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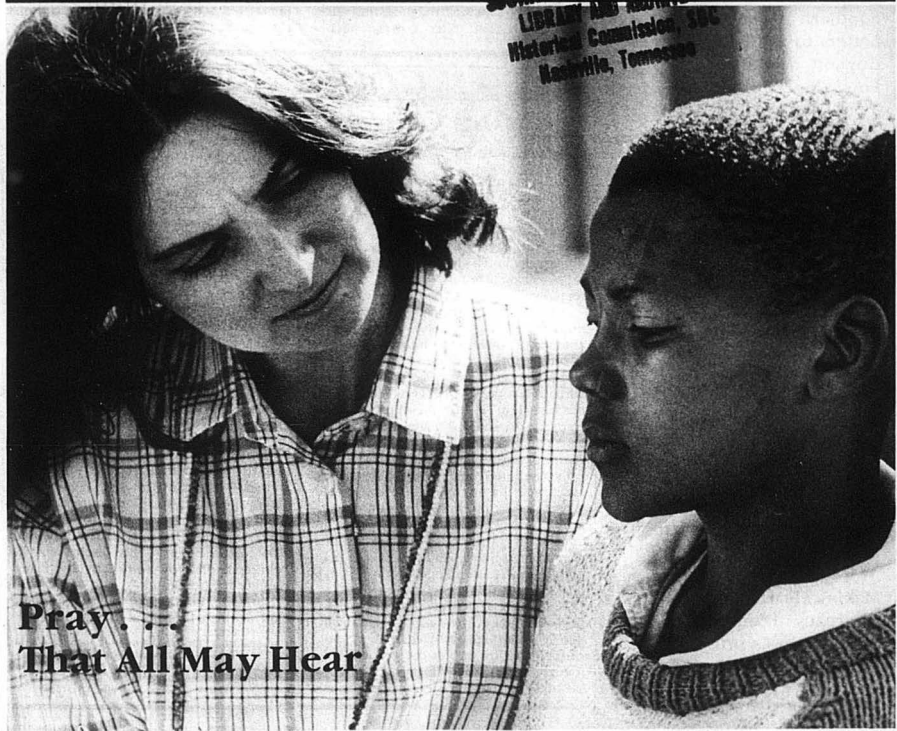
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IT'S UPLIFTING

Radio Helps Build Churches

CARACAS, Venezuela (BP)—Ten times a week, a Venezuelan broadcast is sent out to start and then nurture Baptist churches throughout Latin America.

"Christ the Only Hope," now in its 20th year, has been instrumental in starting 15 churches in Venezuela alone. The radio ministry probably has sparked a sizable number of churches in other Spanish-speaking countries, says Larry Rice, a Southern Baptist missionary who has worked with the program since 1971.

It's one of the few religious broadcasts with a church-planting emphasis.

The program is aired 10 times a week from a station on the island of Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, 90 miles north of Venezuela. It also is aired on various AM stations.

"Christ the Only Hope" builds churches in two ways, says Rice, the program's music producer. Often, after correspondence

with the radio ministry, a fledgling group gets help in forming into a church from a nearby pastor or missionary.

A second way the program helps start churches is by providing missionaries intending to start new churches with lists of listeners in an area who have written for a correspondence course.

Typical of the program's church-planting impact is a new congregation on Venezuela's Margarita island in the Caribbean. Letters arrived from two men wanting to know more about faith in Christ. A Venezuelan home missionary went to visit. The missionary learned that the first man already had become a Christian and a church member.

In the other visit, the man readily gave his life to Christ. The new convert then told of a friend who wanted to start a church. They went to visit the man who affirmed, "I want to start a church here. Would you help me?" Aray soon was working with a new congregation, his fifth on the island.

GOOD NEWS!

A Caring Church

Philippians 4:10-20

A caring church reveals its love in word and deed. No one, except God, knows the far-reaching impact for good done by a congregation that cares.

Reading Paul's thank-you letter to the Philippian church gives us some insights into a caring church—insights that are remarkably relevant for our time.

A caring church seizes opportunities for ministry to people (4:10). There was no absence of concern in Philippi. Apparently there had been a period in which they had little opportunity to minister to Paul. Perhaps his travels prevented them from reaching him. Maybe the church had no resources to share. Whatever the reason, Paul rejoiced that they again had opportunity to express their concern.

Every church must periodically stop and ask: "What are our open doors for service? What significant ministries are needed now?" Answers to these questions do not come easily. They call for honest evaluation, earnest prayer, and courageous planning; but genuine ministries do not happen without these spiritual qualities.

A caring church develops a partnership in sharing the gospel (4:14).—Paul regarded the Philippians as partners and spoke of their "fellowship in the gospel" (1:5). A church is a partnership—pastor and people using their gifts for mutual enrichment,

encouragement, and ministry. The circle of our concern extends out to ministries in the association, in the state convention, across the Southern Baptist Convention, and throughout the world.

A caring church gives worshipfully and faithfully (4:14-19). Paul recognized the worshipful spirit and the individual sacrifice behind the Philippian gift. He likened their gift to an Old Testament sacrifice (v. 18). Their giving pleased God, and they were spiritually enriched for it (vv.17,19). Christian giving is intended to be an experience of worship. This spirit of worship must be reflected as we give regularly through the church in Bible study periods and worship services. When our giving is in this spirit, we, like the Philippians, will be spiritually enriched.

A caring church will also give faithfully. No other church had remembered Paul, and he was grateful to the Philippian church. A church's work is not made possible by sporadic gifts, promotional stunts, and annual gimmicks. It calls for ongoing, faithful, week-by-week giving from people who love the Lord. This discipline will help members grow spiritually and bring stability to the church.

Nothing stirs the soul like the Spirit of God working through a caring church.

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Prayer: The Weapon

J. EVERETT SNEED

The Week of Prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is Nov. 29-Dec. 6. It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer. Almost one-half (44.7 percent) of the total 1988 foreign mission budget comes from the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Perhaps more important than even the money are the prayers that are lifted in behalf of our foreign missionaries. Missionaries all across the world remind us that they receive special blessings from the prayers that are lifted in their behalf on their birthdays and during the season of prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The following guest editorial by Linda Rice, a foreign missionary to Uganda since 1974, re-emphasizes the potential of prayer. Undoubtedly the power of prayer is the greatest unclaimed potential available to Southern Baptists today. Our gifts and prayers will strengthen our worldwide mission endeavor.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—We as missionaries and national believers in Uganda know something about weapons and wars. It has to do with eight changes of government since 1979.

Pastor Deo Mawano thought he'd been shot in the head early one morning as he walked to work. Actually, it was only the noise and vibrations of a mortar being fired over his head. That same mortar made waves in our water bed.

I have faced four AK47 automatic guns pointed at me through my windshield. Quickly recognizing my vulnerability and their intention to steal my car, I got out and gave it to them. Weapons and wars—we have experienced them.

"Pray That All May Hear" is the theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. I recognize that, too. It is a call to arms—a cry for the battle to intensify. It is a warfare that is far more significant than Uganda's coups, using weapons that are far more powerful than any AK47 or mortar.

"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God," (2 Co. 10:4-5 NAS). The 1987 Week of Prayer



theme is right on target.

Prayer is our weapon; we all need to assent to that. But what do we do with it? We are meticulous in assembling and disassembling it for the purpose of cleaning and polishing. Strategic arms talks are given quality time and resources.

But how often do we actually fire the weapon? And when we do fire—at times with the wrong ammunition—we expend its power on lesser skirmishes. The enemy is good at setting out decoys and distractions to deflect and diminish the full potential of our weapons. Pray that all may hear!

We in Uganda know something about spiritual weapons and warfare. Kampala Baptist Church members with a thousand and one other needs spend nights in fervent prayer for spiritual awakening. They have been watching as attendance and giv-

ing dramatically increase, looking as if a weeping woman came for salvation before a sermon was even preached, rejoicing as the church moved back on course—dead center on exalting Jesus. Victory comes through prayer.

The Lango Baptist Association pastors say they have won the victory. They've learned how to deal with witchcraft, an enemy so ugly and potent that it killed four children of a deacon. This was before the deacon's wife was saved and before the believers learned to effectively wield the weapon of prayer. Their freedom from this bondage is noticed in the district. Pray that all may hear!

Most of the world is in spiritual bondage. Many are in countries closed to the gospel. Famine, disease, oppression, and wars cut time short. But our weapon—prayer—is long range and able to penetrate any bondage. It requires no further testing or refining. It needs only to be aimed and used. Pray that the mystery of the gospel be made known with boldness.

My daughter Kristen sings, "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do." But he waits for his people to pray to release his power.

Pastor Mawano speaks of the time when we came to the end of the war and all gather for the victory celebration. He wonders, as we turn in our battle fatigues and armor, how many of us will hear, "What! This weapon has never been fired. Where have you been?"

Let us set out, as Joshua did (Js. 5:13-15), to see the captain of the hosts of the Lord. Let us like him fall down on our faces in worship, submission, holiness, and intercession. Then the walls of many Jerichos around the world will fall.

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Letters to the Editor

BEN EARLY

Southern Accent



Scarred for Life

I stood on the sidelines with a few other fathers during a soccer game that my son was playing in. The team hadn't done very well, but kept trying extra hard. The boys were quite upset because they were losing the game.

One of the boys, a good player, seeking reassurance, walked over to his dad. My heart broke as I heard the dad turn to the son, swearing, telling him that he was not good for anything, he wasn't helping the team, and he was surprised that the other team members even wanted to play with him.

He continued to ridicule and belittle the boy in front of everyone. After the father had finished, it almost seemed as if the young boy said, "Now, just affirm me, give me a hug," and he moved over closer to his dad. His dad, in a very quick, hasty motion, shoved him away and said, "Get away from me. I don't even want to have anything to do with you." The young boy turned and walked away very slowly, shoulders drooping, and tears rolling down his face.

As I stood there, I longed to reach out to him, for I realized that the boy had suffered an injury that would leave him scarred for life. And I prayed, "Dear God, help me to be the kind of father that reflects your love day by day."

The family today stands at a crossroads. Pressures are strong, countless activities draw us apart, and often the family structure is weakened. We must avoid scarring our youth by relating more to where they are in life. We must model God's care and compassion while exhibiting what God is like.

Our Baptist colleges in Arkansas—Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Baptist College—want to be catalysts to help strengthen and undergird the family, one of God's greatest gifts. Our colleges want to be extensions of your family.

Our youth deserve the best. You can be assured that, on our campuses, your child will experience God's love, concern, and care while receiving excellent academic training.

Together, we can and will make a difference.

Ben Early is public relations/alumni director at Southern Baptist College.

Eternal dividends

In view of the events leading up to "Black Monday," Oct. 19, 1987, I would like to give the following investment advice.

The stock market is temporal, uncertain, and constantly changing. Jesus Christ is eternal, certain, and never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

For whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap. Sow those things that are temporal, uncertain, and changing, and that's exactly what you will reap. On the other hand, sow things that are eternal, certain, and never changing, and that is what you will reap. For wherever a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also.

The world system cannot be depended upon, but Jesus Christ never fails. Invest in eternity, and reap eternal dividends.—Bill Lacey, Fort Smith

What They Will Do

I found it ironic that upon returning from Little Rock yesterday I had the opportunity to read Mr. Gray's letter in my just arrived Oct. 22 *Arkansas Baptist*. Mr. Gray lauded Mr. Atchison for calling for the removal of Larry Baker as executive director of the Christian Life Commission because we "need men of God... who are responsive to the biblical views of the Southern Baptist majority." Apparently Mr. Gray and Mr. Atchison do not feel that Mr. Baker is such a "man of God."

The irony comes from the fact that I had

just attended a breakfast meeting where Larry Baker was present sharing the future plans of the CLC and asking for input and response. As I understand it, this was just one of many such meetings that Mr. Baker has held throughout the nation, seeking the input of Southern Baptists at the grassroots level. It must also be remembered that Mr. Baker assumed his duties this past March, and time must be given to allow him to respond to the concerns of Southern Baptists.

I found Mr. Baker's plans and response to be right in line with what the "Southern Baptist majority" has called for. An office has been set up and staffed by the Christian Life Commission in Washington D.C. to represent the moral concerns voiced by our denomination.

In response to the abortion issue, two special consultations have already been held—one in June in St. Louis and another in September in Nashville. The 1989 national conference sponsored by the CLC will focus on the abortion issue.

Furthermore, the CLC staff has had impressive progress on the gambling front having been instrumental in defeating the para-mutual betting issue in Nashville, Tenn., this past summer.

The CLC, under the leadership of Larry Baker, is being responsive to the requests made by our convention. Let's become better informed (the CLC is also planning to mail their monthly news publication to every SBC pastor) and judge the CLC staff on what they do and not on what they think they will do.—Michael D. Johnson, Pine Bluff

Holiday Inn Boycott Urged

The Concord Association Pastors Conference voted Oct. 26 to ask messengers to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Nov. 17-18 in Fort Smith to arrange for accommodations other than at the new Holiday Inn Plaza, according to Ron Williamson, president of the Pastors Conference.

The resolution followed one adopted during the Southern Baptist Convention June 16-18 in St. Louis which encouraged selective purchasing to combat the pornography industry. That resolution specifically pointed to the Holiday Inn chain as a major provider of sexually explicit movies in motel rooms.

MK Birthday Prayer Calendar: November

Missionary Kids Attending College in Arkansas

- 21 Curtis Sergeant
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Food & Fellowship

'We Care' Baskets

VIRGINIA KIRK & JANE PURTLE

How does your church say "We care" to shut-ins or other special people at the holiday season?

One church we know prepares "We Care Baskets" and takes a basket to each shut-in member the week before Christmas. Sunday School classes—both adults and children—work on the project for several weeks before Christmas, setting aside some time on Sunday morning for craft projects, as well as preparing items at home. One or two people coordinate the efforts of the groups, and another person is in charge of delivery. Most of the baskets are delivered by individual members or groups who have worked on the project.

Each basket contains several of the craft and food items listed below. In choosing the contents, special diets and needs of the recipients are considered. The baskets are decorated with specially-made bows. Here are some of the ideas for crafts and food items; solicit other ideas from your group:

- jars of spiced tea, candied apples
- sweet breads and/or bread sculptures
- crocheted doorknob decorations, window decorations
- stencilled Christmas cards, signed by Sunday School members
- tree ornaments (various types, including simple counted cross-stitch designs, decorated styrofoam balls, baked clay ornaments)
- tie-dyed wrapping paper
- other baked goodies, fresh fruit
- tapes of daily devotionals, tapes of children's choirs

The candied apples could be kept in the refrigerator until baskets are picked up for delivery. Bake the sweet breads in small aluminum loaf pans. This pumpkin bread will stay moist and tasty several days.

Pumpkin bread

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| 3 1/2 cups flour | 2 teaspoons nutmeg |
| 3 cups sugar | 2 teaspoons soda |
| 4 eggs | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup oil | 1 pound can of pumpkin |
| 1/2 cup water | 1 cup raisins |
| 3 teaspoons cinnamon | 1 cup nuts, chopped (optional) |

Cream sugar and eggs. Add oil, water, flour, spices, soda, salt and pumpkin. Mix. Add raisins and nuts. Pour into small loaf pans and bake for 40-50 minutes at 325 degrees. Makes 6-7 small loaves.

Candied apples

Fill a large pot about one half full of water. Add a large bag of cinnamon red hots, a pinch of salt, 1 cup sugar (more if apples are very tart) and several drops of red food coloring. Allow this mixture to come to a boil.

While mixture is heating, peel and core three dozen or more baking apples (Winesap, Jonathan, Rome Beauty, etc.). Slice each apple into 6 or 8 slices.

Drop some of the apple slices in hot mixture and stir gently until apples are just tender. Too much cooking or stirring will result in applesauce.

Add another batch until all the apples are done. Spoon into small jars and pour rest of liquid over apples. Store in refrigerator.

Virginia Kirk, professor emeritus at Arkansas College; is a member of Batesville First Church. **Jane Purtle** teaches at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas. They have enjoyed cooking together for several years.



DON MOORE

You'll Be Glad To Know



The time draws near for our annual state convention. It is always a happy time for renewing fellowship with those we love. It is a time of inspiration and challenge with regard to significant Kingdom activity. It is a time of business.

The convention is not without its frustrations. We invest so much in agencies and institutions and receive so little accounting from them at the convention. "People will not stay in the sessions to hear the reports," I hear someone say. Someone else chimes in, "We just do not have time to give them more than 10 or 20 minutes on the programs." Since we have squeezed the sessions down to try to get finished by Wednesday noon, time is very limited. The statements are sadly true.

This is frustrating because of the personal investment of life and Baptist dollars. Those involved know the tremendous value and effect of what they are doing, but they never really get to tell the full story to those who make it possible.

Here is the biggest frustration. A larger part of your Cooperative Program dollar goes to Executive Board programs than to any of our agencies or institutions. Yet the Executive Board programs, as a whole, have only been given time to report to the Convention once in about 10 years, with one or two exceptions.

Unless a person has interest enough to read our *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* and Southern Baptist periodicals, they remain practically illiterate about what God is using us to do together. It is difficult to feel much love, appreciation, and commitment for things about which we know little. Something about our nature makes us want to hear negative information and believe the worst, while being almost totally indifferent to the good and positive.

Informed Baptists make good Baptists. It is vital that our people gather for our convention. Let's gather in large numbers with keen interest and earnest prayer and help each other get our areas of Kingdom responsibility "on the move."

Don Moore is executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Paralyzing Fear Can Be Overcome

by Elizabeth Watson
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

FORT WORTH, Texas—Fear paralyzed Kellie Bonham more than the spinal injury she received in a diving accident.

Now seven years later, Bonham is helping other quadriplegics understand how to break free of that fear. The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary master of divinity student is developing her ministry skills as a chaplain-intern with "physically challenged" people at Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center in Arkansas.

Bonham wants spinal-injury victims to know they can lead full and meaningful lives. As a quadriplegic paralyzed below the shoulders, she is living proof of her message.

After the diving accident as a teen-ager, she stepped back into the world in a wheelchair. But she had to sort through much pain to accept her condition. Bonham said her biggest challenge was loosening the grip fear held on her life.

"Total nurture by family, friends, and roommates made it impossible for me to learn become independent," said Bonham, who is a native of Longview, Texas. "Because my emotional and physical well-being largely depended on others, I didn't believe I could face life on my own. I was afraid of failing."

Bonham's decision to become more independent was directly related to "feeling more secure" about her disability. "Acceptance that I'm in this for life triggered the change," she said. "No more denial."

Last summer Bonham took her biggest



Kelly Bonham demonstrates her mobility during filming of a documentary.

step toward independence. She moved to Hot Springs to participate in the six-hour-credit clinical pastoral education program and without a full-time roommate.

"The Texas Rehabilitation Foundation has always funded a roommate for me," Bonham plained. "But I decided I should try to do certain things myself."

Bonham's summer experience stretched into a year-long venture. Administrators at rehabilitation center and the Arkansas Baptist Convention asked Bonham to stay on for one year before returning to seminary classes.

She hopes to make a difference in clients' lives by adopting an "investment" attitude. "We had good results this summer, but I

only scratched the surface. It takes time to help people discover their self-worth," she said.

Bonham said the internship gives her a good foundation for future ministerial situations. "I'm watching my book knowledge come to life, as well as learning through the hard times," she said.

"There was no one to rescue me this summer," Bonham said. "I appreciate what God allowed me to learn through my limitations."

"One thing I have learned at seminary and Hot Springs is true love lets you do it yourself. That's how Jesus loves us. He lets us fall, but assures us that in his strength we can stand back up again."

Good Marriages, Peaceful World

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C. (BP)—The concept, David and Vera Mace agree, may seem a bit idealistic, but the theory is sound: good marriages contribute to world peace.

"I came to the conclusion that good marriages are the key to good families, good families the key to good communities, good communities the key to good nations and good nations the key to a good world," said Mace, 80, author of nearly 40 marriage books.

"I don't know of any better way to work for world peace than to work for happy

families," he said.

The Scotland-born Mace and his English wife of 54 years have spent their lives traveling to 61 countries working with governments to establish counseling organizations that deal with marriage and family.

"Marriage is intended to pass on the values of the culture to the next generation," Mace said. "We are undermining and destroying the whole nature of our society by the way we are treating marriage. If you don't bring up in your homes children who become responsible adults,

then what sort of country are you going to have?"

While most divorces used to occur in the first seven years of marriage, the largest number now occur during the first three years, he reported. Divorces that occur after 15 or 20 years of marriage are often the result of failures to build a solid, healthy foundation for the marriage.

The Maces offer three suggestions for making a successful marriage.

First, "you must have commitment. If you are not committed to each other and the

marriage, then you won't work through the difficulties which will arise," he said.

Second, couples must have an effective communications system: "In many marriages little or no communication goes on. You've got to know where the other person is and the other person has to know where you are. We start each day with a sharing period."

Finally, Mace said, couples must work continuously to keep the relationship close. "Watch for every sign of anger, work on it and clear it up," he said.

Equipping the Equippers

Arkansas' annual Church Training Convention drew about 200 persons to Little Rock's Immanuel Church Oct. 27 for a day of inspiration and training in the task of equipping disciples.

Eight conferences provided training for Church Training workers. Adult, youth, and children's conferences were led by Jerry Chapman, Randy Landford, and Robert

Sauls, consultants with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. A preschool conference was led by Janet Williams of Calvary Church, Little Rock.

Two conferences focused on the needs of Church Training general officers. Sixty-five persons registered for the conference designed for churches with memberships less than 700; 25 enrolled for the over-700 conference. Luell Smith and Steve Williams, also Sunday School Board consultants, led these conferences.

A conference for media librarians was led by Anne Long of the Sunday School Board. Nell Collins of First Church, Longview, Texas, led a conference for church secretaries.

Participants toured a Church Training Fair which featured exhibits displaying all the discipleship training resources available from the Sunday School Board, including age-group material, MasterLife, Disciple-Youth, LIFE, Ingathering, Equipping Center modules, and Baptist Doctrine Study materials.

Perry F. Webb Jr., pastor of First Church, Baton Rouge, La., delivered two inspirational messages to convention participants. ABCS Associate Executive Director Jimmie Sheffield addressed Missions Advance 87-89 during the afternoon session. Music was provided by Lynn Madden of Immanuel Church and Glen Blevins of Calvary Church, North Little Rock.

ABCS Church Training Director Bob



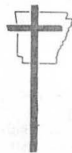
Mrs. D.C. McAtee of Forrest City examines age-group literature for children at one of the booths set up for the Church Training Fair during the state Church Training Convention Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Immanuel Church, in Little Rock.

Holley said that in 1988 the one-day convention will be replaced with a special two-day "State Conference on Discipleship," which also will be held at Immanuel Church in Little Rock.

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State Acteens Panel Chosen

Four teenage girls have been selected to serve as the first Arkansas Acteens Advisory Panel. During their term of service, they will help plan statewide Acteens activities, participate in the Encounter program, and speak at the Arkansas WMU annual meeting.

Chosen for the positions by the State Acteens Committee were Sarah Kellar of

Brinkley First Church, Kristen Sloan of Trumann First Church, Traci Wagner of Little Rock Archview Church, and Sara Williams of Texarkana Beech Street Church.

Acteens are the mission organization of Woman's Missionary Union for teenage girls ages 12-17. There are approximately 2,200 Acteens in Arkansas and more than 13,000 Acteens nationwide.



Kellar



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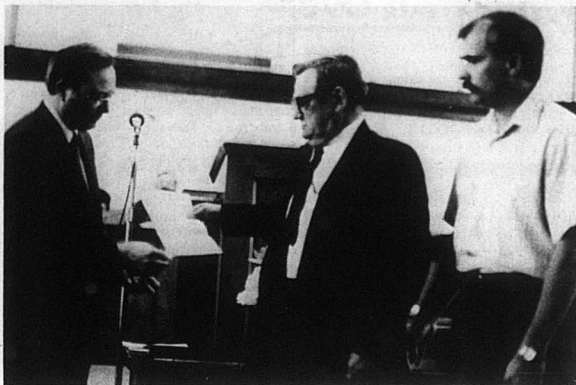


Wagner



Williams

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Burning the note: Pastor Bobby Walker, Linton Moudy, and Doug Miller.

Reunion in Danville

Two congregations reunite to reach others better

by J. Everett Sneed

Editor, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

On August 5 First Church, Danville, and the Immanuel Church, Danville, merged. Pastor Bobby Walker said, "There was a sweet spirit in our business meeting."

In 1979 a group of First Church members formed the Immanuel Church. Since that time, the new congregation had reached a total membership of 118, of which 85 are resident members.

The Immanuel Church, located one mile out of Danville on Highway 27, consists of a church plant, a pastor's home and five acres of land. The facilities are valued at approximately \$400,000. The congregation owed only \$40,000, which will be assumed by First Church as a part of the merger.

The church plans to use a portion of the former Immanuel property as a family life center. Pastor Bobby Walker said that some work would need to be done on the property. He also indicated there was a possibility of utilizing the property as a Christian daycare center in the future.

First Church plans to employ an education-youth director in the near future. Walker indicated the church already had made plans to employ a new worker in that position, but the merger of the two congregations will make it possible for this to take place at an earlier date. The former parsonage of Immanuel will be used as the residence for the new staff member.

The merger took place as a result of the Immanuel congregation's feeling that, by

reuniting with First Church, it would be possible for the Baptists of Danville to serve the Lord more effectively. They feel that by working together they will be able to do more than they could do separately. Such things as a family life ministry and a Christian daycare center can be accomplished through the joint efforts of the two congregations.

Pastor Walker said that two members of the Immanuel Church came to his study and discussed the possibility with him. He then discussed it with First Church deacons, who were enthusiastic about the merger.

The Immanuel Church met in a business meeting and voted unanimously to merge with First Church if accepted by the congregation. On Aug. 5, First Church voted unanimously to accept Immanuel.

Walker said, "The spirit of our church is the best that it has been in years. Our fellowship is excellent and there are no problems of any significance within our congregation."

First Church is now averaging approximately 150 in Sunday School. This represents an increase of 25 to 30 prior to the merger. First Church is giving 14 percent to the Cooperative Program and 4 percent to the association. Pastor Walker said that in recent years there had been an increase each year in Cooperative Program giving. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has doubled in the last five years. The congregation is now giving in excess of \$5,000 annually.

The congregation held a noteburning service on Nov. 1 to signify the elimination of all indebtedness on the property in downtown Danville. The congregation had borrowed \$200,000 in 1979 to finance the construction of their new facilities. The guest speaker for the noteburning service was ABN Editor J. Everett Sneed.

On Oct. 25, the congregation honored Pastor Walker on the observance of his fifth anniversary as pastor and his 25th anniversary as a minister. A plaque was presented to him by W. W. Sides on behalf of the congregation in the morning worship service. Thurlow Lee, pastor of the White River Church, Oil Trough, was the guest speaker for the service. Lee was Walker's pastor at the time of his ordination at Manila. In addition to First Church, Danville, Walker has served the Natural Steps Church, North Little Rock; First Church, Grubbs; and the Remount Church, North Little Rock.

Service Recognized

Lela Wells, who has been a member of Bentonville First Church for 50 years, recently was recognized for her years of service. Pastor Tom Smith presented her with a plaque noting 49 years as a member of the adult choir and 19 years as general secretary of the Sunday School. Mrs. Wells was recognized by the congregation prior to her moving to Fort Smith to live with her son, John L. Wood.



Arkansas All Over

MILLIE GILL

People

Dean Essex has been called by Forrest Park Church, Pine Bluff, to serve as part-time music and youth minister. He is a student at Ouachita Baptist University. Essex and his wife, Shannon, have one daughter, Hannah.

Rev. and Mrs. John Eason of Heber Springs recently celebrated 40 years of ministry with a reception in the fellowship hall of Palestine Church, Heber Springs, where he serves as pastor. Hosting the event were their children, Jim, Corrinne, Marvin, Jerry, and Bill. Eason has pastored 17 churches.

Dusty Day is serving as pastor of Stony Point Church, Houston.

Josephine Dew will retire Jan. 31, 1988, as administration secretary and treasurer of Central Church, Magnolia, following 45 years of service.

Ron Batchelor resigned Nov. 2 as pastor of Dyess Central Church to serve as pastor of Bluff Avenue Church in Fort Smith.

Warren Watkins resigned Nov. 1 as pastor of Cross Roads Church to serve as pastor of Memorial Church in Blytheville.

Kasper Hines has resigned as minister of education and youth at First Church, Augusta.

Briefly

Harmony Association hosted a Bible conference Nov. 2 at Watson Chapel Church, Pine Bluff. Leaders were Bobby Moore, pastor of Broadmoor Church in Memphis, Tenn., and Jimmy Milliken, a professor at Mid-America Seminary.

Ridgeway Church of Nashville will hold a youth revival Nov. 20-21. The evangelist will be Scotty Ray, who surrendered to the ministry in the Ridgeway Church and is now serving as youth director at Mount Moriah Church, Murfreesboro, while attending Ouachita Baptist University.

Otter Creek Church in Little Rock held a fall revival Oct. 25-28 that resulted in four

professions of faith, according to Pastor Max Deaton. Johnny Green of Wynne was evangelist, and Ray Edmonson, pastor of Nalls Memorial Church in Little Rock, served as music director.

Olivet Church in Little Rock is observing "Love-in-Action" month. Special emphases include calling absentee Sunday School members, sending cards to class members, fellowshiping with members, and inviting prospects to Sunday School.

Dardanelle-Russellville Association messengers attending the annual meeting voted to change the associational name to **Arkansas River Valley Association**. Office location will remain the same with Jeff Cheatham serving as director of missions.

Bald Knob Central Church launched a children's choir program Oct. 26 under the direction of David Jackson, youth and music director.

Leachville Second Church dedicated Nov. 8 a new church building which was constructed to replace a building destroyed by fire several months ago.

Mountain Home First Church conducted a Lay Renewal Weekend Oct. 23-25. G.B. and Kellena Hambrick of Pocahontas,

national resource consultants for the Home Mission Board, and Danny Ponder, general chairman, were assisted by 57 team members from Missouri, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

Benton County Association Baptist Women are celebrating the Woman's Missionary Union Centennial through studies in *Royal Service* and *Women of The Way*, an associational WMU history which features women from the 1840's who served among Baptists. It was written by Maggie Smith, centennial chairman, who authored prayer choruses that are in the October *Royal Service*. She also has written *Great Is The Company*, a 145-year history of Benton County Association, which retiring associational WMU director, Nadean Riley Bell, is editing.

Springdale First Church has planned a "Feast of Plenty" for Monday, Nov. 23, in the church's multi-purpose building. Pastor Ronnie W. Floyd says this evangelistic outreach effort will attempt to feed each needy person in northwest Arkansas.

Helena First Church held a fellowship Nov. 1 to honor Nell Jackson, who is retiring as church secretary following 22 years of service.

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A dedication service was held Oct. 25 for 2.5 acres of property purchased for the mission congregation at Holiday Island, a resort community located north of Eureka Springs. The mission began in April with a Bible study fellowship, which continues to meet on Thursday nights. Mission Pastor Emory Day, pictured above, anticipates Sunday morning worship services will begin in the Holiday Island Information Center during November. Construction on a church facility may begin next summer. Vernon Payne is pastor of the sponsoring church, First Church of Eureka Springs.

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

CONTRIBUTIONS

Total cash contributions through the Cooperative Program received in the office of the Executive Director of the Executive Board, from January 1, 1987, through September 30, 1987.
If any errors are found in this report, please notify Don Moore, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203.

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
ARKANSAS VALLEY			PLEASANT GROVE			GRUBBS 1ST		
ARKANSAS VALLEY ASN			PARTRIE GROVE	141.42		HORSESHOE	1,229.67	651.78
BAXTON			SALINE	1,660.07	175.00	HODXIE 1ST	2,438.43	1,624.82
BRINKLEY 1ST	1,797.15	16,497.57	SILMA	124.73		IMBODEN 1ST	7,383.58	3,145.55
CLARENDON 1ST	5,469.65	1,493.46	WINN HILL	2,856.73	1,000.00	IMMANUEL NEWPORT	3,904.00	2,334.63
ELAINE	14,534.88	1,303.68	WARREN 1ST	37,374.11	11,493.71	JACKSONPORT	1,733.52	500.00
FRIENDSHIP	1,211.50	315.00	WEST SIDE, WARREN	1,587.21		MURPHY'S CORNER	1,111.75	100.00
HELENA 1ST	15,267.65	3,113.01	WILMAR	1,866.49	2,320.25	NEW HOPE #1, SMITHV	33,277.20	35.00
HUGHES 1ST	8,333.34	6,441.91	WISCONSIN	721.40		NEW HOPE #2, HARDY	476.78	275.55
LEMBROCK 1ST	109.96	44.60	SPANISH FELLOWSHIP	224.88		NEWPORT 1ST	215.82	785.00
LENA	3,438.10	3,170.08	CALVARY SOUTHERN	4,583.00	1,244.00	OLD WALNUT RIDGE	876.00	325.00
MARIONNA 1ST	15,937.85	7,216.70	ASSOCIATION TOTALS			127,551.90	35,584.68	
MARVELL 1ST	10,387.57	1,017.50	BENTON COUNTY					
MONROE	1,135.00	180.00	BENTON ASN	40,762.46	19,416.48	PITTS	215.82	217.00
MORG	2,700.00	608.07	BENTONVILLE 1ST	42,075.32	42,490.11	RIVENDEN 1ST	575.32	217.00
NORTH SIDE, HELENA	533.13		CENTERTON 1ST	9,936.68	2,362.18	SEBOWICK	2,552.26	514.40
BETHYS CHAPEL	290.22	32.00	CALVARY BAPTIST 1ST	6,410.46	78.00	SMITHVILLE	1,333.57	750.31
SNOW LAKE			DECATUR 1ST	7,046.88	4,579.57	SPRING LAKE	2,563.23	775.61
TURNER	1,336.30	404.00	DECATUR 1ST	7,046.88	4,579.57	SUFINGTON	1,687.50	1,909.02
WEST HELENA	17,927.74	8,491.83	DECATUR 1ST	7,046.88	4,579.57	WALNUT RIDGE 1ST	24,953.70	9,449.67
WEST HELENA 2ND	7,077.10	414.50	DECATUR 1ST	7,046.88	4,579.57	WHITE OAK	250.00	350.00
WINDWOOD	2,962.00	2,414.56	DECATUR 1ST	7,046.88	4,579.57	WILMINGTON	733.25	696.71
IMMANUEL, ELAINE	1,133.12	60.69	DECATUR 1ST	7,046.88	4,579.57	WORTH	240.62	100.00
CALVARY, WEST HELENA	500.00		DECATUR 1ST	7,046.88	4,579.57	CROSSROADS CHURCH	823.00	319.85
HOLLY GROVE 1ST SDB	547.56	50.00	DECATUR 1ST	7,046.88	4,579.57	WIRTH EVANGELISTIC		
BETHEL	153.17		DECATUR 1ST	7,046.88	4,579.57	ASSOCIATION TOTALS		
WEST ACRES BAPTIST	235.55		DECATUR 1ST	7,046.88	4,579.57	95,537.90	31,324.40	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS			140,563.01	53,494.16				
ASHLEY COUNTY			PARM STREET, BENTON			BUCKNER		
ASHLEY CO ASN			PARK STREET, BENTON	13,274.07	2,054.84	BUCKNER ASN	365.85	100.00
CALVARY, CROSSBET		1,005.13	PEAR RIDGE 1ST	370.11	131.12	BATES	963.08	
CORINTH	2,481.28	370.11	PLEASANT HILL	335.53		CALVARY, BOONEVILLE	453.20	140.85
CROSSBET 1ST	107,236.18	15,502.28	RODGERS 1ST	69,070.48	10,285.34	LEARNER CHURCH	248.89	50.00
CROSSBET 2ND	698.94		SILGUM SPRINGS 1ST	43,407.43	23,649.03	CLARKS CHAPEL	120.00	
EISEN	1,916.58	620.31	SUNNY SIDE	410.72	194.88	HAYTON	1,405.00	311.13
FELLOWSHIP	450.00	20.20	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	DENTON		
FOUNTAIN HILL 1ST	550.00	353.06	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	FENNINGS SHARPE	634.76	
GARDNER	3,316.00	1,083.66	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	FELLOWSHIP	2,509.45	1,957.63
HAMBURG 1ST	23,081.82	5,330.63	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	FRIENDSHIP	92.91	
JARVIS CHAPEL	957.74	126.15	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	HARTFORD 1ST	9,677.69	1,821.00
MARIONNA 1A	14,276.26	2,758.55	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	HEN CHURCH	517.70	
MARTINVILLE	1,530.53	35.61	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	HUNTINGTON 1ST	342.16	175.01
MCDONALD	6,223.00	703.00	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	IONE		
MT OLIVE	24,186.69	4,607.64	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	JAMES FORK	3,375.96	1,668.51
MT PLEASANT	1,988.58	637.00	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	LONG RIDGE	1,137.91	1,152.00
NORTH CROSSBET 1ST	7,197.38	4,110.46	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	MANSFIELD 1ST	16,947.13	387.94
SHILOH	470.08	214.95	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	MIDLAND 1ST	4,252.95	100.00
TEMPO	3,246.49	6,160.29	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	NEW PROVIDENCE	583.80	100.00
PLEASANT LAKE	587.65	332.99	TRINITY, ROGERS	715.42	250.00	PARK	1,906.59	500.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS			200,722.80	43,572.32		PLEASANT GROVE #2	854.54	770.00
BARTHOLOMEW			BIG CREEK			PLEASANT GROVE #3	1,340.50	178.25
BARTHOLOMEW ASN			BIG CREEK ASN	36.00	316.71	ROCK CREEK	1,030.45	
EDDICH	399.03	72.50	COUNTY LINE	180.00	100.00	SHILOH		
COMINTO	977.00		ELIZABETH	200.00	100.00	TERRELL, WALDRON	1,007.49	58.09
CORINTH	1,188.23	53.28	ENTERPRISE	30.00		UNION HOPE	65.00	
EDDIE LOWE	1,072.03	22.00	FLORA	152.00	200.00	UNITY	202.72	117.00
EENEZER	1,828.77	568.80	MAMMOTH SPRING	120.00	200.00	WALDRON 1ST	21,587.16	3,976.89
ERON	3,339.17	818.80	MT ZION	120.00	200.00	WEST HARTFORD	327.25	585.00
FLORENCE	103.50	132.00	SPRING RIVER	1,042.01	756.25	WINDFIELD	837.80	93.00
HERMITAGE	4,611.28	560.26	VIDA	1,042.01	756.25	SOUTH LEBANON WALDRON	699.87	50.00
IMMANUEL, WARREN	20,444.21	7,376.07	ASSOCIATION TOTALS			2,825.01	1,067.67	
LEWIS	1,975.95		BLACK RIVER			BOLES MISSION	363.36	
MCDONIA	975.58		BLACK RIVER ASN	663.69	392.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS		
MARSDEN	75.00	825.00	ALICIA BAPTIST CHUR	180.00	15.00	70,935.33	18,514.28	
MONTICELLO 1ST	31,193.23	8,043.28	ARAGON	227.59		BUCKVILLE		
MONTICELLO 2ND	7,212.13	801.51	BLACK ROCK 1ST	1,877.38	281.00	BUCKVILLE ASN	524.36	
ND SIDE, MONTICELLO	1,585.61	379.78	BRADWELL STATION	240.00	25.00	ROCK SPRINGS	1,180.48	113.45
OLD UNION	140.94		CLEGG CITY	509.66	762.83	ASSOCIATION TOTALS		
			DIAT	2,006.16	234.00	1,704.84	113.45	

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NEW HOPE	3,240.40	685.14	WYLAO	3,344.00	100.00	EASTSIDE, OAK CITY	2,441.10	1,734.89
NIMMONS 1ST	350.00	156.50	NEW BETHEL	797.01	100.00	FAIRVIEW, BATESVILLE	1,528.10	391.70
ORK GROVE	386.00	452.00	ORK BOWERY	3,560.53	449.33	FLORENZA	2,555.05	2,083.26
PATCH OAKCHARD 1ST	2,000.00	1,000.00	PICKENS 688-21	2,420.00	2,874.60	GRAND OAK	624.89	200.00
PIGGOTT 1ST	28,251.92	8,827.31	PLEASANT GROVE	4,943.04	2,674.60	MOUNTAIN VIEW 1ST	7,248.30	200.00
POPCONTS 1ST	12,696.96	5,712.53	SOUTH SIDE, DANBURG	4,440.88	3,585.60	MILZIONS	2,704.17	
RAVENHORN 8805 1ST	1,293.00	1,293.00	WHEATON 1ST	4,999.05	1,683.50	NORTHERN, BATESVILLE	897.16	310.00
RECTOR 1ST	9,254.81	1,663.58	GOLD CREEK			PILGRIMS REST	97.36	1,303.00
REYD 1ST	2,068.06	80.00	SALT LICK HEIGHTS	820.13	205.03	PLEASANT PLAINS	1,836.06	403.50
ROBERTSON 1ST	21,217.51	462.80	SHREVEPORT FIRST	3,058.28	1,933.00	ROBERTSON 1ST	1,376.53	871.18
ROBIN, CORNING	232.18	383.68	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CH	2,411.50	688.62	RODSE	2,889.19	1,149.65
ST FRANCIS	2,666.64	702.60	BLANEY HILL BAPTIST	423.39	50.00	RUIDELL HILL	3,185.79	938.57
SUCCESS 1ST	2,679.97	966.00	SWANSEA	89.29		SALWOOD	764.00	764.00
TIPPERARY			VICTORY, CONWAY	791.48	1,277.15	SULPHUR ROCK	1,375.87	602.46
WITT'S CHAPEL	2,053.00	1,113.15	WOODLAND HEIGHTS BA	9,541.27		WEST, BATESVILLE	25,691.42	8,028.36
PINE GROVE	1,144.87	82.75	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	190,914.74	69,985.12	WESTBROOK	1,372.20	1,100.00
ANTIOCH, RAVENSDEN SP	15.00		GREENE COUNTY			WARRANA	386.19	795.13
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	84,848.76	37,485.98	GREENE ASBN			NEWARK SOUTHERN	3,411.27	290.25
			ALEXANDER	3,728.31	469.99	STRABERRY SQ	1,594.28	535.00
			BEECH GROVE	288.00	274.00	Foothills	767.09	
			BETHEL STATION	90.00	320.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	134,324.34	45,694.61
			BIRCH CREEK			LIBERTY		
			BRIGHTON, DISBANED			LIBERTY ASBN		52.00
			BROWN'S CHAPEL	5,988.91	5,207.31	FAIRVIEW ROAD	277.00	158.00
			CLAYTON, PARAGOULD	1,715.28	1,933.00	CALEDONIA	450.00	5,000.00
			CENTER HILL 1ST	3,483.95	1,093.05	CALTON 1ST	3,861.67	299.15
			CLARKS CHAPEL	715.00	1,193.13	CARLETON 1ST	42,891.44	19,044.31
			ELST SIDE, PARAGOULD	6,492.50	6,492.50	CLAMDEN 2ND	532.67	
			EMERY GROVE	17,300.53	5,623.35	CLEVELAND	1,247.53	1,755.00
			FAIRVIEW	1,111.55	35.00	CHILLENDALE 1ST	31,116.69	8,484.11
			FITCH	1,798.67	239.22	EAST MAIN, EL DORADO	21,643.34	8,086.31
			FONTAINE	90.00		ELBETHA 1ST	7,847.23	5,151.25
			FRANKLIN, PARAGOULD	8,473.47	1,086.78	EL DORADO 2ND	38,940.44	12,506.20
			GARDNER 1ST	1,107.60	1,107.60	ELLSWORTH	7,152.33	1,191.64
			LAKE ST, PARAGOULD	2,149.04	508.45	ELPHANTON	1,661.00	
			LIGHT	1,387.40	643.75	GALLIE	1,267.05	736.98
			MARSHALL 1ST	1,352.14	352.76	GARDNER	2,293.67	2,031.50
			NEW FRIENDSHIP	711.00	573.70	HARMONY	2,805.56	2,321.55
			NEW LIBERTY	297.38	53.20	HILLSIDE	11,536.00	3,935.79
			NUTTS CHAPEL	1,441.56	1,655.00	HUTTON 1ST	6,334.86	2,087.06
			ORK GROVE	1,131.35	208.09	IMMUNEL, EL DORADO	65,659.07	34,493.80
			PARAGOULD 1ST	48,000.01	13,023.45	JOYCE CITY	8,852.03	852.46
			ROBERTSON	320.00	200.00	JUNCTION CITY 1ST	2,376.81	360.00
			ROBBS CHAPEL	1,450.84	310.28	KNOWLES	116.63	360.00
			ROSEWOOD	1,450.84	310.28	LAPLIE	798.88	100.00
			STONEWALL, DISBANED	1,239.71	495.14	LAWSON	3,016.17	642.26
			THIRD AVE, PARAGOULD	300.00	745.52	LIBERTY	1,028.24	652.00
			VINE VALLEY	405.98	100.00	LDURAN	1,794.45	318.62
			WEST VIEW	12,058.19	2,505.31	MABLE AVE, SHACKOVER	12,941.18	1,916.21
			WHEATON, PARAGOULD			MARABLE HILL	3,916.52	1,783.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	160,719.04	53,381.84	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	125,033.49	39,540.81	MILWAU	11,322.00	1,100.00
			HARMONY			NEW LONDON	1,077.31	
			HARMONY ASBN	2,402.14	2,021.18	NORPHELT	10,210.20	5,632.14
			ALTHEIMER 1ST	2,402.14		PARKEVA	11,031.40	5,032.54
			ANDERSON CHAPEL	1,526.11		PHILADELPHIA	6,123.00	1,195.00
			BETHEL	130.20		SALEM	2,088.00	1,488.36
			CENTENIAL			SHACKOVER 1ST	324.29	7,973.00
			CENTRAL, PINE BLUFF	5,587.00	586.49	SOUTH SIDE, EL DORADO	2,600.38	644.97
			DOLLAR	6,041.29	1,321.94	STEPHENS 1ST	1,456.79	3,672.00
			DOUGLAS	331.20	300.00	STRONG	19,521.25	3,386.70
			DUMAS 1ST	27,690.00	9,646.00	SYLVAN HILLS	720.00	50.00
			EAST SIDE, PINE BLUFF	5,941.98	1,557.14	TEMPLE, CAMDEN	456.72	
			EVERGREEN	240.00		TEMPLE, EL DORADO	1,214.25	263.25
			FIREBRET PARK	8,604.83	5,449.67	THREE CREEKS	6,834.67	2,947.15
			GOLD 1ST	2,957.30	2,957.30	TRINITY, EL DORADO	7,741.01	2,923.06
			GRADY 1ST	613.75	1,067.85	UNION	3,378.55	1,332.04
			GREENLEAF 1ST	7,611.89	2,126.38	URBANA 1ST	978.12	499.00
			GREEN MEADOWS	3,092.24	2,092.24	VICTORY	1,087.50	261.41
			HARDIN	9,468.90	4,261.43	VILLAGE	2,511.78	853.50
			HIDWAY GROVE	2,675.04	522.90	WISSON	1,208.96	118.06
			HUMPHRY	35,509.25	19,399.91	WEST SIDE, EL DORADO	14,156.27	10,007.15
			IMMUNEL, PINE BLUFF	1,560.00	1,560.00	WYLAO	100.00	
			KENNESAW 1ST	27,052.49	1,108.40	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	516,975.88	246,542.85
			WHITE HILL 1ST	2,035.24	662.00			
			LINWOOD	20,130.60	5,797.10	LITTLE RED RIVER		
			MATHEWS MEMORIAL	278.00		LITTLE RED RIV ASBN	708.09	370.90
			NORTHSIDE, STAR CITY	1,356.33	200.00	SUGAR LOAF	8,109.88	2,547.50
			ORK GROVE	2,883.00	2,883.00	CONCORD	1,005.02	617.17
			PINE BLUFF 1ST	68,774.16	17,446.08	HARRIS CHAPEL	117.06	
			PINE BLUFF 2ND	4,789.94	3,859.90	HEBER SPRINGS 1ST	45,516.33	10,317.75
			PLUM BLOSSOM	765.00	551.17	LIFELINE		
			RANKIN CHAPEL	5,788.03	7,284.00	LONE STAR	90.00	273.00
			SHANKAN ROAD	1,795.20	1,795.20	MILZIONS	104.24	30.00
			SOUTH SIDE, PINE BLUFF	31,637.31	5,469.70	PALESTINE	1,132.50	177.00
			STAR CITY 1ST	21,203.52	10,217.72	PINES	1,403.37	1,270.00
			WABASKAW, INACTIVE			PLEASANT RIDGE	1,900.00	90.00
			WATSON CHAPEL	50,295.09	7,786.57	PLEASANT VALLEY	1,276.63	527.12
			SULPHUR SPRINGS	4,320.00	1,124.00	POST OAK	113.57	150.07
			YORKTOWN 1ST	1,938.92	900.00	QUITHORN	3,543.56	958.20
			REDFIELD FIRST SOUT	2,299.29	316.10	SOUTH SIDE, HEBER SP	1,745.28	1,101.00
			SHEPHERD HILL	3,844.83	900.00	WESTSIDE 1ST	3,449.42	3,008.64
			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	382,044.80	124,375.09	WOODRIF		437.30
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Memphis Church Expelledby Bill Bangham & Roy Jennings
Baptist Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—The 120-church Shelby Baptist Association in Memphis, Tenn., has withdrawn fellowship from Prescott Memorial Baptist Church for calling a woman as pastor.

Messengers to the association's annual meeting Oct. 19 approved a motion that Prescott Memorial "not be recognized as an affiliated church" of the association. They contended the church violated New Testament teachings on the role of women in the church when it elected Nancy Hastings Sehested as pastor this summer.

Questions of the church's doctrinal soundness were raised in an executive board meeting of the association three weeks earlier when members discussed the selection of Sehested, formerly an associate pastor of a church in Decatur, Ga., as pastor. The association's credentials committee was asked to investigate and report during the annual meeting.

In a closed session excluding all but participating messengers, the credentials committee reported its findings. While the calling of a woman pastor was "an irregularity that may threaten fellowship of the association, the credentials committee recognizes the autonomy of the local church body," said Ken Story, committee chairman and pastor of Germantown Baptist Church.

"Each church has a right to act as it pleases," he said. "However, the association is also autonomous and free to choose which churches will be in its fellowship."

The committee, reported on a meeting with members of Prescott Memorial, moved that no action be taken and suggested the term "doctrinal soundness" was sufficiently vague as to warrant a delay to adopt guidelines before any action was considered.

"There may be also other churches in the association who are engaged in practices that would be considered irregularities," said Story.

The credentials committee's motion was defeated.

In a counter motion, Patrick Stewart, pastor of Covington Pike Baptist Church, moved that Prescott Memorial no longer be recognized as an affiliate church of the association.

"It is the responsibility of the association to refuse to register messengers from any church which persists in practices contrary to the purpose statements of this association," Stewart said. Quoting from association bylaws he continued: "Knowing that Prescott would be involved in mis-

sions endeavors, I could not work hand-in-hand with them in establishing mission churches with women as their pastors. Therefore that is divergent of the purpose and the statements of this association."

Prescott Memorial is noted for taking unpopular stands in the past. In the 1950s and '60s, it championed civil rights. Today it is committed to peace and justice issues.

The church still will continue to cooperate with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. The actions of Shelby association have no bearing on those affiliations. And Rev. Sehested will continue as pastor of the church.

"We will continue to support Southern Baptist missions and institutions," said Sehested, "as we have in the past."

**Trustees Assured
Of Stability**

DALLAS (BP)—Amid the stormy atmosphere of unstable stock markets, trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board were assured that the Southern Baptist agency remains a stable and safe financial institution.

Trustees also reaffirmed hiring policies of officers in response to the report of the Southern Baptist Peace Committee.

The volatile growth in the stock market had to contain the potential for a major loss, Annuity Board President Darold H. Morgan told the trustees in their October meeting.

"I am not a prophet, but I think there will be more losses before we see an upturn in the market," Morgan said.

But despite the stock losses, Morgan encouraged trustees to caution members from moving their money from the retirement plan funds that contain stocks: "We never give advice on which fund to choose, but we must caution our people against panic reactions. Members in the Variable and Balanced funds have incurred paper losses. But if they start moving their money out now, they will incur real losses.

"In the pension world, we are in the market for the long-term. We don't panic over drops, and we don't get overly excited during a bull market."

Morgan said, "We hire competent, capable managers who are evaluated for their performance by both paid consultants and your finance committee."

He noted bonds are gaining momentum, and said 70 percent of board investments are in fixed instruments.

Jack Harwell Resigns As Georgia Editor

ATLANTA (BP)—Jack U. Harwell, editor of the *Christian Index* for 21 years, has announced his early retirement effective Dec. 31.

The *Christian Index*, newsjournal of the Georgia Baptist Convention, is the oldest state Baptist paper in the Southern Baptist Convention and the second-oldest religious publication in America, founded by Luther Rice in 1822. Harwell, 55, has been editor longer than any other person in the paper's history. He was associate editor for nine years before becoming editor Nov. 1, 1966.

The Index board of directors named Jack P. Lowndes acting editor beginning Jan. 1. Lowndes is director of the church-minister relations department of the Georgia Baptist Convention. He was executive director and editor for the Baptist Convention of New York from 1975 to 1982.

Harwell has been under fire from "conservative" groups in Georgia and Southern Baptist life for years. They charged him with favoring "moderates" and abusing "conservatives" in the ongoing Southern Baptist theological/political controversy. An effort to fire him was made at the state convention in 1979, but he was supported by messengers.

In 1986 another effort to oust Harwell resulted in creation of the *Christian Index* review board, to review all editorials and articles in the paper and with power to

recommend dismissal of the editor if members felt such action was appropriate. In August of 1987 that review board told Harwell the editorial he wrote about the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in June was a violation and said, "One more violation and we will recommend your termination."

At a called Index meeting Oct. 26, Harwell told the board: "With the creation of the review board I almost felt it necessary to submit my resignation. Hundreds of people across this state and nation advised me to resign at that time; they felt the integrity of the paper had been so compromised that resignation was unavoidable. But in my private prayer life, God did not tell me to resign."

But he added, "All the terrible (SBC) events of the past few weeks made me take a new and harder look at my own ministry. I saw that I had not written my conscience in a single one of those recent issues. I had written what I knew would pass muster with the review board, not what I felt to be true and honest and prophetic. I could no longer live with the restrictions and censorship placed upon this newspaper and be true to my God, my heritage, my denomination or my conscience."

Harwell said many people had advised him to make a floor fight over his situation at the upcoming Georgia Baptist Conven-

tion annual meeting Nov. 9-11 in Savannah. But he said: "Dozens of trusted advisers counseled that . . . it would result in a terrible division in our convention, one that would be a long time healing. I love this convention too much to participate, or allow someone else to initiate, such a rupture over my personal circumstances."

So he asked the Index board to hold the special session to accept his retirement and to make plans for a transition toward another editor. The board voted to give Harwell one year's salary and title to the Index automobile as a retirement package.

Jameson Moving

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—Norman Jameson, an associate editor of Oklahoma's *Baptist Messenger* since Jan. 1, 1984, has resigned to become director of communications for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc., effective Dec. 1.

In North Carolina, Jameson will edit the 100-year-old *Charity* and *Children* newspaper and establish employee communications and development support for the homes' work in 23 locations.

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Drumwright A Giant

by Mark Wingfield

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

DALLAS (BP) — Key figures from differing sides within the Southern Baptist Convention dined together at First Baptist Church of Dallas Oct. 15 at a banquet in memory of Huber Drumwright.

Drumwright, who died in 1981, was a longtime professor of New Testament and dean of the school of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Shortly before his death he had become executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The purpose of the dinner was to raise money for a Huber Drumwright Chair of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary.

Drumwright died just as the convention controversy was beginning. Six years later, the guest list of 180 of Drumwright's friends included Baptists who now find themselves on opposite sides of denominational politics.

W.A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, and Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Seminary, both spoke of Drumwright's contributions in ministry.

Criswell called Drumwright "my sweet boy in the ministry" and recalled preaching a revival at Drumwright's first rural pastorate north of Dallas. "He was the best pastor in the world," Criswell said.

Dilday said Drumwright "personified the uniqueness of Southwestern Seminary" through his commitment to academic excellence, conservative theology and practical scholarship.

Drumwright "was able to stand in this conservative faith without falling into extremism," Dilday said. "He was not only a scholar and teacher but a churchman."

Cary Heard, pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, Ark., attended the banquet on behalf of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and presented a check for \$1,000 toward endowment of the Drumwright chair.

Heard was asked to represent Arkansas Baptists in place of ABSC Executive Director Don Moore and State Convention President Lawson Hatfield, both of whom were unable to attend. Heard, a member of the ABSC Operating Committee, was a graduate student under Drumwright at Southwestern Seminary.

was setting in motion the termination of his presidency.

Lolley and Dean Morris Ashcraft met with four trustees—Chairman Robert D. Crowley, Vice-Chairman James DeLoach, immediate past Chairman Jesse Chapman, and Lee Beaver—Nov. 3 to discuss the details of the transition to a new president and dean.

School officials refused comment on the meeting, which was closed to the press.

The chairman said he did not know when Lolley's resignation would become effective. Crowley indicated names of potential successors are being compiled and the subject of the next president will be discussed at the Nov. 17 meeting.

Early speculation about Lolley's successor centered on Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College in Dallas and a leader in the nine-year effort to turn the Southern Baptist Convention to a more conservative direction.

Patterson told the Florida *Baptist Witness* he is reasonably sure he will be among the top candidates for Lolley's job, but also said his election would be "fairly controversial" and not very likely.

He said he saw general agreement on the type of president many would like to see at Southeastern: an experienced administrator with an earned doctoral degree who could "communicate with the churches of the Eastern Seaboard" and bring "strong conservative doctrine to the community, but in a respectable way."

Patterson acknowledged he meets those qualifications but said they fit many others as well. Concerning his chances, Patterson said, "it is very likely they will go a different direction," and pointed to his prominence in the "conservative resurgence" as a factor which makes him "fairly controversial."

He also said he is unlikely to leave his job at Criswell College, where he says he is in "a very happy situation where I have maximum freedom to operate."

Trustees Plan Nov. 17 Meeting

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—The full board of trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will meet Nov. 17 to discuss the future of the 37-year-old school in Wake Forest, N.C., following the Oct. 22 announcement of W. Randall Lolley that he

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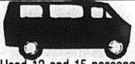
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Rivalry and Strife

by Vester Wolber, Arkadelphia

Basic passage: Genesis 37:1-28

Focal passage: Genesis 37:3-4,17-28

Central truth: Impartial parental love is the bonding agent that unites and holds the family together.

(1) Favoritism within the family is dangerous. In ancient cultures which permitted a man to have two or more wives, it was inevitable that the father would favor the firstborn son of his favorite wife, and therein lies one of the many potent reasons why polygamy is innately unnatural and wrong. Every child who was made a secondary recipient of parental love was a living testimony against the practice of polygamy. Modern amalgamated families, brought together by second marriages, sometimes have this same problem.

It doesn't have to be that way, however; parents who have gone through the trauma of divorce can learn from their bitter experiences and make a go of the new marriage, and children can be led to adapt to their new family relationships and can cope with the problems.

(2) Jealousy and suspicion within the family can lead to strife and abiding animosity. Pent-up emotions have a way of exploding into violence when tensions are tight. The sale of Joseph was not a premeditated crime; it was a spontaneous explosion of the latent hostility residing in the hearts of his brothers because of uneven patterns of parental love.

(3) Respect for parents can subdue violence and bring about responsible efforts to restrain others bent on violence. In ancient Hebrew families, when the father was absent, the oldest son acted responsibly on behalf of the father; it was this tradition that motivated Reuben to spare the life of his brother.

Modern America would be well served by a revival of parental respect, but it seems extremely unlikely that this will happen until society re-adopts the traditional two-parent family as the true norm of family life.

On a scale of choices, the best would be the two-parent family, the biblical norm; and the worst would be life on the streets without family ties. In between, would be the one-parent family and those with three, four, or more parents. The problems of life are many, so we need a family support group to help us cope.

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Life and Work

Real Christianity

by Ronnie W. Floyd, First Church, Springdale

Basic passage: Galatians 6:1-10

Focal passage: Galatians 6:1-5

Central truth: Real Christianity reveals itself through our relationships with others.

How do you tell what "Real Christianity" is in a fallen, godless world? Our day is filled with so many forms of religion and even Christianity. In a day when the labels of Christianity are many, what are the marks of real Christianity? Christianity like our Lord and Savior lived and taught always took a special look at others.

The first mark of real Christianity is providing restoration to a brother who has fallen (v. 1). When a Christian brother sins another Christian cannot turn his face. If we love that brother and the Lord, we must attempt to restore him in the faith. We should be willing to mend his life back together in a spirit of gentleness. The spirit of Jesus would be gentle, accepting, and loving.

The second mark of real Christianity is helping a brother bear his burdens (v. 2). When the burden of others is extremely heavy, our role as Christians should be to support them. We do this by prayer and encouragement. When the burdens of life oppress our Christian brothers or sisters, we should respond in meaningful and genuine support.

The third mark of real Christianity is having the right attitude about yourself (vv. 3-4). We should not be deceived by looking upon ourselves as spiritual giants when we are nothing apart from Christ. We also should examine ourselves with a microscope, not others.

The fourth mark of real Christianity is realizing we will always have a load to carry (v. 5). There will always be burdens that others cannot bear for us, but that we must carry alone with the presence of Christ. These burdens are light because of the loving presence of Christ.

Real Christianity is not determined by the last book you read, the last revival where you made a decision, or the last conference or seminar that you attended. Real Christianity is determined by the way you look upon yourself and others. If you are clothed with humility and desire genuinely to assist brothers and sisters of the faith, you have real Christianity.

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Bible Book

God's Call

by Don Miller, First Church, Trumann

Basic passage: Genesis 12-14

Focal passage: Genesis 12:1-7; 14:11-12,17-20

Central truth: God's promises call for man's responsibility.

God's call to Abram (Abraham) and his response are recorded in 12:1-7. God's call includes both special instructions and promises. The commands are: (1) depart from your homeland, your friends, and your family, (2) settle where I show you—implying a journey to obedience, and (3) be a blessing. God's promises to Abram are: (1) I will make you a nation—offspring, (2) I will bless you—both supply your needs and be all you need, (3) I will make your name great—reputation and fame, (4) I will make you a blessing, and (5) I will give Canaan to your descendants.

Abram responded by obediently beginning his journey. His instructions were to depart and follow God's leading. At a point in the journey God revealed to him that "this land" was the land of promise. At the time there was a famine in the land. Nevertheless Abram built an altar unto the Lord and worshiped.

Arriving back in Canaan after a brief sojourn in Egypt, Lot and Abram departed company. Eventually Lot came to dwell in Sodom. When Sodom fell in a battle, Lot was taken captive.

Abram armed his 318 trained servants (though a nomadic wanderer, Abram was a powerful person). He overtook the departing army and defeated them. Instead of claiming the spoils or demanding tribute, Abram did the unexpected and returned the goods.

Immediately after defeating the army Abram encountered Melchizedek, who was called "the king of Salem" (Jerusalem) and "the priest of the most high God." Whatever one's view of the identity of this person, Abram recognized his position and who he represented and gave him a tithe, an offering of 10 percent.

Abram had a unique type of vision that all of God's people need to cultivate. He recognized the demands and sacrifices that God's call required. But he also saw that the benefits of following were more than worth his obedience. His vision was far-sighted rather than nearsighted. Often years, even centuries passed before God's promises were fully realized.

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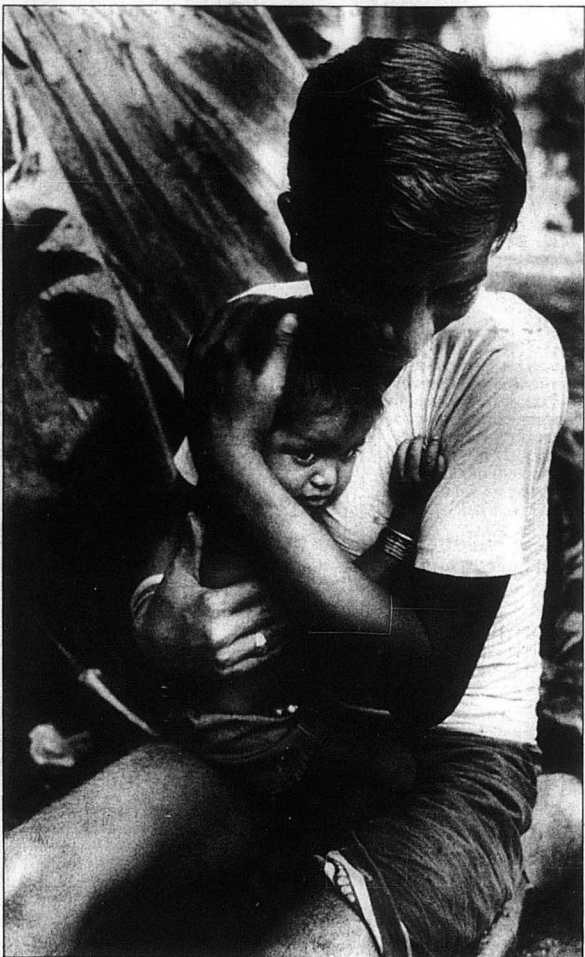
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Kartik Singh doesn't know the name of Jesus.

He starts each day facing his Hindu gods, hoping to live through the day, pulling his rickshaw through hazardous Calcutta traffic. His family, including baby, Sonu, consumes his interest when he isn't working.

Kartik Singh may never know the name of Jesus. For the Christian community makes up only a tiny minority of the world's second most populated nation. Most of India's millions will never even meet a Christian—unless you pray. Pray that the people of India will hear the good news of Jesus.

Kartik Singh is not alone. On July 11, 1987, the world's population passed the 5 billion mark. Many of those have never heard the name of Jesus. Even fewer have had a personal encounter with him. Pray that Southern Baptist missionaries and their fellow Baptists around the world will be used by God to help all men, women and children to hear the good news.



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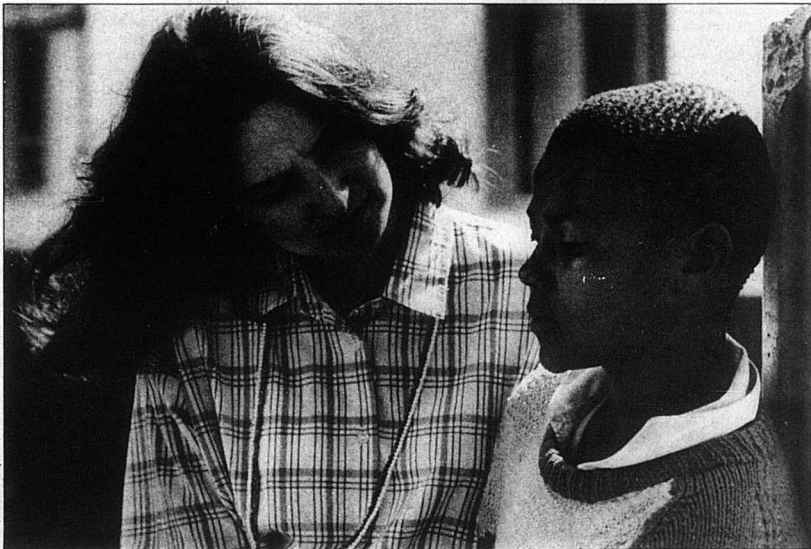
That All May Hear



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When Christian churches were allowed to reopen following the cultural revolution, Western Christians were thrilled to hear of a church that not only survived years of persecution, but also prospered. Today, Southern Baptists are finding ways they can cooperate in strengthening the church in China while still respecting China's ban on missionaries. Pray that Chinese Christians will find ways to help their countrymen hear about Jesus.

While some Americans may have written off South Africa as a hopeless case, Southern Baptist missionaries Keith and Terry Bakley have rolled up their sleeves and gone to work, offering both the message of Jesus—and the touch of his love. Terry has been able to minister to homeless children, such as this boy, through their Khayamandi (Sweet Home) Baptists have started in Cape Town. Pray that other young people around the world who are victims of strife, poverty and merely hopelessness, will hear about Jesus.



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That All May Hear

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions Nov. 29-Dec. 6, 1987

THAT ALL MAY HEAR

Before It's Too Late

by D'Lesa Carroll
Woman's Missionary Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—During their last years of foreign missionary service, Howard and Marjorie Olive never knew where they would lay their heads next.

All the comforts of home in the United States never entered their minds. God was nurturing them. It was an exciting time.

For the Olives, 32 years of foreign missionary service seems almost mind-boggling. They spent time teaching at the Baptist seminary in the Philippines, but temporary assignments from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board took them to Thailand, Singapore, Guam, Sri Lanka and India.

Though recently retired, the Olives still devote much of their time to those whom they left behind—by praying for them—praying that they will hear the name of Christ before it is too late.

"Right now, the number one need on the mission field is for more workers. It is our prayer that Southern Baptists will give the support needed to expand the work," said Howard Olive.

In various areas where the Olives worked, the gospel is spreading and more people are coming to know the Lord. But, it was a long time coming.

The Olives faced opposition of some sort in every place they went. In the Philippines, it was Muslims; in India, no visas were allowed to missionaries; in Thailand, the people were not very receptive to a "new" religion, where Buddhism is so strong; and the list goes on.

Because there were so many people who needed to hear the gospel, and so few missionaries to tell them, Howard Olive found one way to address the problem. He was the first missionary to initiate radio and television ministry programs and Bible correspondence courses in the Philippines.

Even to this day, he is receiving letters from people converted through those ministries. Through this ministry, churches are being established and are growing.

Another problem the Olives often encountered was the lack of theological training among religious leaders in the local churches. To combat the situation, Howard

but they found that on a daily basis, charity is not as easily accepted. The Olives soon learned that they had to help the people help themselves, they said.

Seeing results of their labors is encouraging, they said. "It is so wonderful to see my seminary students become key leaders in the Lord's work," said Howard Olive.

"The plea that weighs so heavily on our hearts is that more missionaries will go to these countries and share the love of God."

Marjorie Olive agreed. "It is heartbreaking to know that we left without many knowing the Lord, and knowing that people from our own country hindered us."

This "hindrance" came when some so-called "Christian" tourists from the United States visited these foreign lands, but did not show a Christian witness while there. The Olives spent many trying hours solving problems caused by the incongruity.

"We represent a Christian nation, and so many times we were asked, 'If they are Christians, why do they do this?'"

"As Christians, we all are called to be missionaries, whether we go to a foreign country or not. We are to be witnesses for Christ wherever we go, and those who can't go pray," she said.

It was the prayers of Southern Baptists—and their gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions—that enabled the Olives to go overseas as missionaries in the first place, they said.

Those same needs are just as urgent today, they agreed. Prayer support, financial support and the willingness to go, yourself, to the mission field are as crucial today in spreading the gospel as they were 32 years ago, the Olives said.

"It is essential that we pray for our foreign missionaries. More than ever, there is a need for missionaries to go over there where millions are starving for a taste of what God can offer them," Howard Olive said.

This year's theme for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions Nov. 8 - Dec. 6 is "Pray . . . That All May Hear."



Christians are a tiny minority among India's 785 million Hindus.

Olive held theological lectures and training sessions with pastors so that they could become more knowledgeable about the Bible.

A problem that was especially hard to deal with was poverty. It's one thing to help someone occasionally, the Olives said,

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Making Hearts Sing

by Eric Miller.

SBC Foreign Mission Board

PANAMA CITY, Panama (BP)—Shifting his efforts from football to choir was a providential decision for Southern Baptist missionary Ed Steele.

When he was in junior high school, Steele loved football. But he had curvature of the spine, and doctors warned him football would seriously injure his back.

So he dropped football and joined a choir. This change of direction in Steele's life moved him to the launching pad for overseas missions.

God used Steele's musical ability to place him and his wife, Kathy, in Panama, where Steele promotes music across the country. He teaches music in Baptist Theological Seminary in Balboa; conducts a music camp each year, teaches Indians how to sing hymns, starts choirs in churches and strives to demonstrate the value of music in spreading the gospel.

One unusual aspect of Steele's work is his music promotion among Indians who live on islands along Panama's coast. About 50 of the 300 islands are inhabited and have 12 churches and eight missions.

Steele travels to the islands several times a year, leaving his house in a taxi at 4 a.m. He boards a small airplane and reaches the islands by 7:30 a.m. He "island-hops" by way of a "kayuco"—a motor-powered dugout canoe.

The Indians—who live in grass huts and use coconuts for money—speak Kuna. Steele uses a translator to translate from Spanish to Kuna. He lectures on music, explains the purpose of worship, provides cassette tapes and photo-copied hymnals, and teaches new hymns.

Each year on the mainland, Steele conducts a week-long music camp that draws about 70 participants from 20 churches. He and other music teachers provide training in music and worship, music and evangelism, hymn direction, theory, sight singing, voice and playing the guitar, flute, piano and keyboard.

Camp choirs are formed, and Steele shows participants the importance of music in worship by having them join hands and sing.

"There is a unique dynamic that happens," he says, "when you get a group of people—after having really had an experience of worship—to close a service out and join hands and sing 'We're One in the Bond of Love.' It unifies us so we can really focus in on God."

Music is useful for outreach in Panama because "Panamanians, like most Latins, love music," Steele says. Some Baptist churches there have musical groups that perform on church steps. "You can get a crowd instantly," Steele notes, "because people may not want to stop to hear a preacher, but they will stop to hear the music," which contains spiritual messages.

He helps churches start choirs, but only after someone in the church agrees to become the choir director.

Some churches have no hymnals, and the congregations sing three or four hymns—all by memory. "With the same few choruses, worship degenerates and there is a loss of teaching and training," he says. For these, he provides a 20-page hymnal.

Only 15 percent of the Baptist churches in Panama have a trained or semi-trained music director. The Baptist seminary has a theology degree with an emphasis in music and Christian education, but no music degree.

Steele and his wife work together on outreach and ministry. They started a Spanish-speaking adult Sunday school class in an English-speaking church. Teaching the class was a "real blessing," she recalls, "because we were able to work basically with new Christians who were very hungry to grow and anxious to learn about the Bible."

The Steeles also began a home Bible study in a middle-class Catholic neighborhood. The people there have "never had the chance to read the Bible," he notes. "So we get together, read and study the Bible, and they come with questions. They are so hungry with a deep hunger."

Mrs. Steele, who has taught several sessions of the MasterLife discipleship development program, doesn't miss opportunities to tell people about Christ. She has

witnessed to people in waiting rooms and in restaurants. She witnessed to a Panamanian woman when the woman asked her about the Christian magazine she was reading while the two shared a park bench. The woman didn't become a believer in Christ, but Mrs. Steele feels gospel seeds were planted.

"Some of my favorite people to witness to are taxi cab drivers," Steele says. He uses cabs frequently and has learned cab drivers are lonely and want to talk to someone.

This allows him to explain how people can receive salvation through Christ, using the Gospel of John. He tells the driver: "Belief in this is like me getting in this taxi. I really believed you could have gotten me here but I didn't really show that you could until I got into your taxi. That same kind of faith—as we accept Christ—can really change our life and give us eternal life."

The Steeles' music ministry is making an impact, Mrs. Steele says, because music is "a language that breaks barriers—whether cultural or social—and opens doors for the gospel to be shared."

Missionary Notes

Clarence and Alta Allison, missionaries to Botswana, may be addressed at P.O. Box 228, Lobatse, Botswana, Southern Africa. He was born in Walnut Ridge, She is the former Alta Brasell of Pine Bluff. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960, resigned in 1964 and reappointed in 1969.

Larry and Shelia Bailey, missionaries to Togo, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1208 Hester, Jonesboro, AR 72401). She is the former Sheila Forshce. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

Mrs. Veta Beindorf, mother of Mrs. **Claude Bumpus**, missionary to Brazil, died Oct. 19 in Del City, Okla. She is the former Frances Beindorf of Simpson. Her husband was born in Sherril and grew up in Almyra. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1953, they may be addressed at 319 South West Ave., El Dorado, AR 71730.

William and Janet Swan, missionaries to Macao, have complete furlough and returned to the field (address: Hope Medical Group, Edificio F U VA, I-D, 24-26A Ave. Sidonio Pais, Macao). He was born in Fort Smith, and she is the former Janet Morgan of Oklahoma. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975.



The Steeles pray with a local pastor in a Panamanian tent church.

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Typhoon Damages Taiwan Churches

by Linda Phillips
Baptist Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (BP)—Typhoon Lynn brought floods, destruction and death in late October to the people of Taiwan, including Baptists.

The typhoon hit southern Taiwan Oct. 24, but caused the most serious damage as it moved north toward Taipei. The capital city was hit by the worst flooding in 40 years as the overflowing Keelung River swept through streets and homes. Wire reports said 49 people had died by Oct. 26. The typhoon dumped 68 inches of rain on the Taipei area in 72 hours.

Hardest hit was the town of Hsichih, north of Taipei. The whole town was flooded as the river overflowed its banks. Police rescued 3,000 stranded residents. The Hsichih Baptist Chapel, where Southern Baptist missionaries Herbert and Alice Barrett work, was flooded with six feet of water. The Barretts are from Missouri, he from Milan and she from Kirksville.

A Baptist seminary student reported she and her husband spent the night of Oct. 24 stranded in the police station next door to the church. The brother of a member of the Hsichih chapel was killed in an auto accident related to the storm.

Many Baptists' homes were damaged by flooding in Taipei. Ten Baptist churches are located close to the Keelung River. Several churches were damaged extensively by flooding, and at least two other seminarians and a pastor were evacuated from churches where they were stranded by high water. No damage to missionary homes and property was reported.

Lynn was called the second-worst typhoon to hit Taiwan since 1959. The worst, Typhoon Wayne, killed 52 people last year.

Arab Students Meet In Cyprus

LARNACA, Cyprus (BP)—The Arab Baptist Theological Seminary has been denied official recognition by Cyprus, creating a problem for students applying for visas. However, government officials have agreed to provide two-month renewable visas for the students to continue their training, at least temporarily.

Seminary training will continue for the current academic year, but long-range plans for its location are uncertain. Ten students from Lebanon, three from Syria, and two from Jordan are being affected by the visa restrictions, said Bill Trimble, a

Southern Baptist missionary and dean of students.

The seminary moved from Beirut to Cyprus in March after the U.S. government ended passport privileges for Americans in Lebanon. Three Southern Baptist missionaries are the nucleus of the faculty: Trimble of Rodessa, La.; Emmett Barnes of Potosi, Mo.; and David King of Livingston, N.J.

The seminary operated in Cyprus by renting classroom space and housing for 16 students at an interdenominational conference center near Nicosia. Two students, one from Lebanon and the other from Jordan, graduated in June.

The fall semester already had been delayed more than three weeks while the seminary waited for word of the Cypriot Ministry of Education's decision, Trimble said. Space has been rented in a hotel in the port city of Larnaca.

A revised application for the seminary to operate on the Mediterranean island was submitted in August. The government turned down an initial application earlier in the summer.

Missionary Killed By Drunk Driver

by Art Toalston
SBC Foreign Mission Board

SAN JACINTO, Calif. (BP)—Gloria Brinks, a Southern Baptist missionary teacher in Peru, was killed in a head-on auto accident Oct. 29 about 40 miles southwest of Redlands, Calif.

The driver of the other car has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. He is Sacramento R. Arevalo, 20, of Paris, Calif., who is in a local hospital with major chest injuries, according to a spokesman at the California Highway Patrol's office in Banning.

Brinks, 41, had addressed a Woman's Missionary Union meeting at First Baptist Church of San Jacinto and was returning to Redlands, where she had lived during her furlough with her parents, John and Marie Brinks.

The San Jacinto church's WMU had given her a surprise Christmas party, complete with presents, because Brinks was scheduled to return to Peru before Christmas.

Brinks' assignment in Peru involved teaching grade school children of missionaries in Trujillo and supervising the schooling of older missionary children there as well as missionary children throughout the country in correspondence study.

Brinks was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in April 1982. She is survived by her parents, a sister and a brother.