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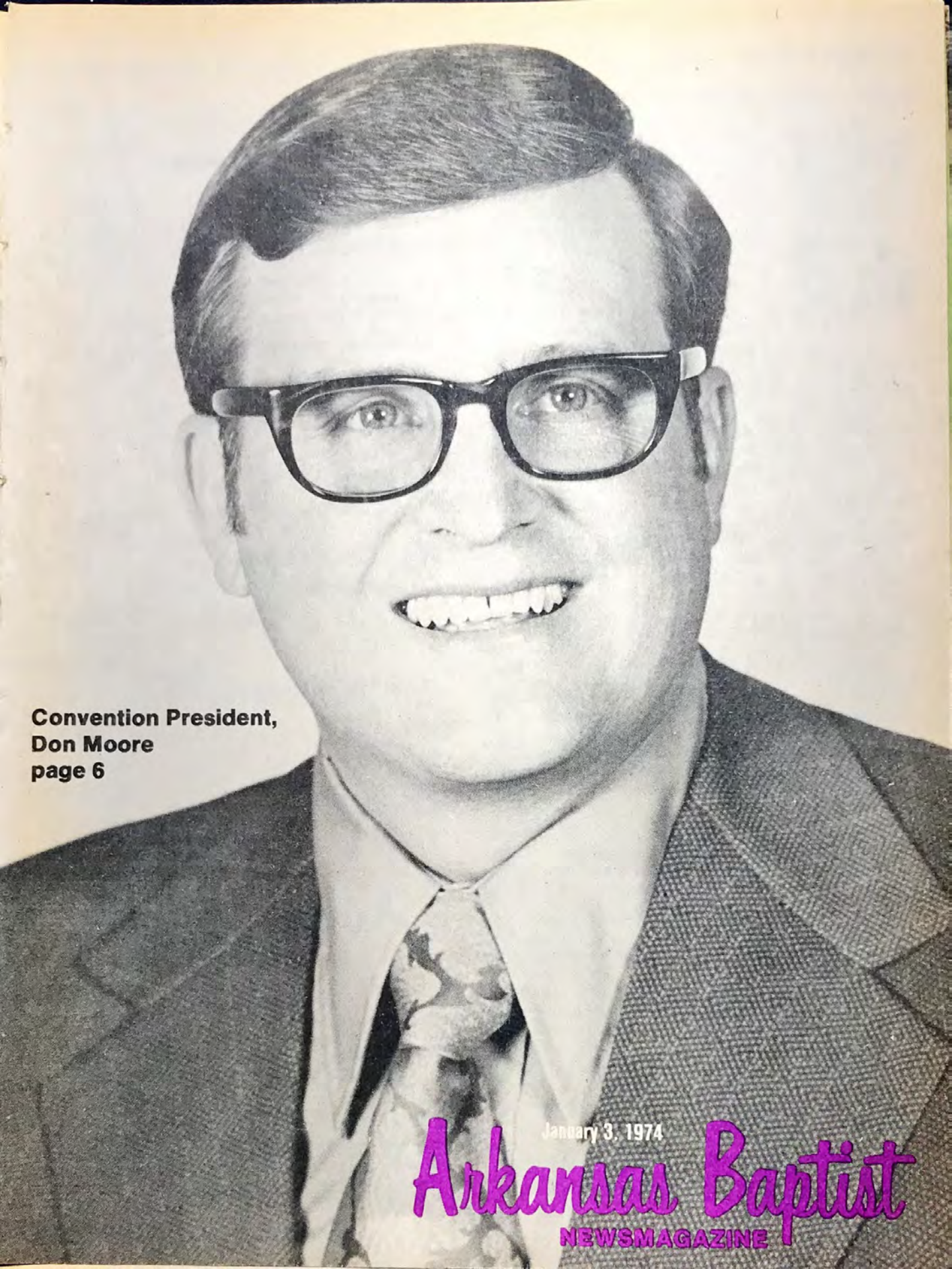
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NEWSMAGAZINE

Bright side of the energy crisis



Dr. Grant

I have never been one to say "Praise the Lord" automatically when anything bad happens. I prefer to associate evil in the world with the Devil rather than with God. But I do think it is good to look on the bright side of dark circumstances so long as a bright side does actually exist.

It may be time for us to say "Praise the Lord" about at least certain parts of the energy crisis. In spite of all of the problems involved, some good things seem to be coming from the energy crisis:

(1) The younger generation that has arrived on the scene since World War II may have the healthy experience, for the first time, of making real personal sacrifices for the common good. Until recently our children have classified our "Why-can't-you-remember-to-turn-the-lights-out?" as just another exercise designed by nagging parents, on the same level as "Keep-your-elbows-off-the-table," or "Don't-stay-out-too-late," or even "Wipe-your-feet-before-you-come-in-this-house!" Gas rationing or lower thermostats could be a helpful learning experience for all of us, and especially for a younger generation that has never known real sacrifice.

(2) We may learn what hundreds of conservation lectures were unable to teach us in earlier years — that extravagant waste of our limited natural resources must someday come to a screeching halt. We have all heard the warnings but I suspect we have either said we would worry about that tomorrow, or we have simply not believed. It is easy to classify conservationists as alarmists and as children "yelling wolf" when there is no wolf.

(3) With lower speed limits and less traffic, there will be fewer accidents and fewer senseless deaths on our highways. During World War II we saved 15,000 lives per year simply by driving slowly.

(4) If the nations of the world learn that we need each other and that world peace is in everybody's self-interest, the energy crisis could be one of the greatest things that has happened in modern times. It is well to remember that most industrial nations of the world, especially Japan and European nations, are even harder hit by energy shortages than the United States. If the pressures of the energy crisis could lead the nations of the world to construct an international energy system, it would be a giant step toward insuring that future generations will work harder to live at peace with one another.

Can any good come from the energy crisis? If we will use wisely the brains God gave us, it certainly can. — Daniel R. Grant, President, Quachita Baptist University

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Important new feature to appear in ABN



Editor Sneed

We are exceedingly pleased to introduce a new monthly feature entitled "The President Speaks." The column appearing the first week of each month will give opportunity for the president of our convention to deal with issues of importance to the churches.

Arkansas Baptist Convention presidents across the years have contributed their talents to our work and much of what we are

relates directly to them. It is our sincere hope and belief that this added avenue of communication will enrich the work even further.

A review of the past presidents reveals some of the reasons these men have been able to make such significant contributions to our convention. Each, whether preacher or layman, has possessed a number of outstanding characteristics.

These men have been sincerely interested in the Lord's work. If we are to be successful for our Master, we must place his kingdom above our own interest. The greater the extent to which we are able to achieve this goal, the greater will be our usefulness.

These men have revered the Bible. No matter how complex a problem may be, the Scripture will give us our direction. Our presidents have always

pointed us to the Word of God.

These men have had knowledge of, and dedication to, the great objectives of our convention. They have served across the years in this strategic place of leadership without remuneration. It requires much time, planning, and devotion to perform such a task.

These men have been articulate. The record shows that they have been skilled in the art of communication, often speaking forcefully on subjects where difference of opinion existed. This boldness has frequently given direction to our work.

These men have had the ability to work with the Baptist building staff. Both elected officers and board members, as well as full-time staff fill an important role in the strategic work of the denomination.

Don Moore, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, certainly possesses the characteristics of the men who have been his predecessors. In recent days it has been our privilege to hear him speak, as well as to fellowship with him. We have been impressed with his understanding of the present issues.

In this issue, there is a personal profile to help the people become better acquainted with President Moore. The first of his statements will be carried as a guest editorial on this page. Further monthly articles will appear on page four under Dr. Ashcraft's "I Must Say It." We know that our readers will look forward to reading our president's column each month.

Guest editorial

The President speaks!

My tribute to those who helped



Don Moore

Being elected President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is an honor which I never sought nor even dreamed. The moments following my election were filled with thoughts of those people and experiences which had, to some degree, prepared me for that hour. This continuing recall has been one of the joys of my experience. To share these with you will allow my heart to voice its gratitude. It will

provide due recognition to those who have contributed so much to my life; and may provide inspiration to those who are working with young people.

In God's providence I was given to dedicated parents who would give to me, and the other five children, the finest Christian example we could have. The little country Church, Dayton Church, (Buckner Association) brought men before me who would preach the gospel and lead me to Jesus. School teachers played an important role in my life. I wish I could see them and thank them for their patience, most of the time. My life away from home at the University of Arkansas came immediately under the influence of the Baptist Student Union and its director, Jamie Jones. God was to reach me for the ministry through them.

The earliest experiences of a boy preacher are so significant. Again, God provided. Dale Taylor became my father in the ministry as he and his Church, First Church, Smackover, allowed me to serve 3½ years as their minister of music and youth. This was the joyful beginning of my service in Baptist Churches. They paid my way through my three years at Ouachita. They also helped Mr. and Mrs. Ray Terrell raise the girl who would become all that a pastor could ever desire for a wife.

How could I ever adequately thank the congregations of the Elliott Church, Camden; the Walnut St. Church, Jonesboro; and my own present people, Grand Avenue Church, for the cooperation and support they have given through the years.

My denomination has been most generous. They sent summer field workers to our Church when I was a little boy. They have provided assemblies, organizations, literature and schools that have helped me personally and that have helped my churches. Opportunities of service and growth have been abundant. Relationships from my associational missionaries to the executive secretary of our State Convention on to the President of the SBC have enriched my life.

With all that God has done for me through you, my family, friends and denomination, you can understand why I am delighted and excited about giving my best as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

I am grateful to Editor Sneed for the invitation to write an article a month for the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* during the coming year.

I must say it!

The Church is a voyage — not a harbor



Dr. Ashcraft

A well-trimmed vessel, under able command, all sails pulling, is a beautiful picture. When this is coupled with "On course," "On schedule," "steady as she goes," with "papers and manifest in order," and a "worthy port of call," nothing is more exciting.

In contrast what is more depressing than a land locked boat, compass removed, sails stored, no crew, no orders, and no destiny?

Such is the executive secretary's noble ship "Siesta."

Siesta is a 24 foot, sloop rigged double ended deep draft boat, built by the executive secretary over a period of six years in Las Vegas, Nev. The boat, capable of sailing all seas and all oceans, was designed for the choppy waters of the sea of Cortez (Gulf of California to you land-lubbers). She has never been on salt water or out of sight of land. Most of the life of the ship has been in a sheltered harbor or dry dock, how tragic.

Sailing vessels are made for the open sea. They are safer at sea in a storm than tied to a pier or on a cradle in dry storage. They are utterly useless and help-

less out of their natural element, the sea. Only in the sea under full sail, able crew and a worthy destiny is a sail boat worth the bother. Beauty begins here, not as a floating museum in the harbor or tied to a swinging buoy.

The church of our Lord is much as a sail boat. It is designed to go out into the world. It is a voyage, not a museum in the harbor. The church does its best in the streams and oceans of human need, in social and economic crisis, in the storms and gales of human tragedy, in the deep dark abyss of human suffering, in the distant ports only reached in the dangerous seas of human experience. The church needs no protection but the steady hand of the master helmsman and the Christ who stills the winds and waves.

Only in the deep and far out to sea can God really help or bless his church. A floating museum in a protected harbor under fair skies is not God's idea of a church or an exciting experience.

Thought for the day — As it is good for the boat to be in the ocean, it is bad for the ocean to be in the boat, it is likewise good for the church to be in the world, but bad for the world to be in the church.

I must say it! — Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary.

Lester resigns Tennessee editor's post

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP) — James A. Lester, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, news publication of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, has resigned, and Mrs. W. Alvis (Evelyn) Strickland has been named public relations coordinator for the convention.

Lester, who has edited the Baptist and Reflector since Oct., 1968, had been granted a six-month leave of absence, Nov. 1, by the executive board's administrative committee. It would have

ended next April 3, the effective date of the resignation.

The convention's executive secretary-treasurer, Ralph Norton, said Lester cited health problems growing out of an automobile accident as the reason for his resignation. Lester earlier had sought the leave of absence on the same grounds, Norton said.

Norton, who had assumed responsibility for the Baptist and Reflector in Lester's absence, said he will continue

in that capacity until a new editor is named.

Mrs. Strickland, a news writer in the convention's public relations office since 1965, was formerly employed by the Nashville Baptist Association, the Sunday School department of the California Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Book Store in Fresno, Calif. Her husband is a consultant for adult work in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department.

Before joining the Baptist and Reflector, Lester served for 11 years as secretary for promotion and public relations for the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia. He is a former copy editor and state news editor for the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, La., and has served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Louisiana and Georgia.

In other developments, the convention's executive board changed titles of department heads in the convention's administrative structure from secretary to director and assigned additional responsibilities for the aging to Gene Kerr, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer.

The board divided \$400,656, the amount the convention exceeded its 1972-73 budget, between state and Southern Baptist Convention causes — 20 percent to the SBC Cooperative Program.

Letter to the editor

I was reading your opinion of the energy crisis in America. My opinion is, if the people wish to go to church on Sunday there will be some way provided. Too, many people have not taken advantage of going to church in the past. Most of them spend Sunday on the lakes fishing and boat riding, that proves that they are not too interested in church anyway.

I believe that this is God's plan in bringing the people back to where they should be. God is displeased with his children and he is going to pour out his wrath upon the people.

You find more people on the lakes, and football games, in any kind of

weather, but they never make any effort to go to God's house. People will sit on the bleachers at a football game when it is 40 degrees below zero, but if that was church they wouldn't be there.

People are forsaking their assembling of themselves together because they are more interested in world's pleasures than they are lovers of God.

This is a testing time of our faith in Jesus Christ. Are we going to stand or are we going to fall?

I'm a Baptist, have been for quite some time. I've walked to church many times and I rejoice that I was able to do so. — Josephine True, Bentonville

Woman's viewpoint In remembrance of Him

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

"Isn't it a tender thought," someone has said, "that Jesus wanted to be remembered!"

After Jesus had returned to Jerusalem for the last time and the shadow-hours of his life were just ahead, he asked the apostles to make the necessary

arrangements for their observance of the feast of the Passover. When the hour was come, Luke tells us, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

Knowing it would be the last time he would partake of the Passover with them, knowing he would soon suffer shame and pain and death, he must have, even then, been in anguish.

But he took the cup and, offering thanks, shared it with them, telling them he would not again drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God should come.

Then he took the bread, again pausing for thanks, and broke it and gave it to them.

"This is my body which is given for you," he said, then added, "This do in remembrance of me."

Here we can see the human side of Jesus. We know he was dreading the days ahead. He was concerned that his followers were to be without his leadership, his physical presence, his love and concern.

And, as all humans do, he grieved that he was to be separated from those he had grown to love and depend upon.

We know that Jesus did not ask much for himself. He did ask that they go into all the world with the good news of his love and salvation. But he did not ask this for himself. This was a request of divine imperative. This was

what God would have them do.

For himself, he asked only that they remember him. They were to think, as they partook of the cup, of the spilled blood of his wounds staining the earth beneath the cross. When they broke the bread, they were to turn their minds to his broken body silhouetted high against the darkened sky.

Today, our dearest memory is that Christ died for us, and as we partake of the supper, our tears should flow in remembrance of his sacrifice.

Miss Snider is named to Who's Who edition



Miss Snider

Cathron Snider, a Baylor University junior from Little Rock, has been named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1973-74*.

Miss Snider is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted L. Snider of 571 Valley Club Circle. A 1971 graduate of Hall High School, she is a business major at the Waco, Tex., university.



New auditorium for Eagle Heights Church, Harrison.

Eagle Heights dedicates new building

The Eagle Heights Church, dedicated their new 800-seat auditorium Dec. 2. The building has 6,264 square feet and was constructed at a cost of \$109,000.

In looking back on the service Pastor Kendall Black said "This service was one of the greatest experiences of my life."

In the morning service the building was one of the greatest experiences of my life."

In the morning service the building was dedicated for the "preaching of the gospel." Dale Jackson, former pastor, preached to a capacity crowd.

In the afternoon the building was dedicated for "the cause of missions to the end of the earth." Lon Brown, another former pastor, challenged

everyone to become involved in reaching the world for Christ.

In the evening service, the building was dedicated for "the ministering of the sacred music." Wallace Ferguson, minister of music, presented a two-hour musical program which involved the church choirs, the brass ensemble, the men's quartet and the congregation.

Eagle Heights Church has experienced tremendous growth in all areas. The church ministries have increased. The income for all causes has tripled. The Sunday School and Church Training have made marked progress. Mission giving has increased substantially as the church now gives 20 percent for mission causes.

Revival

Mount Olive Church, Crossett, Dec. 3-9; Bill Lewis of Ft. Smith, evangelist; Walter Grady, Lawton, Okla., music. 22 professions of faith for baptism and 5 by letter.



President and Mrs. Moore in their home.

Meet State Convention President Moore

Don Moore is an organizer, promoter, pastor, and articulate pulpiteer. But most of all he can be characterized as a man of deep, abiding convictions.

He was born and reared on a farm in northwest Arkansas. His father, H. A. Moore, was a deacon and his mother was a rural school teacher. Moore recalls the dedication of his parents to the Lord's work. "Many days and nights in the summer months, Dad and Mother walked more than a mile each way to take us to church. Even in misty rain we walked to church. During the winter months we went in a wagon with a hot rock at our feet under a quilt. During summer revival time Mother and Dad kept the evangelist and he always left our house with a suitcase of clean clothes."

Moore has vivid memories of attending the fifth and sixth grades under his mother. Moore says "Mother and I were both on the spot. We both feared that I would be regarded as the teacher's pet. I reacted by being hard to control. And my mother made it a point to be very exacting in her school relations with me. And this complicated both our problems."

He was converted when he was a junior boy and baptized into the Dayton Church, south of Greenwood.

The Baptist Student Union has played an important role in Moore's life. Upon graduation from the Greenwood High

School, Moore entered the University of Arkansas on an agricultural scholarship where he was active in the BSU. It was while he was attending Baptist Student Union week at Ridgecrest in 1952 that he surrendered to the ministry.

Following Moore's acceptance to God's call to preach he transferred to Ouachita University where he received his degree in 1955. During the three years as a student at Ouachita he served as minister of music and youth at First Church, Smackover.

He graduated from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., in 1958. During his seminary days he served as a rural pastor in Oklahoma. Moore recalls "I had my heart set on spending my life as a rural pastor, from the time of my call to the ministry at age 19. But God seems to have had other plans for me."

After his graduation from seminary he was called as pastor of Elliott Church, Camden. During the four and one-half years of his ministry there a new auditorium and two educational additions were added.

Moore then accepted a call to the Franklin Avenue Church, New Orleans, La. During the three and one-half years he served this metropolitan congregation he ministered to many members of the seminary family who belonged to the church.

In 1966 he became pastor of Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, where he served for four and one-half years. Here, he ministered to many college students.

In August, 1970, Moore became pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith.

"When I was contacted regarding my willingness to allow my name to be placed in nomination as president of the Convention," Moore recalls, "I called a meeting of my deacons. They were unanimous in their support of me. I believe this reflects the attitude of the entire church. I am deeply grateful for a congregation like this."

As pastor of a large church and as president of the convention Moore will carry a heavy load. He plans to give one day a week to his work as president. In addition to his normal duties as pastor, Moore will be leading his congregation in a building program which will soon be underway. The education and activities building, which will cost approximately a half-million dollars, will be the first of its kind in the area. The plant will house four adult and four youth departments. There will be 36 classrooms. It will, also, have a fully equipped commercial type kitchen. The large area in the center of the building will triple as a fellowship hall, four assembly rooms, and a recreation area with a full-size basketball court.

Moore endeavors to maintain a balance between evangelism and developing disciples. The church is currently averaging over 750 in Sunday School with over 800 in the two worship services. The new educational plant is necessary to care for the growth the church is currently experiencing. By

The cover



Don Moore



Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, where President Moore serves.

utilization of two worship services their present auditorium will care for future expansion.

The church is averaging approximately 100 more in Sunday School than it was a year ago. The growth came as a result of a reorganization of the Sunday School program. Every adult department has been restructured. At the beginning of 1973 there were six adult departments. But now there are eight.

Previous denominational experience of President Moore includes serving on the Committee on Committees for the Southern Baptist Convention, president of the state Baptist Student Union Advisory Committee, co-chairman of the "Spirit of '76" statewide evangelistic campaign, president of the Arkansas Baptist Pastors' Conference in 1972, chairman of the state Credentials Committee, served on the Executive Board, also served as associational moderator, and led in the development of an associational camping program.

Moore's preaching opportunities have included the Denver, Colorado Encounter Crusade; the All-India Crusade in Salem, South India; and being a featured speaker on the Arkansas Evangelism Conference program.

He is married to the former Shirley Terrell of Smackover. They have two children, Cindy, 16, and Jeff, 11.

Our president is well pleased with the progress of the convention. He will give his energies to carrying out the work which is already underway. Moore says "I really don't foresee any serious problem areas at all. While I believe strongly in the Baptist method of business procedure with openness and allowing everyone the right of expression, there is one great weakness which is the occasional failure of those who conduct our business on our boards, committees, etc. to be well informed prior to action on any given issue. Our Ouachita Board, for example, has the greatest responsibility of any

board in the history of the institution. Not only is Ouachita receiving the largest amount of Cooperative Program money in her history, but, also, she is receiving over \$3 million from the Higher Education Campaign."

Our president, who is one of the youngest in our state's history, is off to a running start. We believe that he will provide us with excellent leadership which will challenge our convention to reach new heights.

Texas Baptist state offering tops \$1 million

DALLAS (BP) — Texas Baptists, for the first time in history, have given more than \$1 million for state missions causes through the Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions.

Eula Mae Henderson, executive director of the state WMU announced the offering totaled \$1,010,058.

Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders expressed hope the offering will continue to mount during the remaining weeks of 1973.

Last year, Texas Baptists raised a record \$903,730 for state missions causes.

T. A. Patterson, retiring Texas Baptist executive secretary, said, "Though \$1 million may not seem large in a state the size of Texas, when it's backed up by thousands of volunteer workers from all walks of life, it reaches infinitely far."

New Subscribers:

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Shown right to left are Ural Clayton, Pete Butler, Paul Magar, and Billy Appling talking over the flight and sharing ideas on what they planned to do in their assigned churches. They are probably also checking on how the others plan to keep warm. Paul Magar served with the church at Delta Junction. During the first week he had an average of 20 in his music fundamentals classes. They have 48 in Sunday School. The second week was a music-led revival. He reports that interest and participation was very high. Several Russian youth and adults participated in dramas which were presented. Paul says that this visit to Delta Junction is the highlight of his eleven years in Christian service.

College starts degree program for deaf students

DALLAS (BP) — Dallas Baptist College will become the first denominational school and only one of five colleges in the country to offer a degree program for deaf students.

The program, scheduled to begin next June, will be operated in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"This degree is being provided because the Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf and its leadership feel a degree program in a Christian institution would help deaf young people live a more purposeful life, both professionally and spiritually," said Jerry Seale, Texas Baptist coordinator of deaf work, who will also coordinate the degree program.

The college, the Home Mission Board and other deaf organizations will also cooperate in assisting in vocational placement of the deaf students after graduation.

Initially, two majors will be offered — pre-professional and business education. The school, Seale said, will seek to recruit qualified deaf students and those with an English deficiency, needing lab skills to compensate.

Arkansans get degrees at Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Nine Arkansas students received degrees from the Southern Seminary during the seminary's winter commencement. James L. Pleitz, pastor, First Church, Pensacola, Fla., and the seminary's national alumni president, presented the commencement address and President Duke K. McCall awarded the degrees.

Arkansas students receiving degrees were:

Master of Religious Education: Garry Dennis of Russellville and Joe Wood of Paragould; **Doctor of Education:** James Ryan of Little Rock; **Master of Divinity:** Samuel Adkins III, of Little Rock, Chester Anders of Crossett, Gary Batchelor

of Van Buren and Gerry Claybrook of Paragould; **Doctor of Ministry:** John Anthony of Hope and S. Ray Crews of Osceola.



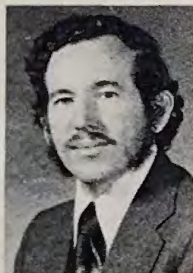
Claybrook



Crews



Adkins



Batchelor



Dennis



Wood

SBC president advocates six-day business week

NASHVILLE (BP) — Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and a retired industrialist, said here that he favors a voluntary six-day business week as an energy-conserving measure.

"The number of businesses open on the Lord's Day, such as energy-consuming shopping centers in full operation and large quantities of gasoline still consumed in pursuit of the secular, not only strikes a blow at the American home but also gives a boost for 'Mammon' at the expense of God," Cooper said.

He indicated that most people work only five days, and the sixth day could be used for shopping and personal business. He called on all people who recognize Saturday or Sunday or any other day as the "Lord's Day" to voluntarily help preserve that day's religious significance for them.

Cooper said he advocates that the six-day business week be brought about as a result of personal religious commitment rather than depending on legislative action.

FMB appoints 11; 1973 total reaches 227

RICHMOND (BP) — Eleven new missionaries were appointed in a service in Newport News, Va., and initial steps leading toward the opening of additional mission work in Africa were authorized at the December meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

The 11 missionaries, appointed before a crowd of nearly 1,400 people at Parkview Baptist Church in Newport News, brings the total number of missionaries appointed during 1973 to 227, 56 more than last year's total of 171. The 1973 total is the third largest in the 128-year history of the Foreign Mission Board and the largest number of annual appointments since 1969.

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, said, "We undertake this escalation in missionary appointments with the confidence that Southern Baptists remain committed to advance, and that they will provide the required resources through the Cooperative Program (unified budget) and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Cauthen added, "The outlook for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is exceedingly encouraging. We await the ingathering of the offering with much anticipation and hope that it will exceed the goal of \$20,000,000."

The Malagasy Republic, an island off the east coast of Africa, was visited recently by Davis Saunders, area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, and John E. Mills, the board's field representative for West Africa, to examine the possibility of beginning a mission program there.

The population of the country is about 7½ million. Saunders met with leaders from most of the Protestant denominations on the island. These leaders indicated that Southern Baptist missionaries would be welcome, according to Saunders.

In other action, the board-appropriated \$10,000 in relief funds to help in the reconstruction of Baptist church buildings damaged by the earthquake in Mexico.

Appointed as missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Ned L. Duncan of North Carolina and Tennessee, to Uruguay; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry A. Hubbard of Missouri and Texas, to Zambia; Mr. and Mrs. Ron W. Hunt of California and Oklahoma, to Liberia; and Miss Ann Thomason of Louisiana, to Taiwan.

Employed as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Burns of Oklahoma and Missouri, to Rhodesia; Miss Dorothy (Dot) Elliott of North Carolina, to Japan; and Mrs. Larry Pendley of Kentucky, to Yemen.



Central Church, Jonesboro, has made its facilities available to the area schools this year. Here children play outside the church.

Jonesboro churches allow schools to use property

The churches in Jonesboro have made their facilities available to the schools which were destroyed in June by a tornado. The South and Hillcrest Elementary Schools, as well as the high school were totally wrecked.

Central Church is caring for the entire Hillcrest School, numbering approximately 600, while the Walnut Street Church is providing space for grades 4, 5 and 6 of the South School with about 350 children. The balance of the South Elementary School is being cared

for by the First Presbyterian and St. Luke's Methodist churches. The First Church is providing facilities for the high school Music Department.

The churches are reimbursed by HEW on a per pupil basis for current expenses. When the schools are rebuilt the churches are to be completely restored.

Both pastors and teachers are pleased with the arrangements. It seems to be working with amazing smoothness.



Students work in one of the rooms at Walnut Street Church in Jonesboro.

News about missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Whitlow, Baptist representatives to Mexico, have completed language study and may be addressed at Apartado 302, Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico. He is a native of Shreveport, La. His wife, the former Betty Krudwig of Arkansas, was born in DeQueen and lived in Malvern. Before they were appointed for the Foreign Mission Board in 1965, he was a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Long, missionaries to Belgium, may be addressed at International Baptist Church, Rue J. Hoton 17, 1200 Brussels, Belgium. He is a native of Ethel, Miss.; she is the former Sandra Young of Parkin, Ark. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1972, he was pastor of First Church, Mississippi City, Miss.

Miss Ann Wollerman, missionary to Brazil, has arrived in the States on furlough (address: 803 W. 20th Avenue, Pine Bluff, Ark. 71601). She is a native

of Pine Bluff. Before she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950, she served as an independent missionary to Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Rhoads, newly-appointed missionaries to Korea, have completed orientation and after Dec. 24 may be addressed c/o Baptist Mission, IPO 1361, Seoul 100, Korea. He is a native of Little Rock, Ark. She, the former Lana LeGrand of Missouri, was born in Poplar Bluff and lived in St. Louis and Pilot Knob. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973, he was interim regional representative in Kansas City, Mo., for the Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Anthony, newly appointed missionaries to Israel, are parents of a daughter, Allison Jill, born Oct. 25. They can be addressed at Fuller Hall, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington, Louisville, Ky. 40206. Anthony is a native of Hope. She is the former Con-

nie Goble who was born in Winamac, Ind., and grew up in Mount Ida, Ark. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in July, he was assistant pastor at First Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin R. Reynolds, missionaries to Botswana, can be addressed at P.O. Box 29, Selebi-Pikwe, Botswana. Both from Arkansas, he is a native of Pine Bluff; the former Elizabeth Haley, she was born in Monticello and lived in Pine Bluff and Little Rock. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Antlers, Okla.

Miss Ruth Vanderburg, missionary to Indonesia, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 3908 W. Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Ark. 72205). She is a native of Little Rock. Before her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, she was a nurse in a Memphis, Tenn., hospital.

Hubbards to be sent to mission in Zambia

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Rev. and Mrs. Jerry A Hubbard were among 11 missionaries appointed Dec. 11 at a meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Parkview Baptist Church here. They expect to be assigned to Zambia where he will do general evangelism work.

They are currently living in Sourlake, Tex., where he is pastor of Pine Ridge Church.

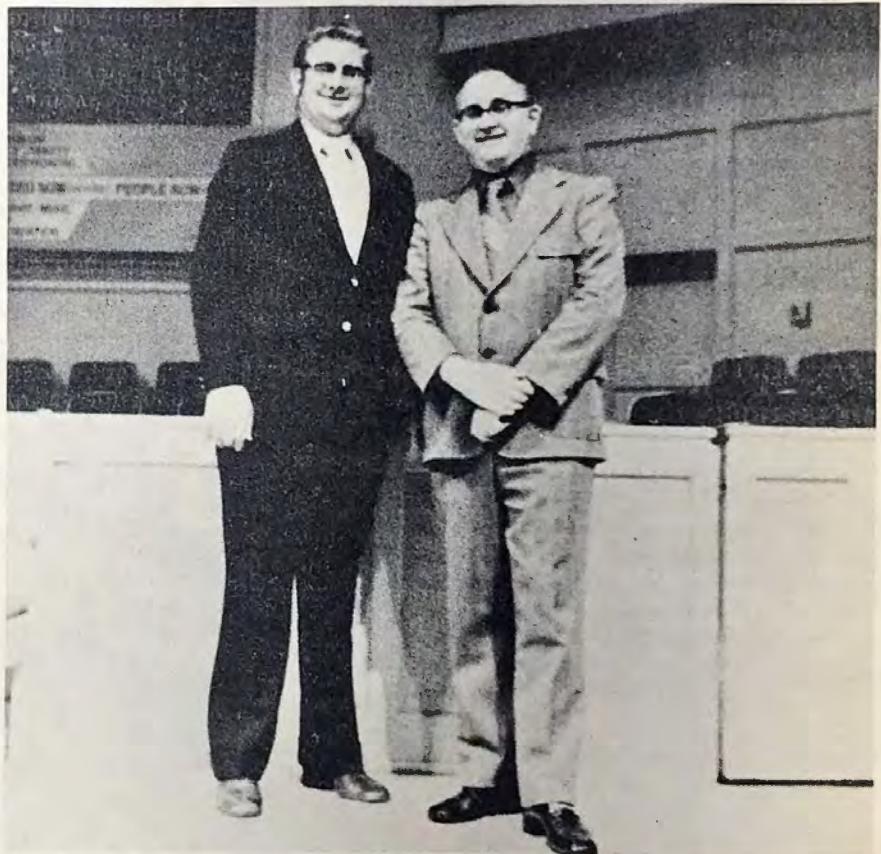
Hubbard was born in Caruthersville, Mo., and lived in Mississippi. He was graduated from Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, with the bachelor of arts degree in religion and history and from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., with the master of divinity degree.

He has also been pastor of New Home Church, Nashville, Ark.; Chapel Hill Church, DeQueen; and South Leon Church, Comanche, Tex.

Mrs. Hubbard, the former Dorothy Smart, is a native of Fort Worth. She has attended Ouachita University, Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, and Southwestern seminary.

She has worked as a secretary in two Fort Worth churches and as a library assistant at Southwestern seminary.

They have two children, Jason Andrew, born in 1970, and Shelah Ruth, born 1973.



Pastors' Conference officers are (left to right) Garland Morrison, pastor, North Main Church, Jonesboro, president; John Finn, superintendent of missions, Boone-Newton Association, secretary; not pictured, Billy Walker, evangelist, Walnut Ridge, vice president.

Six Arkansans graduate from Southwestern

Six students from Arkansas received degrees during winter commencement exercises in Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Seminary, Dec. 14.

Seminary President Robert E. Naylor presented degrees and diplomas to 190 candidates from the seminary's three schools: theology, religious education and church music.

Brooks H. Wester, pastor, First Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., was the commencement speaker. A graduate of Baylor University, Wester holds the master of the theology degree from Southwestern Seminary, and was conferred the honorary doctor of divinity degree by Baylor.

Southwestern Seminary is a fully accredited graduate institution designed to prepare men and women for the Christian ministry. The world's largest evangelical seminary, Southwestern is one of six seminaries owned and operated by the eleven-million member

Southern Baptist Convention.

Graduates are James Dale Bryant, Harrison, master of divinity; James Edward Byrd, Little Rock, master of religious education; Frank W. Coder, Ft. Smith, master of church music; Max Wyndell Deaton, Sparkman, master of religious education; Bengy Stewart Massey, Newport, master of divinity; and Mark Allen Sutton, Lewisville, master of divinity.



Deaton



Coder



Byrd



Bryant



Massey



Sutton

Church planning seminar scheduled in Nashville

NASHVILLE — Steps in annual and long-range planning will highlight the "Basic Principles and Methods of Church Planning" seminar to be held Jan. 21-24, in the Church Program Training Center at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

The four-day seminar is sponsored by the administrative services section of the board's church administration department. The seminar is designed for pastors, ministers of education and superintendents of missions.

Seminar topics include "Leadership: the Skill of the Seventies," "Principles of Long-Range Planning," "How to Identify Future Planning Needs," "How to Complete Plans and Interpret to the Congregation" and "How to Implement the Long-Range Plan."

Larry Bryson, division of associational services at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, will be the program leader. Sunday School Board personnel on the faculty include Truman Brown, seminar director, Reginald M. McDonough and Idus V. Owensby, all in the church administration department; and George W. Fletcher, church architecture department.

A \$20 registration fee, including all planning materials, two meals, seminar certificate and binder, supplementary materials, refreshments and a complimentary book, is payable in advance.

If cancellation is necessary, the re-

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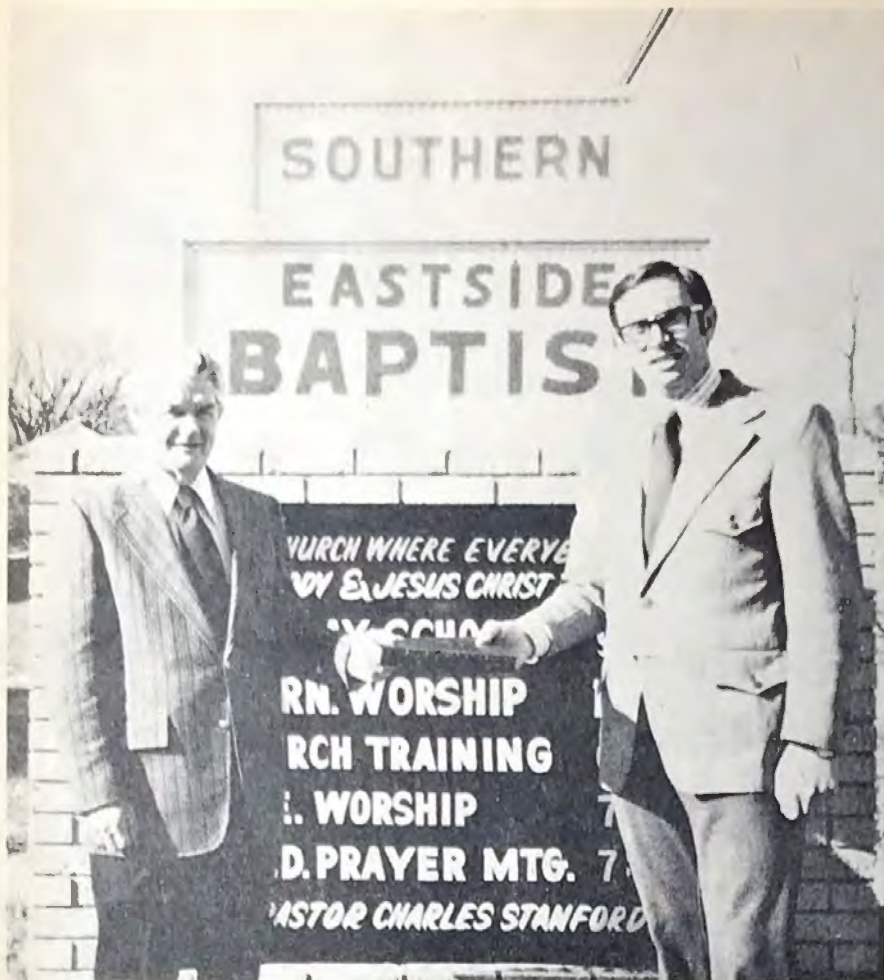
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Because of the type of person who buys Gospel Sheet Music, the International Association of Gospel Music Publishers feels that you would not knowingly violate the law; therefore, the purpose of this statement is to make you aware of the law and protect the legitimate rights of the author. When the church builds a new building, it must pay the lumber company for the lumber, the furnace man for the heat, the architect for his ideas; it must support the minister for his ministry, the janitor for his labor, the evangelist for his special meetings. It is only fair and right then that the church support the author for the creativity, the new life, the challenge and the endless inspiration that he gives to the church through song. Think about it.

As Dr. Purkiser, editor of the Herald of Holiness puts it, "I hope that no others will yield to the temptation to 'save a little money' by violating the law and the principles of morality." We feel that we need only to call your attention to this problem; let Christian conscience be the policemen of your church policies and practices.

gistration fee will be refunded when notice is received at least two weeks prior to the conference. Participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging. Upon confirmation of enrollment, a list of hotels and motels near the board will be sent to each participant.



Pastor Charles R. Stanford presenting a Bible to W. H. Cook, commemorating the start of the Ozark Bible Institute at East Side Church, Mountain Home.

East Side, Mt. Home starts Bible Institute

East Side Church of Mountain Home has recently added to its church staff, W. H. Cook, a well known Bible teacher who for more than 32 years pastored and conducted many Bible Conferences throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Cook will serve as director of a newly created Bible School which shall be a part of the total ministry of the church. The school, which will be called Ozark Bible Institute, is designed to meet the needs of Sunday School teachers, pastors and all who want a deeper Bible study. The Bible School hopes to work as an effective tool for Southern Baptist churches throughout our state.

Ozark Bible Institute will open officially, Feb. 4, 1974, conducting evening classes. Future plans call for teaching seminary extension classes.

The Institute will have as its board of directors, members of East Side Church. Pastor Stanford states that this is the first school of its type in the state of Arkansas.

East Side Church, Mountain Home, strives for new types of ministries. In December, 1972, the church called Herbert "Red" Johnson as staff evangelistic singer, the only staff evangelistic singer in our State.

The church has experienced tremendous growth during the last few years. Its membership was 214 two years ago and is now more than 450, with over 90 percent being resident members.

News briefs

- Pleasant Hill Church, Rogers, recently voted to have their pastor full-time.

- Mandeville Church, Texarkana, voted to build a new educational building having eight classrooms and a fellowship hall. The cost is expected to be approximately \$35,000. The church remodeled last year at a cost of \$6,800. Wallace Edgar is pastor.

- First Church, Altus, ordained Norman E. Thomas, W. E. West, Bobby Jack Covert, Danny R. Smith, and Will E. Nichols as deacons Dec. 16. Jack Nichols, deacon of First Church, Coal Hill, served as clerk and led the ordination prayer. Paul E. Wilhelm, missionary, led the questioning. William McIver, pastor of Coal Hill Church, brought the message. David Morris, pastor, First Church, Altus, was moderator and presented the certificates.

- Oak Grove Church ordained Vernon White, Ray Brunk Jr., Roy Landers,

and Aaron Loyd, as deacons Dec. 9. Clayton Neidecker, deacon of Oak Grove Church presented the candidates. Edward Baker, pastor, Uniontown Church, brought the message. T. C. Farrar, Oak Grove deacon led the ordination prayer. Paul E. Wilhelm, missionary, served as moderator. Wayne Davis, Oak Grove pastor led the questioning and presented the certificates.

- First Church, Alma, ordained Harry Stuart, Jerry Osborne, and Jim Pat Carr Dec. 9. Kenneth Hanna, deacon, read the scripture. Paul Stockemer, brought the message. Leonard Daniel led the responsive reading and presented the certificates. Paul E. Wilhelm, missionary, led the questioning and brought the charge. Prayers were offered by Charles Starbird and Arless Jones, deacons.

- Oak Grove Church voted Dec. 5 to call an associate pastor and adopted a \$60,000 budget which includes provisions for the associate. Also voted

in the same service was approval of plans to go ahead with a 94 ft. by 40 ft. addition to the church plant. Wayne Davis is Oak Grove pastor.

- Kibler Church celebrated its 75th Anniversary Nov. 25th, with an all day program and dinner at the church at noon. H. J. Morris, Kibler member, presided. James Kirkpatrick, minister of music, was program chairman. Speakers of the day were former pastors: Charles Chesser, John Curtis, and A. W. Upchurch. Wendell Morse is full-time supply at Kibler.

- First Church, Mulberry, has been offered the use of the theatre at Mulberry for the showing of religious films on Sunday afternoons. Plans are to show a "Broadman," "Billy Graham," or "Moody" film at intervals for the benefit of the youth of the community. Carroll D. Walters is pastor.

- First Church, Altus, has voted to build 1,160 sq. ft. of additional classroom space. David Morris is pastor.

SCA associate professor to enter ministry



Dr. Manning

Charles O. Manning, an associate professor of education at State College of Arkansas, said he planned to enter the ministry after the present academic year ends in May.

Manning, a native of Horatio, has been an SCA faculty member since 1968. He began teaching at Stamps in 1950 and was superintendent of schools at Alma from 1963 to 1966.

Manning is chairman of the Board of Deacons at First Church, Conway.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Southern State College at Magnolia, a master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University at Nacogdoches, Tex., and a doctor of philosophy degree from East Texas State University at Commerce.

He is a former president of the SCA chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, an international professional society for educators. A member of the Arkansas Education Association, he had announced

in October as a candidate for director of District 9 of the Association of Classroom Teachers, a department of the AEA. After his recent decision to enter the ministry he withdrew as a candidate.

Manning is married to the former Vivienne Lemley of Magnolia. One of their sons, Mike, a 20-year-old SCA sophomore, is also preparing for the ministry. Their other children are a son, Mitch, 13, and daughter, Mrs. Marsha Hill of Alma. Mrs. Manning teaches in the Conway public school system.

Stevens selected for ABC panel discussion

FORT WORTH (BP) — Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, has been selected to participate in a panel discussion on the year-end "Directions" program of the American Broadcasting Company.

The panel, composed of Stevens and representatives from other religious groups, will discuss religious and moral issues of 1973 and project issues expected to confront the American religious community in 1974.

Penn-Jersey convention picks Queen as editor



Queen

HARRISBURG, Pa. (BP) — A. C. Queen has been named director of the newly created division of communication and promotion for the (Southern) Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, including duties as editor of the Penn-

Jersey Baptist, the convention's official journal.

Queen, 58, current superintendent of missions in Southern Oregon for the Northwest Baptist Convention (which covers Oregon, Washington and Western Canada), will also be responsible for the evangelism, stewardship, promotion and Brotherhood work with Baptist Men and the Royal Ambassador boys organization.

G. W. Bullard, the convention's executive secretary, has been editing the Penn-Jersey Baptist. He will continue as top administrator of the convention and will direct its newly created missions division.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Queen has directed student work for the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Illinois Baptist State Association and also directed stewardship and promotion for the Illinois convention.

He has served as a pastor in Missouri, Texas, California, Illinois and Cuba, where he was a Southern Baptist home missionary, 1950-53, and started the first Baptist student work.

Before entering the ministry, Queen was an elementary school teacher and principal and high school principal for 10 years.

After returning from Cuba, he served as a pastor in Champaign, Ill., and taught Bible at the University of Illinois. He served as president and Bible professor at what was then Southern Illinois College of Bible, Carbondale, while directing student work for the Illinois convention. He also taught English at East Texas College, Marshall, Tex.

Queen has attended Southwest College, Bolivar, Mo., and is a graduate of both William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

• **ALCOHOL AND STRESS** — Question: "What about a drink for relaxation?" Answer: "Alcoholism has become a major problem. Once a drink is advocated as a means of relaxation, it opens the door for two drinks and more. I think that the mental-health profession has targeted alcoholism as really the No. 1 addictive problem — far greater than drugs." Question: "Isn't alcoholism itself sometimes an offshoot of stress?" Answer: "Oh, yes. You have stress, then tension, and then the alcohol to relieve tension, in the initial stages. Then you get into a vicious cycle where the alcohol itself produces undesirable effects, and the person starts drinking more to undo the undesirable effects." Question: "Is an alcoholic likelier to incur de-

pression or anxiety?" Answer: "One of the undesirable effects of alcoholism is depression. And alcoholism is definitely a precursor to about 20 percent of completed suicides."

(U. S. News and World Report, September 24, 1973)

• **WOMEN AND SALARY SCALES** — "Salaries of women workers are not only lower than those of men, but the gap between them is widening as well, the head of the Labor Department's Women's Bureau warned last spring. According to an agency study, a woman working full-time in 1970 made only 57 percent of a man's income, down from 64 percent in 1955. Women with one to three years of college education had lower incomes in 1971 than men who had completed only eight years of school. The 1970 full-time annual wage or salary income figures put white men at a median of \$9,373, followed by minority men at \$6,598. Next came white women at \$5,490, and finally, at the bottom, minority women at \$4,674."

(The Baptist Faculty Paper, Vol. XVI, No. 3, Fall 1973)



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Your state convention at work



Mrs. Nesbit, Mr. and Mrs. Gober, and their children, present a new Bell and Howell film projector as a gift to the center from Immanuel Church, El Dorado.

Migrant Mission Center completes year

Each year more than 45,000 migrants register at the Migrant Farm Labor Center, Hope. Here they can rent a trailer for the night, cook a meal and clean up. Directly across the highway from the 20 trailers is the Migrant Mission Center, sponsored jointly by the Home Mission Board, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the Hope Association. This center completed its first year of service on May 15, 1973.

Migrants and their children are invited to the Mission Center for recreation, refreshments, Christian literature and worship services. Emergency health service is provided when needed. Worship services are held each Sunday evening and at other times when there are enough migrants at the center.

This year 109 persons made a profession of faith in Christ at the Migrant Mission Center. Their names are forwarded to the superintendent of missions in the lower Rio Grande Valley for follow-up when they return to their homes in the fall.

Some needs of the center are Bible story books, Bible coloring books, and Bible games to give to the children. Many have limited use of the English language and are not familiar with the Bible teachings, and this is a "fun way" to learn.

Baptist Young Women's organizations

all over the convention sent Christmas in August packages to the center this year. Volunteers from First Church and Calvary Church, Hope, and Bethany Church, Springhill, furnished helpers needed, and Men's Action Group, Central Church, Magnolia, completed several projects at the center this year. Also, the BSU of Ouachita University and some of the churches in Texarkana have contributed to the development of the center.

A Migrant Mission Fund is maintained in Hope Association to help with emergency medical needs of the migrants, as well as to help purchase Bibles and other expenses of the Center. — Robert Gross, Director, Migrant Mission Center

Georgia Baptists break ground for new center

ATLANTA (BP) — Georgia Southern Baptists broke ground here for a major new \$5.5 million Baptist Administration and Communications Center to house the headquarters of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia.

Ceremonies took place on a 25-acre tract adjacent to Mercer University in Atlanta, a Southern Baptist school. The convention bought the tract from Atlanta Baptist College, now Mercer in Atlanta, in 1972.

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The Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign

The Arkansas Baptist Campaign for Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Baptist College

Prepare for February 17

By Jim E. Tillman, Director

Christian Higher Education Day in Arkansas and across the Southern Baptist Convention promises to be a "red letter day." Let's join hands and hearts as we prepare for Feb. 17, 1974.

Our single goal for this emphasis will be "support." The value of having Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries is rising each year. Therefore, this emphasis is worthy of our attention and planning.

The goal of renewed support for our schools will be reached in the area of Christian stewardship. We will want to see visible support by more of our young people choosing Ouachita and Southern.

Financial support is increasing, but the needs of the schools are still ahead of the support. This special day is a golden opportunity to receive an offering for the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign. Churches involved in the Campaign will apply this offering to their goal. Churches not in the Campaign will become involved by receiving an offering. Envelopes are being mailed to all churches during January in preparation for Feb. 17.

It is a proven fact that "informed Baptists are supporting Baptists." These articles for the next few weeks will major on information related to Christian Higher Education. A major source for these articles will come from an article recently published in "The Southern Baptist Educator" entitled, "Overview of Southern Baptist Higher Education . . . 1951-1971," by Ben C. Fisher.

I trust these articles will aid in preparing for Feb. 17.

Searcy S. Garrison, the convention's executive secretary-treasurer, said the center will house over 200,000 square feet of floor space and should be completed by mid-1975.

Negotiations are now underway for a long-term lease of the present Georgia Baptist Building property in the heart of downtown Atlanta on historic Peachtree Street, which the convention has occupied since 1943. If finalized, the lease should bring Georgia Baptists about \$20 million over the life of a 70-year lease.

Why a miracle?

By Dr. H. E. Williams



Dr. Williams

New Testament miracles.

Some of these "miracles" are apparently told to convince people of the piety and divine authority enjoyed by the ones doing the telling. Can it be that protestantism, which has so long denied the doctrine of authoritarian "apostolic succession," is now substituting the current "miracle" binge to try to prove divine sanction for their acts? If so, then evangelical Christianity may become as arrogant as Roman religion did under the dogmatic and distorted doctrine of "apostolic succession."

We don't need the constant occurrence of miracles today. We have the word of God with its many accounts of miracles during the time of Jesus' ministry and the early history of the church. Those miracles validated the divinity of Jesus and assured the early churches of the presence of God. Why don't we accept these evidences and believe the Bible? Why not validate our faith by accepting the evidences of God's presence when He spoke to the prophets, His Son, Jesus Christ, and the early leaders of the church? I find greater assurance in Christian experience when I believe the word of God than when I think I have had a twentieth century miracle happen just for my personal benefit.

Can it be that some of the people on the "miracle" binge have feelings of spiritual insecurity? Are they unable to rely on the truth which God has revealed in His Holy Word? Why do they act as if God were a great showman, and they are the audience, demanding of Him a super act every day they live? Maybe God likes to work through the normal channels which He has established and continually sustains by His grace. I am sure that He would rather work with a good farmer producing food and fiber by using natural resources, water, fertility and sunshine than for Him to have to continually

perform miracles to feel mankind. To me God doesn't have to prove Himself every day so that I believe He is still God.

Probably some on the "miracle" binge are "sign seekers." You remember Jesus said "an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign." Intelligent believers do not need signs all of the time. They can take the signs previously given and accept the truth given with the signs historically.

The demand of constant new miracles can easily lead to the tragedy of ignoring the historic message of God. In fact, that is the major weakness of the current emotional Christianity of today. Existentialism majors on the "now experience" and forgets the truth historically revealed and recorded in the Bible.

On one significant occasion Jesus refused to perform a miracle when Satan challenged Him to turn stones into bread to assuage his hunger after 40 days of fasting in the desert.

Having seen that area last summer, I can appreciate more the fact that Jesus must have been in critical physical need for food and water. Usually a man lives only three days in that area without food and water. Bishop Pike died in



Turner

returned to his mission field.

Turner's responsibilities will primarily be related to the Cooperative Program, but will include other stewardship matters as well. He will spend much of his time in personal conferences with churches, pastors, and others. He will accept speaking engagements in any church in any association. He is available to speak to your congregation in a worship service, or to lead a conference, or to address a men's or ladies' meeting, or to work with your youth or children.

Sam Turner, missionary to Kenya, begins his service this month as missionary - in - residence serving with this department. Turner continues the same work begun a year earlier by Gilbert Nichols, missionary to Paraguay, who has re-

only two days within ten miles of the spot. Despite his urgent need of sustenance, Jesus would not perform a miracle for showmanship. I hardly believe He would do so today. Such does not fit His character.

I believe in miracles. I believe every one that is recorded in the Bible. I have experienced a few in my own life. However they didn't happen daily. Neither did they happen daily in the long history of the Bible. God doesn't have to perform new miracles to get me to believe the old ones happened.

A miracle is easy for God. He just takes a "short-cut" and by-passes the normal processes of His laws for the universe. He knows how to suspend or bend those laws temporarily — He made them. We should remember though that He will suspend His laws according to His will and not to please the silly or the presumptuous.

Paris church honored

Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, pastor of the American Church in Paris, received the silver medal of the City of Paris on Dec. 3, following regular Sunday morning worship services. Edouard Frederic-Dupont, conseiller de Paris, presented the award, which is in recognition of the church's community activities in the city's 7th Arrondissement, where the church is situated.

Turner joins Southern Baptist department

This will be Turner's first furlough after being appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970. At that time he was pastor of Union Baptist Church in Orrick, Mo., and a student at Midwest-ern Seminary.

He is a graduate of Ouachita University and for three years was pastor of Richwoods Church, Arkadelphia.

Turner is a native of Van Buren, Ark., and was licensed and ordained at the Woodlawn Church, Little Rock.

Mrs. Bonnie Turner is a native of Pennsylvania, but she and her husband met and married in Little Rock.

The Turners are stationed in Thika, Kenya, where Sam is missionary adviser to Baptist churches and preaching points in the area. He has responsibilities in establishing new work. Mrs. Turner considers homemaking her primary responsibility.

The Turners will be residing in the Little Rock area and can be contacted through this office. — Roy F. Lewis, Secretary, Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department



John Robinson, left, is presented a "Talking Hands" award by Paige Patterson, pastor, First Church, Fayetteville.

Interpreters receive special awards

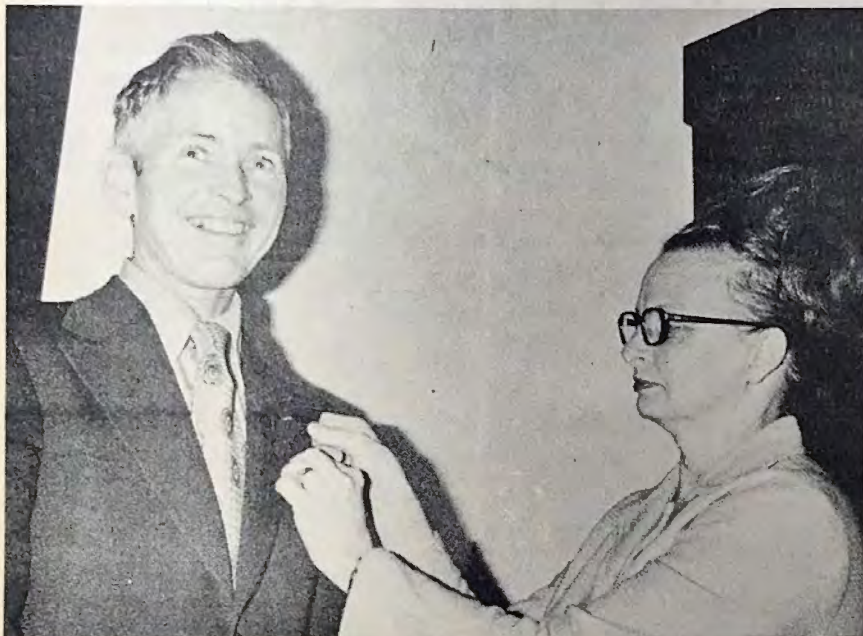
Special recognition is given to the interpreters for the deaf in our Southern Baptist churches. This award has been given to ten interpreters in Arkansas.

It is a service award and must be approved by the church that presents it and have the endorsement of the Director of Deaf Ministries.

Recently, Boyd Howard of Central

Baptist Church, Hot Springs, and John Robinson in First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, were awarded this recognition of service.

The interpreter must be in a Southern Baptist church, have served two years or more, and have proven dedication to this service in the church. — C. F. Landon, Deaf Ministries



Mrs. Boyd Howard pins the "Talking Hands" award on her husband's lapel during recent ceremonies. The Howards are associated with Central Church, Hot Springs.

Mission Board realigns evangelism division

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board have approved a realignment of the board's evangelism division into three departments — lay witness ministries, mass evangelism ministries and evangelism materials and services.

C. B. Hogue, the division's new director, outlined the reorganization at a three-day conference here on evangelism strategies attended by some 55 state-level Southern Baptist evangelism leaders.

Hogue said the new system will place three department directors in charge of the three areas of work and replace the old system of one division director and a staff of associate directors. Hogue will supervise the three directors.

The new organizational plan will place men together who have affinity relationships, Hogue said.

"It should give us stronger impact and a stronger working relationship with groups coming to the division for assistance," he said.

W. D. Lawes, now an associate director, will become assistant to the director of the division in the organization.

John Havlik, now an associate director for publications and materials, will direct the department of evangelism materials and services under the new plan, and Jack Stanton, now an associate director for lay witnessing, will be director of the department of mass evangelism ministries.

The director of the department of lay witness materials has yet to be named, although that department will include Reid Hardin, now an associate director, as director of renewal evangelism, and Barry St. Clair, also now an associate director, as director of youth evangelism.

Hogue, who succeeded Kenneth Chafin as director of the division of evangelism in July, said the reorganization does not mean the division necessarily will expand.

He does have plans, however, to replace two staff members — Nathan Porter, who resigned earlier in the year as associate director for student evangelism, and William Powell, who resigned as associate director for bus evangelism.

College President to speak at conference



Williams

is "Sharing Christ Through Work and Witness."

York W. Williams Jr., president of Morris-Booker Memorial College, Dermott, Ark., will close the State Evangelism Conference Jan. 22 with a message on "Practicing What we Preach." The conference begins Monday afternoon, Jan. 21. The theme

Williams was born at Dumas in 1929. He was graduated from Morris-Booker Memorial School, Dermott in 1946. He did extension study, Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, 1951-52. In 1956 he received an A.B. Degree in economics from Arkansas A.M. and N. College, Pine Bluff. In 1961 he received an M.A. Degree in economics from University of Colorado at Boulder. He did graduate study at Southwestern Seminary at Ft. Worth in 1964.

Williams was Human Resource Planner with Arkansas State Economic Opportunity Office in Little Rock from 1969-71 and special assistant to the Governor in 1969-70. He has been pastor of Rose Hill Church, Dermott, since 1960, and president of Morris-Booker Memorial College at Dermott since 1956.

Other speakers for the conference will be Owen Cooper, president, Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Wayne Ward, Professor, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Robert Fling, New York; Barry St. Clair, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. — Jesse S. Reed, director of Evangelism.

Russian Baptists send Christmas message

MASSY, France (BP) — In a special Christmas and New Year's greeting to Christians around the world, Baptists in the USSR have called on "all those who follow Jesus Christ" to reinforce their prayers for reconciliation in 1974 and "to extend cooperation with all people on earth in the cause of strengthening confidence and friendship among nations."

The message from the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the USSR, according to a report by the European Baptist Press Service here, opens with "sincere greetings with words of love and peace on this great festival of the birth of Christ."

January 3, 1974

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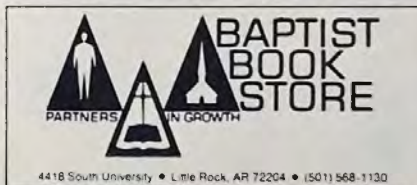
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Baptist educators give Hong Kong College equal accreditation with U.S. Schools

HOUSTON, Tex. (BP) — The Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools and the Southern Baptist Education Commission affirmed here that academic credits of Hong Kong Baptist College are generally equivalent to bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degrees from any Southern Baptist college in the States.

The action, taken during meetings of the two bodies here, was based on a study conducted by Ben C. Fisher, the Education Commission's executive secretary, at the request of the college and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The Hong Kong Baptist Association operates Hong Kong Baptist College.

Fisher's study has also drawn the attention of Gordon W. Sweet, executive secretary of the commission on colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, major accrediting agency for Southern schools.

Sweet said in a letter to Fisher, "It is a fine report and in itself should assist the college with its relations with other institutions and people."

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools cannot officially grant accreditation to Hong Kong Baptist College because it is outside the geographical boundaries of its jurisdiction, but Sweet said, "I would be delighted to talk with you in detail about the college and to assist you with an evaluation visit. . . Perhaps an evaluation report could be effectively used by the institution."

During his study of Hong Kong Baptist College, Fisher applied the same accreditation standards used by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Periodically, the association asks Fisher to assist with accreditation evaluation of colleges in the States.

All Southern Baptist colleges in the States have been granted accreditation either through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or another regional accrediting agency.

In other developments Abner McCall, president of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and president of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, was named chairman of the steering committee for the National Colloquium on Christian Higher Education planned at an undetermined location in 1976.

Members of the Education Commission's board and appropriate representatives from the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools will make

up the steering committee.

Representatives from church and educational leadership will be named to a national advisory committee for the colloquium.

At a dinner meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and

Schools, Bruce Heilman, president of the University of Richmond (Va.), told the Baptist educators that a school without a president with long-range plans has little hope of producing funds for current financial needs.

The Education Commission and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools met concurrently with the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

HE
WHO SAYS
HE IS IN THE
LIGHT
AND HATES
HIS
BROTHER
IS IN
THE
DARKNESS

1 JOHN 2:9

OBSERVE RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 10, 1974

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Race Relations Sunday is Feb. 10

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior. . .

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love . . . to religiously educate our children . . . to be just in our dealings . . . to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech . . . to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

These excerpts from the most common version of our Church Covenant form a basis for serious consideration of Race Relations Sunday, Feb. 10, 1974.

This day presents an opportunity to share pulpits and choirs with sister National Baptist churches.

Those of us who have the privilege of attending state and regional conferences are greatly blessed by the uniqueness of style and expression that greets us in a National Baptist sermon. Why not share the blessing with the local congregation?

Plan now for Race Relations Sunday, Feb. 10, 1974, by electing a committee to organize the program. Any assistance I can give will be immediately forthcoming upon request. — Robert U. Ferguson, Director of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists

Faculty Training Clinic will be held for Sunday School teams Jan. 15



Cooper

The need in most local church Sunday Schools is for more trained workers. Many leaders "throw up their hands" as if to accept this as a "mission impossible."

All would admit that there is no easy solution; however, there is a solution!

A big part of the solution is in an aggressive associational Sunday School training program. The association is in the best position to accomplish the most good. This has always been true. It has not changed.

Associational Sunday School organi-

zations will need assistance, especially in age group leadership. Your State Sunday School department and the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board want to help.

On Jan. 15, a Faculty Training Clinic for Associational Sunday School teams will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock. One of the primary objectives of the clinic is to train associational teams to lead training schools in their association in February or March, 1974. A companion objective is to increase the number of trained associational age group workers.

The following Baptist Sunday School Board consultants will lead conferences: Chester Vaughn, general officers; Alvis Strickland, adults; Miss Myrte Veach,

youth; Daryl Heath, children; and Mrs. Ada Rutledge, preschool.

Each associational team member is to bring a sack lunch. Travel expenses will be paid by Sunday School Department.

Working together, we can know success. Training is needed, so let's provide training. Every association will want to provide a training opportunity for every Sunday School worker in 1974. It can be done! — Don Cooper, Sunday School Department



Bus Outreach Clinic to be held Jan. 24-27

Event — Mid-South Bus Outreach Clinic sponsored by the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, and the Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Hosted by the Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Time — Jan. 24-27. Clinic begins 7 p.m. Thursday night and concludes at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Who Can Attend — Church staff members, Sunday School and bus team workers, and others interested in bus outreach.

Cost — Registration fee, including materials, is \$4 per person and is refundable only when cancelled thirty days before the clinic. Motel information will be furnished upon receipt of registration fee in Nashville.

Registration — Send name, address, and registration fee to Mid-South Bus

Outreach Clinic, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234. Make check payable to the clinic. Registrations will be accepted at the clinic in Jackson on a space available basis.

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Program Personnel — Landrum P. Leavell, Eldon M. Boone, Harold C. Marsh, James K. Pierce, Elsie Rives, Bernard Spooner, A. V. Washburn, and D. Lewis White.

If you are anxious to know more about bus outreach, this clinic is for you. — Harold Vernon, Sunday School Department



January 3



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Church Music Department

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This third annual music training event has been expanded this year to give assistance to pianists and organists, as well as the music directors of our smaller churches.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and continue all afternoon on Friday, Feb. 8. The workshop activities will begin with supper at 6:30 p.m. Those arriving early in the afternoon will have an opportunity to look through new music, listen to recordings of easy choir music and browse through the book store display.

We will have conferences on song leading, hymn playing, using the hymnal for special music, and many other practical areas of music in the smaller church. (There will also be time for group sharing of common problems and ideas that have worked in your church).

The workshop is designed for those with limited music experience. — Ervin Keathley, Secretary.

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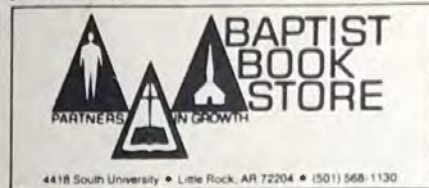
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Bread for the hungry

Carl M. Overton, Superintendent of Missions
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International

Jan. 6, 1974

John 6:35-51



Overton

Thirsty? I hope you drank last week of that living water that "keeps on bubbling up within . . . for eternal life" (John 4:14, all Scripture quotations are from *The New Testament: A Translation in the Language of the People* by Charles B. Williams.)

Hungry? Partake today of "the bread that gives life" (6:35).

"Bread" — we use the term today in at least three ways. One to mean money; one to mean a loaf made of some grain; and one to mean food in general.

The expression used by the youth today to mean money is only remotely related to Jesus' use in our lesson. When used to mean that which is the means of providing sustenance for life it might have some relationship to what Jesus said.

To use "bread" in the sense of a loaf baked from flour of a grain does not gather the full significance of Jesus' statement.

Jesus' use of the term relates to the full provision of that which sustains and gives life.

The background for our lesson is the feeding of the five thousand men (how many women and children we do not know — Matt. 14:21). The time is the approaching Passover feast and the crowds are gathering to make their journey to Jerusalem, for they traveled in large companies both for companionship and protection. See Luke's story in 2:41-51, especially v. 44. Jesus had been attempting to get away for a time of rest and instruction to his disciples. But the crowds kept following them and did not allow time for Jesus to do what he intended.

In this remote area — so indicated by the other gospel writers — it would be difficult for the people to secure adequate food. To test the disciples, Jesus asked "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?" (v. 5). Andrew had found a lad with five barley loaves and two small fish but realized how insignificant this was and told of his findings almost apologetically. At the request of Jesus, they secured what the boy had and seated the people. Jesus then gave thanks and, breaking the bread and fish, provided enough

for each one to eat until he was satisfied and in addition the disciples gathered twelve baskets of the food the people did not eat.

The next day the crowd finally located Jesus on the other side of the lake. They had seen him send the disciples away by boat and then had been themselves sent away by him. They did not see him leave so they had searched for him the next morning before crossing the lake. Their first question was, ". . . when did you get here?" (v. 25). Jesus knew they were not so much concerned about how and when he crossed the lake as they were about something to eat.

The crowd had wanted to make Jesus king the day before and it is possible the disciples had been party to the movement. What a king he would have made. Here he had fed such a multitude with so little and they remembered he had healed the sick and raised the dead. No army could possibly stand against them if Jesus would lead. No supply lines to worry about and the injured and killed in battle would be immediately restored to the ranks. Absolutely no way to defeat them! No wonder they wanted to make him king.

In his answer to their question, Jesus goes to the heart of their interest. They wanted to be fed with physical loaves — not with "the bread that gives life" (v. 33). In fact, they never really understood what he was talking about.

Manna from Moses

Their challenge to Jesus when he called for them to believe in the one whom God had sent was that he demonstrate that he had greater power than Moses, a favorite argument of the Jews. Anyone claiming their attention was judged against Moses and the other leaders of bygone days. So they asked, "What are you going to do for us that is greater than the gift of the manna in the wilderness?" They can't get past the satisfying of the physical needs.

Jesus gave solemn testimony that Moses was only the agent in the provision of manna — it was actually the gift of God. But the manna did not continue life for their "forefathers in the desert ate the manna, and yet they died" (v. 49). This was the physical food only. What they needed was spiritual sustenance.

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Bread from Heaven •

"But here is the bread that comes down out of heaven, so that anyone may eat it and never die. I am this living bread. . ." (v. 50). Here is the offer. He is the bread which God has given. It is bread that gives eternal life. They must partake of it if they are to have the life he gives. In no other is to be found the eternal sustenance which they so sorely needed.

The contrast between the manna and this "bread that gives life" is another example of the teaching of Jesus. He takes events of the Exodus to contrast and illustrate the new exodus of man out of sin under his leadership. This exodus is featured in the bread he is for the eternal sustenance of man's life — his spiritual life.

Hungry? Jesus is not that medium of exchange which man may use in the market places of the world to provide what purports to be eternally sustaining. Nor is Jesus the mere loaf which keeps the physical life sustained. He is the giver and sustainer of the spiritual life of the inner man. He provides eternal life by his own life which he gave on the cross.

"If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my own flesh" (v. 51).

Mission news briefs

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — The governors of two states of Brazil have signed a bill designating the second Sunday of December as Bible Day in their states. The Brazilian Baptist Convention has observed this Sunday as Bible Day for many years, but the action of Chagas Freitas, governor of Guanabara, and Raymund Padilha, governor of Rio de Janeiro, made it official.

CAMPINAS, Brazil — A communications clinic sponsored by the Radio and Television Commission of the Brazilian Baptist Convention drew 27 participants from four states. The course consisted of 12 hours of study of the theoretical and practical aspects of television and radio. Alan Compton, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's radio-TV representative in Latin America, and Ilgonis Janait, president of the evangelism board of the Brazilian convention, taught classes.

Jesus Christ is good news

James A. Walker Jr.
First Church, Warren



Walker

Affirm it! Jesus Christ is good news. He was good news to John the Baptist who told others of his coming. He is good news to all who encounter him.

This five-unit session, based on Mark 1-5, presents Christ as having authority

over nature, disease, evil spirits, traditions, sin and death. Christ exercised this authority in behalf of men.

The first verse of Mark charts the course. The word gospel does not refer to the story Mark was writing. Nor does it refer primarily to the teachings of Christ. "Jesus Christ, the Son of God. . ." (v. 1) is the good news.

Foretold 1:2-3

John may have been a "voice crying in the wilderness" but he wasn't crying out of historical context. The prophets had told of one who would come before the Messiah. The quotation in v. 2b is from Exodus 23:20 combined with Malachi 3:1. The third verse is a quote from Isaiah 40:3. The author was not using poetical descriptions but pointing out how prophecy was actually fulfilled.

With this historical setting, Mark confirmed John's mission in God's order. John was identified as "my messenger." His mission was to "open the way" and "get the Lord's road ready for him." The wilderness preacher didn't misread his lines. Christ was the good news. As Dean Inge once said, the gospel "was not good advice but good news."

Good news in Christ had roots in the past. The Christians of that period identified Christ with the God of Israel. They searched the scriptures to confirm the person and mission of Christ.

Forgiveness 1:4-5

John's message prepared the way for Christ's ministry of redemption. He wasn't a babler in the Jordan Valley uttering meaningless phrases to attract attention. His message prepared for the coming of Christ.

By preaching a "baptism conditioned on repentance to obtain the forgiveness of sin" (v. 4 Williams), John had disciples who were ready to follow Christ. Repentance was a demand. Luke gave a fuller account (3:7-14) of what John meant when he asked the people to repent. Baptism, after repentance, was an open affirmation. It was a public declaration of one's intent to live ac-

ording to the high demands declared by John.

Forgiveness through Christ is good news. Paul, preaching in Antioch, declared, "Be it known unto you therefore, . . . that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13:38).

John the Baptist attracted people. His influence was widespread. A deep impression was made upon his contemporaries. Those who came did more than listen. They received the good news.

Forerunner 1:6-8

What was unusual about this prophet on the Jordan? His rough garb and sparse diet reminded the people of Elijah. His life-style was a sharp contrast to the extravagance of those living in Jerusalem. In the harshness of the desert he heard the voice of God. Like the old prophets, he avoided luxuries. People had to listen to a man who had disciplined himself.

As popular as John was, he kept a proper perspective on his calling. He knew his job. Regardless of how many came to hear him, John didn't seek a personal following. Humility kept him from having a credibility gap. People believed him because he said he wasn't the one.

John pointed to one "mightier than I" (v. 7). The greatness of the man was revealed in his recognition of one greater. John claimed unworthiness for even a slave's task; removing sandals from muddy or dusty feet. All he asked was the privilege of announcing the Christ.

Good news wasn't in John, but in the Christ he proclaimed. Pointing to Christ is the business of all messengers. Good news is Christ becoming the center of our witness.

Fulfillment 1:9-11

It is difficult to single out any one event in the life of Christ as the most important. Surely the day Christ "came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan" (v. 9) was special. This was the day God's sign of approval was given.

John's mode of baptism was by immersion. This wasn't what made Christ's baptism unique. The fact that he joined many others from Judea didn't make it special. In his baptism Christ found

identity with the people he came to save.

Mark did not bother to raise the question of why Christ was baptized. He did give attention to special events surrounding the occasion. The heavens opened and the Spirit descended like a dove. The world of spiritual power and glory was opened. Christ had accepted his divine mission and God had approved.

A voice spoke directly to Christ. We can never plumb the depths of that message. We do know the whole Jordan scene was in harmony with God's will.

God's sign was upon Christ. Once again, Christ, not the voice, not the amazement of the people, not the symbolism of the dove, was the good news.

Forty Days 1:12-13

The spirit which had so recently descended now drove Christ to the wilderness. Mark abbreviated the story.

Christ's experience was true to life. When there is a dedication to some high purpose, a time of personal growth or a spiritual renewal, a time of testing follows.

A defeat in the wilderness would have concluded the good news. During this time of testing Christ established his victory over Satan. He chose to do things God's way. Offers of physical satisfaction, prominence and power were rejected. After the grueling experience angels ministered to Christ.

Good news in Christ is victory over the forces of evil. He was tempted. He was victorious. That's good news for all God's children looking for a way of escape. (cf. 1 Cor. 10:13)

The forerunner of the good news was arrested but the good news was loose. It was Christ's turn. He came preaching. Verse fifteen is a summary of all that Christ did and was. It was God's hour. Christ, the good news, invited men to keep turning from their sins and believe the gospel. The good news was: Men have someone to live by in Christ.



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Fields named editor of RA leadership publications

MEMPHIS (BP) — Tim Fields, an associate editor of Pioneer Royal Ambassador boys materials for two years, has been named editor of two Royal Ambassador leadership publications at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

Fields, a former Kansan, will edit Crusader Counselor, a quarterly magazine for men who work with Crusader-age Royal Ambassadors, and Pioneer Plans, the leadership portion of Probe, a monthly publication for Pioneer Royal Ambassadors.

The newly created position also calls for Fields to represent the Royal Ambassador division in developing and implementing a public relations program for the commission.

Before joining the commission, Fields was a newspaper reporter and county editor for Townsend Communications of Kansas City, Mo.

A graduate of Kansas State University, with a bachelor of science degree in journalism, Fields has completed 40 hours toward a master's degree in religious education at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City.

A smile or two

"How old would a person born in 1896 be?"

"Man or woman?"

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Some Watergate witnesses believe a dishonest confession is good for the soul.

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When it comes to some of the Watergate secrets, only the shredder knows!

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The missionary saw the Chinese strewing rice over the graves of his ancestors, and said, "When do you expect your departed ones to come back and eat this rice?" The Chinese replied, "At about the same time your ancestors come back to smell your flowers." — *Southern Wings*, 9-73.

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Lots of talk about the U.S. exhausting its valued natural resources. There's a good chance — the way things are going — that the first great resource to fold up will be the American taxpayer.

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If you aren't as close to God as you once were, you can be very certain as to which of you has moved. — *Burton Hillis*

Attendance report

Dec. 16, 1973

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Ch. Adms.
Alexander			
First	77	42	
Vimy Ridge	82	45	
Alicia	37	34	
Alma, First	369	160	
Alpena	69	38	
Beirne, First	58	24	
Bentonville, First	228		
Berryville			
Freeman Heights	107	56	
First	170	63	
Rock Springs	99		4
Booneville			
First	260	234	3
Glendale	83	65	
Camden, First	485	144	1
Concord, First	104	41	
Conway, Second	361	123	2
Crossett			
First	475	212	
Mt. Olive	369	190	3
Des Arc, First	211	75	
Elaine	170		
Fort Smith			
First	1292	262	9
Grand Avenue	757	303	4
Moffett Mission	28		
Temple	146	62	1
Trinity	175	57	
Windsor Park	694	206	1
Gentry, First	166	75	1
Grandview	103	70	2
Gravel Ridge, First	214	101	
Greenwood, First	335	132	
Hampton, First	142	125	
Hardy, First	108	58	5
Harrison, Eagle Heights	273	103	2
Heber Springs, First	260	56	
Helena, First	216	95	
Hope			
Calvary	182	88	
First	489	132	
Hot Springs			
Leonard Street	104	58	
Park Place	385	150	3
Hughes, First	195	54	
Jacksonville			
First	424	97	
Marshall Road	295	123	
Johnson	57		
Jonesboro, North Main	602	229	4
Lambrook	106	135	
Lavaca	337	127	
Lexa	144	85	
Little Rock			
Cross Roads	113	84	1
Crystal Hill	153	50	
Life Line	585	171	2
Martindale	98	48	2
Shady Grove	94	47	
Woodlawn	111	43	
Magnolia, Central	635	321	
Melbourne, Belview	174	111	
Mena, Dallas Avenue	119	55	
Monticello			
First	261	76	
Second	275		2
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	603	160	
Calvary	421	132	3
Levy	407	148	
Park Hill	774		
Sylvan Hills First	316	127	1
Paragould			
Calvary	174	131	
First	479		3
Paris, First	393	207	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	159	77	
First	649	153	2
Green Meadows	62		
Second	134	52	2
South Side	628		
Tucker	13		
Oppelo	27		
Prairie Grove, First	172	83	
Rogers, First	597		2
Russellville			
First	479		
Second	154	74	
Sheridan, First	249	89	
Springdale			
Berry Street	93	44	3
Caudle Avenue	124	36	1
Elmdale	307	85	
First	902		
Oak Grove	86	31	2
Van Buren			
First	501	255	3
Mission	31		
Warren			
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Projections show continued SBC growth

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention statistical projections indicate the denomination continued to grow in 1973, with over one billion dollars in total receipts, the third highest number of baptisms ever recorded and an increase of nearly 207,000 church members.

The preliminary statistics, compiled by reports received from 26,135 Southern Baptist churches, project increases in church membership, Sunday School enrollment, church music enrollment, mission expenditures, Brotherhood enrollment and total financial receipts.

Decreases are predicted in baptisms, Training Union enrollment and WMU enrollment.

These projections should be "very close" to the final official figures which will be released in February, 1974, according to Martin B. Bradley, manager of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research services department. Approximately 8,500 churches have not yet reported.

For several years, church membership has been increasing at approximately two percent each year and 1973 apparently will be no different. The membership is expected to reach the 12,274,000 mark, reflecting a gain of 206,716 or 1.7 percent.

Although projected baptisms decreased 6.1 percent to a total of 418,500, that figure is the third highest in Southern Baptist history. The number of baptisms in 1973 ranks behind the 445,725 baptisms in 1972 and the 1959 figure of 429,063.

For the first time, the 1972 total receipts surpassed the one billion dollar figure. The 1973 projections indicate a 12.3 percent increase amounting to \$1,203,000,000 in total receipts.

Mission expenditures showed a 10.2 percent increase for a total of \$192,650,000.

The first gain in Sunday School enrollment since 1964 was recorded in 1972. The 1973 estimate indicates a modest increase of 349 members, setting the total Sunday School enrollment at 7,178,000.

"While the gain this year was not pronounced," said A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, "it indicates last year's gains were not temporary and that there is developing a consistency in Sunday School growth throughout the convention.

"The growth is somewhat spotty as yet, but an increasing number of churches are showing growth in enrollment and an even greater increase in attendance. The future is full of promise."

Church music continued to increase with a reported seven percent climb in enrollment. The new enrollment for music organizations is 1,254,000 members, a gain of 80,996. However, this figure includes handbell ringers, vocal and instrumental ensemble enrollment which account for approximately three-fourths of the estimated numerical changes. Handbell ringers and ensembles were not included in the 1972 survey.

The church music department is "delighted by this growth reported by churches," stated William J. Reynolds, secretary. "This is evidence of the strength of music programs in our churches."

Statistics project a 6,228-member gain — or 1.4 percent increase — to 460,500 enrolled in Brotherhood work with Baptist Men and Royal Ambassador boys.

Glendon McCullough, the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission's executive director, attributed the increase to a growing interest of laymen in missions and the "team effort of state Brotherhood leaders and Brotherhood Commission trustees" to involve men and boys in missions.

"I see the growth of Brotherhood enrollment in the SBC for the last three consecutive years as a prelude to much sharper increases during the next several years as more and more laymen recognize and carry out their individual responsibilities in Christian missions," he added.

Enrollment in Training Union, the denomination's Sunday night program of church training, will experience a loss of 98,445 members, according to projections. That's a 4.8 percent decrease to an estimated 1,946,000 enrollment in 1973.

According to Philip B. Harris, secretary of the board's church training department, new efforts to increase Training Union attendance have begun.

"The new promotion project 'CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place' for growth, fellowship and training was implemented this fall throughout the convention," stated Harris.

"Church training will be joined by church administration, church music and church recreation in this project in 1974, and the project will continue through 1979.

"Also, 800 growth consultants are just beginning their work on the state level. One or more growth projects in each association will be implemented during the next five years in every state. The summer conferences at the Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Centers will major on enlisting and training members," Harris added.

Projections indicate enrollment in WMU, Southern Baptist woman's auxiliary, will drop 27,641 for a 2.5 percent loss. Total enrollment for 1973 is expected to be 1,098,000.

WMU Executive Secretary Alma Hunt expressed surprise at the projection. Miss Hunt said she had expected no losses because of encouraging reports from field workers and of outstanding response to leader training opportunities.

The preliminary projections were arrived at by computing the actual figures from 26,135 churches, then projecting through statistical means the expected reports from the 8,500 remaining churches, Bradley said.

"Weighting factors" were added to give "an acceptable degree of accuracy" to these projected figures for planning and decision-making purposes in the denomination, according to Bradley.

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