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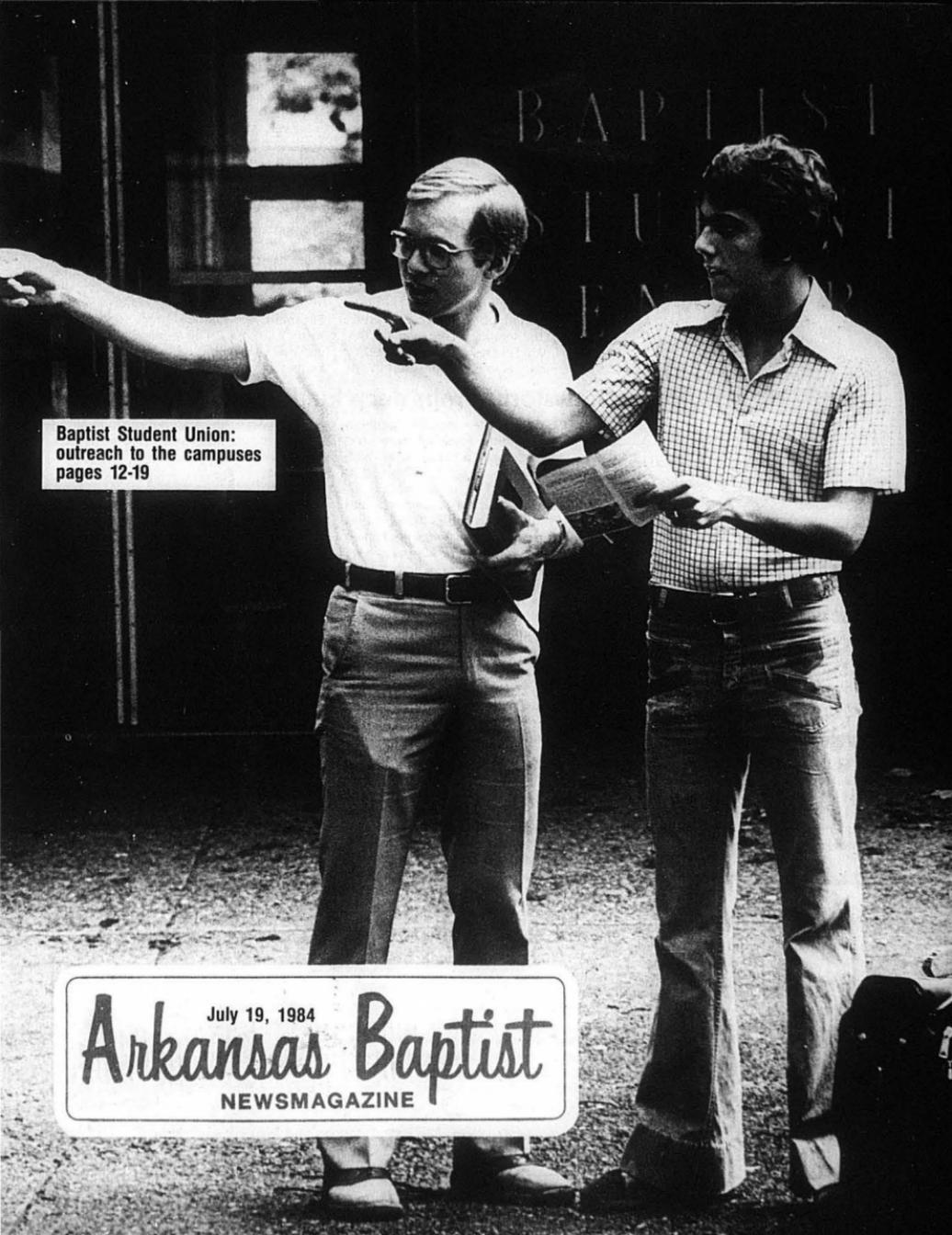
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On the cover



BSSB photo / Mark Sandlin

A friendly smile and helpful hand will greet college freshmen this fall at the Baptist Student Union. This issue of the ABN spotlights Arkansas Baptists' outreach to the campuses.

In this issue

9 cutbacks for missions

Some Southern Baptist mission work will have to be cut back, says Carolyn Weatherford. Due to two consecutive failures to reach the goals, Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon ofering goals have been cut by \$4 million.

11 a welcome surprise

A bill to legalize interstate gambling advertising has hit an unexpected snag in a House subcommittee. Baptists should make certain Congress knows they oppose the bill, since "powerful influences" are behind it, says Larry Braidfoot.

June CP improves

June Cooperative Program undesignated receipts are \$40,286.60 more than the \$902,777.75 budget for the month. However receipts for the first six months of 1984 are still short of budget by \$274,939.35.

Correction

A Baptist Press story, "Baylor president refutes Ziglar attack on university," printed in the July 5 ABN, incorrectly identified Paige Patterson as an associate pastor of First Church, Dallas. He is president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas.

Ruschlikon Seminary names president

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—J. Altus Newell has been named president of the international Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, in a parallel process involving European Baptists and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Newell, pastor of First Church, Opelika, Ala., and his wife, Diane, were appointed Southern Baptist missionaries July 6 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, the final step in the approval process.

Newell, 40, will formally assume the presidency of the seminary in January 1985, succeeding acting president Thorwald Lorenzen, systematic theology and ethics professor at the seminary. Lorenzen was tapped after Clyde Fant resigned in August 1983.

The seminary is jointly sponsored by the

European Baptist Federation and the Foreign Mission Board.

Newell, a native of Meridian, Miss., holds a bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He also studied a year at the University of Bonn, West Germany.

He has been pastor in churches in Mississippi and Kentucky. He also has been visiting professor of preaching and pastoral studies at Southern seminary.

The Newells have three children: Sarah Elizabeth, II; Amanda Leigh, seven; and Justin Altus, four. The family will attend an eight-week orientation in Rockville, Va., beginning in August.

Snowstorm drops deep load; food, blankets sent

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (BP)—Southern Baptists are sending food, blankets and medicine to victims of a snowstorm which has covered western Argentina with six to 30 feet of snow.

Ten deaths have been confirmed and several thousand people have been evacuated from homes where they lacked food, fuel and other supplies, said Mell Plunk, chairman of the Argentine Baptist Mission. Much livestock has also been lost.

Plunk, from Dallas, said the snowstorm is being called the worst in 40 years in some parts of the country. It began in mid-June in

northern Argentina and moved south along the Andes over a two-week period. Winter has just begun in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Baptist mission requested \$5,000 in Southern Baptist hunger and relief funds for immediate aid to be distributed through the Department of Social Ministries of the Argentine Baptist Convention. Argentine Baptists will work through local pastors and laymen with government contacts to distribute food, medicine, blankets, wood and kerosene. Plunk believes the mission will request additional aid after Baptists make a more complete survey of needs.

Baptist church in Germany seeks pastor

Anderson Memorial Church, Schweinfurt, West Germany, is looking for a pastor.

According to Bobby G. Thompson, pastor search committee chairman, it is "a small church with a good growth potential." The congregation ministers to the American

military community and plans to begin construction on a new building within the next year, in conjunction with German Baptists.

Inquiries may be addressed to Thompson at 14 Jackson St., 8720 Schweinfurt, West Germany.

Southern Baptists top list of gifts to ABS

NEW YORK (BP)—Southern Baptists ranked highest in gifts to the American Bible Society during 1983, according to a report released here.

Convention churches contributed

\$324,377 during 1983, the largest denominational contribution total. Gifts for last year, however, fell \$235 from 1982 SBC total of \$324,612. Only three other denominations contributed more than \$100,000 each.

ABN staffer gets two national press awards

Betty J. Kennedy, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine managing editor, has won two awards in the National Federation of Press Women communication contest. She received a first place for "feature photography in a magazine" for Nov. 3, 1983, cover which depicted stress among ministers. A third place award was for "page makeup" for several examples, including the Jan. 6, 1983, cover and a chart showing relationships of Arkansas Baptist State Convention departments, agencies and institutions.

Certificates were presented at the national convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Entries in the nationwide competition had first been judged first place in state affiliate communications contests.

Mrs. Kennedy previously won NFPW awards for original graphics, page makeup, and two for publicity and promotion.



First place photo, stressed minister

Prevent this devastating evil!

The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



It appears likely casino gambling will be on the November ballot. If we are to prevent the legalization of this devastating evil in Arkansas, we must work ardently. A statewide steering committee has formed to combat this open invitation for organized crime.

Although casino gambling in other states has clearly proven harmful, from an economic and sociological standpoint, the purpose of this editorial is to present the biblical basis of our opposition and to show the enlarged potential for Arkansas to become a breeding ground for other activities of organized crime.

Every form of gambling contradicts clear principles set forth in the Bible. Although the scripture does not contain the direct command not to gamble, the principles set forth indicate that gambling is wrong. First, the word of God teaches that we are to love God and our neighbor as ourselves (Matt. 22:37-40). The gambler covets his neighbor's property, which is a direct violation of the 10th commandment.

Second, the Bible teaches that we are to give an honest day's work for the wages we receive (Ex. 20:9; II Th. 3:10-12). The major premise underlying gambling is the desire to have something for nothing.

Finally, the scripture teaches that the ungodly love of money produces every kind of evil (2 Tim. 6:6-11). The gambler's dominating desire for material gain is accompanied, all too often, by a variety of sinful activities.

Although gambling clearly contradicts the principles of God's word, we have still other means to show the ravaging effects of this vice. It is not without cause that casino gambling is prohibited in the United States in all but New Jersey and Nevada and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Operators of casinos are, actually, licensed to engage in activity which is otherwise illegal and are given protection from free market competition. It should be evident that the burden is on those desiring license to operate casinos to prove that this evil will benefit the state.

The ultimate question is, "Do the anticipated benefits of legalized casino gambling outweigh the known costs to the state in organized crime?" We believe that the citizens of Arkansas will answer with a resounding "No!"

Casino gambling has a seductive attraction for every conceivable type of crime from petty theft to capital murder. Many documented accounts are available.

Sometimes casino operators themselves are involved with organized crime. For example, in May 1981, the New Jersey attorney general uncovered a \$4,100,000 check kiting scheme, being operated by six officers of the Resorts International Casino.

Organized crime, also, attempts to invade virtually every business or service related to casino operations. Director Robert Sturges of the Attorney General's Division of Gaming Enforcement, testified before the Governor's Commission that a violent gang war broke out after the 1980 assassination of Angelo Bruno, noted crime boss and labor union racketeer. He added that "... in at least a dozen cases we have objected to service industry applications, such as cleaning contractors, food suppliers, and similar operations, where organized crime infiltration had been found."

When casino gambling is brought into a state, criminal elements, occasionally, offer large sums of money to public officials. Corruption in high places, thus, becomes a major concern. Director Sturges testified that a member of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission had become ensnared in the "Abscam" investigation. The officer, who was not prosecuted, reportedly accepted a \$100,000 bribe, but promptly resigned from the Casino Commission when confronted.

Director Sturges said, "(What) we should always keep in mind in regulating the casino industry is that the dollars are so big... that it probably tests human frailties to the ultimate and the likelihood of some corruption somewhere down the line, I think, is probably inevitable."

Another example of the corruption of a public officer was evidenced on Dec. 6, 1983 when, according to federal officers, an FBI agent approached Michael J. Matthews, mayor of Atlantic City, and advised him that he was the subject of a federal investigation. Within the hour, Matthews "confessed" to receiving payments from organized crime figures and participating in a conspiracy to extort money from two businesses. Matthews was indicted on March 27th on charges of conspiring to commit extortion, attempted extortion and extortion.

A few seem to think that casino gambling is a local problem of Hot Springs and Garland County and that it won't effect the rest of the state. The idea is totally absurd! If organized crime gets a hold on Hot Springs, the entire state will be corrupted. But even if this evil could be walled off, we would all have a responsibility to assist the good people of Garland County. A strong organization has already been formed in the Hot Springs area to fight this evil. Concerned citizens there don't want this menace any more than the rest of us would want it on our doorstep.

We can prevent this devastation from coming to Arkansas, if we all work together. Watch your *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* for specific information on what you can do to help in keeping organized crime from spreading in Arkansas.

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Letters to the editor

Baptist by doctrine

I feel I must respond to a statement made in the editorial section of the June 28 *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

The editor, in seeking to define the difference between "Baptists" and "Southern Baptists" has committed a grave error. I quote: "A Baptist" is one who holds to a certain body of beliefs, similar to that defined in early American history in the New Hampshire Confession of Faith. A "Southern Baptist" is one who is committed to our world mission endeavor through the Cooperative Program."

Please recall that the Southern Baptist Convention came into being in May 1845. The Cooperative Program did not come until 80 years later, 1925. What were we before there was a Cooperative Program?

The Cooperative Program is a tool used by Southern Baptists to finance our work, nothing more or nothing less. The Cooperative Program does not make Southern Baptists of us any more than a hammer makes a man a carpenter.

We dare not leave such an impression. We are often accused of counting only "nickels" and "noses." The above editorial quote suggests we only count "nickels."

We are Southern Baptist doctrinally. Let us never concede otherwise. — **Gerald Taylor, Little Rock.**

An excellent job

I appreciate so much your editorial in the June 28 *Arkansas Baptist*. To my mind, you did an excellent job of summarizing the problems we are going to be facing in the years ahead. I hope our people will read it and perceive what you are saying.

By the way, I thought the entire issue was just outstanding in giving an overview of the convention.

I appreciate your good work. — **Emil Williams, Jonesboro.**

The victories ahead

If we Southern Baptists are people of the Word (Logos) of God, we believe it and confess it in our word and walk. If we are people of the Word, we stand on his unfailing promises in his Word (2 Peter 1:34).

If we pray as Jesus instructs us in John 14:13-14, we know that God answers our prayers. If we prayed in 'Jesus name' (Luke 22:42), we conclude that God executed his will in the recent Southern Baptist Convention, climaxed with the election of Charles Stanley as president (Prov. 16:33).

If there was or still is confusion in the Baptist body, we know that God is not the author of it (I Cor. 14:33). If we want and will to be wise, James 3:13-18 reveals a positive 'how'.

If we are true branches of the Christ-Vine, we must bear the fruit of the indwelling Ho-

ly Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), the nine attributes (moral) of Jesus. If we say that we enjoy fellowship with Jesus when we live in darkness, we lie and neither speak nor practice the truth (I John 1:6). If we say that we have no sin, we lie and make God a liar (I John 1:8,10). If we live and walk in the Light, we have unbroken fellowship with one another (I John 1:7).

If we are all sinners (Rom. 3:23) and out of fellowship with God, and we want his way of restoring us, I John 1:9 reveals his way. If animosity or any anti-godly attitude or action exists in the Southern Baptist brotherhood, Matthew 5:23-24 gives the spiritual antidote for such (I John 2:9-11). If the spirit of I Corinthians 13 motivates and empowers us, we have no cause for error (I John 2:10).

If we believe that God answered our prayers, that his will was done at the SBC, then surely he must will that Stanley, usable and used by him, be his instrument in activating Romans 8:28-30 in conforming Southern Baptists to the image of Christ.

If we continue to pray Luke 22:42 and faithfully, willingly, and lovingly obey his will as he reveals it, using the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17 and Heb. 4:12), following the guideposts in I Thessalonians 5:8-24, praying Colossians 1:9-14 for Stanley and each other, and setting Philippians 3:13-16 as our goal, we can now give ceaseless praise, glory, honor, and thanks unto God for the spiritual growth and victories in him that lie ahead (I Cor. 2:9).

Impossible? Read Philippians 4:13. The challenge is ours from God. He is able! All glory and thanks unto him! — **Winnie Sparks, Hope.**

Let the people decide

I am deeply concerned over the remarks made by Herbert Reynolds, president of Baylor University, concerning Zig Zigar, newly elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The statements came in a recent article which referred to Zigar's criticism of two Baylor professors: a Mormon and an evolutionist.

Reynolds' designation of Zigar as part of a "priestly and self-anointed group" astonished me. He also referred to Zigar as a "Johnny come lately" to the Baptist scene, because he has not been a voting messenger to a national convention prior to this year. If this is to be our attitude, we need to establish new standards of qualifications for those elected to office in the SBC. Perhaps a member of a Southern Baptist Church that gives a minimum of 10 percent to the Cooperative Program, at least 50 baptisms a year, and say five convention meetings under the belt.

What next? It is amazing to me that we could think for one minute that being a

messenger for so many years could qualify or disqualify anyone. After all with 14 million Southern Baptists and less than 20,000 messengers this year at the convention, that leaves over 13,980,000 who are "Johnny come lately" in our great convention.

Mr. Reynolds needs to also recognize the fact that "Johnny come lately" was not elected by Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler or the "group" of which Zigar is supposedly a part of, but he was elected by a majority of SBC messengers who are members of Southern Baptist churches. Now if we can't accept what the poor misguided messengers have decided upon, let us set up a new system of decision making in our convention.

Let me, just another Southern Baptist, make a suggestion. Why don't we allow the liberals, moderates, and the conservatives to speak their piece and just allow the grassroots Baptists, who know much more than we give them credit for, to set the direction, under the leadership of our Lord, for the Southern Baptist Convention. If we can't swallow the pill of majority thinking, we need to get out.

By the way, how many Southern Baptist people would favor Mormon professors and evolutionists in our Cooperative Program supported schools? — **Roy Hargrave, Jonesboro.**

Candid conclusions

Thank you for your editorial "SBC: Conflict and deviation" which appeared in the June 28, 1984, issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

I was a messenger to that convention and feel your conclusions are candid ones. It was very evident that the majority of the messengers either chose to ignore or were ignorant of a host of traditional Baptist values.

Please provide us average readers more information which will help us increase our awareness and thus promote more responsible actions on our part. — **Henrietta Holcomb, Fayetteville.**

Editor's Note: These letters will close the discussion of the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City under "Letters to the editor." Of 128 letters and phone calls in response to the convention coverage, 117 were positive and 11 were negative.

Letters to the editor expressing opinions are invited. Letters should be typed double spaced and must be signed by one person, though the name may be withheld on request. Mailing address and phone number of the writer should be included. Letters must not contain more than 350 words and must not defame the character of persons. Letters must be marked "for publication." Only original letters will be considered.

You'll be glad to know...

Don Moore

... You can attend the Arkansas Baptist State Convention this fall! Sure you can! Of course, you may have to make your plans for time off from your job soon. This is the reason I'm encouraging you this early. Ninety percent of the bivocational pastors and wives could get off if they would ask this early in the year.



Moore

"But you don't understand, Brother Don, our church is small and does not provide for convention expenses." Yes, I do understand. This is the reason we are securing homes in Fort Smith where you may have lodging and breakfast free. You would not have a free breakfast at home. Use the cost of three meals at home to cover your two meals a day at the convention.

That just leaves your gasoline for travel. Can that be covered? Sure it can! Ask the Lord to provide for that. Some fine lay person in your church would probably be led to cover that expense. If the Lord is providing through your own resources, put back \$3 a week until the convention and you will have enough for your gas from most places in the state. You can do it.

Listen, church people, you will help yourself by helping your pastor become a better, more informed leader. Help him get to the convention.

Now, our men who have been terminated. They really need the fellowship and inspiration of the Pastors' Conference and convention. Develop you a similar strategy for your time and travel and do your best to come. Under your circumstances, there is a great temptation to withdraw. Don't do it! Stay in circulation and in fellowship. These homes in Fort Smith are available to you. These warmhearted brothers and sisters in Fort Smith will minister God's special love to your hearts.

If at all possible, bring your wife! If that isn't possible, bring a fellow preacher who can share the travel expense with you.

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



Five Arkansans at WMU Week, Glorieta

Five Arkansans will participate in the Woman's Missionary Union Conference July 26 - Aug. 1 at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N.M.

Foreign missionary Judy Synco Folds, a Crosssett native now a student worker in Tokyo, will lead a missionary conference. Ruth Franks Gladen, a native of Lepanto, will take part in Friday's convocation. Also a foreign missionary, Gladen is a church and home worker and music teacher in Mexico.

Carolyn Porterfield, of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention WMU office, will direct

a methods conference. Roma Zeltner, of Fort Smith, will provide children's activities during the meeting. Nathan Porter, Home Mission Board hunger consultant from Arkadelphia, will participate in the Sunday morning worship service.

"By Love Compelled" will be the conference theme. Special features will include missionary and Brotherhood conferences, literacy workshops and choice conferences. Beverly Hammack, of the SBC Home Mission Board, will lead a Bible study entitled "Compel Us to Minister."

SBC offers first courses for four-year degree

This fall, Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge will offer the first courses in its new four-year program of ministerial studies.

The new degree, a bachelor of arts in Christian ministries, is the first baccalaureate to be offered by the college, which is owned and operated by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Founded in 1941, Southern College was granted permission

last year by the convention to pursue the four-year program.

Accreditation for the four-year degree has been granted, and plans to add baccalaureate degrees in business and elementary education are being made.

Persons desiring more information may write: Admissions Office, Southern Baptist College, P.O. Box 455, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476.

To encourage attendance

Bivocational, terminated pastors offered housing

Arrangements are being made to encourage pastors without convention expense allowances to attend the Arkansas Baptist State Convention 1984 annual meeting.

Such pastors—bivocational, small church or terminated—may register for free housing with Baptist families in Fort Smith during the Nov. 5-7 meeting, which will be held at Grand Avenue Church.

The invitation, extended by the ABS

Congress, will provide room and breakfast for three days in order to allow them to attend the Pastors' Conference and all sessions of the annual meeting. It includes the pastors' wives, but not their children.

Registration and assignments will be handled through the ABS Convention Hospitality Committee, Ferrell Morgan, chairman, at 1321 Dodson Ave., Fort Smith, AR 72901. The form below may be used for registration.

Room request: 1984 ABSC annual meeting

Hospitality Committee
1321 Dodson Ave.
Fort Smith, AR 72901

Name: _____

(Include wife's name if she is coming with you)

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Age: _____

Church: _____

Association: _____

Director of Missions: _____

Arrival time: _____

Departure time: _____

Arkansas all over

by Millie Gill / ABN staff writer

people

Daniel R. Grant was elected president of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools in the association's annual meeting held recently in Daytona Beach, Fla. Grant is president of Ouachita Baptist University.

Robert Theodore Tucker was ordained to the ministry July 1 at the Wynne Church. A third-year student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he is a graduate of Arkansas State University. Pastor John R. Maddox was assisted with the ordination by Shelby Bittle, D. C. McAtee, Rick Proctor, Robert Tucker, director of missions for Tri-County Association, and J. F. Peck.

Charles Hunt was recently named as a deacon emeritus of the Northvale Church at Harrison. Hunt, age 80, is a charter member, having served as a deacon since 1949. He has also served as custodian, a Bible teacher, prayer service leader and song director.

Al Eason was recently named as a deacon emeritus of the Northvale Church at Harrison. Eason, age 85, joined the church in 1971 and was ordained as a deacon in 1975. He has served in church visitation, counseling, as a choir member and as a worker with young adults. For seven years he has hosted a weekly Bible study in his home.

Clyde Traylor was presented with a Seminary Extension diploma in a July 12 at the Denton Church, Waldron, where he is pastor. Lehman Webb, director of continuing theological education for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presented the biblical studies diploma on behalf of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries, which operate the Seminary Extension Department through a jointly-sponsored SBC Seminary External Education division.

Martha Traylor was presented a Seminary Extension diploma in biblical studies at the July 12 service at the Denton Church, Waldron. Mrs. Traylor, wife of Clyde Traylor, pastor of the Denton Church, teaches home economics at the Hartford High School in Hartford.

H. Lamar Herndon was ordained to the ministry July 1. He is pastor of the Woodson Church in Little Rock. Paul Sanders, pastor of the Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock, preached the ordination message.



Grant



Tucker



Hunt



Eason

Jim Wallis is serving as pastor of the Lowell First Church.

Jerry Miller has joined the staff of Marvell First Church as music/youth director. A recent graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he was serving on the staff of the Woodland Heights Church in Fort Worth, Texas. He is married to the former Linda Ridings of Little Rock.

Steve Holdaway was ordained to the ministry July 1. He is serving as ministries coordinator at DeQueen First Church.

Ray Brown has joined the staff of Olivet Church in Little Rock as minister of education.

Mike Russell acknowledged a call to pastoral ministry July 1. He is serving as minister of music at Marshall First Church. He and his wife, Brenda, have two sons, Jonathan and Matthew.

Robin Dunn was among the spring graduates of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., receiving a bachelor of arts degree in accounting and graduating magna cum laude. The son of Mr. and



ABN photo / Millie Gill

In their observance of Christian Citizenship Sunday July 1, Little Rock Second Church honored Betty Flanagan Bumpers, founder of Peace Links and wife of Sen. Dale Bumpers, when pastor Billy White presented her the Brooks Hays Memorial Christian Citizenship Award. Judge Oren Harris and Foy Valentine, director of the SBC Christian Life Commission, are previous recipients of the award, a memorial established by Second Church for Congressman Hays, a member and Bible teacher of the church for many years. Mrs. Bumpers, a native of Grand Prairie, founded Peace Links in the spring of 1982 for the purpose of seeking alternatives to nuclear war and bringing together organizations working to promote peace. She was also recognized for her efforts in organizing a successful child immunization program in Arkansas when her husband was governor. This program became a model for the 1977 national immunization program established by the federal Health, Education and Welfare Department.

Mrs. Donald Dunn of Siloam Springs, he was named to Phi Epsilon, an honorary society for seniors graduating in the upper 10 percent of their class.

David Greg Middleton was among the spring graduates of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., receiving a bachelor of arts degree in religion and sociology. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murl Middleton of Sulphur Rock.

Jerry Cothren resigned July 15 as pastor of the West Side Church at Heber Springs to become pastor of the Harris Chapel Church at Wynne.

T. Potter Gladden died July 6 in Little Rock at age 73. He was a retired Southern Baptist minister and a former pastor of the Wakefield First Church in Little Rock and other Arkansas Baptist churches. A native of Gurdon, he was the grandson of Thomas Potter, an Arkansas pioneer. He was a member of the Hebron Church in Little Rock. Survivors are a daughter, Jane Anne Emerson of Little Rock, a brother, a sister and one grandchild.

David Borgans is serving as pastor of Grady First Church. He is a graduate of

Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Eddie Garrison is serving as music/youth director of Plumerville First Church. A native of Monticello, he is attending the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. He and his wife, Coleen, have a daughter.

Richard Lanman has resigned June 24 as pastor of the Dayton Church at Mansfield and is residing in Midland.

Charles Whedbee began serving July 8 as pastor of the Fellowship Church in Witcheville. He served for 19 years as pastor of the Fort Smith Calvary Church.

James Smalley is participating in the first clinical pastoral education course at the Arkansas Children's Hospital. He is director of the Baptist Student Union at the University Medical Center in Little Rock.

Raye Nell Dyer of Little Rock is participating in an 11-week clinical pastoral education course at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. She was assistant director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Arkansas.

briefly

Cherokee Village First Church recently baptized 14 members into its fellowship as a result of a Paul Jackson evangelistic crusade.

Fordyce First Church youth and adults have returned from a mission trip to Indiana where they assisted in backyard Bible clubs and revival services in the Gaston area. Alan Quigley, minister of youth, preached the revival and Ben Pilgreen, minister of music, directed musical presentations.

Jacksonville Second Church members were in New Haven, Ind., July 8-14 to assist the Werling Road Church as a part of the Arkansas-Indiana Linkup.

Ridgeview Church at Fayetteville observed homecoming July 14-15. Andrew Hall, who organized the church as a mission in 1956, was Saturday evening speaker. Former pastors speaking on Sunday were Doyle Wesson and Galen Lassiter. The Ridgeview Quartet was featured Sunday afternoon.

Pines Church at Peason had a mission team in Monticello, Ind., June 17-22. They assisted Bill Hall, director of missions for the Iniquos Association, with survey work.

Marion First Church ordained Bob Good to the ministry June 3.

Baring Cross Church in North Little Rock honored Roy V. Cook Jr., minister of senior adults and activities, June 24, for five years of service.

Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock featured the musical group "Eternity" in concert June 28, according to James Burleson, minister of music.

Highland Heights Church in Benton approved recommendations June 20 for auditorium improvements, estimated to cost \$47,000. These improvements will include painting, carpet, pew cushions, rearranging of the choir and pulpit area, new choir chairs, new sound system, additional lighting and installation of windows. Work will begin in August.

Lonoke Church men are beginning a mission outreach project with the Bell Grove Church at Remington, a black congregation. They will provide labor for construction of a new sanctuary with work to be done this fall.

buildings



Pulaski Assn. Photo / Hickey

There were 70 in attendance June 24 when Grace Chapel, a mission of Life Line Church in Little Rock, dedicated its new building located on Lew Drive. Pastor Paul Williams (left) reviews with Gerald Taylor, sponsoring church pastor, program plans which included Michael Godley, minister of music, Doleta Baylock, Glenn Hickey, director of missions for Pulaski County Association, Taylor, Robert Ferguson, director of Cooperative Ministries for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and Conway Sawyers, ABSC missions department director.



Woman's viewpoint

Pauline L. Tucker

My country, tis of ?

A few years ago I clipped a "Graffiti" cartoon showing a grinning character waving a flag. On the flag were these words: "My country, tis of me."

This attitude is directly opposite John F. Kennedy's now-famous words: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." It is an attitude increasingly evident in these waning years of the 20th century. We Americans generally have become a selfish people, a "me" generation.

Some of us remember when clerks or those in serving positions greeted us with "May I help you?" or "What can I do for you?" Now the question often acted out, if not verbalized, is, "What can I get out of you?"

We hear so much about unwary, often

defenseless, people being conned out of possessions by unscrupulous characters. We read of tragedies unheeded because others will not get involved. We visit nursing homes and hospitals where people are left forgotten and uncared for by their own.

Yet, Americans still rise to acts of heroism and unselfishness in times of disaster. The impulse is still there. It needs to be nurtured. Christians can help Americans learn to trust again, to give unselfishly again, to serve without thought of reward again.

I'm sure you've noticed similar qualities in Christianity and patriotism. Service is one of the noticeable similarities. We call those in public office "public servants" and military persons are "servicemen." We don't often equate those with Jesus who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister" (Matt.

20:28) but the idea is the same. Giving of one's self, time, energies, and skill in the service of some one else, or some ideal higher than ourselves is basic to both Christianity and patriotism. Christians should be patriots. Patriots who are Christians will have even nobler ideals.

"Lord, I thank you for the opportunity to serve" is a prayer I hear regularly from an Arkansas public servant. I'm impressed that this person claims that the opportunity to serve is God-given and is thankful for it.

Pauline L. Tucker, a former elementary school teacher, has been a curriculum writer for the Baptist Sunday School Board since 1977. Her husband, Carter, pastor of Melbourne First Church, is a retired Army chaplain.



One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant

The benefits of a college education

Most of my time as president of Ouachita Baptist University is spent in salesmanship—trying to sell people on the value of a Christian education in general, and Ouachita in particular. I have not devoted a great deal of energies to convincing young people they simply should go to college somewhere. I have assumed, I suppose, that this job was pretty well accomplished by high school teachers and the great majority of state colleges and universities. I have focused on the importance of choosing that distinctive Christian dimension in college education and have wished for even more help in doing this.

It is quite possible I should be giving equal time to selling young people on the importance simply of going to college. Arkansas young people in particular have one of the lowest rates in the nation for deciding to go on to college after high school. This is tragic because a college education has become increasingly important in the kind of world that 1984 brought us.

Thinking only of economic benefits, young people need to know that: (1) college graduates make more money over their lifetime than high school graduates; (2) they have a more continuous, less erratic job history and are much less likely to be unemployed; (3) they usually start at higher

salaries; (4) they are promoted more often; (5) they continue to earn higher salaries through most of their working years, and their earnings are less likely to fall off in their fifties than in the case of non-college graduates; (6) they are less likely to have to start over or get into dead-end jobs, and their chances of alternative employment are better; and (7) their retirement benefits, insurance, vacations, and other fringe benefits are usually much better.

In addition, there are many non-economic benefits of college, focusing primarily on the benefit of providing the country with skilled and talented people it must have, from doctors, dentists, and lawyers, to engineers, computer scientists, and teachers. Statistically, the college graduate enjoys better mental and physical health, has a lower divorce rate, is more likely to register and to vote, and to take a more active part in government and citizenship.

As persuasive as all of these arguments are for going to college, there is a much more compelling reason for the Christian. The New Testament teaching concerning Christian stewardship, as found in the parable of the talents, focuses on the strong mandate to develop one's talents to the greatest possible extent for maximum use in Christian service.

Although it is not absolutely certain, it is quite likely that the non-college-goer is burying his or her talents—putting them in deep freeze—in order to return them to God without any growth at all. As parents, pastors, Sunday School teachers, and simply friends, we have an awesome responsibility to help young people in 1984 to choose the benefits of a college education. I just happen to have an excellent Christian college to suggest.

Daniel R. Grant is president of Ouachita Baptist University.

Choir groups invited

Choir groups and other church musical organizations interested in singing at the Baptist World Alliance meeting July 2-6, 1985, in Los Angeles, Calif., may contact William J. Reynolds, Congress music director, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Box 22000, Fort Worth, TX 76122.

Although not all groups will be able to sing on the official program, opportunities will be provided before and after the daily meetings, according to Program Committee Chairman Porter Routh. Choirs from many nations also will be represented.

Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong goals cut by WMU board

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—The Woman's Missionary Union executive board recently took action on a wide range of business, the most disturbing of which will directly affect future Southern Baptist mission efforts.

Meeting in executive session prior to the WMU annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo., the board voted to lower the 1985-86 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal, and the 1985 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal at the request of the two Baptist mission boards.

The Easter offering goal was lowered from \$32 to \$30 million and the 1986 goal from \$34 to \$33 million. The Christmas offering was lowered from \$72 million to \$70 million.

"My heart rebels against it, but my mind says we have to do it," said North Carolina WMU Executive Director Nancy Curtis. Her reluctant acceptance of lowering the offering goals was an attitude voiced by many WMU leaders, including WMU SBC Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford.

"I feel very sad about the lowering of the offerings because of the fact every penny we put into the goal is money that is actually

needed to do a specific thing on the mission field. Lowering the goal means some of the plans that have been made, some of the work that was going to be done, can't be done," Weatherford said.

Weatherford also voiced concern the goals have not been met for the last two years.

Alabama WMU President Carolyn Miller stressed a need for missions awareness in the local church. "Because the local churches are not pushing mission study and prayer support, we are going to have a decline in the offering. I believe, until our local churches again put this as priority on their church calendar," Miller said.

WMU SBC Recording Secretary Betty Gilreath called the current giving trend most distressing "in the face of the fact Cooperative Program funds are down. It can't do anything but harm the missions work at home and around the world."

Woman's Missionary Union will seek to offset the lack in missions giving by "doing a better job of missions education so that people will know what the money is going

to be used for, how much money is needed," Weatherford said, "and thereby be challenged to give more."

In other action, the board adopted an \$8,642,450 budget, which included minimal assistance to several groups whose purposes are complementary to WMU. The Conference of Minister's Wives, Baptist Nursing Fellowship, the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department, and Women in Ministry are among groups which will receive support from WMU.

Speaking to doubts voiced by some Southern Baptists about the purpose of Women in Ministry, Weatherford said, "Women in Ministry is not an organization for ordained women. It is for women employed in church-related vocations. That includes almost 200 women in WMU work, church secretaries, chaplains and church staff.

"Woman's Missionary Union is about missions and does not have a stand on the ordination of women, but we are made up of and do support women who have a career in ministry," she said.

Elder declares board's biblical conservatism 'traditional'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Sunday School Board President Lloyd Elder recently urged employees to adhere to the institution's 93-year heritage of maintaining a biblically conservative stance and staying in touch with Southern Baptist people.

Elder made his comments to employees and eight new trustees attending orientation sessions, describing his personal deepening impressions of the denomination after the recent meeting of the SBC in Kansas City, Mo.

"If we stand as biblical conservatives we're standing right in the middle of where we've been since 1845 (the year the convention was formed)," Elder emphasized. "There is a new rise of those of us who are biblical conservatives to reassert ourselves as main-

stream grass-roots Southern Baptists."

Refusing to describe himself as a "moderate," Elder said, "I'm zealous about the conservative position," which he said includes belief in the authority of Scripture, the virgin birth, atoning death and visible return of Christ.

However, he emphasized, "That does not mean I have taken a political stand. It just means that Southern Baptists are biblically conservative, and I don't want a small group to claim that as a political wedge in Southern Baptist life." He told employees, "Don't let anything ever drive a wedge between you and the churches. We can make a difference if we stay in touch with Southern Baptist people and churches. There should be no

cause for suspicion to be linked unapologetically to the denomination".

Elder urged all biblical conservatives to be "unapologetically denominational without loss of individual freedom, biblical authority or local church autonomy. We are for the Cooperative Program. We need convention leaders who support worldwide mission enterprise through the Cooperative Program. We are for our sister institutions."

In Kansas City, Elder said he was both inspired and challenged during the reports of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. However, on Wednesday night in the midst of the drama of the call by FMB President R. Keith Parks to involvement in world missions, Elder said he was grieved and disappointed to observe political caucuses on the convention floor in preparation for the business session to follow.

"This world is lost without Jesus. We need to be taking the gospel to the world," Elder protested. "Messengers need to be prepared (for business sessions) one by one, not by caucuses or political huddles. I do not believe the Lord will look with pleasure on us as Southern Baptists as long as that is our dominant way of doing business."

Elder said the 1984 resolution on ordination and the role of women in ministry illustrates an issue on which Southern Baptists hold honestly differing opinions.

"There are many devout, Bible-believing Southern Baptists who have different interpretations about what the Bible says. The wisdom of Southern Baptists has been to recognize this. Ordination of women is not a test of conservative orthodoxy or of Baptist fellowship. We must be patient with each other at this point."

Southwestern graduates three Arkansans



Knapp



Mauldin



Hitt

Three Arkansans were among 176 persons who received degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during summer commencement exercises July 13.

John E. Knapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Knapp, Heber Springs, received

the associate in divinity degree. Howard Lee Mauldin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howard Mauldin, Texarkana, received a master of arts in religious education. A master of divinity degree was conferred on Maurice Leona Hitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi L. Hitt, Jonesboro,

Moon attacks Reagan for decline in religious liberties

WASHINGTON (BP)—Religious leaders painted a mostly bleak picture of the status of religious liberty in the United States during an oversight hearing by the Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Appearing at the hearing chaired by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, Unification Church leader Sun Myung Moon joined a handful of other religious leaders in charging that government is increasingly overstepping its bounds in dealing with churches.

Moon, whose conviction for income tax evasion was recently denied review by the U.S. Supreme Court cited his personal experience as an example of government violation of religious freedom.

Moon, whose case has drawn support from a number of American religious leaders and organizations, told the Hatch panel, "I

stand convicted for no other reason than my religious beliefs and practices. I am to be punished for being who I am."

Moon faces an 18-month prison term beginning July 20 and a \$25,000 fine unless his appeal for a reduced sentence is successful. He pointed his finger at the Reagan administration for what he sees as a decline in the nation's religious liberty.

"I supported Ronald Reagan for president because I hoped he would do God's will to stop the spread of communism and truly bring this nation back to God and to her founding spirit," Moon said.

"It is disappointing that under this man, who was elected with the tremendous support of the religious community, the state is encroaching more than ever on the affairs of the church. For the first time, ministers are

being jailed. Truly religious freedom is being dealt a devastating blow."

Other witnesses included Everett Sileven, a Nebraska pastor who, along with seven members of his congregation, was jailed for operating a parochial school in defiance of state teacher certification laws; Greg Dixon, national chairman of the Coalition of Unregistered Churches, Indianapolis, Ind.; D. James Kennedy, senior minister of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church and president of Coalition for Religious Liberty; Herbert Titus, vice-president for academic affairs, CBN University, Virginia Beach, Va., and Edward V. Hill, pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Church, Los Angeles.

Charles Stanley, pastor of First Church, Atlanta and SBC president, was scheduled to testify but did not appear.

Court strikes law limiting charities' fund-raising costs

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U.S. Supreme Court ruled June 26 a Maryland law forbidding charitable organizations from paying expenses of more than 25 percent in connection with fund-raising activities violates the free speech guarantee in the U.S. Constitution.

Struck down in the 5-4 ruling was a 1976 law designed to prevent fraudulent solicitation following a fund-raising scandal involving the Pallottine Fathers, a Baltimore-based Roman Catholic religious order. A series of newspaper reports that year revealed that the order, headed by Father Guido Carcich, engaged in a massive direct mail solicitation campaign for missions and then used much of the money raised in questionable business and real estate deals.

But the high court, building on a 1980

decision forbidding municipalities from imposing percentage limitations on non-profit fund-raising activities, held the Maryland statute to be overbroad and to inhibit constitutionally-protected free speech activities.

Justice Harry A. Blackmun, writing for the narrow majority, held that "the flaw in the statute is not simply that it includes within its sweep some impermissible applications, but that in all its applications, it operates on a fundamentally mistaken premise that high solicitation costs are an accurate measure of fraud."

Blackmun wrote further that the statute violated the free speech provision of the First

Amendment because it would sometimes be applied to groups whose causes are unpopular. Maryland's objectives in passing the law were too "imprecise," he added, creating "an unnecessary risk of chilling free speech."

Nor was the law salvageable, Blackmun declared, by a waiver provision that authorized state officials to set aside the 25 percent restriction in cases where it would effectively prevent the organization from raising contributions.

Although the wider impact of the court's decision is uncertain, 24 other states and numerous cities and counties have laws similarly designed to regulate fund-raisers.

Challenges to private, tax-exempt schools limited

WASHINGTON (BP)—Private elementary and secondary schools received a major boost July 3 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled parents who allege such schools illegally discriminate on the basis of race have no standing to challenge their tax status.

In the high court's 5-3 ruling (Justice Thurgood Marshall abstained), Justice Sandra Day O'Connor held the parents failed to show "that their children have been the victims of discriminatory exclusion from the schools whose tax exemptions they challenge." Nor did the claim that granting tax exemptions to the private schools denied their children the opportunity to desegregated education in public schools give them legal standing, the majority ruled.

In an angrily-worded statement, senior justice William J. Brennan Jr. accused the majority of using the separation of powers argument "as if the mere incantation of that phrase provides an obvious solution to the difficult questions" presented by the parents.

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Pro-gambling bill hits snag; Baptist involvement urged

WASHINGTON (BP)—A mounting gambling initiative in Congress was derailed June 28 when a House subcommittee voted 4-2 not to mark up a bill which would remove federal restrictions on interstate advertising of casinos and lotteries.

The Administrative Law Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee elected not to report the bill (H.R. 5097), even though it had ignored a request to delay markup hearings until spokespersons against the legislation had an opportunity to speak. The request had been made by Larry Braidfoot, general counsel and director of Christian citizenship development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The legislation would allow casinos and lotteries to advertise even in states where such gambling activities are illegal.

Gambling industry lobbyists who attended the meeting expressed surprise at the vote. Voting "no" on the motion to report the bill were Reps. Sam Hall (D-Texas), Thomas Kindness (R Ohio), Bill McCollum (R-Fla.) and Clay Shaw (R-Fla.). Voting for the

bill were Reps. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and Howard Berman (D-Calif.).

Prominent among the bill's supporters was James Ritchie, representative for the Golden Nugget, Inc. (an Atlantic City casino), the Nevada Resort Association and the Gaming Industry Association of Nevada, Inc. Ritchie was executive director of the 1976 Presidential Commission which reviewed national policy on gambling. He has been a primary spokesman before Congressional committees considering the gambling advertising legislation.

Ritchie's own words, however, were used against him in a letter from Braidfoot to members of the House subcommittee. Braidfoot quoted from an address Ritchie gave at the International Gaming Congress where he stated, "There is no question that gaming is regressive in terms of raising revenue. It is inefficient compared with a broadbased tax."

"The theory we developed at the U.S. Commission on Gambling," Ritchie continued, "is that, from the standpoint of economics, legal gaming not only feeds on

itself and is its own economic stimulus, but it also stimulates illegal gaming."

Although pleased with the subcommittee vote, Braidfoot pointed out the bill also has been referred to the Post Office Committee in the House and that its companion bill in the Senate (S. 1876) has been reported out of committee.

He urged Baptists "to practice some positive citizenship" by applauding the stand of representatives who voted against the bill.

"We need to encourage them and others because the pressure is going to intensify greatly," he said, adding that several committee aides indicated the legislation is being supported by "powerful influence" in Washington.

The Senate bill was introduced by Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.), general chairman of the Republican National Committee and a close friend of President Reagan. "Although support for this legislation comes from both parties, Laxalt's power and influence makes opposition to this legislation both difficult and important," said Braidfoot.

U.S. Senate approves 'equal access' measure after compromise

WASHINGTON (BP)—By the resounding vote of 88-11, the U.S. Senate passed on an "equal access" measure June 27 that would give secondary school students the right to gather on school premises for religious activities, provided the meetings are student-initiated and are not sponsored by school authorities.

The unexpectedly large margin of the victory came after the two primary Senate sponsors

of equal access legislation, Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., and Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., agreed to compromise their differences.

Except for the Lutheran Council and several Jewish groups, the Senate-passed measure had the support of virtually the entire religious community, including the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Baptist Joint Committee Executive Director James M. Dunn, who with other staff

members, worked for passage of an equal access measure for more than three years, called the Senate vote "tangible evidence that Congress is sympathetic to the appeals of many Americans for the free exercise of religion." The size of the Senate vote, he added, "makes it clear that lawmakers understand the need" for equal access legislation.

Dunn also stated: "The vote is a tribute to the dedicated work of the Baptist Joint Committee staff members with that assignment and the great job done by editors of Baptist papers in keeping our people informed."

During the brief debate preceding passage, Hatfield and other senators repeatedly emphasized that the equal access approach, with its focus on students' freedom of speech, differs fundamentally with the rejected Reagan school prayer amendment. "This has nothing to do with school prayer," the Oregon Republican declared.

Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., underscored the point: "The President's proposal was not a religious liberty amendment, despite the fact that he was able to convince much of the country to the contrary. The bottom line... is this: the constitutional amendment would have allowed school boards, state legislatures, or any local governmental body to adopt official prayers which would, inevitably, have become the official religious creed of the community."

What the equal access bill accomplishes, Bumpers went on, "is that there be no official hostility toward religion, and that the schools not discourage or discriminate against the free exercise of religion."

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Student ministries go hand in hand with the local church

by Charles B. Baker

Early in the fall semester, Ginny, a senior engineering student, decided some major changes had to be made in her life. She had decided the same thing before, but had not found a way of carrying out her decisions. Slowly, since her high school years, her life style had drifted into a crash course.



Baker

Jack, another engineering student, invited Ginny to a campus Bible study and to church. For the first time, she started considering making the changes in her life with God's help. After a few weeks of evaluating her life and Christ's, she made her commitment to him as Lord and Savior. Immediately she was introduced to a one-on-one discipleship program and other various church and Baptist Student Union activities. She not only found a new Savior, but also a new support family.

The fact is, there are literally hundreds of Ginnys on our university and college campuses looking for a change. Most of them have not been hooked on drugs, sex, or intellectualism. In fact, most are hooked on absolute

ly nothing. They are committed to non-commitment. The "in" scene on the present college campuses is "blend." Do not stand out or up for anything, just get in the crowd and drift. It may be harder to deliver people from the sin of mediocrity than from the more obvious "outstanding" sins. Yet, down deep, college students want to change.

Every Southern Baptist church needs to be committed to a college ministry. Nearly every Southern Baptist church has college students. Some, because of their location, have far more than others, but the most important number in the Bible is still one. In Luke 15, Jesus talked about one sheep, one coin, and one lost son. One misplaced, misguided college student is worth a caring shepherd's concern.

It just so happens that where I presently pastor, there are a lot of "ones." We're right next door to a campus of more than 22,000 college students. When you break it down to one student at a time, the opportunity is amazing. That one student is making decisions about his or her vocation, life-style, and main priorities in life. That one student in those 22,000 students needs help in making these most critical decisions at this time in his life. The church must speak up in such a way that the student hears that Jesus is Lord. As one recognizes that Jesus is Lord, he or she

decides to become a servant for him. To serve the Lord, there must be adequate knowledge of what he is like. Solid teaching can be grounded in Sunday School, college Bible study, discipleship groups, and private study.

One of the greatest steps in missions that has ever been made by Southern Baptists has come through the vehicle of Baptist Student Unions. The local church needs to strive to work hand in hand with Baptist Student Unions on the local campuses. Baptist Student Unions are committed to building disciples that make healthy churchmen presently and in the future.

As a caring church helps the student to know and walk with Christ, that student catches his or her uniqueness. John 15:16 states a truth that every student needs to understand, "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." The pastor, Sunday School teacher, BSU director and friend of the students should help them to realize their worth from God's perspective: chosen to be on his team. What a fantastic opportunity!

Charles Baker, pastor of University Heights Church at Stillwater, Okla., preaches to 800 to 1,000 college students each week. The church baptized 68 college students last year.

College bound? Consider these churches

Many of the Arkansas Baptist churches who minister to and with college students are listed in ads in this On-to-College section and information about them is included. However, others also welcome students. A good source of information about other churches and their locations is the campus BSU director.

Color August 5 red

Aug. 5, 1984, is an important day. Why not color it "red" on your calendar? It's On-to-College Day in Arkansas.

For many students it is going away from home and the home church for the first time. For others it is keeping the same bedroom at home and commuting to a college in the same city or nearby city.

The Student Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention has made these suggestions for an On-To-College Day:

- Use students in the morning worship service:
 1. All students might be recognized in the printed program or be asked to stand during the service.
 2. A student returning to college might be asked to give his or her personal testimony.
 3. A student can lead in one or more of the public prayers.
 4. A student might lead in a responsive reading.
 5. Students could be used for special music.

6. The pastor could choose an appropriate subject for the sermon.
 - An after-church fellowship honoring college students could be held following the evening service.
 - Check to see that students' names, addresses, and the colleges they are to attend have been sent to the Student Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203.
 - Churches should begin a gift subscription to the *Student* magazine for each student. Subscriptions may be ordered from the Sunday School Board's Material Services Department.
 - A subscription to the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* would keep the students informed on state and denominational events.
 - Place your students on the roll of the Young Adults Away Department so they might receive all the ministries that your church provides for this group. Some Arkansas churches have great newsletters going to those who are away.
 - Regularly pray for college students.



Observations about a Southern Baptist treasure

by Chester E. Swor

My first contact with the Baptist Student Union occurred just one year short of 60 years ago—in September of 1925 as I entered Mississippi College. In the almost six decades which have followed, I have had the inspiring privilege of close contact with this Southern Baptist ministry on the college and university campuses of our nation.



Swor

During the year of 1983 and through the first half of 1984, I have had the wonderful experience of filling appointments on 50 campuses. It is from this year and a half of "saturated" contact, as well as from nearly 60 years of involvement, that I can say with joy that Southern Baptists' outreach to the campuses through its sponsoring and supporting the Baptist Student ministry has given us a genuine treasure. I want to share some experiences and observations concerning this outreach.

1. More Bible study is being encouraged and done than ever in the history of the student movement.
2. Our Baptist students are doing more witnessing than ever in both their on-campus and off-campus contacts. Some statistical results of this increased witnessing are seen in the inspiring number of college student baptisms, over 5,000 in a recent year.
3. Never in my nearly 60 years of contact with our BSU work have I witnessed as inspiring interest in missions as our Baptist students have demonstrated in recent years. Many of our students give up their various "breaks" (including Christmas, often), spring breaks particularly, to go as individuals and groups to needy areas.

4. A distinctive on-campus mission ministry being done so effectively by our students is the international student ministry. I have met a large number of students on our campuses who have come to be Christians because of this effective part of our BSU international study emphasis.

5. To me, one of the most heart-warming, Christlike ministries of our student missions interest is the week-day and week-end mission service outreach, largely in their communities and areas: community Bible studies, religious instruction and recreation for underprivileged youngsters, tutoring of slow learners, compassionate visiting in nursing homes and hospitals, etc.,

But, even so . . .

Despite the foregoing evidences that our Baptist Student work on the campuses is doing such a meaningful service, I hear occasional criticisms, usually from people who do not have close contact or from conclusions drawn from isolated instances.

For instance, some opine that our Baptist students are not attending local churches as they once did, overlooking two vastly changed circumstances: the almost total mobility of today's college generation, and the multiplication of available churches for the mobile generation to attend.

Since, according to surveys, the overwhelming majority of students choose colleges 100 miles or less from their homes, a large number of students leave their campuses after Friday classes to get home to Mom's cooking, the washing machines, and the privilege of attending home churches with their families; and some of these students are filling roles of service in their home churches.

Happy sharing

To conclude with an inspiring observation which I have made in constant contact with

our Southern Baptist campus ministry, I am happy to report these wholesome aspects of our BSU ministry:

1. Our students are less "pietistic" in their Christian living and much more concerned to live Christianity consistently and compassionately and with relevance to the needs around them.

2. Our active Christian students are less judgemental and more redemptive toward wrongdoers, less condemnatory of the erring ones and with a compassionate desire to help.

3. Our Baptist students are not less sensitive to social issues than were their predecessors of the 1960's, who often were vocal and demonstrative in advocating a few issues; rather, today's committed Baptist students are concerned with a broader concern for all issues which touch the lives and needs of people.

4. A higher percentage of committed Christian students than ever are willing to go into low-compensatory careers if through those careers they can make a significant contribution to alleviating or solving human needs.

Therefore . . .

Our BSU ministry will be quick to admit that it is not all it wants to be as Southern Baptists' outreach to the campuses and not all it is striving to become, but it is the best denominational outreach to our campuses now being done by any of our nation's mainline denominations. Therefore, let us rejoice in its ministry, pray for it faithfully, and thank our Heavenly Father that this vital ministry is alive, well, and growing!

Chester E. Swor, of Jackson, Miss., has been for almost 60 years a writer and speaker, primarily to Baptist youth groups.



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Solomon



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Simpkins

Garland Co. Community College

The BSU of Garland County Community College at Hot Springs is the place where friendship and Christian fellowship begin. Meet and share with us each morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Student Center. Become active in Bible study, clown ministry, fun and fellowship activities. — **Al Morris, director**



Dickerson



Inman



Smalley



Jones

UA Pine Bluff

Welcome freshmen and other students! There is a place for you in BSU at UA-PB, Pine Bluff. Join us as we make Jesus Christ known on campus through missions, Bible study, drama, music, recreation and video. Bible study is on Monday at 5 p.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Mid-week activities are on Wednesday at 6. — **Lacy K. Solomon, director**

UA Little Rock

Welcome to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock! It is our sincere desire that your sojourn at UALR bears fruit academically, socially, and spiritually. And we are programmed by students to meet those social and spiritual needs. Popular programs include Friday Fellowship, Lunch Bunch, and Prayer Partners. — **Dan M. McCauley, director; Mike Weaver, associate director**

'Never in my nearly 60 years of contact with our BSU work have I witnessed as inspiring interest in missions as our Baptist students have demonstrated in recent years.' — **Chester E. Swor**

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North Ark. Community College

Welcome to North Arkansas Community College. We invite you to become a part of our new and growing BSU fellowship. Our noon meetings on Mondays and Wednesday in the conference room of the Pioneer Student Lounge feature music, skits, devotionals, Bible studies, guest speakers and much more. Join us! — **John Clayborn, director**

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Arkansas College

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Our freshmen retreat will be held on Sept. 7-8 and will help you get off on the right foot with God and with new friends. — **Doug Thorne, director**

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Welcome to SAU! The BSU meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday noon for a short program and fellowship. A "New Year's Eve Party" will be held on Aug. 28 and a "Howdy Party" on Aug. 30 at the BSU, both at 8 p.m. We will also set up a booth during registration. Stop by and say hello. We are looking forward to meeting you! — **Robert Turner, director**

Henderson State

Our main BSU programs at Henderson, called Reachout, are on Mondays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:00, with special speakers, singers, and devotionals. Our Tuesday Noonday program, from 12-12:45, involves a devotional and free lunch. Our Bible studies meet in the dorms throughout the week. — **Gary Glisson, director**

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Phillips County College

This fall the Baptist Student Union of Phillips County Community College will be looking for you new students to join us. Meetings will probably be at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Watch for posters announcing the exact time and place. See you this fall. — **Mike Fowler, director**

Baptist School of Nursing and ASU Beebe

Welcome! BSU is the place for you at Baptist School of Nursing. Bible and missions study start at 5:15 on Tuesday nights. Bring

your brown bag for supper to the Eubanks Conference Center. Lunch Encounter is Wednesday, 11-1, in the private dining room or at the swimming pool. On Friday, there is Communications and Recreation at 2:30-3:00.

The BSU at ASU Beebe meets Monday 11-1 for Lunch Encounter with missions and Bible study. On Thursday, 1-5 p.m., there is Celebration and Recreation. — **Peggy A. Burnett, director**

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Missions is taken personally by students at Tech

Missions awareness is basic for Baptists. Missions support is a step beyond that. But Baptist Student Union members at a Russellville university routinely carry missions commitment even farther.

Steve Masters, who is BSU director at Arkansas Tech, agrees that Baptists' campus ministry should challenge the students to a greater understanding of missions. BSU at Tech just carries the idea to its logical conclusion: getting student personally involved.

Through several ministry opportunities in the Russellville area, Masters explains, students learn that missions is "more than just providing financial support for missionaries, it's getting yourself into it."

The community ministries are in addition to the usual spiritual support activities like Bi-

ble study, worship, and visitation in the dorm. And, as with most college communities, Tech students are not neglected by the local congregations, who even provide meals for "Noonday" on Wednesdays.

Of the 200-250 students who are active in BSU at Tech, some find their opportunities for missions through musical ensembles and puppet teams. Groups went out 60 times last school year, mainly into local churches, Masters reports. Others, however, got involved in community ministries, helping the same groups on a regular basis.

Carol Haney, a sophomore, likes watching the kids at Friendship School grow. The young people, 30 to 40 of them, are physically and mentally handicapped and the school serves as a non-resident alternative school for them.

"We do puppet shows and teach them songs," Haney explains, noting that the kids repeatedly ask to sing songs like they learned at church. "They are really loving, and they recognize you and say they want you to come back," she recalls. And she plans to go back. Carol Haney emphasizes how much she is looking forward to next year.

So does Amy Hughes. Her ministering has

been to senior adults at Glenwood House. Last year she enjoyed the fellowship with the seniors. "I liked getting their input on different topics and hearing their praise to God," she says. A weekly Bible study and singing, on Thursdays, were led by the students.

More than these immediate rewards can come out of the BSU community ministries for the students. Work with the New Providence Church, a black Baptist congregation, had a part in Mike Donohue's perceiving a call to the ministry. He and others, like Cindy Renfro, led backyard Bible clubs at New Providence for the neighborhood. Now Renfro is serving as a summer missionary, helping with a mission church at Fort Smith.

The Tech BSU students also gave their time to minister to mentally and physically handicapped youth at Heritage House each week.

Though ministries are suspended while students take a summer break from school, Masters is excited about the successes and looking toward starting a fifth community ministry, another to senior adults, so that more students can be doers of missions.

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BSU takes off in Garland County—despite the odds

Starting a Baptist Student Union from scratch on a commuter campus is tough.

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When commuter students come to campus, they come for classes. When that's done, most have little reason to hang around. Many take their classes straight through and head for home or work immediately afterward.

Add to that the absence of dorms and a

BSU Center—at least for the brand-new BSU effort. There's no "place" Baptist students can identify with and call their own, no clear-cut focal point for ministries.

Then understand students usually stay in community colleges no more than two years, when many transfer to senior colleges. By the time student leaders have been developed, they move on.

With all that, Al Morris had his work cut out for him when he was asked to begin a new on-campus ministry to the 1,200-plus

students of Garland County Community College in Hot Springs. Two previous efforts at beginning such a ministry had failed. But Morris, a 65-year-old retired Army Reserve officer, was undaunted.

He began in the most logical of all places—the Baptist churches of Garland and Central Associations. When the fall 1984 semester convened, Morris began contacting those churches, inquiring about their college-age young people. He followed up with personal contacts and told each student about the new "BSU Center"—a table in one corner of the campus student center.

During that semester, Morris concentrated on building personal relationships with students. The table in the student center became an informal gathering point for laughter and discussion. Students brought cookies and food to liven the fellowship, and a sign was hung: "BSU—the place where friendship and Christian fellowship begin."

Morris found enough interest to form a student council, and, when spring registration rolled around, those students were stationed at a table in the enrollment line, telling others about Baptist Student Union.

A variety of activities began. Students met for Bible study, either in a library meeting room or in one of several local churches that offered them a place to call home. A choir was formed and a clown ministry organized. Morris took advantage of special events being sponsored by Hot Springs-area congregations.

Through a combination of warm personal relationships and sincere Christian ministry, 73 students joined the new Baptist Student Union by the end of the spring term. Six had made Christian decisions.

"It was exciting to see the changes in the students," recalls Morris. "Many became more dedicated and active in church and community work. Others who were not Christians were warming up and showing interest in BSU."

"This has been the most rewarding and challenging year of my life, spiritually speaking," acknowledges Morris. "It's taken a lot of work and prayer and personal contacts."

But it's apparently paid off. BSU president David Rusher—who experienced a call to ministry during the year—feels so strongly about the campus ministry that he's decided to stay another year and work in the program, rather than transfer out like he had planned.

And Morris tells of another student, a new Christian, who was stopped for speeding while on his way to a BSU Bible study. The officer saw such enthusiasm in him that they agreed to meet after the Bible study to talk. The student won that officer to Christ that evening. — Mark Kelly

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Baptists rush 5,000 tons of grain to Mali villages

RICHMOND, Va.(BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries are fighting the clock to get 5,000 tons of grain to drought-stricken Mali villages before the rainy season makes roads impassable. If rains don't come, the food crisis can only worsen for the African nation where last year's rains were 39 percent below normal and crop production was even lower—only eight percent of normal.

Already, some villages in the drier northern regions bordering the Sahara Desert contain only women and children. The men have left with the cattle, seeking their survival. The drought has brought other plagues: meningitis and measles to humans, blister beetles and leaf hoppers to plants. The U.N. Children's Fund estimates 100,000 children in Mali will starve to death this year.

Norman and Beverly Coad, who became Southern Baptists' first missionaries to Mali in the fall of 1983, plan to use a network of evangelical groups to distribute grain in some of the country's hardest hit villages. Already crossing the ocean is a shipment of 5,000 tons of surplus U.S. grain, which the Coads plan to distribute to villages which normal government aid programs would not reach.

In the meantime, the Coads have accepted a small loan of grain from the U.S. Ambassador to keep the situation from deteriorating in hardest hit areas. They will repay the grain when the 5,000-ton shipment arrives.

Using surplus grain will enable the Foreign Mission Board to distribute about five times as much as it could if it had to purchase grain, said John Cheyne, the Foreign Mission Board's senior human needs consultant. The Mali mission will use more than \$170,000 of Southern Baptist hunger relief funds to pro-

vide local storage and transportation for the grain after it arrives in Mali. Ten percent of the shipment will be packaged into 22,000 bags weighing about 45 pounds each.

A group of interested Baptists in the Washington, D.C., area secured the government grain for the Foreign Mission Board.

Mission Service Corps personnel, George Foshee of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Howard Mayberry of Gastonia, N.C., are expected to arrive in Mali in August to help with grain distribution. Foshee, a long-time army chaplain who recently was interim pastor of Monument (Colo.) Baptist Church, will coordinate field distribution of the grain and Mayberry, who managed a plant in Morral, Ohio, until his retirement in 1983, will coordinate the grain storage.

John Mills, the Foreign Mission Board's director for West Africa, said outbreaks of kwashiorkor, a protein-deficiency disease, already have been reported in Mali. "The government has great concern because that is the first step that comes before starvation really starts wiping people out," he said. "You've not seen yet the devastation that is expected."

The worst part of the food crisis for Mali will come in August, September and October, the last months before harvest when food supplies are lowest, he said.

Mills said long hoped-for rains have begun in coastal West Africa, a good sign. They are moving inland, but no one can predict whether they will reach Mali and other countries bordering the Sahara.

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Alabama names WMU head

Beverly Sutton, interpretation section director for Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, has been named executive director of Woman's Missionary Union for the Alabama Baptist State Convention, effective Oct. 1.

She will replace Mary Essie Stephens, who retired June 30 after 30 years in that position. Sutton, a native of Austin, Texas, is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

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Stanley, Draper, Smith repudiate Farrakhan; FMB expresses alarm

DALLAS (BP)—Louis Farrakhan's anti-Semitic attacks on Israel have drawn fire from a group of prominent Southern Baptists—including the newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention and his two immediate predecessors.

In turn, part of their statement has drawn response from the convention's Foreign Mission Board because of possible danger to SBC mission work in Arab countries.

In a July 3 press conference at First Church, Dallas, SBC President Charles Stanley denounced Nation of Islam leader Farrakhan for his attacks on Israel and the Jewish people and his anti-Semitic rhetoric.

Farrakhan, has gained national attention for his support of presidential candidate Jesse Jackson. Jackson recently dissociated himself from Farrakhan's positions.

"Let it be known that we (the signers of the statement) Southern Baptists utterly repudiate such anti-Jewish sentiments and find them abhorrent and despicable to both Christian and American sensibilities," Stanley read from a prepared statement.

"As Bible-believing Christian Americans, we reaffirm our absolute commitment to the welfare and security of the state of Israel and urge all Americans to demonstrate their solidarity with Israel, our sole and trusted democratic ally in the Middle East, and urge prayer for the peace of Jerusalem," he continued.

The statement also quoted Genesis 12:3

by Jerilynn Armstrong and Craig Bird which gives the biblical account of God's promise to bless those who bless Israel and curse those who curse Israel.

James T. Draper Jr., immediate past president of the 14.1 million member SBC, was listed as a signer of the statement which was read to him over the phone. He told Baptist Press he had reminded the group they were not speaking for all Southern Baptists, but only for themselves, since the structure of the convention does not allow "official positions" and each Southern Baptist speaks for himself or herself.

But the prominence of the nine signees and the possibility Arab nations might misunderstand the statement to be political prompted the 84-member board of trustees of the Foreign Mission Board, which was meeting in Ridgecrest, N.C. to respond.

Bill O'Brien, executive vice president of the FMB, said board members also oppose the slandering of any religious group, but would never seek to place one country in a preferential place, "thereby alienating other countries where Southern Baptist missionaries serve."

The FMB statement emphasized that "missionaries' work is undermined, their position compromised and their lives endangered by any statement that would seek to identify the denomination, which has sent them, with one particular country."

"Our missionaries work with all Semitic people and they stress God's love for all people. They do not enter into the political debate of their countries and do not assume positions over against one another. Their

message is one of reconciliation and this should be the stand of those who have sent them to these various countries," the statement concluded.

Stanley and Draper told Baptist Press in separate interviews that they intended no political stance by the statement and certainly had no desire to hamper missionaries.

"Our purpose had nothing to do with politics but was a response to Farrakhan calling Israel an 'outlaw nation,'" Stanley, pastor of First Church, Atlanta, explained. He told Parks he "had no problem" with the FMB's response to the Dallas statement.

Draper, pastor of First Church, Euless, Texas, said he "had made it very clear I didn't want language which made it appear we were siding with Israel as opposed to Arab nations. Our statement was not meant to embrace one nation over another but to oppose the principle of intolerance against anybody's religion whether they are Jews or Muslims or Baptists or whatever."

Not present at the press conference, but listed as signers, were: Draper, Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Church, Del City, Okla. and president of the SBC 1980-82; W.A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, and president of the SBC 1969-71; Zig Ziglar, layman from FBC Dallas and current first vice president of the SBC;

Paul Pressler, a layman member of First Church, Houston and a member of the SBC Executive Committee; Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas; and Ed McAtter, a layman from Bellevue Church in Memphis, Tenn.

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Women's resolution lashed by Flammig, called 'perversion'

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—A resolution on women, approved by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, is "a perversion of the gospel of Jesus Christ," according to the pastor of First Church, Richmond, Va.

Peter James Flammig told the 4,000 member congregation he has received several letters of resignation from members over the stance taken at the annual meeting in Kansas City earlier this month, but has declined to accept them, "until emotions cool," and told each the resolution does not reflect the position of First Church.

Resolutions adopted at the annual SBC meetings are not binding on local congregations or state or associational agencies and conventions. Rather, they are said to reflect "the opinion of the majority of messengers present and voting at that time."

The resolution, which passed 4,793 to 3,466, took the position the Bible excludes women from pastoral leadership roles for reasons which include, "being first in the Edenic fall" when sin was introduced into the world when Eve ate of the forbidden fruit before giving the fruit to Adam, who also ate.

The wording affirmed the resolution was not binding on local churches, which decide for themselves who will be ordained.

Flammig drew amens from the Richmond

congregation when he said the resolution, was apostasy—an abandonment of faith—because it blamed women for bringing sin into the world.

"For the Southern Baptist Convention, which names all of its mission offerings after women, to say this about women is sheer apostasy," he declared.

"The good news of the gospel is that the only way you can be excluded from the Kingdom of God is by your choice, and not by any factors set in place by where you were born or what sex you were born," he said in his two morning sermons June 24.

"Please hear me," he said. "These (the resolution) are not the feelings, attitudes, nor pronouncements of our Lord, Jesus Christ. And they are not the feelings, attitudes nor convictions of the church to which you belong. After the resurrection, central fact of our faith, Jesus would have excluded women if he had had anything against them—but he didn't."

Flammig said the members who resigned, "are angry, and rightly so. But the basic wrong is not what I feel or you feel. The basic error is that it (the resolution) is a perversion of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Jesus went out of his way to relate to women in an age when the power structure

considered them incapable of understanding biblical truths, Flammig pointed out. "The Bible is to be read by Jesus Christ. All of it needs to be filtered through him."

Flammig had planned a series of sermons this summer on the creation, but shelved it for three or four weeks to deal with the capture of power by fundamentalists in the 14.1 million member Southern Baptist Convention which led to the resolution's adoption.

He warned it is risky for people to assume they are God's favored ones because, "almost without exception in the scripture, those who thought they were God's pets, weren't. . . . If God includes only a few of his favorites, how do you know you are included?"

Flammig, who came to Richmond last spring after 19 years as pastor of First Church in Abilene, Texas, said the push by fundamentalists to control the SBC will mean, "people like myself, who hate politics and don't like to get involved in that sort of thing will now get involved so the gospel can be heard without bigotry."

Adapted from stories by Ed Briggs, religion editor of the Richmond Times Dispatch, and Julian Pentecost, editor of the Virginia Religious Herald.

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Many in Arkansas are already totally disgusted with the "beverage cow" and its affects. They will do enthusiastically what's necessary to keep the other beast from grazing in our lovely pastures and valleys.

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"Righteousness exalthe a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). "Better is little with righteousness than great revenues without right" (Prov. 16:8).

— Bob Parker, director

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"Oh next to my home, I love you Siloam" — that must have been the feeling of most all the youth as we boarded the yellow bus, the blue wagon and white van with the horse trailer loaded with luggage at 7:00 a.m. June 11th and headed north. We had 54 people, including staff and BSU summer missionaries.

Our first stop was King's Pizza Inn in Conway where lunch is provided free each year for our group. Eating all the pizza you can eat can be the start of a good week. A flat can happen to the best of folks—and it did not dampen spirits too much. We still arrived on time for part of us to attend the 4:00 p.m. meeting at Siloam.

Anyone arriving at Siloam appreciates the beauty of the setting. One young man who works there said, "It seems that God

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Siloam provides so many good things for our youth—even the tough moments will become good memories in years to come.

Thanks for Siloam! — Eula Armstrong, director of special activities, ABHC

Church Training

Developing Believers

Now is the time to plan for the 1984-85 Developing Believers Emphasis. The Pastor-Director Retreat at Camp Paron Aug. 3-4

will provide excellent help for planning for the new year. Steve Williams, consultant in the Church Training Department at the Sunday School Board, will lead the session, along with members of the Arkansas Church Training Department.

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invitation to attend the retreat. Separate sessions will be offered to help them begin a training program in their churches this fall, using the Dynamic Doctrine studies.

For reservations or additional information, contact the Church Training Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203. — Robert Holley, director

Student Ministries

TNT: a big boom

TNT is the abbreviation for Testimonies Noon Thursday. This past school year, the Immanuel Church of Fayetteville started a

ministry to the local high school. Every Thursday during the school's activity or lunch hour, Immanuel served lunch for high school and university students. A local speaker was invited each week to give his or her testimony. There have been BSU students,

students, university professors, and local business people sharing during this time.

The attendance grew from four to an average of 25 for lunch by the end of the school year. Plans are now being made to continue this ministry next year.

Dan Caldwell, pastor of Immanuel, says "We are just one block from the high school. God has put us here to minister to our high school students as well as the surrounding community. Immanuel is a relatively small church but it has a big heart for ministry. I am proud to be a part of this church and its TNT ministry. We have had a chance to work with students of all denominational backgrounds. On several occasions, we have had the opportunity to counsel with those having problems, as well as to share Christ. If you have a church close to a high school or college, I would recommend this type of ministry to you." — Tom Logue, director



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Reform: by force?

by Stanley Daniel, First Church, Van Buren
Basic passage: II Kings 9, 10

Focal passage: II Kings 10:18, 19, 24-31

Central truth: God's judgment on sin.

Ahab died in a battle with Syria when a soldier drew his bow by chance and the arrow found its way into Ahab's body. He was buried in Samaria, and his chariot was washed by the pool of Samaria where the dogs licked his blood in the same place dogs licked the blood of Naboth. God is still in charge: Ahab's son, Ahaziah, comes to the throne but dies after only two years of rule and passes the crown to his brother, Joram, because he had no son.

During Joram's reign, Elisha, the prophet, sent the young son of a prophet to anoint Jehu as king of Israel. This was accomplished with Jehu's instructions that he was to be Jehovah's instrument of judgment on the house of Ahab and on the prophets of Baal.

Jehu carried out his task with devastating efficiency. He slew Ahab's family, the prophets of Baal, and Jezebel was thrown from the palace window where the dogs ate her body as God had said. Jehu also tore down all the instruments of worship and divested Israel of Baal.

His fatal mistake in all this was to leave the golden calves that Jeroboam had erected for the people to worship. The people only went from one false god to another, and their condition was not improved. Jehu did some good, but he stopped short of total obedience, and God judged him for it.

We have a moral problem with Jehu's methods. They are not in line with our concept of God. Remember, Ahab had passed by many opportunities to repent but, like Pharaoh, stubbornly refused.

Our purpose is not to question God's methods in the Old Testament but to follow the methods provided for us in the New Testament. Violence is seldom a permanent answer to a problem. The people could be forced to stop worshipping Baal but not to start worshipping God.

We must, take a stand against moral and spiritual evil, but we cannot force people to be moral or spiritual. Our method is to confront people with the gospel of a loving Lord who died for their sins. When affection for Jesus occupies the heart, affection for evil is gone. Instead of violently resisting the evil, we must earnestly contend for the good—the message of Jesus.

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Life and Work

Unity in Christ

by Jimmie Garner, Trinity Assn., Trumann
Basic passage: Ephesians 2:11-22

Focal passage: Ephesians 2:11-20

Central truth: Unity in Christ makes for Bold Missions.

Paul reminds the people what it was like before they were saved and what their life can be with Christ. He points out the separation that existed in their lives. The separation was physical. They were Gentiles in the flesh—Gentiles by nature and by birth as distinguished from the Jews.

Their separation was religious. The distinctive act which separated the Jews from the heathen was circumcision. Circumcision was not only a physical act but was a part of their religion. By being uncircumcised, the Gentile was considered a heathen and completely separated from any religion.

Their separation was spiritual. Without Christ, they were separated, lost from the hope of God. Regardless of what a person may possess, he is lost and separated from God without Christ Jesus. Paul said he was without Christ at one time. We are aliens, strangers from the promise of God, without Christ. They were without hope for the Gentile gods were no gods at all.

But God gives hope through Jesus Christ. Paul says Christ is our hope and peace, for he has made us both one. Christ broke down the wall that separated them and kept them enemies of God and to each other.

In this unity and strength, God's people have power. This power comes from God and produces peace. Man can have peace with God, with himself and with others when he has God's peace within. Paul said we are joined together through God's Spirit. Because his spirit lives within, we are joined together as citizens of God's family. We are no longer strangers, but members of the household of God.

Because we are in the household of God are are joined together by Jesus Christ the cornerstone, we desire to see others come into the household. As God called Paul to preach to the Gentiles so are we to be bold in our witness to the lost world.

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Facing persecution

by Doug Dickens, First Church, Hot Springs
Basic passage: I Peter 3:13 to 4:19

Focal passage: I Peter 3:13-20; 4:1-2, 12-13

Central truth: The Christian may anticipate hardship and use it as an opportunity to share his faith.

Has anyone ever suggested to you that if you lived a godly life, attended church regularly, tithed, etc., that you would never have problems? Surely by now you know that's hogwash!

Before we become followers of the Way, his Way, we should face this fact: your faith can get you into trouble. Look at the prophets of the Old Testament; examine the life of Christ; read the rollcall of the faithful (especially Heb. 11:32-38). Paul and Simon Peter belong to the same "fraternity of the faithful." Their class motto is "Ouch!"

Nevertheless, in all of this, Christ brings to his a sense of security in an insecure world. There are several things we can do.

First, we can make Christ Lord of our lives (v.15). Though our faithful witness may sometimes magnify our problems, he is Lord even over hardships.

Next, we can determine (ahead of time) to do what's right—regardless of the consequences (v.13). Are we as zealous for godly causes as we are for other concerns in our lives?

Third, (even before it comes) we can anticipate the reality of suffering for Christ and anticipate God's blessings because of it (v.14). Just as surely as "the sun comes up in the morning," trouble will come to every Christian. Don't be afraid, but approach it as if it were a vehicle from which God can do something good.

Finally, in every circumstance, be ready to give a clear witness of your faith (vv.15-16). There will always be those who will ask the Christian, "What makes you tick? Where do you get your strength?" And when you tell them, be reasonable, gentle and reverent, and do so with a good conscience.

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American Baptists donate Luther Rice journals

NORTHBOROUGH, Mass. (BP)—The American Baptist Historical Society has donated a microfilm series of the journals of Baptist pioneer Luther Rice to the Luther Rice Center for Missions and Education.

John Douhan, assistant executive minister for the American Baptist Churches in Massachusetts, presented the microfilm during a recent meeting of the National Luther Rice Home Site Committee in Northborough. The microfilm included all of the Rice journals held by the American Baptist Convention and George Washington University.

Journals of Rice held by Southern Baptists had already been donated to the center. The American Baptist collection completes the collection of Rice's journals for the center,

said M. Wendell Belew, chairman of the national committee.

Belew added that the donation represented yet another step of cooperation between Southern and American Baptists.

The Luther Rice homesite was dedicated last year to commemorate the 200-year anniversary of the birth of Rice, whose efforts to organize Baptists for missions led to the formation of the Southern and American Baptist Conventions.

The homesite consists of a museum, a library and educational center and housing for persons interested in learning about missions. Visitors can reside at the facility for short-term periods to study Rice's writings and attend seminary extension classes.

New Sumatra hospital nearing completion

TANJUNGPANG, Indonesia (BP)—Construction of new facilities for the Baptist hospital on the island of Sumatra should be completed by the end of August, according to Southern Baptist missionary Bobby Jones, the on-site project manager.

Arrangements are still being negotiated with the government for opening the new facilities and transferring the Baptist-related staff from Immanuel Hospital at Bukittinggi. More than 40 of the 72 employees and staff at Immanuel are scheduled to move.

The \$2 million for the new complex comes from a transfer arrangement worked out with the Indonesian government when it decided Baptists must leave Immanuel Hospital because of religious and political tensions in the predominantly Muslim area around Bukittinggi. Although the hospital now belongs to the government, the Baptist-led staff has continued to operate it while the new facilities are being built.

Facilities for the 50-bed hospital, yet to be named, will be complete—a surgery suite with two large and one smaller operating rooms, wards, administration offices, clinic, nurses' dormitory, kitchen, laundry, morgue, generator and storage buildings and housing for physicians and other staff members. All buildings will be fireproof, with steel framework construction and cement floors.

"It will be as close to maintenance-free as possible," Jones said, making it simpler for the Union of Indonesian Baptist Churches to support it later.

Win Applewhite, one of two Southern Baptist missionary physicians at the Bukittinggi hospital—the other is Gene Ruble—is in charge of the construction and calls the new facilities "the best-built project I've seen anywhere." Though it is not fancy, he said, quality is being built into it. He gives credit to Jones' quality control.

"There's always the personal pleasure of seeing something you cut out of cardboard become a reality," mused Applewhite, who

had fashioned a tabletop model early in the planning process. "We learned by our previous mistakes and our previous successes," added the surgeon, who helped oversee completion of the Baptist hospital at Kediri on the island of Java and construction of Immanuel Hospital after the death of missionary physician Frank Owens, who first opened a clinic in Bukittinggi.

The hospital's new property faces a portion of the Trans-Sumatra Highway. The road did not exist when the location was decided. Though agreement to relocate the hospital was reached in December 1981, construction did not actually begin until late October 1983 because of repeated delays in official decisions. The delays had a good side though, pointed out Jones, because the highway was constructed in the meantime. If the road had not been there, Baptists would have had to build one to bring in equipment.

Across from the hospital is a military installation. A short distance away is a new government housing area where as many as 10,000 people already live, and expansion is expected.

Jones' wife, Bobby Jo, said rumors about the Christian hospital already are circulating, such as, "Go to the Christian hospital, and you'll be given an injection of Christianity." But her husband noted, "Once the people find out that we're not here to force anyone to be a Christian, that we're here to help, it will be all right."

"Hospitals are not buildings and equipment—they're people," emphasized Applewhite. He told of Bambang Sutismo, an Indonesian physician on the Immanuel staff who did his intern work there. He became a Christian at the hospital and later volunteered to return to the staff.

"This kind of person is the basis of the future medical mission work in Indonesia," said Applewhite. "There are others like this, nurses and others, persons we feel the Lord has specifically called out."