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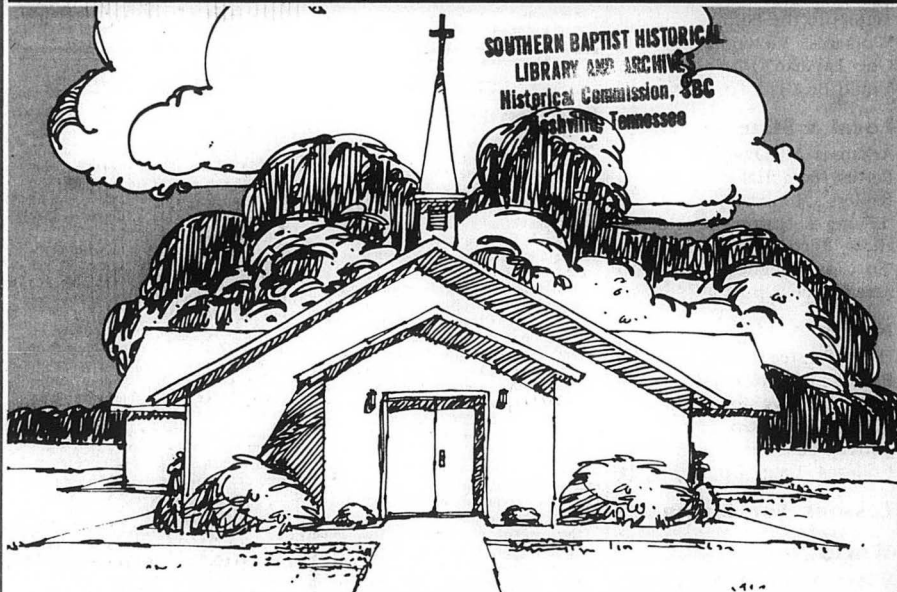
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## IT'S UPLIFTING

### His Final Months For Missions

ATLANTA (BP)—Flynt Jones, a college student at Mississippi College in Clinton, spent the last three months of his life as a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board summer missionary for the Northwest Baptist Convention.

Jones, who died Sept. 15 of leukemia, was the vocalist of a four-member student revival team. The group traveled throughout Idaho, Washington, and Oregon leading revivals for local churches.

Jones, from Griffin, Ga., originally was scheduled as a member of a Georgia team, but before the summer began, the other members cancelled. Jones requested he still be assigned to the Northwest Convention.

"He pleaded with me to arrange for him to come. He felt like this was where God wanted him to be," recalled Adrian Hall, associate evangelism director of the convention.

Hall assigned Jones to another three-

member team from Mississippi. "We had felt something was missing from our team, but when Flynt joined us, he filled the gap," said Grace Burton, a Mississippi College junior from Evansville, Ind.

"He was very bold in his witness. I saw him single out young people to talk with them about the Lord. He was one of those rarities—a 19-year-old who had it together," said Hall.

Bill Berry, director of the HMB summer missions program, said: "Flynt spent his summer sharing the gospel out of an urgency, not from the knowledge he was going to die, but out of a compassion and caring rooted in God's love. In this he was a living example of the commitment the mission of Christ demands from all of us."

Although Jones became ill a few times during the summer, leukemia was not suspected until his second week at Mississippi College. He was flown immediately to Emory Hospital in Atlanta, where doctors discovered the terminal illness. He died there three days later.

## GOOD NEWS!

### Prerequisites

Haggai

Before certain things happen, there must be the proper conditions. For instance, before it can rain, there must be moisture in the air. Before a home can be happy, there must be love and understanding. Before a church can be dynamic, the presence of God must be there.

*To be truly satisfied, we must be right with God (1:6).* The prophet told the post-captivity people that they would not be satisfied until they obeyed the Lord in rebuilding the Temple. Until then, no matter how much material possessions they accumulated, they would not be satisfied. It was asked of Rockefeller one day, "How much does it take to satisfy you?" He replied, "Just a little more."

The pursuit today of more money, more pleasure, more excitement, more everything is not satisfying. The Christian's satisfaction comes as a result of a relationship with his Creator.

The prayer of Augustine was, "Thou hast made us for thyself, and the heart of man is restless until it finds its rest in thee."

*To accomplish God's work, we must have his touch on our lives (2:13-14).* The prophet called attention to the people's impurity resulting from their sins. They had been made ceremonially unclean, figuratively speaking, because of their deadness and lack of obedience to God.

The unspoken message from what the prophet says is that there is life in obedience to God's will. For the Jews, that was to rebuild the Temple and reestablish Temple worship. For all of God's children, it means obedience to his will. We receive his touch and his life in our willingness to obey. His touch is what we need.

A church can do everything without the Holy Spirit except be the church. We can perform religious practices by rote, but without the touch of God in our lives, we cannot be the church.

*To please the Lord, we must keep his teachings (2:10-19).* It is not enough to know the specifics of religious practice (vv. 12-13). Notice how the religious leaders gave the correct answer. But parroting the right words is not what the Lord wants from us. He wants us to translate his teaching into our behavior.

Often punishment and discipline are opportunities to awaken us to God's leading in our lives (v. 17). One man said of an accident sustained on his job: "I never stopped to look up to God until I was literally on my back. The accident enabled me to receive his will for my life." When God touches our lives, we too can know God's assuring love: "From this day will I bless you" (v. 19).

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# God Protects Children

J. EVERETT SNEED

Every person is individually responsible before God for his eternal destiny. Salvation is by faith. Faith saves because it is the bond that unifies the soul to God in Christ. Salvation is in Christ, who redeems us from our sins.

But what of infants who are incapable of faith? Many theories have been set forth which require some activity of the parents to protect the eternal destiny of children who have not reached the age of accountability. The Scripture is clear, however, that infants are recognized by God as being in a state of relative innocence. Through the grace of God in Christ, they are certain of salvation. Because of this truth, we should avoid pressuring children to make premature professions of faith.

First, let us examine the state of infants. All people are sinners and are in need of regeneration. This includes infants who have not reached the age of accountability (the point in an individual's life in which he is recognized by God as being responsible for his unbelief).

Infants are special objects of divine compassion and love because they do not understand sin. God's love for children is reflected in the ministry of Christ. There are several instances in which Jesus took time to express his deep love and affection for little children.

On one occasion, when there were many who desired the attention of our Lord, small children were brought to him that he might put his hands on them and pray for them (Mt. 19:13). His disciples rebuffed them, but Jesus took time to bless the children.

The statement that Jesus made on this occasion is of particular significance. He said, "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for such is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 19:14). Two things are evident in this statement: (1) Children who have not reached the age of accountability are included in "the kingdom of heaven," and (2) adults who are saved by grace through faith must have the same attitude as do little children. Each individual must, as he reaches the age of accountability, accept Christ for himself.

Several misconceptions have developed regarding salvation of infants. First, there is the idea that children are under the protection of God's salvation only if they are church members or if they have been bap-



tized. This would be totally unfair to many children because it would make them responsible for the actions of others over whom they have no control. Further, there is no example of infant baptism in the Scriptures. Nor does the Bible anywhere give evidence that baptism or church membership will save anyone.

Fear for the eternal well-being of children may, in some instances, lead Baptists to pressure young children to make professions of faith. It is equally wrong to restrain children from making a public profession of faith because they have not reached a certain chronological age. One has reached the age of accountability when he knows he has committed sin and is able to exercise saving faith.

Great care should be exercised in dealing with children. It is not difficult to ex-

tract a "decision" from most children for several reasons. It is a child's nature to strive to please others. Second, he is easily frightened. And, finally, he is eager to do whatever other children are doing.

These negative aspects, however, should not keep parents and Christian workers from offering children the privilege of trusting Christ. The older one becomes, the more difficult it becomes for him to trust Christ as Savior. The percentage of people saved drops with each year after they reach the age of 20. It is also significant that, when a child becomes a Christian, an entire life is saved for service.

There is a proper way to discuss salvation with a child. Since the vocabulary of the child is different from that of an adult, he will express his thoughts in other words. It is necessary to allow him to express his feelings in his own words, rather than to simply ask him questions requiring a positive or negative response. In dealing with a child, one should neither overrate nor underrate his ability to understand.

Above all, in any witnessing situation, it is necessary to rely on the Holy Spirit. Mechanical or canned approaches are to be avoided. It is necessary for an individual presenting the plan of salvation to know where he is going, but every situation is different and must have divine guidance.

Parents should be aware of God's loving protection for children who are under the age of accountability. But parents and Christian workers should be alert to the salvation needs of children as they reach the age of accountability. Remember, a child, like an adult, is saved when he accepts the basic truths of the gospel and personally relates them to himself.

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## Letters to the Editor

**Baptist In Belief**

Having just read the letter from J. Michael Raley, condemning Larry Lewis of the HMB, I must say I am confused. What seems to be the problem?

All Bro. Lewis is doing is what most Baptists thought had been done to him. He is insisting that the HMB send Baptists to the mission field. How can we on one hand claim the "Baptist Faith and Message" is the book that teaches what Baptists believe, and then on the other hand tell missionaries it does not matter if they believe it or not? If we are going to send people to the mission field that have not Baptist conviction, then what kind of churches are we planting?

Most Baptists expect our missionaries, seminaries, and other offices to be Baptist, not Baptist in name only, but in beliefs. There are plenty of denominations around for people that believe it does not matter what you believe. If I could not in good confidence teach and adhere to Baptist doctrine, I would saturate this church, association, state convention, and national convention with my absence. I would pray others would be as honest.

Jesus shared the gospel with everyone. He wanted all men to hear and be saved (2 P. 3-9). But to take that and draw the conclusion that a woman can pastor a church, or a divorced person can pastor a church is stretching one's imagination. If a person "speaks in tongues," I am sure the denominations that believe that way would be glad to accept them.

I am thankful that we have Bro. Lewis. We need men and women that will take a stand for what is right.—Ron Graham, Pottsville

**Humanism A Religion**

Separation of church and state is not in the U.S. Constitution. It is in the constitution of the Soviet Union, where religious liberty is practically nonexistent. According to information by Dr. D. James Kennedy on his Sept. 10 television program, Thomas Jefferson himself was a teacher who was teaching from the Bible when he wrote the letter containing the separation phrase. Obviously, his intent has been misinterpreted.

Some who seem so fearful of religion being taught in school seem unconcerned that anti-religious values are being taught and our real religious freedoms destroyed. State schools now teach a brand of religion which denies the God of Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. Under the guise of

separation of church and state, the state usurps our rights and teaches humanism, both a self-acclaimed religion and ruled a religion by the Supreme Court . . .

As Billy Graham has pointed out, "The First Amendment guarantees freedom of—not freedom from—religion."

As the prophet Hosea said in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge. . . ."—Mrs. W.C. Carpenter, Magnolia

**Yes, Fight Back**

I feel a need to respond to Mr. Harold Coogan's letter printed in your Sept. 24 issue and referring to Mrs. Thrasher's article of Sept. 3. In his letter Mr. Coogan says, "I hope to goodness Mrs. Thrasher is not one of those people who believes and promotes the erroneous concept that the United States Supreme Court has banned prayer, God, and the Bible from our public schools."

I have in my files a letter from Attorney

General Steve Clark's office which was sent in response to an inquiry by a public school teacher. The letter from the office of the Attorney General makes this statement, "The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that it is against the United States Constitution to read the Bible and pray in public schools." The letter does state that this is an informal opinion, but would this not lead our teachers to believe that the Supreme Court has banned prayer, God, and the Bible from our public schools? I am strongly in favor of separation of church and state, but I am strongly opposed to accomplishing that separation by simply removing every mention of God and his written Word. The Judeo-Christian concept of society has given us the freedoms we enjoy. Let us not force the acceptance of our beliefs upon anyone, but let us not, in the name of freedom, remove from ourselves the freedom to present our beliefs for consideration.

Yes, Mrs. Thrasher, "We must fight back. . . ."—Gerald Hill, Nashville, Tenn.

**Woman's Viewpoint****God Is In Control**

SHERRY THRASHER

Will you play a game with me? Read me a story. Will you buy me a toy? Will you go for a walk with me? Bring me a drink of water, please. Can I have a cookie?

Do any of these words sound familiar? They will if you are a parent. Demands are made on parents from the moment a child takes its first breath of air. For the rest of its life, that child will depend upon its parents in some aspect. Whether it's for the essentials of life or for some lesson learned, demands are made of parents.

All of this is quite natural, because it is all part of God's plan for life. Through the institution of the family, God points man toward him. For as a child learns from the parent, he also learns the ways of



God. Woven throughout the Bible, God gives us examples of ways children learn from parents.

A favorite scene in the Old Testament which emphasizes this occurs between God the Father, Abraham, and Isaac. God looks on with love as he watches Abraham obeying the demand to offer Isaac as a burnt offering unto him. Abraham follows so willingly, trustingly, praying God will stop him from having to commit an act so horrible on his only son—the son for which he

waited so long and prayed so hard. And, finally, Isaac follows Abraham in the same fashion, pondering what his father has in mind but knowing that whatever it is, he will be willing to obey.

What then do we see? Through the demands life makes upon us, we learn many lessons. Some are small and the lesson is learned unconsciously. Then there are times when the demand is so great we cry out to God, "Why, Lord, must we have to do this?" Nevertheless, we follow willingly, trustingly, knowing God is in control and we will see his Kingdom come.

Sherry Thrasher is a president of the ABSC Ministers' Wives Association. Her husband, Alan, pastors First Church, Booneville.

DANIEL R. GRANT

## One Layman's Opinion



### Divided Gospel

What should be "the top mission priorities" of Christian people and their churches? One of the mainline denominations in the United States recently conducted a survey to determine whether the big gap between their national officials and the local grass roots members on that question still persists. Apparently they had discovered in previous years that national leaders want to emphasize meeting the physical needs of the world, while grass-roots members want to emphasize the saving of souls.

Leaders of this mainline denomination issued a press release expressing pleasure that the latest survey shows that there is now very little difference between the expressed priorities of national leaders and local members. They reported overwhelming agreement that "ministries of peace and caring for persons who suffer," and programs emphasizing "the inclusiveness of God's love for all people," should be their top mission priority. The news story went on to report that "the old-time missionary purpose—to convert non-Christians, baptize children, start new churches, and promote moral development of people in other countries," rated only

about half as strong as the prime objectives.

If the wording in the survey was the same as in the news story, it is small wonder that "the social gospel" won out over the "spiritual gospel." To ask anyone to vote against such beautifully worded goals as "ministries of peace," "caring for persons who suffer," and "the inclusiveness of God's love for all people," is about the same as asking them to vote against motherhood and the home.

On the other hand, if the language used to describe sharing the Christian good news with all people was simply "converting non-Christians," I can't think of a more biased and unfair choice of words. As for "baptizing children," the many unanswered questions about the condition of the child make it only natural that few would choose that one. The wording of "moral development of people in other countries," is again badly biased by excluding our own country and making us seem to be hypocritical and self-righteous if we vote for that one.

We all have our biases—mine is that the whole gospel should not be separated into these "either/or" categories of the social gospel and the spiritual gospel. To separate our concern for world peace and the meeting of human needs from our concern for sharing the good news of abundant and eternal life in Christ our Savior and Lord is simply trying to divide the indivisible. I doubt seriously if the grass-roots members of that mainline denomination would vote for that kind of division of gospel priorities in a fairly-worded survey.

Daniel R. Grant is president of Ouachita Baptist University

DON MOORE

## You'll Be Glad To Know



Excuse me, but I am just following Paul's example. He said he didn't have to boast but he could, and then proceeded to list some of the things about which he could boast if he wanted to. Well, I'm not really boasting, I just want to set the record straight.

You need to know that Southern Baptist's Sunday School Board is producing and providing the best and cheapest literature available for your church to use in Bible study. A recent survey showed our literature to be 40 percent less expensive than David C. Cook; 36 percent less expensive than Scripture Press; and 36 percent less expensive than Baptist Literature Board. Profits from our literature sales are returned to the states to help the Sunday School, Church Training, BSU and Church Music programs, and also are used to maintain Ridgecrest and Gloria. No profit made by the other publishers is returned to Southern Baptists.

You also need to know that while per capita income in Arkansas is only 75 percent as much as the national average, we give 95 percent as much as the national average for Southern Baptist giving. We can't feel too good about that when half of our churches give less than 8 percent of their undesignated offerings through the Cooperative Program. I still believe a church should set a good example for its members and give at least 10 percent of its income ("as God has prospered") to support world missions through the Cooperative Program.

You also need to know that Bold Mission Thrust was not just so much "church talk" by the denominational leadership. We have made commitments and are moving toward our goals. Here is a partial report for 1982-85. Baptismal goal, 1.5 million. We baptized 1,117,705. New church goal, 1,500. We organized 1,321. New missionary appointees goal, 2,554. We appointed 2,775. I'm sure more current figures would reveal the same trend. Our goals keep calling us on.

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

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# LOCAL & STATE

## Arkansas All Over

MILLIE GILL

### People

**Jim Cooper** has resigned as pastor of First Church, Marked Tree, to serve as pastor of First Church, Van Buren, Mo.

**Ruby Franklin** has retired as preschool coordinator at Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff. **Lisa Hankins** has been named to assume these responsibilities.

**Helen L. Simpson** of Lonoke died Oct. 4 at age 39 following a lengthy illness. She was a member of Lonoke Church, where her husband, Ed Simpson, serves as pastor. Her funeral services were held Oct. 6 at Calvary Church in North Little Rock. Other survivors include two daughters, Kellie Simpson and Amanda Simpson, both of Lonoke; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jackson of North Little Rock; and two brothers, Mike Jackson of Brandon, Fla., and Curtis Jackson of North Little Rock. Memorials may be made to Lonoke Church or to the American Cancer Society.

**James H. Sanders Jr.** began serving Oct. 12 as pastor of Pine Grove Church at Sweet Home. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University. Sanders has served on church staffs in Leachville, Paragould, and Little Rock, as well as teaching public school music in Leachville, Dell, and Blytheville. He and his wife, Janice Kay, have four children.

**A.D. Cordeur** is serving as pastor of Calvary Church, Timbo.

**Larry Spencer** has resigned as pastor of South Side Church at Fayetteville to join the staff of Northeast Church at Fayetteville.

### Briefly

**Van Buren First Church** honored their staff members and the staff members of Eastern Heights and North Park Chapels, the church's two missions, Sept. 20. Certificates of appreciation were presented to ministers, musicians, secretaries, custodians, and nursery and daycare workers.

**Immanuel Church** in Little Rock will launch its Foreign Missions Season of Prayer observance Nov. 29-30 with Mar-

lorie J. McCullough, president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, as featured speaker. She will speak at a 6:30 p.m. worship service Nov. 29 and at 11:45 a.m. and 5:40 p.m. Baptist Women meetings Nov. 30. A native of Alexandria, La., McCullough has done missions work in Nigeria, Ghana, and Brazil.

**Indianhead Lake Church** in Sherwood ordained John Powell to the deacon ministry Sept. 27. Pastor Jack Kwok preached the ordination message.

**Viola First Church** recently closed a revival that resulted in 13 professions of faith and four rededications, according to Pastor Loren Pederson. David Johnson, pastor of Horseshoe Bend Church, was evangelist.

**Mount Olive Church** at North Crossett will celebrate payment of its indebtedness with a noteburning service Nov. 8.

**Mulberry First Church** closed a revival Sept. 30 that resulted in 15 professions of faith, according to Pastor Rex Easterling. Clyde Vire, pastor of First Church, Paris, was evangelist.

**Springdale First Church** growth promotion resulted in a record Sunday School attendance average of 1,924 from Oct. 1, 1986 to Sept. 30, 1987, according to Pastor Ronnie Floyd. He also reported an enrollment of 2,000 persons in Sunday School with a net growth of over 1,000.

**Central Church** in Magnolia ordained Leon Cottrell, Gene McPherson, and Philip Neill to the deacon ministry Oct. 4.

**Sheridan First Church** held a service Oct. 11 for the purpose of dedicating its new stained glass front.

**Roberson Memorial Mission** at Lonoke reported it has been assisted with building improvements by Crystal Hill Church in Little Rock, Baring Cross Church in North Little Rock, Keo Church, and Immanuel Church in Carlisle, the sponsoring church.

**Amboy Church** in North Little Rock conducted a "Preparation Week" Sept. 21-27. Max Deaton, pastor of Otter Creek First Church in Little Rock, was leader. Pastor John Ashcraft reported other recent church activities include an installation banquet at which Jesse Reed of Little Rock was guest

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*El Dorado First Church recently provided \$5,000 to purchase two cars for the use of foreign missionaries furloughing in Arkansas. Arkansas Brotherhood Director Glendon Grober is encouraging churches to provide this kind of assistance, which is needed particularly by missionaries on short furlough, who have difficulty purchasing and reselling automobiles without considerable financial sacrifice. Pictured above (left to right) are El Dorado First Church Pastor Mark Coppenger, missionary Fred Spann, John McAlister, missionary Hugh Redmon, John Ragsdale, and Grober. New furloughing missionaries will receive the cars as these return to the field.*

speaker; and participation in the state Sunday School Conference; and Church Training conferences.

**Cullendale First Church** in Camden will celebrate its 58th anniversary Oct. 25 with a morning worship service, noon luncheon, and afternoon musical program, according to Pastor Jimmy L. Burks. Robert A. Parker, Arkansas Baptist State Convention Christian Life Council director and a former pastor, will be morning worship speaker. Fred Helms, a former music director, will direct music.

**Nalls Memorial Church** in Little Rock recognized Charlie Cockman Oct. 4 as he began his third year of service as minister of music. He was presented with an engraved *Baptist Hymnal* by Pastor Ray Edmonson.

**Memorial Church** in Hot Springs will celebrate its 40th anniversary Oct. 18. Pastor Hal Graves reported that Don Moore, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be speaker.

**Dayton Church** at Mansfield is adding a baptistry, pastor's study, two dressing/bathrooms, space for a nursery, and two classrooms to its building. A stairwell

will connect the addition, which is in the basement and ground level of the building.

**Bates Church** is completing a building addition which houses four classrooms, a pastor's study, and a bathroom. Mark Cook is pastor.

**Green Meadows Church** at Pine Bluff will observe homecoming Oct. 25 with a morning worship service, a noon meal, and an afternoon musical program directed by Bill Holcomb. Garland Brackett is pastor.

**Rehobeth Church** at Moorefield will celebrate its 161st anniversary Oct. 25.

**Mount Zion Church** at Huff will dedicate a new auditorium and observe Old Fashioned Day Oct. 18. Eddie McCord, director of missions for Independence Association, will be speaker.

**Hope First Church** recently presented an engraved Bible to Frank King, recognizing his 29 years of service as a Sunday School department director. The presentation was made by Pastor Richard Stiltner.

**Southwest Mission** was established Sept. 27 and held its first services Oct. 4 in the Social Hill community. Riverside Church at Donaldson, where Barry King serves as pastor, is sponsoring this work, which began as a result of a recent community revival.

ABN photo / Mark Kelly



The 52 churches of Liberty Association at El Dorado dedicated a crisis ministry building Sunday, Sept. 27. The 24x36-foot structure is located on property immediately behind Trinity North Baptist Mission, 5410 N. West Ave. The facility will offer food, clothing, blankets, shoes, bed linens, and other items two days a week. The building was raised in one day by area volunteers. Above, discussing details required to finish construction are (left to right) John McAlister of El Dorado First Church; Gerald Taylor, chairman of the crisis ministry committee; and Earl Handley, building project supervisor. Tommy Robertson is director of missions.

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**Pettus Memorial**—Barnett Memorial Church in Little Rock dedicated a \$60,000 fellowship hall Sept. 20 as a memorial to R.D. Pettus, who had served the church as Sunday School director, music director, assistant music director, and custodian. Pastor Carter Dey reported that \$2,720.50 had been given toward the building in memory of Pettus. He also presented a memorial plaque to family members, which included Pettus' wife, Ruby; a daughter, Jannie Ford; and a son, Roger Pettus. Glenn Hickey, Pulaski Association director of missions, was dedication speaker. A afternoon noteburning service was held to celebrate payment of an \$85,000 sanctuary indebtedness.

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## Bayless Honored

O.L. Bayless has retired a second time. In recent years Dr. Bayless has served Second Church, Hot Springs, as associate pastor and administrator. The church honored him by conferring upon him the title of Pastor Emeritus, effective Sept. 30, 1987.

Bayless was born at Wister, Okla., on Feb. 10, 1912. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and received the D.D. degree from Oklahoma School of Religion in 1957.

He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1937 at the Diamond Hill Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, while he was a student in seminary. Bayless pastored churches in Oklahoma and came to Second Church, Hot Springs, in February 1947 and remained until December 1960. He led the church through adopting a building program which included the church's present auditorium and former fellowship building. He averaged 102 baptisms during his 13 years as pastor.

Bayless left Second Church to become secretary of evangelism for the Colorado Baptist General Convention in December 1960. He was also named editor of the *Rocky Mountain Baptist*, a position which he held until his retirement in 1977.

Upon retiring Bayless returned to Hot Springs, where he was elected associate pastor of Second Church and later named administrator.

Bayless is married to the former Francis Ella Adams. The Bayless' are parents of O. Lyndal Bayless, Jonesboro; Mrs. Tom Westbrook (Darla Sue), Little Rock; and Jon Williams Bayless, Dallas, Texas. The Bayless' have seven grandchildren.



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# 'Loving A Hurting World'

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Left, Virginia Student Department Associate Director Roy Cotton shared with students musically throughout the BSU Convention. Above, Chester Swor, who has ministered in college settings for 62 years, shares his insight with a younger generation.



## Challenged to love a hurting world.

Excitement, decisions, little sleep. All of these were portrayed in the 1987 Baptist Student Union State Convention Oct. 2-4.

For 40 hours, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock campus was swarmed by 630 college students, every one eager to learn about how to love a hurting world.

The students and their leaders were challenged with a fresh and redemptive message by Charlie Baker, pastor of Southern Hills Church, Tulsa, Okla. They were encouraged with excitement in worship by Roy Cotton, an associate in the Virginia Student Department.

Creative, meaningful worship experiences were led by Mark McMasters, a mime artist from North Carolina. And Chester Swor, the octogenarian lecturer

and minister to college students, shared his wise and sensitive counsel.

Twenty-two conferences offered specific and relevant suggestions on topics ranging from "Dealing With A Call" and What Is Creative Evangelism?" to "What Can I Do About AIDS?", "Dear Hunting (for men only)," and "Turkey Hunting (for women only)."

When the dust settled, students were changed and challenged to go back to their 27 campuses and love their hurting world.

The 1987-88 State BSU officers are Jana Shatley, ASU, president; Mark Schieff, OBU, vice-president; and Tish Strange, SAU, secretary. Last year, BSU students statewide gave \$8,972.04 for world hunger and \$47,842.10 for summer missions.



**Organist honored**—Bernice Glass recently was recognized by First Church, Van Buren, for 36 years of service as organist. Marcus Floyd, deacon and personnel chairman, presented the plaque.

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## 'So Close in Life . . .'

Two former Arkansas Baptist leaders were memorialized when the renovated library at Arkansas Baptist State Convention headquarters was dedicated in their memory Oct. 1.

Huber L. Drumwright and L.L. Collins were remembered by a near-capacity crowd in the Baptist Building chapel before portraits of the two were unveiled in the newly-remodeled library facility. Drumwright, former executive secretary of the

Arkansas Baptist State Convention, died of a heart attack Nov. 2, 1981, after 17 months of service in that position. Collins had served as ABCS associate executive director for five years when he died after a massive stroke Feb. 18, 1986.

Retired ABCS Student Department Director Tom Logue memorialized Drumwright, who had been his roommate while the two attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Logue

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ABCS Executive Director Don Moore unveils the portraits of Drumwright and Collins, while Minette Drumwright and Dan Jordan, business services director, look on.

remembered Drumwright as a "man of compassion" who always was helping someone who was hurting. Logue held Drumwright up as a worthy example for Christians, in that "the more a person hurts, the more he cared for them."

Red River Association Director of Missions L.B. Jordan recalled that Collins—a fellow pastor in Texarkana who commuted to Southwestern with him—was a "highly disciplined" man with a brilliant mind who could vigorously debate an issue with a person and still maintain a deep bond of friendship. Jordan said he never knew any two men who better than Drumwright and Collins "built bridges between academics and getting down to minister with the people." He lamented, "I lost a part of my life when Huber and L.L. died."

ABCS Executive Director Don Moore said that Drumwright and Collins were "so close in life and so close in death, so close in purposes and values" that it was appropriate they be remembered together. That the memorial be a library was even more appropriate, since both the men were so deeply committed to developing young ministers. Moore said, "I am glad we have a place like a library where their voices will go on speaking."

The Drumwright-Collins Memorial Library contains a large segment of the late Dr. Drumwright's library—donated by his wife, Minette—and the remodeling was partially financed by donations given in memory of Dr. Collins. Moore noted that the library will serve as a resource for students in the doctor of ministry and seminary extension programs, as well as for Baptist Building personnel.

Drumwright had been Dean of the School of Theology at Southwestern Seminary for seven years and had taught there a total of 28 years before being named as ABCS Executive Secretary. A former pastor and veteran of World War II, he was the author of numerous books and articles and was a popular speaker. He died after a preaching engagement at First Church, El Dorado. A Texas native, Drumwright was 57 at his death.

Collins, also a Texas native, joined Drumwright in Arkansas after serving with him at Southwestern Seminary, where Collins was registrar and director of admissions. Following Drumwright's death, Collins served one year as interim executive secretary. Collins died at 55 while participating in Scholars' Week activities at Southwestern.

Concord Association Director of Missions Ferrell Morgan offered the dedicatory prayer for the library. Noting that Drumwright and Collins "literally gave their lives to serve Arkansas Baptists," he prayed that Arkansas Baptists would recommit themselves to serve Jesus Christ "because that's who they were serving."

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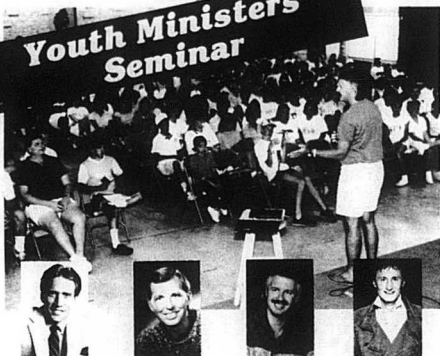
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## LOCAL & STATE

### SS Conference Attendance Up

Registration for the 1987 Arkansas Baptist State Sunday School Conference showed a marked increase over 1986.

More than 1,700 Arkansas Baptist ministers and Sunday School leaders registered for the Sept. 25-26 conference, held at Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock. The two-day training event featured Sunday School evangelist Leon Kilbreth of Herrin, Ill., and Willa Ruth Garlow, a special worker from Oklahoma City, Okla. The 1986 registration was 1,500.

Kilbreth spoke to a crowd of more than 1,100 in a session on "Commitment to Sunday School Work," according to Freddie Pike, ABCS Sunday School Department director. Kilbreth, age 72, will hold 48 meetings this year promoting Sunday School work in the local church.

Garlow, a preschool consultant, was among 39 conference leaders from 11 states staffing the annual Sunday School conference. Pike explained that conference registration necessitated splitting several of the small workshop groups and that he expects to offer 44 conferences in 1988.

The 1987 conference implemented a

new format, splitting registrants into two large groups, one for adult leaders and general officers and the other for age group leaders. The new format was necessitated by difficulties experienced last year in moving the large crowd in and out of the auditorium for plenary sessions. Pike estimates next year's registration will top 2,000.

### Chicago Volunteer

Keith Draper of Bauxite is making preparations to serve in Chicago as a Mission Service Corps volunteer.

Draper, a recent graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., will serve as joint director of Baptist Student Unions at Wheaton College and the College of DuPage. While in Chicago, Draper will pursue theological studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Mission Service Corps volunteers serve full-time at their own expense, raising support for their ministries. Draper will move to the field when funding is complete.

Draper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Draper, members of Benton Trinity Church.

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# Endings, Beginnings

The 134th annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will be a time of endings and beginnings.

The Nov. 17-18 convention, meeting at Fort Smith First Baptist Church, will mark the culmination of the three-year partnership between two Brazilian Baptist conventions and Arkansas Baptists. The AMAR Project, which took its name from the Portuguese word for "love," involved scores of Arkansas volunteers who linked arms with their Brazilian Baptist brothers and sisters to conduct revivals, witness door-to-door, train leadership, and build buildings.

Immediately prior to the annual meeting, the climax of the partnership effort—a three-day crusade—will be staged in Manaus, a city of 1 million people deep in the interior of the Amazon River Basin. A 70,000-seat arena has been secured for Oct. 22-24, and more than 186 Arkansans will participate in the distribution of 200,000 New Testaments, 50 revivals in churches and missions, and intensive door-to-door evangelistic visitation.

Messengers to the annual meeting should anticipate the Tuesday morning message from Thome E. Tavares Filho, executive director of the Amazonas-Roraima Convention headquartered in Manaus. His message should offer a powerful testimony of the great things God has accomplished through AMAR.

But while Arkansas Baptists are celebrating the climax of the AMAR

partnership, they also will be shifting their focus to a major new project at home, Church Arkansas.

Church Arkansas will challenge Arkansas Baptists to launch out in a major effort to start new congregations in the state. On Tuesday evening, messengers to the annual meeting will hear a call to start 370 new churches by the century's end.

While new church starts have nearly quadrupled since 1984, Arkansas' population growth still is outstripping Southern Baptist growth in the state. The only serious hope of catching up with the growth rate, much less winning the state to Christ, lies in starting new congregations.

Church Arkansas goals call for Arkansas Baptists to start 25 new works in 1988, up from 20 in 1987. In 1989, the goal will be 45 new works, followed by a steady pattern of 30 new works each year from 1990 to 1999. Allowing for a loss rate of 25 percent, that would bring Arkansas Baptists to a total of 1,550 congregations by A.D. 2000. It is projected the new activity would result in 3,000 more baptisms each year, \$2.5 million more given in mission support, and 75,000 more persons in Bible study.

Appropriately, the theme for the annual meeting will be "Strengthening Missions," drawn from Matthew 24:14: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all the nations; and then shall the end come."

## Welcome to Fort Smith!

Welcome to Fort Smith, one of America's most beautiful and historic cities. We hope you will enjoy the beauty of the place where the western frontier, the Ozark Mountains, and the Arkansas River all come together. The people are friendly, the food is great, and the weather should be perfect when you visit us.

And welcome to First Baptist Church! The loving, friendly people of our fellowship welcome you to a church where some of God's greatest servants have preached, where many people have been won to Christ. This dynamic fellowship of believers will seek to make your visit both pleasant and spiritually enriching.

It is our prayer that God will visit this convention with great power and launch us into another new and exciting year as we seek to advance the Kingdom and our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Again, welcome to Fort Smith and First Baptist Church!

*Your host and servant,  
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# ANNUAL MEETING

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## Annual Meeting Preview

# Proper Credentials

Membership and messengers to the 1987 Convention are determined according to the Constitution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Article III "Membership," Sections 1, 2 and 3 which state:

"Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of messengers from regular Baptist churches which are in sympathy with the principles and purposes of this Convention, and which desire to cooperate with other churches through this Convention.

"Regular Baptist churches are those Baptist churches which in doctrine and in practice adhere to the principles and the spirit of the *The Baptist Faith and Message* as adopted by the 1963 session of the Southern Baptist Convention and *The Baptist Faith and Message* shall not be interpreted as to permit open communion and/or alien immersion.

"Section 2. Each cooperating church shall be entitled to three messengers with one additional messenger for each additional one hundred members or major fraction thereof above one hundred, provided, however, that no church shall be entitled to a total of more than ten messengers.

"Section 3. A standing Credentials Committee of five members shall be appointed by the president of the convention. No member of this committee may serve more than two consecutive conventions. The president of the convention shall fill vacancies and shall name the chairman each year."

An appendix, "Enrollment of Messengers," added in 1980, states: "Any challenge to the seating of any church's messengers and the basis of the challenge should be presented in writing to the convention president and the chairman of the Credentials Committee thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of the convention.

"The Credentials Committee will meet prior to the opening session of the convention and report their finding and recom-

mendation to the opening session of the convention."

Another appendix, Number 13, "Seating of Messengers," passed in 1949, states: "Resolution adopted that this convention refuse any messengers from any church that accepts alien immersion; practices open communion; or affiliates with any branch of the Federal Council of Churches, World Council of Churches or any other organization to or growing out of such."

Any challenge to a church's messengers being seated should be sent to the chairman of the Credentials Committee and the president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

We are fully aware that the Convention is not in session until we convene. For this reason we can only request your cooperation in this matter. We believe your help will make for a much smoother and more congenial convention.—**Dillard Miller, chairman, Credentials Committee**

## Registration

Messengers elected by Arkansas Baptist churches who are planning to participate in the annual meeting Nov. 17-18 in Fort Smith must bring messenger registration cards approved by their churches and signed by their moderators or church clerks.

Messengers who present themselves for registration without properly certified credentials will be sent to the Credentials Committee.

## Balloting

In accordance with the constitution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and in keeping with previous policies and procedures, the following guidelines have been established for voting at the annual meeting.

All duly-elected messengers who register at the convention will be given an official

book of numbered ballots. Messengers are encouraged to print their names on the front of the ballot book as soon as they register.

A ballot is considered the property of the person to whom it is issued. Therefore, a ballot can be used only by that individual. Ballots are not to be exchanged or used by any other messenger or nonmessenger, even with the owner's consent. When ballots are used, instructions will be given designating which ballot is to be cast. Ballots which do not bear the appropriate number for a specific vote will be considered invalid. Ballots which are not legible or which are submitted blank will be considered invalid.

Messengers who lose or find ballot books should notify the registration desk. An owner may claim a lost ballot book only if the book bears his or her name.—**Ed Simpson, Tellers Committee chairman**

## Resolutions

Arkansas Baptist State Convention President Lawson Hatfield has appointed a Resolutions Committee to serve during the annual sessions of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The committee requests that anyone desiring to present a resolution to the committee mail a copy of his or her proposed resolution to the committee by Friday, Oct. 23, 1987. The committee requests that, if possible, the resolution be presented on one page of typed copy. Receiving resolutions in advance will enable the committee to give each resolution more careful and prayerful attention.

It is understood that resolutions may be presented on the floor of the convention proper as defined by the convention order of business.

Proposed resolutions should be mailed to the Baptist Building, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203, addressed to the attention of the committee.

We would like to express our appreciation in advance for your cooperation in this matter.—**Earl Humble, chairman, Resolutions Committee**

## Convention committees

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# Interest Group Plans

A wide range of activities have been planned for the hours prior to and during the annual meeting Nov. 17-18. Pastors, educators, spouses, directors of missions, retirees, and alumni, give heed!

## Pastors

Arkansas Baptist pastors will be inspired and edified by a wide range of speakers during their annual Pastors' Conference Monday, Nov. 16, at First Baptist Church. Rallying around the theme, "Preach the Word," participants will hear skilled and knowledgeable preachers expound on a variety of practical subjects.

Among the many speakers will be Cliff Palmer, church growth conference leader; Gary Smith, First Church, Enid, Okla.; Charles Lowrie, First Church, Dallas, Texas; D.L. Lowrie, state missions director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Rick Hyde, pastor of First Church, Murfreesboro; W.O. Vaught, pastor emeritus of Little Rock Immanuel Church; Stephen Davis, pastor of Russellville First Church; John Wright, pastor of Little Rock First Church; Don Moore, executive director, Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Billy White, pastor of Little Rock Second Church; and Rex Holt, pastor of Jonesboro Central Church.

Sessions will convene at 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 6:25 p.m. Election of officers will be held at 4:15 p.m.

## Religious Education Association

Mancil Ezell, director of the church media library department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the featured speaker when the Arkansas Baptist Religious Education Association meets Monday, Nov. 16.

The ABREA will meet in the small dining room at Grand Avenue Baptist Church at 1:30 p.m. The evening session will convene with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Paul Seal of Mountain Home.

## Ministers' Wives

Arkansas Baptist Ministers' Wives will meet for an afternoon tea at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 16, in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church.

Speaking to the group will be Emily Herrod, whose husband, Ron, pastors the host church. Special music will be provided by Julie Russell, Miss Arkansas 1986-87.

## DOMS

The Director of Missions Fellowship will meet Monday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m. at the Tradewinds Motel. The buffet meal will cost \$5.95, plus tax and tip.

## Annuitants and Retirees

Southern Baptist annuitants, retired ministers and staff persons, and spouses will be the guests of the ABSA Annuity/Stewardship Department at a fellowship dinner Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 5 p.m., at First Baptist Church. To make reservations, contact the Annuity/Stewardship Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203; telephone 376-4791.

## Alumni Meetings

*Ouachita Baptist University* alumni will meet for fellowship at First Baptist Church following the Tuesday evening convention session, Nov. 17.

*Southern Baptist College* will host an Alumni and Friends Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 4:30 p.m., at the Best Western Regency, 2301 Towson. Advance tickets will cost \$3.50, reservations may be made by contacting Alumni Director Ben Early at 886-6741, ext. 178. Tickets also will be

available at the Southern Baptist College booth during the convention.

*Midwestern Seminary* will host a dinner for alumni at 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Days Inn. Tickets for the meal will be \$7. For more information, contact Ray Meador, P.O. Box 427, Judsonia, AR 72081.

*New Orleans Seminary* alumni will meet Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 12 noon at First Baptist Church.

*Southern Seminary* alumni will meet at 12 noon, Tuesday, Nov. 17, in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. Tickets may be obtained for \$5.50 (\$6.50 at convention) from Verne Wickliffe, P.O. Box 578, Des Arc, AR 72040.

*Southwestern Seminary* alumni will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 12 noon at Grand Avenue Baptist Church. Tickets will cost \$6.50.

## Child Care Provisions

Preschool child care will be offered to messengers and their families during the annual meeting of the state convention.

Pre-registration for babies through five-year-olds is necessary in order to provide quality care with a planned program for preschoolers. No child care will be provided for school-age children at any session.

The accompanying registration form should be completed and mailed to: Mrs. Johna Gaddis, P.O. Box 609, Fort Smith, AR 72902. For more information, contact Mrs. Gaddis at 501-782-1088.

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Monday, Nov. 17	Morning 10:00-12:05	Afternoon 1:30-4:30	Evening 6:25-9:10
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## ABSC Tentative Program *Strengthening Missions*

### Tuesday Morning November 17, 1987

8:30	Prelude	Tim Hess
8:45	Congregational Singing	Ervin Keathley
8:50	Prayer	Billy White
8:55	BIBLE STUDY	D. L. Lowrie
9:25	CALL TO ORDER	Lawson Hatfield
	Welcome	Ron Herrod
	Appointment of Committees	Lawson Hatfield
	Enrollment of Messengers	Dillard Miller
	Adoption of Order of Business	Jerry Wilson
	Tellers Committee Instructions	Eddie Simpson
	Resolutions	Earl Humble
	Constitution Amendments	John Maddox
9:50	Congregational Singing	Ervin Keathley
9:55	Special Music	Music Men of Arkansas—AMAR
10:05	AMAR MESSAGE	Thome E. Tavares Filho
10:35	Announcements	Lawson Hatfield
	Recognition of Baptist Hospitals	
	Recognition of Former Presidents	
10:45	Recognition of Senior Ministers	D. C. McAtee
10:55	Recognition of New Arkansans	Don Moore
11:10	Recognition of Missionaries	Paul Sanders
11:20	Congregational Singing	Ervin Keathley
11:25	Special Music	Music Men of Arkansas
11:30	PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE	Lawson Hatfield
12:00	Benediction	Gene Crawley

### Tuesday Afternoon November 17, 1987

1:45	Instrumental Prelude	Glen Ennes Brass
2:00	Congregational Singing	Ervin Keathley
	Prayer	Max Deaton
2:05	BIBLE STUDY	D. L. Lowrie
2:35	Miscellaneous Business	
2:45	Congregational Singing	Ervin Keathley
2:50	Special Music	Men's Quartet, First Booneville
2:55	Nominating Committee	Homer Shirley
3:05	EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT	Ferrell Morgan
3:25	Congregational Singing	Ervin Keathley
3:30	Recognition of Guests	Lawson Hatfield
3:35	Special Music	Ervin Keathley
3:40	MESSAGE	Don Moore
4:10	Benediction	Joel Faircloth

### Tuesday Evening November 17, 1987

6:15	Prelude	Tim Hess
6:25	Special Music	Fort Smith Area Choir
6:40	Prayer	Rick Erwin
6:45	BIBLE STUDY	D. L. Lowrie
7:15	Missions Advance	Allen Thrasher
7:25	Southern Baptist College Report	Jack Nicholas
7:40	Special Music	Southern Baptist College Choir
7:55	Ouachita Baptist University Report	Daniel Grant
8:10	Congregational Singing	Ervin Keathley
8:15	Church Arkansas	Floyd Tidsworth
8:25	Special Music	Singing Women of Arkansas
8:45	CONVENTION SERMON	Trueman Moore
9:10	Benediction	Mark Brooks

### Wednesday Morning November 18, 1987

8:15	Prelude	David Gipson
8:30	Congregational Singing	Ervin Keathley
	Prayer	Bob Parsley
8:35	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	
8:50	Special Music	J.O.Y. Singers, First, Fort Smith
9:00	BIBLE STUDY	D. L. Lowrie
9:30	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	
9:40	Christian Civic Foundation	John Finn
9:50	Memorial Moments	Zane Chesser
9:55	Resolutions	Earl Humble
10:15	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	
10:25	Miscellaneous Business	
10:40	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	
10:50	Congregational Singing	Ervin Keathley
10:55	Annuity Board	Darold Morgan
11:05	Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services	Johnny Biggs
11:15	Arkansas Baptist Foundation	Harry Trulove
11:25	Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine	Everett Sneed
11:35	Woman's Missionary Union Report	Julia Ketter
11:45	Special Music	Nash Sisters
11:55	MESSAGE	Keith Parks
12:30	Presentation of New Officers	
	Benediction by New President	

## Program Personalities

**D. L. Lowrie**, director of the State Missions Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will lead the Bible study in the four sessions of the convention.

**Thome E. Tavares Filho**, executive director of the Amazonas-Roraima Baptist Convention in Brazil, will deliver the AMAR message in the first session Tuesday morning.

**Lawson Hatfield**, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will preside during the annual meeting and bring the President's Message Tuesday morning.

**Ferrell Morgan**, director of missions for Concord Association, Fort Smith, and president of the ABSC Executive Board, will present the board's report Tuesday afternoon.

**Don Moore**, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will bring the Tuesday afternoon message.

**Trueman Moore**, pastor of East Side Church, Fort Smith, will bring the Convention Sermon Tuesday evening.

**R. Keith Parks**, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will bring the closing message Wednesday morning.

# Executive Board Recommendations

## Recommendation No. 1 1988 Budget

### I. State causes

	<b>1988 requests</b>
1. Administration	\$219,431
2. Business Services	225,737
3. Annuity	13,082
4. Baptist Student Union	585,910
5. Brotherhood	109,289
6. Christian Life Council	76,404
7. Church Music	152,501
8. Church Training	203,778
9. Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists	125,457
10. Evangelism	228,978
11. Ministry of Crisis Support	91,667
12. Missions	409,489
13. Stewardship	94,726
14. Sunday School	265,635
15. Woman's Missionary Union	266,774
16. Communications	0
17. Support Services	54,654
18. Arkansas Baptist Assembly	183,407
19. Camp Paron—Operating	52,348
20. Camp Paron—Improvement Fund	30,000
21. Annuity Dues	375,000
22. Baptist Student Union—Buildings	138,000
23. Convention	88,630
24. Historical Commission	8,987
25. Non-Department Programs and Causes	223,634

**Total Executive Board Programs** ..... **\$4,223,517**

26. Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care	369,283
27. Arkansas Baptist Foundation	218,688
28. Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine	189,439
29. Christian Education	
(1) Ouachita Baptist University	1,960,575
(2) Southern Baptist College	540,144
(5) Ministerial Education Loan Fund	105,830

**Total State Programs** ..... **\$7,607,476**

**II. Southern Baptist Convention** ..... **5,262,824**

**Total Budget** ..... **\$12,870,300**

## Recommendation No. 2

1990 Simultaneous Revivals

1. That the Arkansas Baptist State Convention participate in the Southern Baptist Convention 1990 Simultaneous Revivals. The theme is "Here's Hope, Jesus Cares for You."

2. That the dates for Arkansas to be divided as follows: East—March 18-25; West—April 1-8

3. That a state steering committee be established by Fall, 1987. (The state steering committee will be established according to guidelines in the "State Steering Committee Guide" which will be released in July, 1987.)

## Recommendation No. 3

Arkansas Baptist Foundation

The Executive Board recommends that the income earned from the investment of undesignated Foundation funds be used for the operation of the Foundation over a five year period beginning with the budget year 1987-88.

## Recommendation No. 4

"Church Arkansas" Emphasis

The Executive Board recommends the Arkansas Baptist State Convention consider a major church starting emphasis for 1988 in keeping with the National Southern Baptist Theme of "Strengthening Missions." We further recommend that the year of emphasis be followed by at least one year of implementation in which a challenging goal for starting missions in Arkansas is attempted.

## Constitution and Bylaw Changes

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will recommend to the State Convention in its annual meeting the following changes:

Bylaws—Section 5. "Committee Messengers" (Page 25, 1986 ABSC Annual)

1. Sentence 2. Inserted the word in italics.

Following each annual convention, the president will appoint one-third of this committee to three-year terms to replace the one-third rotating off, plus filling any vacancies that may exist on the committee at that time.

3. Inserted the words in italics.

No member of a commission or committee delegated to study or make recommendations concerning agencies and institutions shall be a member of any Board of Trustees of such agency or institution.

4. Sentence 1. Inserted the word in italics.

All associational missionaries or mission pastors receiving all or part compensation from the convention through the Executive Board shall be considered employees of the Convention and shall not be members of any Convention, agency or institutional board.

Bylaws—Section 4. "Trusteeships" (Page 24—ABSC 1986 Annual)

Delete all but the first sentence of paragraph one.

Article VIII—"Operation of Agencies" (Page 22—ABSC 1986 Annual)

(Added the following two new sections)

Section 2: Each board, agency and institution of this convention shall operate on the funds provided by the churches through the Cooperative Program and from special offerings solicited and received from individuals, corporations, foundations, the annual Family and Child Care offering, and the Dixie Jackson State Mission offering.

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James Bryant, Second Vice-President  
Don Moore, Executive Director-Treasurer



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No additional appeals may be made to the churches without the recommendation of the Executive Board and approval of the annual convention in session.

Section 3. A deficit in a board, agency or institution operational budget for any year shall be reported to the Executive Board and the convention in annual session.

Such deficit may not be carried over into the second year without the approval of the Executive Board and the convention in annual session as to how this deficit will be eliminated.

The following Constitutional changes were approved in the 1986 Convention. According to Constitution procedure, changes must be approved in two consecutive conventions.

**Article II—The Purpose**  
(Page 21—ABSC 1986 Annual)

That the present article be deleted and the following statement of purpose be substituted:

"The purpose of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is to assist the churches of the Convention in fulfilling their mission, and to encourage cooperative support of and involvement in our worldwide mission enterprise."

The second paragraph will remain the same.

**Article V—Officers**  
(Page 22—ABSC 1986 Annual)

That section three of this article become section four and the following be added as section three:

"The Executive Director of the Executive Board or his designee execute and sign all official and legal documents involving transactions in agreement with the Constitution and Bylaws and/or approved by the Convention, the Executive Board or its Operating Committee."

**John Maddox, Chairman; Johnny Jackson; Marvin James; Richard Johnson; Roy Bucklew; Raymond Higgins**

## Foundation Recommendations

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation recommends the following wording be added to Section II of its Charter:

"...and to develop innovative ways and means of raising, developing, and acquiring funds for the charitable purposes hereof, to act as an agent for life insurance companies in procuring, receiving, and forwarding applications for life insurance, to gather the collections of premiums and the taking of such actions as may be designated to agents by life insurance companies in order to facilitate the contribution by donors of policies of life insurance, the beneficiary of which is this organization or some other charitable cause amiable to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, such proceeds to be used for the Charitable objects and purposes hereof."

We further recommend that the amendment be executed only if a favorable letter ruling is received from IRS exempting the commissions and/or face value of the policy from being classified as unrelated business income.

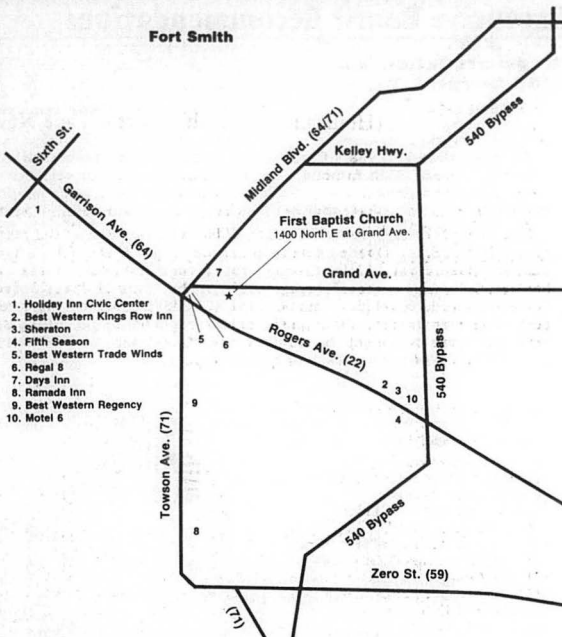
The Foundation Board also recommends that its Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

**Article III, Board of Directors, Section 2, Method of Election and Term of Office (Paragraph 2).** "The President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Executive Director of the Executive Board, and the President of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention shall be advisory members."

The Foundation Board further recommends that Paragraph 4 of this same section be amended for clarification as follows:

"Any member who misses all of the Board and Committee meetings during a 12-month period shall be dropped from membership on this board."

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<b>RAMADA</b> 5101 Towson, 646-2931 1-2 persons, King Size, \$33 1 room, 2 double beds, \$33	<b>BEST WESTERN TRADE WINDS</b> 101 N. Ith, 785-4121 1 person (Queen size) \$29 Up to 4 persons, 2 beds, \$32 Up to 6 persons, 2 beds, and hide-a-bed, \$40
<b>BEST WESTERN REGENCY</b> 2301 Towson, 785-1401 1 bed, 2 persons, \$33 1 room, 2 double beds, \$37 \$4 for each additional person	<b>MOTEL 6</b> 6001 Rogers Ave., 484-0576 1 person, \$21.95 2 persons, \$26.95 \$5 for each additional person up to four

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- TO THE WORK
- RESCUE THE PERISHING
- TO GOD BE THE GLORY
- CLOSE TO THEE
- PASS ME NOT
- HOLD THOU MY HAND
- TAKE THE WORLD, BUT GIVE ME JESUS



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- REDEEMED
- WILL YOU COME?
- 'TIS THE BLESSED HOUR OF PRAYER
- WILL JESUS FIND US WATCHING?
- PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!
- TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS
- THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET
- SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS
- THE HALF I CANNOT TELL
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## McGhee Dies During HMB Meeting

by Sherri Brown  
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—Trustee Beth McGhee collapsed and died during the Oct. 7 meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Just prior to collapsing, Mrs. McGhee, 61, a member of 22nd Street Baptist Church in Tucson, Ariz., made a plea for denominational peace during discussion on the HMB's response to a motion made at the 1987 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

The convention motion requested that HMB trustees go on record as to "the reasons why they have voted to deny Church Pastoral Aid to ordained women in light of the fact that this action violates the autonomy of the local church with regard the right of that church to call whom it chooses as a pastor."

Trustees were discussing a proposed response, which included a quote from a 1984 convention resolution which encouraged "the service of women in all aspects of church life and work other than pastoral functions and leadership roles entailing ordination," as Mrs. McGhee spoke.

The proposed response included a paragraph which said: "Also we feel this action of our Board is commensurate with the faith and practice of the majority of Baptist churches affiliated with our Southern Baptist Convention."

During the discussion of the response, Mrs. McGhee told trustees: "The thing I desire most is that peace be in our convention, that two sides be brought together. We're hurting if we don't. We're not reaching as many lost people if we don't come together."

"That last paragraph (of the response) is a divisive statement. I think it would be offensive to those of our constituency who do not interpret the Scriptures as the ma-

riety of the messengers and the Home Mission Board interprets the Scriptures. In the interest of peace and bring our people together in oneness, may we delete that last paragraph."

After Mrs. McGhee was taken to a nearby hospital, the meeting was continued. As the first item of business, Ann Frazier, a trustee from Roanoke Rapids, N.C., asked that the motion which was under discussion be postponed until the March board meeting. The request was adopted by common consent.

Subdued trustees moved quickly through the remainder of the agenda, and in closing remarks, HMB President Lewis broke the news of Mrs. McGhee's death.

"There's a day when all of us have an inevitable appointment with the Lord," Lewis said. "None of us knows when that moment will come, but all of us know it will come. And that's what we're all about: preparing ourselves and others for our inevitable appointment with the Lord."

"When that time comes for me, I hope that it might be my joy to be speaking for a good cause. I think that all of us want to reflect on the fact that this dear lady (Mrs. McGhee) was calling our convention to peace and her last word to us was a long-lying plea that we might be together again."

## High Court Asked To Uphold Lobby

by Stan Hasteley  
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (BP)—Led by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a coalition of church bodies has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to affirm the constitutional rights of churches to participate in public referenda without registering as political action committees.

A friend-of-the-court brief written by BJCPA General Counsel Oliver S. Thomas and Loyola (Los Angeles) Law School professor Edward M. Gaffney Jr. was filed Sept. 23 on behalf of the BJCPA, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, Christian Legal Society and National Association of Evangelicals.

Appealing to the First Amendment's protections of freedom of religion and speech, the brief asked the nation's highest court to review and reverse a decision earlier this year of the Tennessee Supreme Court. That ruling upheld a Tennessee law requiring churches to submit to the state detailed financial disclosure statements if they spend more than \$250 annually urging voters to support or reject any issue put on the ballot for public approval or disapproval.

## Bargain Basement Bonanza

by Pat Cole  
Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—While a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ralph Winders paid a dollar for a copy of the Hebrew Bible, picking out the oldest-looking book he could find in a box of used Bibles outside a professor's office.

Fifty years later, the Mississippi Baptist minister has returned the Bible to the seminary as a treasured relic.

Published in 1521 in Venice, Italy, the complete Hebrew Bible predates the 1524-25 edition which became the *textus receptus*, the authoritative Hebrew text for most English translations, including the King James

Version. The Bible is the second published by Daniel Bomberg. Two Orthodox Jews, the sons of Baruch Adelkind, edited the text. As a student, Winders did not know any of that when he browsed through a box of used Bibles outside the office of Hebrew professor Kyle Yates. Yates frequently ordered Bibles from a Chicago bookstore to provide inexpensive copies of the Scriptures for his students.

Winders, who already had bought his Hebrew Bible, "just took a dollar to buy the oldest-looking book I had ever seen."

The Bible remained an unidentified treasure until Winders contacted Southern Seminary Old Testament professor Page H.

Kelley about two years ago. Kelley, with the aid of the American Bible Society, traced the origin of the Bible and then encouraged Winders to donate it because of its value for research and teaching.

At the seminary's convocation opening the fall semester, Winders and his wife, Ginny, presented the 466-year-old Bible to the seminary in honor of Yates, who taught at the school from 1922-1942.

Winders' Bible, one of only six known copies of the 1521 version in the United States, will be housed in the rare-book section of the seminary's library, building on the James H. Haldman Collection of 200 rare Bibles donated to the seminary in 1981.

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## Court Rules In SBC's Favor

ATLANTA (BP)—The 11th U.S. Court of Appeals has upheld a lower court's decision favoring the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee in a federal lawsuit.

The suit was filed Dec. 5, 1985, by four messengers to the 1985 SBC annual meeting who claimed their rights had been violated by parliamentary rulings made concerning the election of the convention's 1986 Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

The three-judge panel in Atlanta ruled unanimously in favor of the SBC Sept. 28. "We hold that the First Amendment bars civil court resolution of this controversy," Judge Phyllis Kravitch wrote on behalf of all three judges.

## CLC Seeks Ban Of 'Dial-A-Porn'

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has joined other groups urging Congress to pass legislation that would ban "dial-a-porn" telephone numbers.

During Sept. 30 testimony before the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, a 1987 Southern Baptist Convention resolution denouncing dial-a-porn was entered into the record at the request of the CLC.

In Nashville, CLC Executive Director N.

Larry Baker said his agency was "encouraged that no support was offered for the current state of dial-a-porn." He noted every witness who offered testimony during the one-day hearing, including the chief lobbyist of the American Civil Liberties Union, "shares the opinion that something must be done to keep dial-a-porn out of the hands of America's youth."

## Baptists File Suit Against Lottery

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—Missouri Baptist Convention legislative consultant Bart Tichenor has filed suit against the Missouri State Lottery Commission.

The suit charges that "participation by the State Lottery Commission in the multi-state lottery 'Lotto America' . . . is in violation of public policy, Missouri law and the Missouri Constitution."

The suit was filed Sept. 25 in Cole County Circuit Court a few hours after the state's three-member lottery commission voted to include Missouri in a multi-state lottery currently being organized. Iowa, Kansas, Oregon, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia already have joined the multi-state effort.

Tichenor, whose legal fees in the case will be paid through Missouri Baptist Convention contingency funds, declared Missouri Baptists "have been, from the outset, the only group that has consistently opposed the expansion of gambling in Missouri. I think it's incumbent upon us to take this step."

## Colleges Team Up To Aid Nations

by Erich Bridges  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—Leaders of 26 Southern Baptist colleges and universities set up the Cooperative Services International Educational Consortium during a meeting in Atlanta Sept. 21 and 22.

The new consortium will offer the combined educational resources of Southern Baptist higher education to China and perhaps dozens of other countries, said Lewis Myers, director of Cooperative Services International, who will be secretary-treasurer of the new organization.

Southern Baptists formed CSI in 1985 to provide services to countries where traditional missionary work is not possible.

The consortium's charter members elected Daniel R. Grant of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., their first chairman. Elected vice chairman was Bob R. Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. Two at-large members completing the group's executive committee were also elected: Treva K. Gibson, dean of students and director of the Center for International Studies at Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Ronald G. Midkiff, chairman of the education division at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

"The idea of strength in cooperation has taken root in an exciting way in this consortium for international education and exchange," Grant said in a prepared statement. "Our Baptist colleges and universities, with the strong support of Cooperative Services International, have taken a long step toward significant involvement in meeting educational needs in strategic areas of the world."

## Church Medical Rates To Increase

DALLAS (BP)—Higher doctors' fees, hospital charges and an increase in patient services will cause Southern Baptist Annuity Board church medical rates to increase 20 percent next year, said John Dudley, the board's senior vice president for insurance services.

Effective Jan. 1, 1988, monthly medical premiums for 21,000 church employees will increase an average 20 percent, said Dudley. Cost increases will range from \$2.50 for the individual Medicare supplement to \$55 per month for some family plans, depending on the coverage participants have and the geographical regions in which they live.

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# LESSONS FOR LIVING

## Convention Uniform

### Preparation

by Gene Crawley, First Church, Newport

Basic passage: Genesis 20:1-23:20

Focal passage: Genesis 21:1-7;  
22:1,2,9-14

Central truth: God's blessings come after obedient preparation.

The story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac is one, if not the greatest, account of blind obedience found in Scripture. God told Abraham to sacrifice his son, the child of promise. The scriptural account tells of Abraham arising early to fulfill the command of God.

How could a kind and loving God require such a thing? How could this be for Abraham's good? How could God fulfill the promise that all the world would be blessed by his seed? Thank God, Abraham was not a theologian. Instead, he was an obedient servant who did not question an omniscient God. How much better we would be if we would walk by faithful obedience rather than by questioning sight.

Abraham went to the place of sacrifice expecting God to do what was best for all. This Old Testament saint had faith enough to believe that if God chose to, he could restore the sacrificial Isaac to him alive again (He. 11:17,19). That's faith!

In obedience, preparation was made. The altar was readied. Isaac was placed upon it. The knife was raised. Then God gave the real sacrifice. A ram had been caught by its horns in a thicket near by. God's provision was given but not until faithful preparation had been made.

God always provides when his will is faithfully followed. He sent water when the tired and thirsty soldiers dug ditches according to his Word (2 Ki. 3). The Lord filled vats with costly oil when by faith the widow's son filled the house with containers (2 Ki. 4). The temple tax was paid, but only after Peter went to catch the fish (Mt. 17:24-27).

God will always provide those things that are best for his people. However, God has never said he will make provisions for his people when they walk in disobedience. Often it is God's people who limit his blessings because of the unwillingness to adequately prepare ourselves.

Our churches could be full of people and our lives full of blessings if we would quit waiting for them and instead start preparing for them. God is looking for Abrahams.

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## Life and Work

### Righteousness Is Given

by Ronnie W. Floyd, First Church, Springdale

Basic passage: Galatians 3

Focal passage: Galatians 3:1-7,21-25

Central truth: The righteousness of Jesus Christ is given to us as we place total trust and dependence in him.

Righteousness is one of the most difficult words for most people to understand. I want to define righteousness as being that state of being in the right with God, being clothed with his character, and filled with his life. Is this righteousness earned, deserved, or given to us? The text will answer these three questions of discussion for your class.

Is righteousness earned? The Holy Spirit is not given to us because we have chosen to obey the laws of God (3:1-7). There is nothing I can do to earn the favor of a holy, just, and righteous God. Whenever one begins to think he has earned the place of spiritual superiority, he needs to understand that Jesus Christ loves the harlot and drunkard as much as he loves the devoted church member. The righteousness of Jesus cannot be earned or else his death would have been needless.

Is righteousness deserved? The ways of men have never deserved a visitation of God because we are all sinful (3:21-22). Many in the church have a spirit of "I deserved this or I deserve that!" Dear friends, the only thing each of us deserve is eternal separation from God in hell. Our sinful and selfish nature has condemned us and our choices have solidified that we deserve condemnation. If we could deserve God's righteousness, then Christ died needlessly (2:21).

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## Bible Book

### All About Sin

by Larry Pillow, Second Church, Conway

Basic passage: Genesis 3

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Central truth: The origin and outcome of sin.

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## Convention Uniform

### Preparation

by Gene Crawley, First Church, Newport

Basic passage: Genesis 20:1-23:20

Focal passage: Genesis 21:1-7; 22:1-2,9-14

Central truth: God's blessings come after obedient preparation.

The story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac is one, if not the greatest, account of blind obedience found in Scripture. God told Abraham to sacrifice his son, the child of promise. The scriptural account tells of Abraham arising early to fulfill the command of God.

How could a kind and loving God require such a thing? How could this be for Abraham's good? How could God fulfill the promise that all the world would be blessed by his seed? Thank God, Abraham was not a theologian. Instead, he was an obedient servant who did not question an omniscient God. How much better we would be if we would walk by faithful obedience rather than by questioning sight.

Abraham went to the place of sacrifice expecting God to do what was best for all. This Old Testament saint had faith enough to believe that if God chose to, he could restore the sacrificial Isaac to him alive again (He. 11:17,19). That's faith!

In obedience, preparation was made. The altar was readied. Isaac was placed upon it. The knife was raised. Then God gave the real sacrifice. A ram had been caught by its horns in a thicket near by. God's provision was given but not until faithful preparation had been made.

God always provides when his will is faithfully followed. He sent water when the tired and thirsty soldiers dug ditches according to his Word (2 Ki. 3). The Lord filled vats with costly oil when by faith the widow's son filled the house with containers (2 Ki. 4). The temple tax was paid, but only after Peter went to catch the fish (Mt. 17:24-27).

God will always provide those things that are best for his people. However, God has never said he will make provisions for his people when they walk in disobedience. Often it is God's people who limit his blessings because of the unwillingness to adequately prepare ourselves.

Our churches could be full of people and our lives full of blessings if we would quit waiting for them and instead start preparing for them. God is looking for Abrahams.

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## Life and Work

### Righeousness Is Given

by Ronnie W. Floyd, First Church, Springdale

Basic passage: Galatians 3

Focal passage: Galatians 3:1-7,21-25

Central truth: The righteousness of Jesus Christ is given to us as we place total trust and dependence in him.

Righteousness is one of the most difficult words for most people to understand. I want to define righteousness as being that state of being in the right with God, being clothed with his character, and filled with his life. Is this righteousness earned, deserved, or given to us? The text will answer these three questions of discussion for your class.

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## WORLD

### Planning to Win the World

by Bob Stanley and Orville Scott  
Baptist Press

DALLAS (BP)—In an unprecedented meeting, leaders of 20 of the world's largest missions organizations and interdenominational groups sought ways Sept. 17-18 to work together in accelerating the spread of the gospel to all people.

As the first step, they called on Christians worldwide to join in 24 hours of prayer and fasting just before Pentecost Sunday each year as a "focused intercession for global evangelization" between now and A.D. 2000. The period of prayer would begin at 6 p.m. Friday and end at 6 p.m. Saturday.

"From time zone to time zone, it could become a chain of prayer and fasting encircling the earth," the statement said.

The missions leaders also made tentative plans for a consultation early next year in which experts will explore the kinds of research information available about the unevangelized people of the world and whether a common data base could be set up that all could share.

At a press conference concluding the interdenominational Global Missions Conference, several leaders said one of the most valuable benefits of the meeting was "just getting to know each other." Jerry White, general director of the Navigators, said this means that if conflicts or needs arise, the leaders can pick up the phone and talk to someone they already know.

R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said he is convinced global evangelization is an attainable goal if Christians commit themselves to all that is necessary to carry out Jesus' Great Commission to take the gospel to all people.

"We're not just talking about something. We really believe it can happen and should happen in our day," he said.

William R. Bright, founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ, agreed. "We have the technology and the money," he said, "but the main stumbling block is the lack of prayerful dedication on the part of Christians."

### Graham Delays China Trip

MINNEAPOLIS (BP)—Evangelist Billy Graham will take his doctors' advice and rest for three months while his broken rib mends.

Graham fractured the rib and re-injured several others Sept. 5 when he tripped over a briefcase in his Tokyo hotel room. He was

forced to cancel his first trip to the People's Republic of China and spent 10 days as an outpatient at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Graham had just completed a six-day crusade in Helsinki, Finland, when the accident occurred. He was in Japan for a brief rest and to prepare for the crusade in China, where his wife, Ruth, was born and raised by American missionaries.

Graham hopes to reschedule the China crusade next spring, Ross said. No other crusades needed to be cancelled or postponed because of the injury, he added.

### Aid Sent To Flood Victims

by Erich Bridges  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

DHAKA, Bangladesh (BP)—The worst flooding in 40 years has submerged much of Bangladesh, and Southern Baptist missionaries want to build or repair as many as 1,500 houses for victims left homeless by the disaster.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board released nearly \$381,000 in hunger and general relief funds for the project Oct. 2. Another \$250,000 likely will be sent in upcoming months.

Most of the money will pay for construction and repair materials for the houses and a food-for-work arrangement that will feed hungry and homeless flood victims while they build homes for their families. The Bangladesh missionaries estimate 500 houses can be built at about \$500 each and another 500 repaired with the funds already released.

The relief also will provide for food, seed, livestock vaccines, fertilizer, school and road repairs, and 30 tube wells in areas where flooding has destroyed clean water sources.

Fifty-one of more than 60 districts in the nation had been declared disaster areas. Hundreds of thousands of people are living in the open on roadsides and high ground in badly flooded areas.

Record rainfall and heavy runoff from melting snow in the Himalayas touched off the floods beginning in late July. Since then, the government estimates more than 1,200 people have died from drowning or disease. Opposition leaders claim thousands more have died from hunger.

Government officials told the Associated Press more than 27 million people have been affected by the floods. They estimate more than 1 million homes have been destroyed or washed away and another 1.3 million damaged. Damage to crops, homes, livestock and roads is estimated at \$1.3 billion.

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