to them in their assignment.

3. All persons desiring to make a resolution and/or a constitutional amendment must do so on Tuesday evening, Nov. 7. Please be prepared to come to the platform at the appropriate time and please have your resolution and/or amendment in written form (preferable in two copies).

In addition to these functional suggestions, it is my earnest plea to all messengers that everyone plan to come early for the first session Tuesday evening and plan to stay through the last session on Thursday morning to hear Dr. Criswell bring the closing address. Any person going home early will miss some of the greatest blessings of the convention.

It is a joy to serve our convention as president. I earnestly ask for your prayer support for me that God's direction and blessing may be upon every convention session. — **Johnny Jackson, president, Arkansas Baptist State Convention**

Recommendations to the Convention

1 1979 Budget

(Recommendation of Executive Board)

	<u>1979 Request</u>
I. State causes	
1. ADMINISTRATION	\$ 69,411.00
2. CHRISTIAN LIFE COUNCIL	35,000.00
3. BUSINESS SERVICES	185,458.00
4. DEPARTMENTS:	
(1) Annuity - Operating	13,359.00
(2) Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine	104,400.00
(3) Baptist Student Union - Operating	292,014.00
- Buildings	13,272.00
(4) Brotherhood	43,149.00
(5) Camp Paron - Operating	30,001.00
- Improvements	10,000.00
(6) Church Music	65,673.00
(7) Church Training	84,790.00
(8) Evangelism	100,695.00
(9) Ministry of Crisis Support	50,000.00
(10) Missions	195,145.00
(11) National Baptists	62,531.00
(12) Siloam Springs - Operating	23,139.00
- Improvements	22,314.00
(13) Stewardship	63,461.00
(14) Sunday School	130,317.00
5. OTHER SERVICES:	
(1) Baptist Building Debt	72,000.00
(2) Baptist Building Repairs	10,000.00
(3) Reserve for Severance	8,294.00
(4) Reserve for Medical Insurance	
Premium Increase	5,000.00
(5) Insurance for Disabled and	
Retired Employees	11,820.00
(6) Contingency	10,000.00
(7) Reserve	22,250.00
(8) Annuity	162,000.00
(9) Convention	38,105.00
	<u>\$1,933,598.00</u>
6. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION	140,721.00
Total Executive Board programs	\$2,074,319.00
7. ARKANSAS BAPTIST FAMILY & CHILD CARE	161,169.00
8. ARKANSAS BAPTIST FOUNDATION	76,846.00
9. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
(1) Ouachita Baptist University	766,607.00
(2) Southern Baptist College	191,651.00
(3) Ministerial Education Loan Fund	75,603.00
	<u>\$1,033,861.00</u>
Total state causes	\$3,346,195.00
II. Southern Baptist Convention	\$2,380,631.00
Total state causes and SBC	\$5,726,826.00
III. Advance	
1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
(1) Ouachita Baptist University	\$ 403,951.00
(2) Southern Baptist College	100,987.00
(3) Ministerial Education Loan Fund	42,650.00
	\$ 547,588.00
2. OTHER	
(1) Baptist Student Union	\$ 57,044.00
(2) New Mission Sites	45,635.00
(3) Arkansas Baptist Family & Child Care	64,903.00
(4) Arkansas Baptist Foundation	3,855.00
(5) Assembly Improvements	58,307.00
(6) Camp Improvements	19,439.00
(7) Baptist Building Improvements	15,637.00
(8) Contingency for History Committee	\$ 14,814.00
	<u>\$ 279,634.00</u>
Total advance	\$ 827,222.00
Grand Total	\$6,554,048.00

2 Annuity Board

The Executive Board recommends to the 1978 Arkansas Baptist State Convention that actual expense for housing, up to 40 percent of the total retirement annuity received through the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention shall constitute a rental allowance paid as part of the retired ordained minister's compensation for past services, effective Jan. 1, 1979.

3 Objectives and goals for Bold Mission Thrust 1979-1982

(Recommendation of Executive Board)

Purpose: That every Southern Baptist understand, accept and become involved in the mission to enable every person in the world to have the opportunity to hear and to respond to the gospel of Christ by the year 2000.

I. Bold growing . . . by providing New Testament based churches and missions for all people

1. Through increasing Bible Study enrollment in existing churches by 3 percent each year.
2. Through providing opportunities for all persons in their localities to hear the gospel, resulting in baptizing one person for every 27 Southern Baptists.
3. Through establishing 80 new church-type mission/churches.
4. Through establishing 20 points of witness in new geographic/cultural areas.

II. Bold going . . . by seeking out the called and cooperating in the support of persons participating in the activities of Bold Mission Thrust.

1. Through churches seeking out the called and cooperating in the support of career mission volunteers.
2. Through encouraging the churches to seek out the called and to cooperate in supporting 5,000 Mission Service Corps and 250 other short-term mission volunteers.
3. Through encouraging the churches to seek out the called and to equip 25,000 church members to

participate in presenting the gospel in their own localities.

III. Bold giving . . . by providing adequate financial resources to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust.

1. Through enlarging the financial base in each church by an annual 15 percent increase.
2. Through doubling gifts through the Cooperative Program by 1982 (from 1977).
3. Through enlarging gifts for work through the associations by at least 15 percent each year.
4. Through increasing the special mission offerings (foreign, home, state, associational) by 15 percent each year.
5. Through securing adequate gifts over and above regular gifts to send 5,000 Mission Service Corps missionaries.

4 Indiana crusade

In compliance with the following resolution from the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana:

WHEREAS, Dr. E. Harmon Moore and Dr. Charles Ashcraft have discussed a linkage between the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, to promote the Bold Mission Thrust and to help Indiana in its Bold Mission Thrust; and

WHEREAS, The Missions Director from Indiana and the Evangelism Director have met with the Missions Director from Arkansas and the Evangelism Director from Arkansas in the presence of Dr. Charles Ashcraft, the Executive Director from Arkansas and discussed the possibilities of a linkage between the two states to promote a Bold Mission Evangelistic Thrust; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana officially ask the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to help us by inviting 100 to 125 of their choice pastors to look at the fields which are white unto harvest in Indiana with the idea in mind that they will ask their congregations to enter into co-sponsorship with a church in Indiana to establish a new mission and that the same pastor be invited to participate in one of our churches in simultaneous revival effort April 1-8, 1979; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That we ask the churches in Arkansas to pay the expenses of their pastor while on a mission

visit or mission revival in Indiana and that we invite these churches to send mission groups, volunteers, their pastor and lay people to participate in the establishment of a mission or missions in Indiana.

The Executive Board recommends:

That the Arkansas Baptist State Convention respond to the request of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana by endorsing the April 1-8, 1979, Evangelism crusade by encouraging 125 pastors to accept the invitation of Indiana Baptists to come at their own expense to preach in the 1979 crusade and that encouragement be given in the interest of developing new missions and churches in Indiana.

5 Arkansas Baptist Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Foundation brings the following recommendation:

It is recommended that in 1979 the income earned from undesignated receipts be distributed to the Ben Elrod Scholarship Fund of Ouachita Baptist University.

The Charter and By-Laws of the Foundation provide that if a donor does not select an income beneficiary the gift shall be classified as undesignated and the Convention each year is to select the income recipient. Currently the income from undesignated receipts is approximately \$800.

This past summer when Ben Elrod, Senior Vice-President of Ouachita Baptist University, resigned to go to Georgetown College as President, the Administration and Trustees of the University established the Ben Elrod Scholarship Fund as an expression of appreciation for his years of service with the University.

Convention Committees named

These 1978 Convention committees have been appointed by Johnny Jackson president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

Credentials Committee

C. A. Johnson, Chairman
Bill Kreis

Jack Bledsoe
Bruce Murphy
Delton Cooper

Resolutions Committee

Mason Craig, Chairman
Joe Hogan
David Crouch
Jim Wright

New programs to be recommended

Two new programs of work will be presented to Arkansas Baptists this fall: The Ministry of Crisis Support and The Christian Life Council.

In their annual meeting in 1977 the Arkansas Baptist State Convention voted unanimously to begin a Ministry of Crisis Support. The Executive Board was charged with implementing the program. During the past year the Operating Committee of the Executive Board has met several times with representatives of the Committee on Stress in the ministry that presented the original recommendation to the convention. Together these two groups have worked out a job description, compensation scale, tentative budget and other related needs that were presented to and adopted by the full Executive Board in August. The Board, therefore, has included \$50,000 for this ministry in the budget for 1979.

Basically the office will provide concerned, confidential and biblical counseling for any person or family member of that person who is or has been in a Southern Baptist church-related vocation and now resides within our state, and who is going through a period of personal crisis and needs support and fellowship. The director of this ministry will be an employee of the Executive Board in similar fashion to our other Baptist Building staff personnel. His office will be located away from the Baptist Building to insure privacy and confidentiality. An advisory committee elected by the convention will give assistance and counsel.

The Christian Life Council is to be directed by a new staff member who is to assist Arkansas Baptists in becoming more aware of the ethical imperatives of the gospel. The Council will be composed of several members of the Executive Board and will support the director in giving leadership in areas dealing with: the Christian family, alcohol and drug abuse, moral and social problems, pornography, human relations, and other related fields. The Council has been assigned \$35,000 in the 1979 budget.

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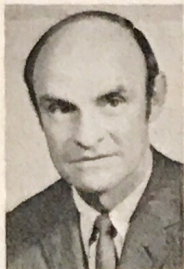
Once in 130 years

Once in our 130-year history Arkansas Baptists are having a special statewide financial drive for Baptist Student Unions on 27 campuses in the state. Why?

There have been special emergency needs the last few years: the creation

of five new community colleges in Arkansas and a 62 percent increase in college enrollment the last 10 years. Moreover, the number of foreign students has doubled in the last five years, with now over 850 foreign students studying in Arkansas.

Some Baptist causes have special offerings every year, and others have them ever so often. You'll notice this: all these causes have large staffs and properties in their attempts to reach people for Christ.



Logue

The Student Department in Arkansas, just as in other states, has the largest staff of convention employees and is the only department with real estate holdings — 13 Baptist Student Centers and five adjoining houses.

Historically, Arkansas Baptists have been behind some of our other states in Baptist Student work. For instance, Texas Baptists appointed their first State BSU Director 17 years before Arkansas did and created a Department of Student Work 30 years before Arkansas did. Things were accomplished those early years — such as the creation of chairs of Bible at state schools — that are impossible for us to do now.

Let's not fail this time. Let's catch up. God has given us a unique opportunity in the Third Century Endowment Campaign.

We believe that the suggested goal for churches is reasonable and equitable, and well within the reach of churches of all sizes. Our Steering Committee consulted with a number of pastors, Directors of Missions and laymen across the state to determine the suggested goal. It was predicated to some degree on the level of giving by churches to the Ouachita-Southern Campaign, even though the total goal and the suggested goals for churches in that campaign were much higher.

Thousands of college students in the years to come will be reached or not reached with the gospel depending on the vision of our Arkansas Baptist people today.

Once in our 130 years. "Thank you, Lord, for this unique opportunity and the vision of your people." — **Tom Logue, Director of the Student Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention**

Did you know that the Cooperative Program supports the world's largest theological seminary — Southwestern at Ft. Worth?

Child Care Gifts honor persons and help agency

Memorials are scriptural. They are used of the Lord to keep important events before his people. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan River into Canaan, the priests took stones from the dry river bed to erect a memorial of the event for all generations to come (Joshua 4:7). The death of Jesus is memorialized in the Lord's Supper.

Memorials keep pleasant memories fresh. They link the past and present. They are influential reminders that someone has lived an influential life.

A growing number of people are making contributions in memory of deceased loved ones and friends. Many contribute to the memorial fund of Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services. The gift not only perpetuates the memory of a person but also provides for children with personal needs.

In addition to memorial gifts, many are making contributions in honor of some person. It may be a parent, child, pastor, Sunday School teacher, neighbor or someone else.

The important point is that Godly influences are kept alive as challenges to the living.

If you are interested in making a memorial or "In Honor" gift, send it to Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. — **Homer W. Shirley Jr., Director of Development, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services**

Looking ahead: Arkansas events

October 1978 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH

- 5 North Central District Brotherhood Meeting, Batesville, First
- 6-7 State Deacon Ministry Conference, Olivet, Little Rock (Church Training)
- 6-8 Baptist Student Union Convention
- 9-13 Associational Annual Meetings
- 16-20 Associational Annual Meetings
- 22 High Attendance Night in Church Training
- 24 Church Training Convention, Immanuel, Little Rock
- 26-27 Music Men/Singing Women Retreat, Camp Paron
- 27-28 Baptist Women Retreat, Camp Paron
- 29 Great Day in the Morning!

November 1978

- 2-4 Marriage Enrichment Retreat (Church Training)
- 4 Parents and Pastors' Day (Southern Baptist College)
- 5-11 Royal Ambassador Week
- 6 Royal Ambassador Supper, Immanuel, Little Rock
- 6 Day of Prayer (BWA)
- 7-9 Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Little Rock, First

Stewardship Tools for budget planning

A church budget can be put together with few resources. Give three people pencils, sheets of paper and copies of last year's budget. After two hours they may have a recommended budget ready to present to the church.

Ministry-action budgeting takes another approach. The budget planning committee is guided by four questions:

- What ministries should our church do next year?
- Why should we do these minis-

- tries?
- How shall we accomplish these ministries?
- How much will these ministries cost, and are we willing to commit that amount of money?

The booklet, "The Church Stewardship Committee", defines the responsibilities of a church's stewardship committee. This committee takes the initiative in suggesting ministry-action budgeting.

Two publications, "Simplified Budgeting for Ministries" and "Ministry-Action Budgeting", provide helpful guidelines for churches desiring to minister.

Churches that give missions a high priority will find the "Church Mission Support Survey" form a helpful guide.

When committees ask, "How much will these ministries cost?", they need answers. "The Financial Potential for Your Church" form includes two studies. The first presents a giving profile of the church. The second analyzes the ability of the church to minister.

Suggestions for preparing a line-item budget are found in the "Church Budgeting Workbook" and "Simplified Church Budget Development". All of the above tools are available from your state Stewardship Department. — James A. Walker, Secretary of Stewardship

Announcing the 1978

Church Training Convention

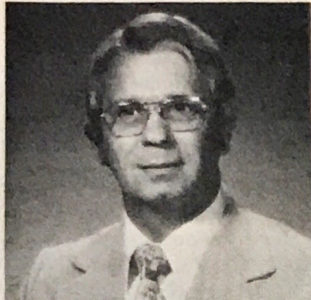
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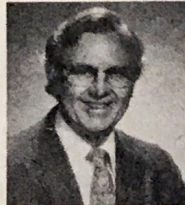
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Don Cooper (far right), associate director of the Sunday School Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, leads an emphasis on Single Adults.

Kenneth Chafin, Houston, Tex., pastor, spoke at one session.



Sunday School leaders consider growth

The leadership of the Holy Spirit, enthusiasm, and the desire to minister to others were the three basic steps given for Sunday School growth at the annual Sunday School Convention held on Sept. 18-19.

Eugene Skelton from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., and Kenneth Chafin, pastor

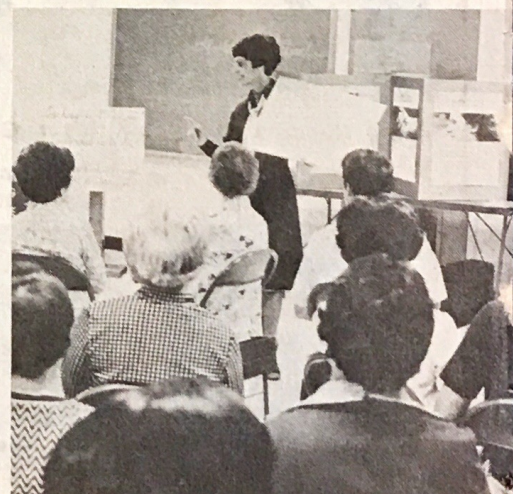
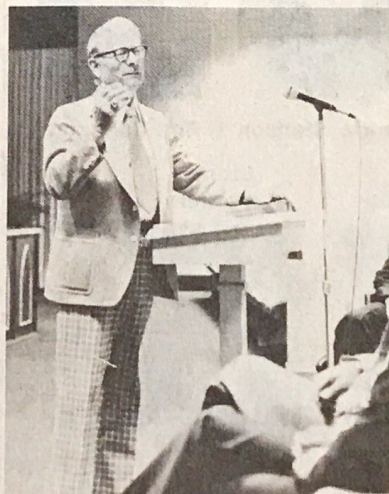
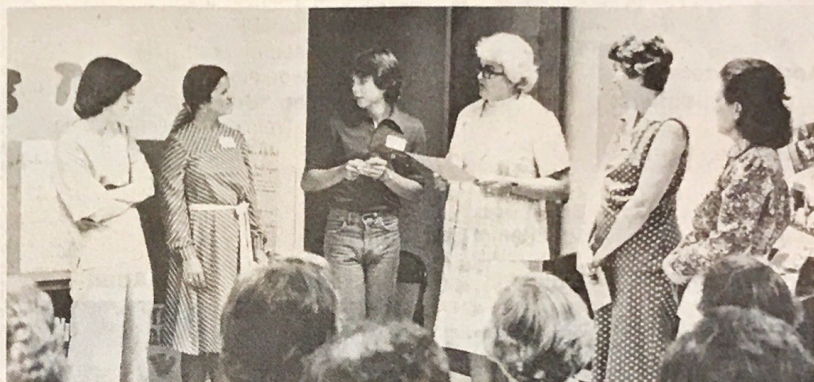
of North Main Church, Houston, Tex., gave these facts when they spoke at the convention held at Olivet Church in Little Rock.

Lawson Hatfield, Director of the Sunday School department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, said that "work with Cradle Roll departments, work with Single Adults, and the Standard of

Excellence were our three featured areas this year."

The film "An Act of Love," was shown for inspiration and information on the Bold Mission Thrust.

There were 600 who attended the convention from churches all over Arkansas.



ABOVE: Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Director led the Tuesday evening emphasis on the Sunday School Standard of Excellence. He displayed a banner that will be given to churches doing "standard" work.

ABOVE RIGHT: The conference for the Searchers Class was led by Mrs. Elvis Edwards (third from right) of Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock.

RIGHT: Eugene Skelton was a speaker. FAR RIGHT: Mrs. Don Cooper led an adult workers conference. (ABN photos/Millie Gill)

RIGHT: Bob Parish, language ministries director, indicates areas in Arkansas where work with refugees is being done. BELOW: Ruben Canas, director of language missions, Tennessee Baptist Convention, led conferences on work with Hispanics. (ABN photos/Millie Gill)



Refugees need friendship first, workshop group told

"Refugees must be shown friendship and Christian love before they are told about Christ," said Rafael Melian at a language ministries workshop Sept. 22.

Melian, a Cuban refugee, spoke at the first Arkansas workshop on ministry to both Hispanic (people of Spanish origin) and Indochinese. He is a program leader for language missions of New Orleans Baptist Association and a language consultant for both the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Bob Parrish, language ministries director of the Missions Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, planned the workshop.



ABOVE: Tran Minh Hai, pastor for Vietnamese Ministry at First Church, Kenner, La., and Calvary Church, New Orleans, La., led conferences on work with Indochinese refugees. RIGHT: Melian speaks on the needs of a refugee at a noon luncheon. To his left is R. H. Dorris, Arkansas Director of Missions.



Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, has introduced the new Orff-Kodaly approach into their Children's Choir curriculum. This new approach is now being used in the public schools of large cities in the East, in California, and in Texas. Park Hill is the first Baptist church in Arkansas to incorporate this new method into the children's choir program. This approach majors on the child hearing and feeling pitch and rhythm, and uses special instruments like small xylophones, drums, and wood blocks. Music reading becomes an acquired skill through the Kodaly concept of feeling notes first and learning names later.



Executive Committee considers new seminary, merger of agencies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Actions to study the potential of telecommunications for Baptists and proposals for a new seminary and merger of two Southern Baptist Convention agencies transpired during the annual meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

The committee also made statements on the Middle East peace accords and "Bold Mission Thrust," set guidelines to select a successor to its executive secretary-treasurer, and voted a 1978-79 budget.

The telecommunications study grew out of a proposal by the SBC Radio and Television Commission that the Executive Committee explore Southern Baptist participation in telecommunications in cooperation with the Public Service Satellite Consortium.

The committee, after considerable discussion, voted to "encourage the involved and interested (SBC) agencies jointly to participate in a telecommunications study with staff leadership to be provided by the Radio and Television Commission."

Responding to a motion at the 1978

SBC meeting in Atlanta, the committee also asked "all interested parties to support and present their views" on the suggestion for establishing a seventh SBC seminary to the Executive Committee's Institutions Work group in February. In turn the work group and the Program and Budget Subcommittee of the Executive Committee will bring recommendations to the Executive Committee which would report to the 1979 convention in Houston.

In a related action, the Executive Committee requested the SBC Sunday School Board to work with appropriate agencies to project seminary enrollments through 1985 and update studies done in 1957 showing the number of churches in a 250 mile radius of each existing seminary site and other possible seminary sites.

The matter of agency merger was proposed in a letter sent by George Bagley, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist Convention. Bagley, noting that the Brotherhood Commission is now without a leader following the recent death of Glendon McCullough, proposed merger of the commission with the Sunday School Board.

Noting that its action "is not to be taken as implying that the committee or its subcommittees or work groups at this time approve or disapprove of the merger," the Executive Committee asked the board and the commission to study the proposal. The two agencies will appoint a conference committee of three from each to discuss the feasibility of Bagley's suggestion for consolidation and report to the Executive Committee

in February.

The Executive Committee also sent a telegram to President Jimmy Carter commending him and thanking God "for the steps which have been made toward peace in the Middle East." It also passed a resolution committing each Executive Committee member to strong personal and prayer support of the SBC's "Bold Mission Thrust" goal to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world in this century.

Taking further note of the retirement of Porter W. Routh, its long-time executive secretary-treasurer, the Executive Committee approved guidelines outlining qualifications for Routh's successor and took steps to increase Routh's retirement benefits. Routh, who has headed the Executive Committee for more than 27 years, will retire Aug. 1, 1979. A successor is expected to be named in February, 1979.

The Executive Committee set its 1978-79 budget at \$736,100, 10.3 percent ahead of the previous year's figure. It includes a six percent cost of living adjustment for Executive Committee staff.

Subject to SBC approval, the Executive Committee set a Bold Mission Thrust Cooperative Program goal of \$83 million for the 1979-80 fiscal year, with a \$68.5 million basic budget, \$2.5 million capital fund and \$12 million Bold Mission Thrust Challenge section.

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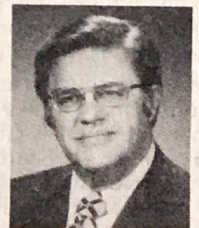
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John 4:24 tells us "God is a Spirit" and is worthy of our worship. Matthew 6:24 reminds us that he and he alone is worthy of our service. Exodus 20:3-7 tells us that our God is one God and he alone is to be worshiped.

God's claim on Israel is based on his sovereign choice and redemptive activity. Throughout their history they had come to know him as a kind loving heavenly Father. He loved them with an everlasting love. He watched over them, directing their affairs so as to reveal his eternal power and majesty. When the nation disobeyed God, with loving discipline he drew them back to himself. On the basis of their repentance and return to him, he forgave their sin. Discipline was always mixed with mercy

and always redemptive. In every experience of life, God has proven his love for them by meeting their needs according to his promises. The one event that spoke to them of his grace and was their deliverance out of Egyptian bondage. All of this proves that he alone is worthy of their worship and service.

We have more reason to reverence God than any other generation. From the time of creation, God has proven himself worthy of our love, worship and service.

In the time of our greatest need, when we were burdened with the guilt of sin, God had already provided a means of forgiveness. In the moment we committed our life to him by faith in Christ, he came into our life and cleansed from all sin.

Not only did he forgive and cleanse

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John 4:24; Matt. 6:24

Ex. 20:3-7; Luke 4:8

Matt. 5:33-37

by Harold Elmore, pastor,
Lake Village Church

from sin, he came to live in our life. His presence in our life, in the person of the Holy Spirit, assures us victory in every situation.

The Holy Spirit's leadership inspires us to obey his every command and is the dynamic that gives us strength to obey.

We are commanded to reverence God. He is to be first in our lives. If he is first in our life, we will serve him by obeying his commandments. He does not leave us in doubt as how we are to live and the way we are to serve. He has given us his Word, the Bible, as a guide.

If we love God, we will reverence him. If we reverence him, we will serve him. We must say it clearly so none will be mistaken, the way we show our love and reverence for God, is through an obedient life of service.

Bible Book Lesson

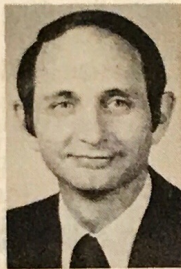
Adam and Eve: responsible

Man, God's supreme creation, has responsibility toward the creator and the created. It is response-ability toward God and Man.

Last week we studied about God's Good Creation. In our study this week we look again at the creation of Adam. Our study also will depict the planting of Eden and the creation of Eve.

The first man (2:4-7)

God gave special attention to the creation of man. Man was to be different than the animals God had created. In verse seven is recorded the expression, "man became a living soul." So man, made after the likeness of God, and being superior to all other creatures, is to represent the sovereignty of God in the world. Man is responsible for working with God to carry out God's eternal purposes for the world.



Cooper

The first test (2:8-17)

God did all that he could do for man. God was delighted with his creation. The word garden means a protected place. God intended that man would use this protected place to develop into all that God planned for man to be and do.

Man had a responsibility to take care of the garden. He was a steward for God.

In the garden man was to have only one limitation. God instructed man that he should not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It did not seem to be a difficult test. But alas, it struck at the heart of man's desire not to be limited. God was leading Adam to see that there is a difference between being God and being man. Adam, as has every man since, had a problem adapting to his human limitations.

The first family (2:18-25)

There was no companionship for man

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Genesis 2:4-25

by Don Cooper

Sunday School Department

among the animals. So God created woman out of man. Even though woman was created out of man, woman has the same nature and position before God. Woman is not inferior to man, nor is she of less value to God.

One theologian of the past spoke of woman as not being made out of man's head to rule over him; not out of his feet to be trampled on by him; but out of his side, to be equal with him; under his arm to be protected; and near his heart to be loved.

The family was God's first institution. The basic picture of man and woman is oneness. Woman's role is not subservience, and man's is not dictatorship.

So what

Man is a responsible being for God in God's world. Man's position and special relation to God makes him responsible to God. Man is to work with God in carrying out God's purposes.

Satisfaction comes from accepting one's responsibility and the Lordship of Christ.

For sinners only

Oct. 8, 1978

Luke 5:27-32; 19:9-14

by Charles Chesser, pastor
First Church, Carlisle

Above some doors you'll see this restrictive sign, "Employees Only". Above the door leading to salvation and eternal life you may see this sign, "Sinners Only". Qualification for entrance was fixed by Jesus himself — the only one with the right to do so. Of course every one is a sinner, but every one does not recognize this fact. The stated mission of Jesus in this world was "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). So, until we recognize ourselves as lost sinners, the salvation that Jesus provides is out of our reach.



Chesser

Identifying the sinner

The Pharisees considered themselves to be expert in identifying sinners, but their accusing gaze never came to rest upon themselves. These self-righteous people gloried in themselves and looked with contempt upon others who did not fit into their mold. They were astonished that Jesus would call a publican to be one of his followers and that he would associate with such (Luke 5:27-30). Their evaluation of themselves

and others is indicated in Luke 18:9, "And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others."

When the publican who went to the temple to pray came to identify a sinner, his eyes fell on himself. "The publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner" (18:13). He smote his breast as if to say, "There's something wrong with me in the area of my heart." The publican in this week's lesson and the prodigal in last week's each received mercy after acknowledging their sinfulness.

Atoning for the sinner

The Pharisee who went to the temple to pray was as enamored with a sense of self-righteousness and goodness as the publican was overwhelmed with a sense of unworthiness. Perhaps the Pharisee felt that if he had any sin at all it was more than atoned for by his exemplary life. After all, he was not greedy, dishonest nor immoral (19:11-12). On the

positive side he exceeded all requirements respecting fasting and tithing. He looked upon himself as a specimen that would make his maker proud. In fact, he thought of himself as the "achiever" and of God as the "receiver" of the benefits of such a noble life. The exact opposite is true as every redeemed person knows. Titus 3:5 states it for us all, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit."

Conclusion

Let's look to Jesus for an evaluation of these men. He passed judgment not only by what he said, but by what he did. He was criticized for his association with publicans and sinners. Jesus stooped not to condemn, nor to condone, but to lift. Levi (Matthew) had received Jesus into his life and wanted to receive him into his home. So, he gives a feast and invites his friends to share his joy and to meet his Savior. Jesus was happy to accept such an invitation.

After looking at the two in the temple and hearing their prayers, Jesus said of the humble publican, "I tell you, that this man went down to his house justified rather than the other" (18:14).

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Satellite time purchased for "At Home with the Bible"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Two Southern Baptist agencies have joined forces to purchase weekly satellite time to distribute television programming through 350 cable systems covering all 50 states.

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 8, "At Home with the Bible" will air on 30 minutes of the one hour of time purchased by the Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission. The second half hour will feature varied programs produced by the commission.

"At Home with the Bible," a weekly program jointly produced by the two agencies, includes Bible study, music and interviews. It will also begin airing in October on approximately 15 television and seven radio stations.

The decision to purchase the satellite time came after considerable research to learn which satellite transmissions are picked up by the largest number of cable systems and thus have the potential for reaching the most homes, said

W. C. Woody, vice president of special projects at the Radio and Television Commission.

"This is the most inexpensive way to reach a potential 1.5 million homes," said Woody, adding that the actual viewing audience will be considerably smaller.

"At Home with the Bible" will air nationwide Sundays beginning at 9 a.m. EST on the Home Box Office channel.

"The Home Box Office channel is an intensely promoted channel," Woody said. He said any person who receives cable television in his home can find out if he will receive the satellite transmission by calling the cable manager and asking if they receive the Home Box Office channel.

In addition, "At Home with the Bible" will be shown on approximately 1,000 cable systems which have connections to the commercial stations on which time has been purchased.

Attendance report

Sept. 24, 1978

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Church adds.
Alexander			
First	96	53	
Hilldale	51	25	
Vimy Ridge, Immanuel	73	40	
Alma, Clear Creek Southern	148	69	5
Alpena, First	61	18	
Ash Flat, First	86	31	
Batesville, First	254	93	
Berryville			
First	168	43	
Freeman Heights	166	60	
Booneville			
First	263		
Blue Mountain Mission	22		
South Side	103	69	
Bryant, First Southern	212	80	
Cabot			
First	470	128	1
Mt. Carmel	392	150	8
Camden, Cullendale First	585	173	2
Charleston, First	183	56	
Conway			
Pickles Gap	204	90	4
Second	427	123	1
Crossett			
First	513	119	2
Temple	190	74	
Danville, First	176	50	
El Dorado, West Side	484	480	
Ft. Smith			
Grand Avenue	1065	214	2
Mission	21		
Trinity	141	37	
Fouke, First	115	76	
Gentry, First	163	52	1
Gosnell	658	119	23
Halley	53		
Hampton, First	167	59	3
Hardy, First	119	43	
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	250	90	10
Valley Springs	42	19	
Woodland Heights	123	70	
Helena, First	210	59	
Hot Springs			
Harvey's Chapel	128	84	
Park Place	294	93	2
Hughes, First	183	99	
Huntsville, First	88		
Jacksonville, First	410	79	4
Jonesboro			
Friendly Hope	141	98	
Nettleton	250	103	
Kingston, First Southern	67	30	
Lavaca, First	339	150	3
Little Rock, Crystal Hill	158	65	
Mammoth Spring, First	103	55	1
Melbourne, Belview	180	74	
Mulberry, First	256	136	
Murfreesboro, First	206	32	
Norfolk, First	86	62	3
North Little Rock			
Harmony	81	51	
Park Hill	1172	112	3
Paragould			
Calvary	234	162	
Center Hill	98	84	3
East Side	357	184	5
First	458	109	4
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	130	52	4
Central	128	55	
East Side	126	42	
Lee Memorial	241	94	
Watson Chapel	464	160	3
Rogers			
First	609	218	6
Immanuel	468	116	1
Russellville			
First	533	127	
Second	137	72	3
Sandusky, Okla., Faith	39	36	
Springdale			
Berry Street	44		
Caudle Avenue	111	41	
First	1647		23
Texarkana, Shiloh Memorial	229	104	
Vandervoort, First	74	59	
Ward, First	133	53	1
West Helena, Second	164	90	1
Wooster, First	136	88	
Yellville, First	162	60	

Foreign mission briefs

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador — about 175 young people from Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia and Venezuela met here for the second annual Baptist youth encounter led by guest speakers Rudy Hernandez, a Mexican-American from Texas, and Edgar Zea, Ecuador's first home missionary. The week-long meeting for young people ages 15 through 30 was a "time of spiritual renewal and dedication," said Floyd E. (Pat) Patterson, Southern Baptist missionary and national Baptist youth advisor for Ecuador. Following the encounter, a number of the young people went out in revival teams to witness in several cities.

PIKINE, Senegal — Southern Baptist missionaries Paul H. and Peggy Grossman recently opened a new Baptist

Center in Pikine, Senegal. Pikine is about eight kilometers from the capital city of Dakar. The Baptist Center is the first evangelical witness of any kind in this city except for one Senegalese Christian who lives there. There were 22 enrolled in the reading club within the first week. Other activities will include French and English classes, Bible studies, worship services, and "game day."

GREENWOOD, S.C. — Clifford Barratt, emeritus missionary to China and Taiwan, died early Sept. 11 in her hometown of Greenwood, S. C. She was 85. Funeral services were to be held Sept. 12 in Greenwood. Miss Barratt was appointed in 1921 and served in China until 1941. In 1947 she returned to China for four years. In 1951 she transferred to Taiwan and served there until her retirement in 1963.

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Baptists in Israel see agreement as breakthrough

by Elizabeth F. Smith

ASHKELON, Israel (BP) — "A glimpse of hope." "A breakthrough." "It's so remarkable we are stunned." "It's the answer to our prayers, a bigger answer than we could have conceived."

These were some of the first reactions of Baptists in Israel to the outcome of the Camp David summit. Both Arab and Jewish believers are cautiously hopeful that the agreements signed by Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat will lead to permanent peace in the Middle East.

good news.

Throughout the day people exchanged facts and opinions on the achievements of the conference and watched TV replays of the press conference at the White House. Some were among the rejoicing citizens who celebrated in public squares in towns and cities throughout the country.

Others stayed up until 2 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, to watch the live telecast of President Jimmy Carter's address to Congress. The nation's striking school teachers, including some at the Baptist secondary school in Nazareth, decided to return to their classrooms to be with their students at this historic moment.

Everyone agrees that the personal courage and deep faith of the three leaders is a very important element in the success of the summit.

Arab lay leader in Haifa, Ibrahim Sim'an, said he was thrilled that "President Carter proved his sincerity as a Christian." A Jewish believer said, "President Sadat is one of the greatest leaders of all times."

Foreign Mission Board representative James W. Smith, a Georgian serving in Ashkelon, said, "As I watched Jimmy Carter sitting between Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat, I marveled:

How wonderful that a Christian president can bridge the gap between a Jewish prime minister and a Moslem president to bring peace."

The moderator of the Israel Baptist Mission, Norman F. Lytle, said, "The Lord is using three men who are known for their personal piety. These leaders are not in power at this time just by chance. God is working through them to move us along towards peace."

An unhappy note is being sounded by a few Christians in Israel. As they study the documents they say, "But what about the prophecies describing Israel's borders?"

Robert Lindsey, a Foreign Mission Board representative and pastor in Jerusalem, stated: "Such people, who may even feel they must pray against the proposed agreements, have a serious misunderstanding of the very Scripture passages they quote."

Leaders of Baptist congregations throughout Israel are calling for believers to study the Scriptures diligently and to pray specifically, seeking God's will for the nation at this hour.

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Their excitement, similar to that felt after Sadat's visit to Jerusalem last November, is tempered by a realistic attitude about what lies ahead for all parties. Concern for the Palestinians and fear that radical elements may disrupt the negotiations are expressed by a number of Baptists. No one is predicting how the peace settlement will affect Baptist work in Israel.

"It won't be easy in the Knesset," said one Jewish believer. "But I now have hope for success. When the treaty is signed by mid-December, truly it will be Christmas all over the world."

News of the close of the summit reached Baptists in Israel about 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18. In Nazareth, Baptist deacon Fuad Haddad went around his neighborhood, knocking on doors, waking people and alerting them to the

Hollis, Parker oppose Communications Act rewrite

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BP) — Two denominational executives charged in testimony before a congressional subcommittee that the proposed rewrite of the federal Communications Act of 1934 would damage the public interest.

Harry N. Hollis, Jr., associate executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, and Everett C. Parker, director of the United Church of Christ's office of communication, called for a major overhaul of H.R. 1305, "The Communications Act of 1978."

U.S. Rep. Lionel Van Deerlin, D-Cal., chairman of the House Subcommittee on Communications, acknowledged that the embattled bill will have to be redrawn. He said that a new version will be introduced in the new Congress in January and that he would welcome additional testimony from the witnesses.

The present bill has also been attacked by such corporate giants as American Telephone and Telegraph and Bell Telephone Co., as well as cable television interests.

Hollis said the current proposal would allow "the rape of the public interest" by catering chiefly to the economic interests of the television and radio industries. The bill would eliminate the so-called "public interest standard" of the present communications act which requires broadcasters to operate in "the public interest, convenience and necessity."

Generally, it would provide for a complete deregulation of the radio industry and substantial deregulation of television broadcasting. Under the bill's provisions, the present Federal Communications Commission would be replaced by a more limited Communications Regulatory Commission.