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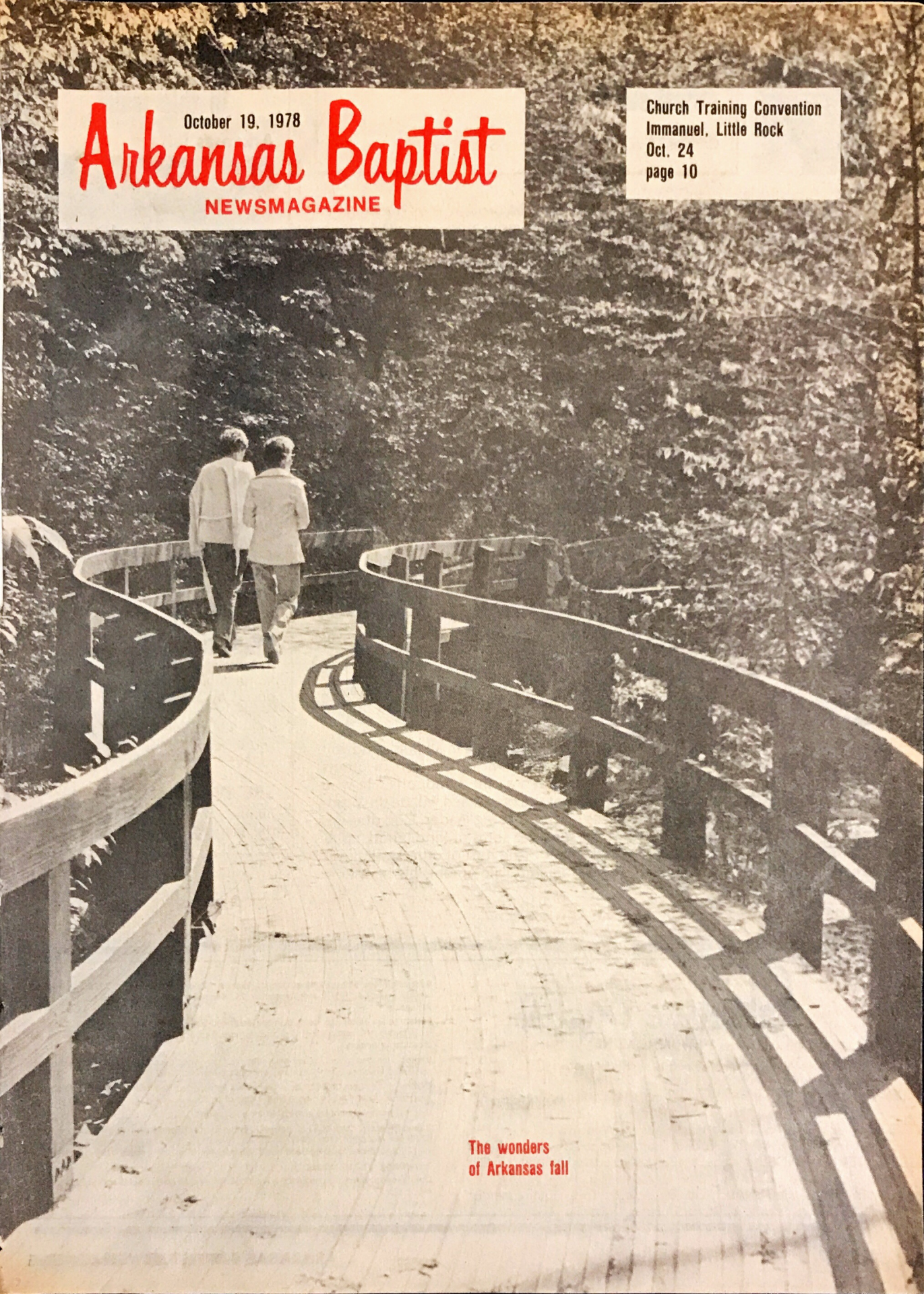
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The wonders  
of Arkansas fall



## I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

### One in a century

Great artists, musicians, authors, reformers, educators, scientists, philosophers, or prophets do not arise every day. Centuries often separate these exalted events. One great person in a century might overstep the bounds of our fondest hopes. Israel waited 430 years for Moses. The blacks waited 250 years for Lincoln, and are still waiting. England waited centuries for Wilberforce, Raikes, Booth, Wesley, and Churchill. All the world seems to be waiting for the arising of a great leader. We are long overdue in this time-frame.

God portions, parcels, and dispatches these remarkable people in the framework of the centuries. They are not made in a day, nor does "their" day always embrace them. Some must wait the long centuries after death to be fully received and appreciated.

The making of a great leader involves many things, the sensitivity of human hurt, not a little. A study of the people who have moved the masses closer to God may be observed as being keenly aware of the injustices which are inflicted upon little people. Out of the ferment of a special sort of concern, there comes the leader. This was so of Moses who felt moreso than any other the hurt inflicted upon the Hebrew slaves (Ex. 12:11-15). His interest in fairness to the oppressed exceeded all such concern about him. There are some who feel deeply the injustices heaped upon themselves as individuals, but when the ax falls upon others, they comfortably recede back into the crowd. This was not so of Moses. He felt in his own person the very lashes which the Egyptian inflicted upon the Hebrew slave. This was the essence of the difference of Moses and his peers. He could feel, sense, interpret the heartbeat of the oppressed to such a degree God made him the chief of the exodus. God is looking for certain qualities these days as he selects people to the helm of leadership. Keeness to the human hurt of others is surely a major one.

Analyze, if you will, the great works of the masters in all fields and you may be surprised to find that the acknowledgment of the hurt of others may be the one chord which is heard through all the symphony. He who feels more deeply than all others the hurt of the oppressed will be the number one choice of God when he raises up his next big leader. God does his finest work in any century through the sensitive souls of kind, good, compassionate people. He who cannot feel keenly the hurt of others will never share a seat in God's company or a leadership role among his people.

*I must say it!*

## In this issue

### Arkansas fall



Arkansas' fall coat-of-many-colors is a wonder to Arkansans and visitors alike. These visitors are taking in the display around Blanchard Springs Caverns in North Arkansas. (photo by Curtis Duncan, Dell)

### TV program 8

Arkansans will be able to view the home Bible study program produced by Southern Baptists. The program was scheduled only last week for a Little Rock TV station, and it began last Sunday.

### SBC President 11

Jimmy Allen, SBC president, was the featured speaker at the annual convention of Baptist students, meeting in Hot Springs.

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## Utilizing furloughing missionaries

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



Recently, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Foreign Mission Board jointly sponsored an orientation for furloughing missionaries in Arkansas. The annual meeting (second held here) proved mutually helpful. The missionaries became acquainted with the work being done in Arkansas, while we who serve the State Convention learned of the problems confronting the missionaries and of additional ways they can be of service while on furlough.

It is an exciting and rewarding experience to be in the presence of a group of missionaries. It is their desire to be of maximum service while home on furlough. Sometimes missionaries will have more requests for their services than they can fill in November and December but be under-employed at other times of the year. The FMB has intentionally planned to have a peak number of missionaries at home during October, November and December. Missionaries, obviously, are pleased to do all they possibly can to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. But their abilities are great and they would like to be of service all year-round.

All of our missionaries are well trained, and their expertise covers the gamut of our Baptist work. Since many missionaries are excellent teachers, churches would be especially blessed to have them for January Bible Study. All are interested in reaching the lost for Christ and would prove effective on Soul Winning Commitment Day. Other occasions in which missionaries would be extremely valuable include Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Race Relations Sunday, focus weeks, home missions studies, youth week, church vo-

## Guest editorial Support needed for ERISA clarification

Southern Baptist Annuity Board President Darold H. Morgan indicates that the timing is crucial for a show of support of a bill that will define the church pension plan and permit the church pension fund to continue to serve church agencies.

Senate bill S.3182 was introduced by Sen. Herman Tamadge of Georgia and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas. The legislation is significant for all ministers and denominational employees who participate in church retirement plans as it would clarify some defects in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Under current provisions of ERISA separate retirement programs would be established effective Jan. 1, 1983, for every category of vocational Christian worker within a denominational family. The Southern Baptist Convention would be forced to have one plan for local church employees and one or more denominational employees.

This would result in costly, disruptive duplications of professional services and paperwork burdens. Chaos would result in moving from one category to another within the denomination with the possibility of having to enter a completely new retirement program.

In 1976 at Norfolk the Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution calling for clarification of ERISA.

ational emphases, Cooperative Program Day, Vacation Bible Schools, World Hunger Day, and various church or associational emphases.

Missionaries are anxious to go to churches of all sizes. Sometimes smaller churches feel that it is impossible for them to have a missionary. While it is true that furloughing missionaries do not receive any travel expense from the FMB, missionaries do not want this to restrict their services. Congregations may be able to have a missionary as a speaker who is located relatively close to the church.

Many larger churches should consider the possibility of furnishing a car for a furloughing missionary. A car will cost a missionary \$5,000 or more. At the end of the year, an average missionary will have traveled a minimum of 30,000 miles and will be fortunate to sell the car for \$3,200. This means that a missionary will have paid \$1,800 for the privilege of sharing mission work with his fellow Baptists. Churches are to be commended for providing furloughing missionaries with housing. But now we need to provide transportation for them, too.

It is truly exciting to be a part of the greatest evangelical mission effort in the world today. Beyond question, Southern Baptists are doing more than any other denomination to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. But we must do more if our Bold Mission goal of every person hearing the gospel by the year 2000 is to be achieved. Furloughing missionaries can do much to provide greater involvement on the part of our people. Let's make maximum use of their talents while they are on furlough.

In August, Gary Nash, general counsel and secretary of the Annuity Board, testified before the Committee on Human Resources of the United States Senate on behalf of the Church Alliance for Clarification of ERISA, a coalition of persons acting on behalf of the pension programs of several denominations in the United States.

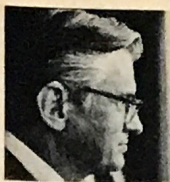
"The legislative mandated splitting of church retirement programs into fragments by 1982 contrasts sharply with fundamental principles of separation of church and state," said Nash.

Senate bill 3182 will clarify what is a church plan, and establish a procedure for resolving church plan status. It will also reduce the constitutional questions that are presently in issue.

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Since the bill is stalled in the Committee on Human Resources it is important that the cochairmen of this committee, Sen. Harrison Williams, of New Jersey and Sen. Jacob Javits of New York, be written at United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 expressing support of S. 3182.

ERISA has no business defining a church in context of defining the term "church plan". Baptists need to speak on this matter — now. — **Editor Presnall H. Wood in the Texas "Baptist Standard"**



## One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

### What kind of suffering for missionaries?

The image of foreign missionaries living in mud-thatched houses and eating grasshoppers was a vivid part of my childhood impressions of hardships on the mission field. The sacrifices made by Christian missionaries were assumed to be the physical hardships of combating the ravages of starvation, disease, hostile

climate, and even cannibals. This Southern Baptist boyhood picture of missionary martyrdom may never have been very accurate, but it is certainly not true of the lifestyle of Christian missionaries today.

Of course, the tragic news of murdered missionaries in Rhodesia is a con-

stant reminder that there still can be physical and material martyrdom for missionaries in the modern world. Furthermore, many "independent" missionaries still are very poorly supported in such matters as housing, travel support, wages, and health and retirement benefits. Our Southern Baptist missionaries are more generously supported.

But painful sacrifice of another kind is still a reality for our missionaries. I see it every year in the separation and anxiety in missionary families as teenage sons and daughters travel up to 10,000 miles away from home to enter Ouachita Baptist University. Ouachita works very hard to provide a real "home-away-from-home" for more than thirty "missionary kids" (MKs) each year. We assist them generously by providing work opportunities and discounts, and we try to provide a community of loving and understanding faculty and staff members who know that the young person who has grown up in Bangkok, Tokyo, or Rio has different needs from one who has grown up in Little Rock, Chidester, or Arkadelphia. Staff members of the Foreign Mission Board tell me that the number one problem causing missionaries to leave the mission field is difficulties with their children. I have never experienced the anguish that comes when a message is received that a son or daughter 10,000 miles away is in trouble. I have no doubt that this kind of suffering is more real than the suffering of hunger or disease.

It was encouraging recently to hear that a Foreign Mission Board staff member in Richmond, Va., told a missionary parent there was no need for him to visit a troubled MK at Ouachita because he knew of the personal interest and love that was being shown by Bill Dixon, dean of students at Ouachita. It is a special way for Ouachita Baptist University to have a part in world missions.

### Correction

In a brief news item appearing on page 6 of the Oct. 12 issue of the *News-magazine*, Mike Kemper, evangelist for a revival at Floral Church, was incorrectly identified. Kemper actually is pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Arkadelphia. The pastor of Third Street Church, Arkadelphia, is Mickey Holt.

## Agricultural fellowship plans are announced

Farmers in Arkansas are being invited to become part of an informal organization, an "agricultural fellowship", which will be coordinated by the state convention's executive secretary.

After contacts with John Cheyne, who heads world hunger programs for the Southern Baptist Convention, some Arkansas farmers are gathering information about other farmers who might help agricultural missionaries. Plans are for the farmers here to serve as contacts for the missionaries and help in ways that would not require going to the mission field.

Farmers who are interested should complete the information form and send it to Charles H. Ashcraft, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. This should be done before the state convention annual meeting Nov. 6-8.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    street or box                                    city                                    state                                    zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of agriculture:

\_\_\_\_\_ rice \_\_\_\_\_ (no. of acres or head)

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\_\_\_\_\_ cotton \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ cattle \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ chickens \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you irrigate? \_\_\_\_\_

Extent of interest or availability: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

## Russellville Baptists see bold opportunity in NYC

"We found more than 700 prospects in two blocks of the Calvary Church in a week's time," declared Jack Riley, pastor of First Church, Russellville. Riley's statement was made as he and three of his church members were returning from a simultaneous crusade which was held Sept. 13-26, in the Metropolitan Association of New York City.

Prior to the area crusade, simultaneous revivals were held in each of the eight participating churches. The group from First Church, Russellville, worked with the Calvary Church which is located in the Long Island area of New York City.

The Calvary Church has been operating for approximately 10 years and was originally made possible through the Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offering. The church, which now runs about 220 in Sunday School, has sponsored other chapels which have been developed in the surrounding area.

"The church is seeking to reach out in a very international way," observed Riley. "I noted on Wednesday night when I preached my first sermon that there were Puerto Ricans, Haitians, Chinese, Japanese and black people all in attendance."

First Church, Russellville, began

working with congregations in the New York area about two and one-half years ago when Jack Stanton, at that time with the Home Mission Board, contacted laymen at First Church about participating in a layman's crusade. At the present time, First Church is providing some financial assistance for the Cedar Street Chapel which is on the point of Mont-tuck.

There were a total of approximately 30 professions of faith during the simultaneous and area crusade effort. Most of these were adults who were over 20

years of age.

"In Long Island alone there are over 10 million unchurched people," Riley said. "This is approximately one million people for every church or chapel. I believe that our Bold Mission thrust is the greatest undertaking that Southern Baptists have ever attempted. But if it is to succeed churches in the established areas must assist in the sponsorship of congregations in the populace pioneer areas. It has been a great blessing to our church to have the opportunity of this involvement."



Missionaries to New York City were (from left) Pastor Jack T. Riley, Frank Hotard, Ethel Hotard, and Jeannie Williams. (ABN photo)

## First Church, Strong, marks 75 years

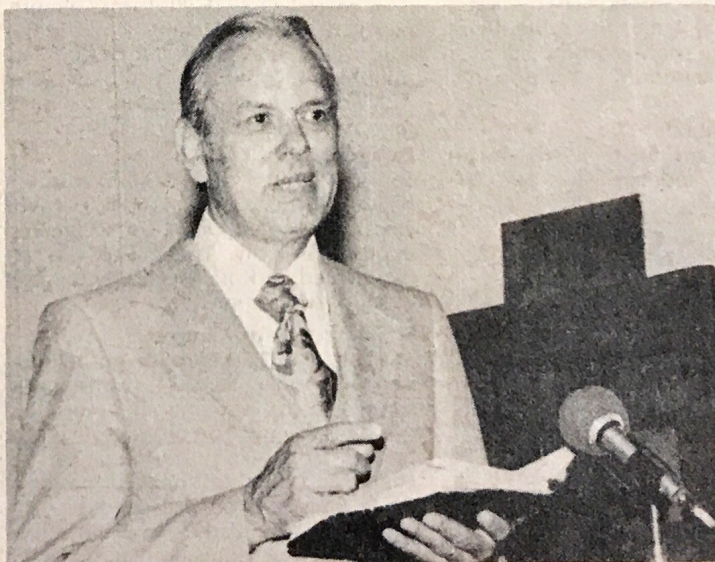
First Church, Strong, marked their 75th anniversary with a Saturday night service and fellowship, messages by former pastors, and a dinner on Sunday.

The church was organized Aug. 30, 1903, in what was then Victoria, Ark., with 18 charter members.

At the Sunday service long-time members were honored. These included nine 50-year members, three 60-year members, and one 70-year member, O. B. Clark.

Two former pastors spoke at the services. Sardis Bever, pastor of Kelso Church at Rohwer, brought the message Saturday night, and Jack Gulledge, who is editor of *Proclaim* magazine, a Baptist Sunday School Board publication, brought the Sunday morning sermon.

Roy Hilton is interim pastor of First Church. Cora Parks was chairman of the committee for the observance.



One of the former pastors attending the anniversary celebration was Jack Gulledge, now the editor of an SBC-wide publication.

by Millie Gill

**Oak Bowery Church, Conway**

had Layman's Sunday on Sept. 10 with 10 men sharing their testimony. There were three professions of faith. Bill Fleming is pastor.

**Norfolk First Church**

was in "Win Our World" conferences Oct. 2-4. Neal Guthrie, associate for youth evangelism in the Evangelism Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, led the event. Paul Huskey is pastor.

**Lewisville First Church**

was in revival Sept. 25-Oct. 1. Michael Gott was evangelist. Norman L. Sutton is pastor.

**Cross Road Church, Little Rock**

was in revival Sept. 27-Oct. 1. Phillip Allison, vice president of Mid-America Seminary, was evangelist.

**Crossett First Church**

will be in revival Oct. 23-29. Al Sparkman, pastor, will preach the evangelistic messages. The Tyson Family from Forrest City will lead music.

**Lamar Church**

was in revival recently with Jessie Foster of Bernice, La., as evangelist. Tom Kamerling of Russellville directed music. There were four professions of faith; two joined by letter; and 20 other decisions of re-dedication, service, and special service. The Lamar Church, within the past year, has had a growth that included 30 professions of faith and 22 additions by letter.

**Desha First Church**

was in revival Sept. 24-Oct. 1. Clarence Shell, associate/state evangelist, Evangelism Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, preached the messages. Music was led by Butch Stephens. There were five professions of faith and five joined by letter. W. E. Yarbrough is pastor.

**Little Hope Church**

held services on Sept. 17 to ordain Truman Lewis and Lee Klutts as deacons.

**El Dorado Second Church**

honored Mrs. Grace Brewster and Mrs. Ruby Floyd on Oct. 8. The occasion was in honor of their 50 years as church members.

**Rosedale Church, Little Rock**

will be in revival Oct. 22-27. Bob Carpenter from Lamar Heights Church in Memphis will be evangelist. Dennis McCrackin from First Church, Nicholasville, Ky., will lead music. Leonard E. Baker is pastor.

**Van Buren First Church**

was in revival Oct. 8-15. L. E. Lawson will be evangelist. David and Karen Garrett will direct music and Geraldine Reagan

will be ventriloquist. Bruce Cushman is pastor.

**Searcy First Church**

held services on Oct. 8 to ordain Bill Wood and Coy Lackie as deacons. David D. Crouch is pastor.

**Hurricane Lake Church, Benton**

was in revival Oct. 14-18. David Uth, Clay Vire, and Donna McCoy, a CONTACT team from Ouachita Baptist University, led services. Mac S. Gates is pastor.

**Ingram Boulevard Church, West Memphis**

held services Oct. 1 to ordain Lidell Blankenship as a deacon. Henry G. West is pastor.

**Central Church, Hot Springs**

held services Oct. 8 to ordain Walt Lumpkin as a deacon. Other deacons of the church led the ordination service.

**North Arkansas Association**

Acteens are planning a member-training conference for Oct. 21. The event will be held at Oregon Flat Church. Amy Harris, who has worked with the Shoshone and Arapaho Indians this summer, will be featured speaker. Woodland Heights Chorale, Woodland Heights Church, Harrison, will provide music. Mrs. Gail Wood is associational Acteen director.

**Rocky Bayou Association**

Woman's Missionary Union held a quarterly rally on Oct. 17 at the Evening Shade Church. Darrell Garner, missionary to Malawi, Africa, was guest speaker. Mrs. Mary Alexander is associational WMU director.

**Hardy First Church**

is in revival Oct. 15-20. Larry Gilmore, pastor of College Heights Church, Fallin, Tenn., is evangelist. Rick Cochran, minister of youth and youth music at Ridgeway Church, Memphis, is directing music. Richard Avey is pastor.

**Paragould First Church**

Senior Adults, "the Golden Circle," have returned from North Carolina where they spent Oct. 2-6 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. The group was accompanied by Ross Meadows, minister of music/education.

**Ft. Smith Calvary Church**

ordained Paul Parker to the gospel ministry on Sunday, Sept. 24. Curtis Smithson, pastor of First Church, Lavaca, led the questioning. Carrol Walters, pastor of the Jenny Lind Church, gave the charge and Charles Whedbee, pastor of the Ft. Smith church, preached the ordination message. Parker, who has served as minister of education/music at Ft. Smith the past four years, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Cimarron, N.M.

**University Church, Fayetteville**

held a "Fall Spiritual Festival" Oct. 8-11. J. Sidlow Baxter was speaker. H. D. McCarty is pastor.

**Salem Church**

Woman's Missionary Union, organized in the Spring of this year, has become actively involved in mission causes. In August, the WMU sponsored the first church-wide World Hunger Campaign, contributing \$176.50 to this world mission need. They recently sponsored a Season of Prayer for State Missions, giving a total offering to date of \$218.18. Rita Welch is WMU director and Charlotte Moran is mission action leader.

**Sulphur Rock Church**

was in revival Sept. 25-Oct. 8. The revival was held in Spring Park, the town square of Sulphur Rock. George Roberts of Rosie was evangelist. Music was led by George Peters, pastor of 16th Street Church, North Little Rock, and S. D. Hacker, Director of Missions for Independence Association. There were four professions of faith and two joined by letter. Jim Ingram is pastor.

**Followup****More churches report flood damage**

Besides those churches damaged in the floods from the Sept. 13 storm which have already been listed, several others suffered damage to property.

**Bryant First Southern Church** had two to three feet of water in parts of their building, damaging carpets in their offices and youth building.

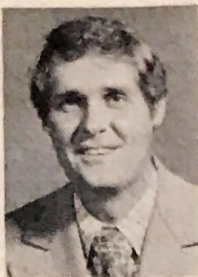
**Ridgecrest Church, Benton**, had water in their basement.

**First Church, Benton**, had damage to library books and members spent two days cleaning up from up to 4 feet of water in their basement.

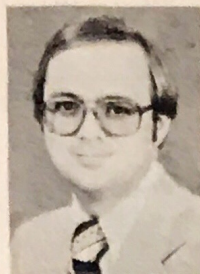
**Calvary Church, Benton**, had four families who lost most of their possessions.

**Cherry Valley Church** in Eastern Arkansas had water damage in their auditorium and nursery, but they were able to have their carpets cleaned and dried and damage costs may be low. Pastor J. L. Tallant said that hard rains caused water to run off Crowley's Ridge and fill local creeks, causing the highest water in 65 years.

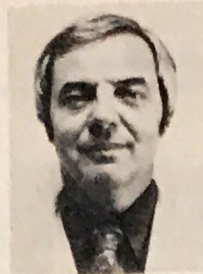
**Douglas M. Dickens** has accepted the call to serve as pastor of First Church, Hot Springs. He is a graduate of Ouachita University and holds both a master of divinity and doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary. Dr. Dickens has also studied clinical pastoral education at Texas Christian University, University of Arkansas Medical School, and at the Baptist Memorial Hospital. He has been pastor of churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma, and Manila in the Philippines; youth minister of First Church, Fordyce; a chaplain; a Baptist Student Union director; and an instructor in the religion and psychology departments at OBU. He is married to the former Patsy Sue Hill of Arkadelphia.



Dickens



Pritchett



Owens

**Ben Pritchett**

will join the staff of Olivet Church, Little Rock on Oct. 29 as minister of education/bus evangelism. He is a graduate of Memphis State University and Southwestern Seminary. He will come to Little Rock from the Frayser Church in Memphis. Pritchett is married and the father of two children.

**Truman Owens**

was honored by Second Church, Russellville, on Oct. 8 in recognition of his 10 years of service to the church. Owens, a safety director for Valmac Industries, is church music director. James D. Bryant, pastor, gave special recognition to him in the morning worship service that was followed by a noon meal. Owens, a deacon, has led in a graded choir program for the Russellville church and was formerly lead singer for the Countrymen Quartet.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Medlock**

of Little Rock celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 7 with an open house and reception. The anniversary celebration was hosted by their children, Peggy Jean Medlock of Little Rock and Mary Lou Peterson of Reston, Va.

The couple was married on Oct. 6, 1928, by Otto Whittington, then pastor of the Immanuel Church. Mrs. Medlock is the former Annie Bee Green of Little Rock. Mr. Medlock is a retired engineer, formerly with the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the Arkansas Highway Department. He previously lived in Hot Springs. The Medlock's met in 1925 at Immanuel Church and have continued to be active in various phases of the church's organizations.

**James E. Hill Jr.**

will be honored Oct. 29 in recognition of his 20 years as pastor of Central Church, Hot Springs. The anniversary celebration will include a catered luncheon and a brief program. Mrs. Hill will also be honored for her service to the church.

**Wayne Ralph**

has resigned as pastor of Blackwater Church.

**John Crowley**

has resigned as pastor of the Whitton Church to accept a pastorate at Charleston, Mo.

**Bill Ladd**

has been called as pastor of the Sedgwick Church.

**Harold Russell**

has been called as pastor of the White Oak Church.

**Mark Howell**

has been called as youth/education director at Hurricane Lake Church, Benton. He is a student at Ouachita University. He and his wife, Brenda, are parents of a son, Jason.

**Orville Castleberry**

of Little Rock has been called as pastor of the Oak Grove Church in Caroline Association. He has pastored other churches in Arkansas.

**Clytee Harness**

has been called as pastor of the Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs. He received his education at Southern College, Walnut Ridge and Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. Harness came to Hot Springs from the First Church of Clio, Mich. During his ministry there the church increased from 145 to over 500 in Bible study. The Michigan church also started three missions and led the state in baptisms last year. He and his wife, June Marie, are parents of three children.

**Billy G. West**

became the first full-time pastor of the River Road Chapel, River Road, Redfield, on Sunday Oct. 1. He came to this position from White Sulphur Springs

Church near Pine Bluff, where he served as pastor for four years.

**Gary Corker**

has accepted the call to be music/youth director at Pleasant Hill Church, Sardis, in Central Association. He is a student at Ouachita University.

**Edgar Hall**

is serving as pastor of Friendship Church, Washington-Madison Association.

**Wesley Pruitt**

has resigned as pastor of Brush Creek Church. He has accepted the pastorate of Freedom Hill Church of Mannford, Okla.

**Richard Stell**

assumed the pastorate of Park Street Church, Bentonville, on Sept. 17.

**Wilford Gardner**

has accepted the position of pastor at Faith Church, Sandusky, Okla.

**Lewis Wood**

is now pastor of Black Oak Church, Trinity Association.

**Dennis Whitemire**

has resigned as pastor of Corners Chapel near Trumann.

**David Weeks**

has resigned as pastor of Piney Church in Hot Springs. Weeks, who has served as pastor of the Hot Springs church for the past three years, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Bernice, La.

**Joe Hudson**

is pastor of the Tomahawk Church near St. Joe.

**Ray Canary**

is serving as interim pastor of the Bruno Church, White River Association.

**Gary Henson**

has resigned as pastor of the Plainview Church, Dardanelle-Russellville Association.

**Eugene Thomas**

has resigned as pastor of the Pottsville Church following a four year pastorate there. He has accepted the Washington Church in Claremore, Okla.

**Assignment is Iran**

Hubert E. Williams of Walnut Ridge has made a commitment for volunteer work with the Foreign Mission Board again.

Williams, who has previously done mission work in Africa, will serve for a period of approximately six months in Iran on this assignment.

He will be interim pastor of the Shiraz Church.



(From left) Carl Goodson, vice president for academic affairs at Ouachita Baptist University, and Vester Wolber, chairman of the religion department of the Arkadelphia, school, talk with "San Francisco Examiner" feature writer, Gerald Adams, about some of the things they and eight of their faculty colleagues saw while on a four-day fact-finding tour of the Bay Area.



## Arkansas group studies Bay Area

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — Feeling that whatever happens on the West Coast now will happen in the rest of the nation in the future, 10 faculty and staff members from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas conducted a four-day study of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Using Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary as its base, the group searched for trends that are not yet present in the Midwest.

Vester Wolber, one of the leaders of the group, said a mid-summer, nationwide telecast of a documentary on Marin County "caused us to take more interest in the area and study it more carefully before we came."

According to Dr. Wolber, chairman of the department of religion at the Arkadelphia school, what the group saw on television they found to be "pretty much true."

The contingent met in a morning session with Gerald Adams, feature writer for the *San Francisco Examiner*, who briefed them on some of San Francisco's history. He also told them about the people of the city, and reviewed some of the issues currently being dealt with by city government.

Francis M. DuBose, professor of missions at Golden Gate, led the group on an extensive mission tour of the city, which included viewing the cityscape from Twin Peaks, visiting 19th Avenue Baptist Church in the Sunset District and touring several varying downtown districts.

"Dr. DuBose's knowledge of Chinatown and his familiarity with the

institutions that go on there, made that part of the tour an excellent learning experience," Dr. Wolber said. "We were very pleased to see the work of other religious denominations going strong in that area."

Dr. Wolber said that the study will greatly benefit those who participated and will provide invaluable information that can be used in teaching and counseling students interested in working in the West.

Participating in the seminar with Dr. Wolber were Jim Berryman, professor of religion and philosophy; Thomas Brisco, instructor in religion; Bill Bullington, OBU missionary-in-residence; Elmer Goble, director of religious activities and instructor in religion; Carl Goodson, vice president for academic affairs and professor of religion; Tom Greer, instructor of philosophy; Gene Petty, assistant professor of religion; Robert Stagg, professor of religion; and Cecil Sutley, professor of religion.

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## Arkansans to see SBC program

Most Arkansans will be able to view a new 30-minute TV program from the SBC Sunday School Board and Radio and Television Commission. "At Home with the Bible" will be shown by KARK TV, channel 4 on Sunday mornings at 7:30, beginning Oct. 15.

The program, which also is aired on some radio stations, includes music, interviews and a Bible lesson related to a topic such as relationships, forgiveness, or temptations.

Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, Miss., is the Bible teacher and host for each segment.

The series is a joint project of the Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission. It is designed to "whet an appetite" for more Bible study. Viewers will be encouraged to write for the free monthly *Home Bible Study Guide*, part of a new Bible correspondence course produced by the Sunday School Board. Participants may send in their answers for grading and work toward receiving credit for their efforts.



South Calvary Mission of Benton, a mission of Calvary Church of Benton, was organized into Temple Church Sept. 10 after three years as a mission. The church was constituted with 95 charter members. Hugh Owen (left) has been pastor of the mission, and has been called to serve the church. Others who participated in the service were Oscar Golden (center), pastor of the sponsoring church, and Carl Overton, Director of Missions for Central Association. The church voted to affiliate with Central Association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Temple Church has more than \$12,000 in a building fund and they voted to begin the first building, which should be ready by the first of next year.



## Woman's viewpoint

Joanne Jackson Lisk

### Gift of inspiration

Want to receive a double bushful and then some of inspiration? Well, plan now to go to Ridgecrest or Glorieta Baptist Assemblies next year. If you've already been there, you'll know what I mean.

Inspiration has always been the case at either assembly for all the 20 plus (no, I'm not going to quite tell you how many) years I've been going to one or the other assembly. However, in the marvelous way of God's plan, different conferences have inspired me in different ways.

One year, more than 10 past now, my mother decided to go with me to Ridgecrest for a Writer's Conference, just for fun, while my two little (then) boys went on to Charlotte to stay with their N.C. grandparents for a week. And it was fun! Our minds were indeed stretched by

some excellent teacher/writers who challenged us to sharpen our skills of communication. I still have the "assignment verses" we did one afternoon while sitting out on the front porch of Pritchell Hall enjoying the mountains, trees and clouds (our topic of assignment). Well, since you insist — here they are!

#### Cloud Pictures

by Nietta Jackson

"Leisurely lounging in my patio chair,  
Inhaling a breath of the fresh-washed  
air,  
I lifted my eyes to the clouds above  
And there I beheld my ideal love.  
She was clothed in garments of silver  
and white  
With hair like spun gold, shining and

bright.  
She floated along with grace and with  
ease,  
Running away as if trying to tease.  
I pursued this frolicsome maid in the  
air,  
Determined that I, too, her world  
would share.  
I reached out to touch her as she  
floated in space  
And was rudely awakened by rain on  
my face!"

Whereas, my contribution to the cloud picture was this:

"Misers see a silver lining.  
Children see a fairy dream.  
Yet to some, the clouds are cruel:  
Dieters visualize whipped cream!"

I told you we had fun! Great poets? Well, hardly, but still we rejoiced in the inspiration of a mind-stretching that Glorieta or Ridgecrest can bring about any week of any summer.

Though I loved Ridgecrest (forgive me, dear old Tar-Heel State), Glorieta has been my favorite spot to exalt in the beauty of mountains and sky and rivers. In an effort to "keep" it in my heart through the winters, a few years ago I wrote:

#### Glorieta

Green-gray glimmering  
Rock-ridge shimmering.  
Silver-sage glowing  
Balmy breeze blowing.  
Shining stream twisting  
Sudden shower misting.  
Craggy crest exciting  
Valley view inviting.  
Twisting trails alluring  
Towering trees enduring.  
Sun-shadows streaking.  
God's grandeur speaking.

This year I was at Glorieta for Music Week. What do you think I did? Sure! You guessed it. I wrote a song! (If you don't see it in print, don't worry, just come visit me and I'll sing it for you!) Wonder why my husband keeps me away from the Preacher's Conferences????

Joanne Jackson Lisk is the wife of Richard Lisk, pastor of First Church, Eng-land. Besides being a homemaker, she is a registered nurse, writer for denominational publications, and choral director for the church.



### New church gets deed

Broadmoor Church, Brinkley, became a cooperating Southern Baptist church Sept. 10. Broadmoor was a mission of First Church, Brinkley, since July 2, 1967, when the mission was organized in a house in Brinkley, and called the First Baptist Mission. They became Broadmoor Mission in 1972, and with the aid of the sponsoring church, built a \$30,000 building. After they assumed responsibility for financial support in 1974, the mission congregation bought a pastor's home, an organ, and a van. The church's current membership is a few more than 200. Pastor Tim Deahl and several former pastors participated in the service. As part of the ceremonies, Coday Fowler, chairman of the board of trustees of First Church (second from right), presented the property deed to (from left) Leslie Boyd, Fred Compton, and Summers Little of Broadmoor Church.

# Your state convention at work

## Stewardship Tools for budget promotion

Baptist churches want to avoid the carnival atmosphere in church finances. The days of pie suppers and cake walks are over or are dying. Even the dignified Wall Street approach has little appeal in most Baptist churches.

So how do Baptists go about promoting their church budgets? The fear of

cheap appeals, as well as the fear of commercialism, causes some to shun any promotion. While an active outreach is conducted in Sunday School and evangelism, churches often prefer to make the budget a matter of faith.

The 1977 church letter asked churches to specify what budget promotion plan

they used. The Forward Program was used by 58 churches. Eleven churches turned to the Alternate Forward Program for budget promotion and subscription. A Tithers Commitment Program helped 61 churches with budget promotion. Nineteen churches used the resources of a Stewardship Revival.

Simplified Budgeting for Ministries was the most popular with 181 churches reporting its use. This number may not represent a true figure for some churches used their own emphasis and called the program simple.

Of the reporting churches, 875 did not use any type of budget promotion.

When a church "trusts the Lord and tells the people" it needs an effective vehicle to "tell the people." The Stewardship Commission provides the best tools for budget promotion.

The Forward Program has a proven tract record. Thousands of churches have used it in the last 20 years. It's an intensive program designed to confront every member with stewardship opportunities. The Alternate Forward Program uses the same base design, but shorter.

Churches that are preparing a budget for the first time will find Simplified Budgeting for Ministries very helpful. The Tithers Commitment Program places an emphasis on commitment to tithing. The Great Challenge invites congregation input for budget planning.

All these programs, except the Great Challenge, are described in the Stewardship Services Catalogue. You may obtain a copy from the state Stewardship Office. — **James A. Walker**, Secretary of Stewardship

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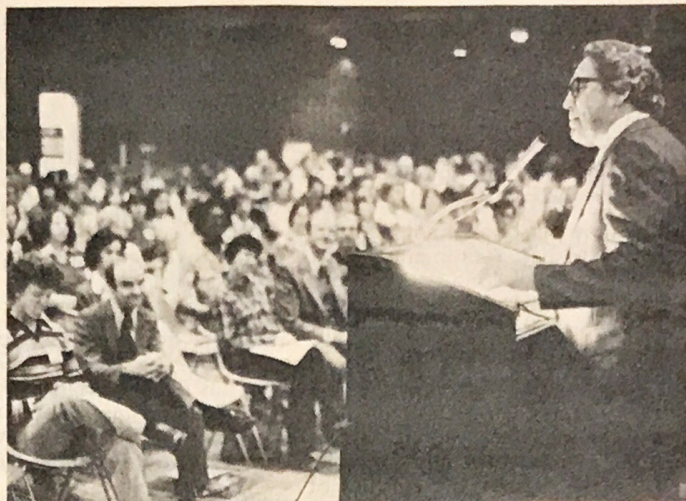
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Jimmy Allen, San Antonio pastor who is President of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the principal speaker for the annual student meeting.



Students also had a chance to talk informally with Dr. Allen.



Pine Bluff Pastor John McClanahan led one of the 14 seminars available to the students. (photos by Jamie Jones)

## Students hear Jimmy Allen

Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the principal speaker at the Baptist Student Convention held in Hot Springs Oct. 6-8. Allen challenged the students to consider seriously giving two years of their lives to Mission Service corps. He introduced his own Mission Service Corps pilot, David Smith, to the nearly 500 students at the convention as an example of the variety of mission opportunities.

The students in their Saturday morning business session adopted a \$15,000 summer mission's budget for 1979 and heard George Sims, Associate State BSU

Director, report on the Carol Washington Memorial Fund. Miss Washington, BSU president at Arkansas Baptist College and treasurer of the National Baptist Student Union, was murdered in her dormitory room last spring. The memorial fund, to be placed with the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, will provide money for Arkansas Baptist College students to attend Arkansas BSU Conventions and retreats and the National Baptist Retreat.

Saturday morning included a "Market Place" that allowed students to choose among 14 seminars on subjects

that varied from a film on "Bottle Babies and Nutritional Needs of the Third World" to "Introduction of Theology".

Saturday night's session included a dramatic story of the experiences of the 26 Arkansas students who were sent out as missionaries by their fellow students last summer.

State officers who presided at the convention sessions were Mark Weaver of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Terry Proffitt of Arkansas State University, and Karen Brandon of Henderson State University.

# SBC datelines

## Corps volunteers called 'pioneers'

ATLANTA (BP) — The first Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Service Corps volunteers to undergo orientation were told they are "pioneers in a great mission thrust".

Twenty-nine persons — ranging from college age to past retirement — underwent the week-long orientation, preparing them for a variety of mission service opportunities, spanning from church starting to college teaching.

"I'm inspired by your witness," said Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. "You are pioneers . . . you are the beginning of a trickle that will become a great flow of lives being invested in God's service."

Mission Service Corps, a plan to place 5,000 volunteers in mission service by 1982, was adopted by messengers to the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

"Missions Service Corps addresses persons who feel God has called them to service in missions," said David Bunch, coordinator of MSC for the

Home Mission Board. "MSC is part of the Southern Baptist Convention's Bold Mission Thrust to reach the world for Christ in this century.

"The goal of Bold Mission Thrust and of Mission Service Corps is to evangelize and congregationalize," he continued. "We want to bring people to know Christ as Lord and Savior and to gather them together into congregations to grow and serve."

William G. Tanner, the board's executive director-treasurer, told the volunteers the goal of MSC is "worthy . . . but the important thing is not just the goal. The important thing is that you are here . . . that you are willing to go, and that you are doing mission work."

"If it takes 20 years — not just five — for us to reach the goal of 5,000, that will not bother me at all," he declared. "We are creating a channel for people to serve and for mission work to be accomplished".

Tanner, noting MSC was born a year ago in June, said, "By the end of this year (1978) we possibly will have 135 or 140 persons on the field around the world."

"We're looking at over \$800,000 in funds which have been given and pledged. We're looking at the lives of 130-plus people invested in mission work. That would not have happened without the impetus of this program".

Tanner told the volunteers there would be times in which they would be "... upset ... You're gonna crawl the walls and bawl. But you will not be bored ... The opportunities you will have are real. They're not busy work for the third grade. The opportunities are credible verifiable, viable needs you will be filling."

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# International Lesson

## Moral purity

"He who commits adultery has no sense; he who does it destroys himself" (Prov. 6:32). By the time of Jeremiah the sin of adultery was so common that he described the men of his day as "well fed lusty stallions, each neighing for his neighbor's wife" (Jer. 5:8). One has but to look around to see the same conditions today.

Jeremiah's picture is that of life on the animal level. Man may live on this level today, but we need to remember the animal level was intended for animals, never for man. Man created in the image of God was created for a higher way of life.

Marriage is a sacred relationship. Man within the covenant relationship knows the truth spoken by Malachi, "the Lord was witness to the covenant between you and the wife of your youth" (2:3). When God is made a part of the marriage covenant, the relationship is lifted from the animal level to the higher level of sanctity and purity commanded by God for every marriage.

Two terms need to be defined. "Adultery" is sexual intercourse between a

married man and a woman not his wife, or between a married woman and a man not her husband. "Fornication" is sexual intercourse between an unmarried woman and a man, especially an unmarried man. Both are judged by the Bible as sin.

Jesus lifted this commandment above the letter of the law, not by abolishing the commandment but by filling it with new meaning. He said a lustful look is sin. Jesus did not intend to say that temptation was equally as wrong as the act. Neither did he say that an evil thought is as bad as an evil act. He did say it was wrong to consider a woman "lustfully". Jesus thus recognized the way one felt toward another "within his heart" affected the individual himself. No one can continually give himself to lustful thoughts and not be emotionally warped.

The Bible still calls those of us who are

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Oct. 22, 1978  
Matthew 5:27-30  
Exodus 20:14  
John 8:1-11  
by Harold Elmore  
Lake Village Church

God's people to one standard for marriage — absolute fidelity. One word sums up this commandment — purity. Purity of thought and of deed in sexual relations.

The following Biblical principals should control our sexual behavior.

1. Marriage is a sacred institution, a holy covenant between two persons in the Lord.

2. The unity of the family is of primary importance.

3. Fidelity to marital bonds is directly related to this commandment.

4. The spirit of the Seventh Commandment demands respect for human personality and the rights of others.

The Bible speaks frankly about sexual sins. Adultery, fornication and perversion. In our permissive society we need to re-emphasize biblical standard by thought, word and by deed.

# Bible Book Lesson

## Cain and Abel

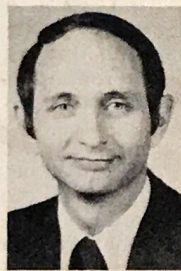
The new unit is "God Judges Sin". In this unit we will study how God dealt with sin in the life of Cain, with the people in the time of Noah and at the tower of Babel.

### Brothers (4:1-2)

Even though sin was now a part of their lives, the first family appears to have an ideal family situation in the making. Cain was the firstborn. He was a farmer. Abel was born into the family soon after. Abel was a shepherd. Eve was delighted with Cain and felt that he was a gift from God. For some reason, she did not express the same delight in the birth of Abel.

### Worshippers (4:3-5)

The principle is ever the same: God desires obedience and faith more than sacrifice. Abel approached the Lord in faith. Whatever Cain's motivation was, it



Cooper

was not acceptable to God. Read Hebrews 11:4.

The important thing is not what they brought for an offering, but rather the Lord's response to their offerings. Their sacrifice grew out of their desire to worship God. We must conclude that Cain did not come to the worship experience with an attitude of faith and reverence for God.

However, it is also the belief of some that the difference was Abel brought a blood sacrifice while Cain brought fruit of the land. It is doubtful that Abel could have anticipated the truth of Hebrews 9:22, "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins." We can be sure that God knew this truth.

### A murderer (4:6-8)

Cain's wrong attitude found expression in anger and hate. It resulted in

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Oct. 22, 1978  
Genesis 4:1-26  
by Don Cooper  
Sunday School Department

murder. The facts related to the murder serve to remind us of the ravages of sin. God's plan for man did not find fulfillment in the first family.

### Keepers (4:9-15)

Does man have responsibility for others? "Am I my brother's keeper?", has become the classic expression in seeking to avoid personal responsibility. The teaching of the Bible is that we must indeed be responsible for brothers. Read I John 3:11-12. God's offer of opportunity to repent was rejected. Therefore, God's judgement with mercy was pronounced upon Cain.

### God provides (4:25-26)

God has always provided a way to continue his plan. Seth was recognized as a replacement for Abel. God is able to carry out his plan despite the sin of man.

### Conclusion

Man is a sinner, but because of God's love, he is not beyond hope. Man's relation to God will have a direct bearing on his relation to his fellowman.

## All of grace

Oct. 22, 1978

Matthew 20:1-16

by Charles Chesser, pastor  
First Church, Carlisle

The ugly head of selfishness may crop up almost anywhere. Peter had said to Jesus, "We have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?" (Matt. 19:27). In the closing verses of Matthew 19 Jesus indicated that those who had followed him would be more than compensated in both this and the next world.



Chesser

We have difficulty comprehending the grace of God, and this is especially true when it is directed toward others. The elder brother of Luke 15 felt that his prodigal brother was not deserving of the benevolent treatment bestowed upon him by their father. None of us are. There is no explanation for it outside the grace of God.

In this week's lesson perhaps Jesus

was anticipating the problem that some late comers to his kingdom would have in feeling inferior simply because of their late start. God's grace overcomes the time element. Some had started working at six and nine in the morning. Others started at noon, while still others didn't start working till three and five in the afternoon. They were rewarded equally regardless of the time spent in the vineyard. This can be explained only by the grace of God.

In this story we find something of the sovereignty, justice, and the grace of God.

### The sovereignty of God (20:8-15)

We must allow God to be God. The question to the complainer was, "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?" (v. 15). His sovereignty is not something to be feared, but ap-

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preciated because of the king of God He is — holy, righteous, just and gracious.

### The justice of God

His justice is seen in the keeping of his promise and abiding by the terms of the contract. He paid those first hired the amount upon which they had agreed (v. 13). His justice is further seen in taking opportunity into account. "Why do you stand here all day idle? They say unto him, because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive" (20:6-7). His justice comes through also in not allowing the time element to figure into the rewards. It's not how long but how well and faithfully one lives and serves.

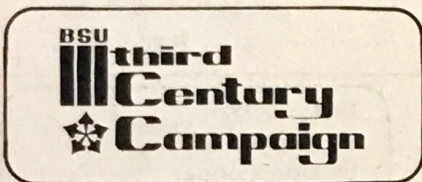
### The grace of God

It was a gracious act on the part of this land owner to provide employment to those needy people — especially to those who came in at the last hour. Those who worked all day bearing the burden and heat were blessed also. They knew that at the end of the day they would have a day's wage with which to buy food for their families. To be gainfully employed is a blessing as those who lived through the depression of the 30s can attest.

Grace was expressed in granting rewards according to faithfulness without regard to time spent in labor. Their reward exceeded their expectations, and by his grace, so will ours.

### Conclusion

We can all be grateful that God deals with us, not according to our merit, but according to his grace. It ill behooves any of us to be jealous when we see others receiving his unmerited favor. We are recipients of the same. Jeremiah has said it for us all, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22-23).



## Support colleges and BSU

Following is the body of an excellent letter we received from H. E. Williams, President-emeritus and Special Officer for Development of Southern Baptist College. With Dr. Williams' kind permission, we share it with you. — Jamie Jones, Director, BSU Third Century Campaign

"Dear Friend Jamie:

Enclosed herewith is the pledge card of the Campbell Station Baptist Church which I serve as Interim Pastor. I am happy that they voted several weeks ago to participate in the BSU Third Century Campaign on the level suggested.

I believe in the goals set for the Campaign. It is my feeling that Arkansas Baptists should not choose between Christian colleges and student work on state supported campuses but that they should adequately support both programs. There should be no conflict of interest involved. We have a mission to reach people everywhere and to minister to them in every scriptural way possible. To me it is not "either-or" but an emphatic both for the future years.

I had the pleasure of being the first BSU president at Arkansas Tech back in 1931. I also attended the first BSU Convention held in Arkansas in October, 1931. Through the years I have had an abiding interest in the total student ministry in our state and throughout the world. I have never felt it wise to forget the importance of each segment of the program, that of ministering to the students on the Baptist campuses and at the same time ministering to those on the state campuses. Those who would choose either, and in turn neglect the other, are not thinking wisely for the future."



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# McDonald's rumor won't die

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Unfounded rumors that McDonald's Corporation founder and chief executive officer Ray Kroc contributes 20 percent of his income to the Church of Satan continue to plague the international hamburger franchise and frustrate Southern Baptist newspaper editors who are trying to avoid another Madalyn Murray O'Hair fiasco.

In that one, church members flooded the Federal Communications Commission in protest of Miss O'Hair's attempt to remove religious broadcasting from the airwaves. In truth, she never attempted it, but denominational newspapers could not squelch the rumor.

It appears the rumor machine is again geared for a high speed chase, and concerned, but unsuspecting, church members are going for the ride.

According to several variations of the rumor, Kroc made the contributions public on either the Merv Griffin or Phil Donahue shows, CBS' 60 Minutes, the Today Show, or in the *National Enquirer*.

Complete transcripts from the

Today Show and Phil Donahue reveal no such statement. A letter from Don Hewitt, executive producer of 60 Minutes, says no connection between Kroc and the Church of Satan has ever been mentioned on 60 Minutes. "In fact..." the letter said, "Mr. Kroc's name has never been mentioned on 60 Minutes nor has the Church of Satan ever been mentioned (if there is, indeed, such a church.)"

Local managers, owners and advertisers also denied Kroc had made the statement on the Merv Griffin Show. Copies of the *National Enquirer* showed no mention of the rumor.

Kroc himself, worth about \$350 million, depending on the stock market on a given day, said in a letter to the *Texas Baptist Standard*, "I was absolutely appalled to learn of the false allegation that my personal funds, and those of McDonald's Corporation, had been donated to the Church of Satan. Such a donation would be contrary to the corporate contributions policy of McDonald's and to my personal beliefs."

A complete listing of McDonald's corporate contributions for 1977 shows \$884,672 dispersed to civic, cultural, health, social welfare, economic development, environmental and educational organizations. It shows nothing to any Church of Satan.

# Attendance report

Oct. 8, 1978

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Church adns.
Alexander			
First	85	37	
Hilldale	47	25	1
Vimy Ridge, Immanuel	82	44	3
Alma, Clear Creek Southern	153	62	
Ash Flat, First	65	31	
Atkins, First	85	27	
Batesville, First	237	120	
Bentonville, Central Avenue	71	32	
Berryville			
First	144	41	2
Freeman Heights	157	63	1
Blevins, Marlbrook	67		
Booneville			
First	287		
Blue Mountain Chapel	23		2
South Side	103	58	
Bryant, First Southern	199	73	
Cabot			
First	465	88	2
Mt. Carmel	392	183	7
Camden, Cullendale First	538	167	
Charleston, First	172	58	2
Crossett			
First	510	107	
Mt. Olive	281	79	2
Temple	158	77	
Danville, First	170	49	
Ft. Smith			
Grand Avenue	1046	308	6
Mission	22		
Trinity	127	36	
Fouke, First	111	71	
Gentry, First	175	55	
Grandview	83	65	
Halley	57		
Hampton, First	140	81	
Hardy, First	164	58	1
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	234	93	
Valley Springs	60	22	
Woodland Heights	112	53	
Helena, First	198	51	1
Jacksonville, First	395	76	2
Jonesboro			
Friendly Hope	141	89	
Nettleton	278	133	
Kingston, First Southern	56	32	
Lavaca, First	332	144	
Little Rock, Crystal Hill	153	63	2
Magnolia, Central	643	191	2
Mammoth Spring, First	112	63	
Monticello, Second	258	92	4
Murfreesboro, Mt. Moriah	64		
Norfolk, First	101	70	
North Little Rock			
Calvary	311	73	2
Harmony	81	46	
Park Hill	975	230	7
Stanfill	36	20	2
Paragould			
Calvary	246	171	2
Center Hill	104	72	
East Side	357	183	1
First	429	140	
Paris, First	353	44	3
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	140	76	
Central	106	44	
East Side	148	147	
First	659	79	1
Hardin	145	70	
Lee Memorial	243	90	
Watson Chapel	485	134	5
Rogers			
First	601	200	
Immanuel	538	160	5
Russellville			
First	482	89	1
Second	175	63	3
Sandusky, Okla., Faith	40	34	
Springdale			
Elmdale	260	115	
First	1255		10
Swifton	79		
Texarkana, Shiloh Memorial	205	94	
Vandervoort, First	71	39	1
Ward, First	117	57	
Wooster, First	118	77	

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## 573 attend area evangelism meetings

In the recent Area Evangelism Conferences held at Stuttgart, Fayetteville, Booneville and DeQueen, there were 493 people in attendance who do not regularly attend the statewide evangelism conference. There were 573 in total attendance with an average of 143. Sid Sample, Second Church, Hot Springs, was the preacher for the adults

and Phil Lineberger, Calvary Church, Little Rock, was the Bible teacher. Ervin Keathley was in charge of the music. They were outstanding.

Carl and Brenda Gustafson from Trenton, N.J., were the singer and preacher for the youth conferences. —

**Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism**



Area evangelism conferences included sessions for adults, such as this one being led by Jesse Reed (photo above), and youth conferences, being led here by Carl Gustafson of Trenton, N.J. (photos by Neal Guthrie)



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### October 1978 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH

- 16-20 Associational Annual Meetings
- 22 High Attendance Night in Church Training
- 24 Church Training Convention, Immanuel, Little Rock
- 26-27 Music Men/Singing Women Retreat, Camp Paron
- 27-28 Baptist Women Retreat, Camp Paron
- 29 Great Day in the Morning!

### November 1978

- 2- 4 Marriage Enrichment Retreat (Church Training)
- 4 Parents and Pastors' Day (Southern Baptist College)
- 5-11 Royal Ambassador Week

- 6 Royal Ambassador Supper, Immanuel, Little Rock
- 6 Day of Prayer (BWA)
- 7- 9 Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Little Rock, First
- 18 Ouachita Baptist University-Henderson State University Homecoming
- 19 Child Care Day
- 19-22 Graded Series Study (Foreign missions)
- 20-21 Weekday Early Education Workshop, Park Hill, North Little Rock (Sunday School and Missions)
- 23-24 Mission Career Conference, Camp Paron (Pioneer Age boys)