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'A Golden Opportunity'

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IT'S UPLIFTING

Worshipping With The Masai

Baptists in Kenya have targeted the Masai tribe for evangelism and the Masai are responding to their love and caring.

Southern Baptist missionaries Vance and Cherry Kirkpatrick recently worshipped with two different Masai churches.

One week they visited the group at 01 Gichagi. The house of worship was an old building of corrugated tin with a round roof. The Masai call it a water tank. Several months prior to the Kirkpatricks' visit, between 30 and 40 people were baptized. That Sunday a teen-age boy and girl were baptized in a cattle watering trough. There

was no other water in the area. "If you could drink dust, you would get along just fine," the Kirkpatricks say.

Another Masai church meets under a huge spreading tree. All of the worshippers were dressed in the colorful traditional Masai clothing and were singing and praising God when the Kirkpatricks arrived. Missionary Becky Cady led a group of missionary children in presenting a puppet musical. The puppets were black and dressed like the Masai. The worshippers were delighted with the presentation.

Although the Masai have been unreached by the gospel in the past, they now desire discipleship training.

GOOD NEWS!

Let Us Hear What God Has To Say

Habakkuk 2:1-2

We need a place to meditate and hear what God would say to us (v.1). It has been said, "We must come apart or we will fall apart" (v. 2).

We need to pass on to others the messages God gives us.

Our presentation of God's message should be concise, attractive, and attention getting. Let it be like an advertisement for the freeway so "that anyone can read it at a glance and rush to tell the others" (v.2, TLB).

Perhaps our problem is that we are not sure we have received a vision from the Lord. If we take our relationship to God for granted and allow it to become stale and lifeless, we will have no sense of excitement in sharing his message.

A pastor once talked with a member in the church about the need to share his faith. The layman confessed he was out of fellowship with God. "Who wants to share my misery?" he asked.

The Basis of All Hope Is Faith

Habakkuk 2:4

"The just shall live by faith." This famous statement is found three times in the New Testament (Ro. 1:17, Ga. 3:11, He. 10:38). It is also the statement which gripped Martin Luther and led him to question many of the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church in his day. It became the

battle cry of the Reformation.

The faith mentioned here is a faith which stands against the tendency to trust one's own strength and ability.

How relevant a message for our day! There has been a growing acceptance of modern philosophies and psychologies which make man an end in himself. We are encouraged to seek self-actualizing experiences. Habakkuk challenged us to live by faith in God, not in ourselves.

There Is Hope For Revival

Habakkuk 3:2

Another familiar saying of the prophet was his prayer, "Revive thy work in the midst of the years" (3:2). This can lead to optimism and hope (3:17-18).

It has been said, "Man's extremities are God's opportunities." About the time one feels all is lost, there comes a word from God.

A young man came of my office to tell me that he had turned his life over to God. A life of alcoholism, immorality, and rootlessness led to his hospitalization for two weeks. He said: "After three nights of no sleep and no appetite, I knelt by my hospital bed and told God that I had reached the end of my road. I felt my situation was desperate. That night, I slept like a baby. Now I feel God has begun to change my life."

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Be Grateful To God

J. EVERETT SNEED

Every day should be Thanksgiving Day. One of the keys to happiness is to be grateful for the good things that come in to life. Those who are thankful for what they have live a happier life than those who are ungrateful.

A survey of 10,000 people, which was made by Columbia University, revealed that a person's happiness in regard to the influence of money and education has to do with one's original expectations. If a person thought he would earn a lot of money because of advanced degrees, he may not be happy. Often, individuals reason, "This is just what I expected, and I deserve it." The happiest people are those who have received more than they expected.

Thankfulness does not depend so much on what we have but on our attitude toward what we have. If it depended on what we have, those who have the most would be the happiest. Thankfulness, then, is not so much a question of whether or not we have a lot but on our innermost attitude. There are several negative attitudes that can prevent one from being thankful and thus from being happy.

One of the basic reasons some are ungrateful is because they simply take life and its blessings for granted. An old song says, "You don't miss the water 'til the well runs dry." Often, we do not miss the things we have until they are gone. It is tragic indeed that we fail to take time to note the numerous blessings God has given us.

A second reason why people often are ungrateful for the things they have is because of pride and conceit. At times one may believe the things he has are the direct result of his own doing. When an individual prospers he may say, "I'm doing well simply because I'm smarter than everyone else." When one stands out for an honor, he may surmise it is because he is more intelligent than everyone else. Conceit and pride can lead to discontent with the things an individual possesses.

Another negative which produces ingratitude is brooding over the bad that happens. Some people will allow one bad thing to dominate their lives for years. When this occurs, it will keep them from enjoying life and being thankful.

It is easy for a person to focus on one bad thing and exclude dozens of good, positive events that have occurred in his life. Some have allowed the difficulties they



experienced in growing up to destroy their lives. Others have had to work hard to provide the bare necessities of life, and they become bitter because they have never had enough money to enjoy life. But such misfortunes are not a reason for an individual to miss the blessings of a steady job and good friends.

Certainly bad things will happen to everyone. That doesn't mean that we should overlook the good things that come into our lives. Our outlook in life affects our sense of gratitude. We should realize that, as we face the sun, the shadows will fall behind us. But, if we keep our back to the sun, the shadows will always be in front of us. It is imperative that we focus on the good, and, when we do this, we will find plenty to be thankful for.

Another attitude that can destroy

thankfulness and joy is feeding on envy and jealousy. Sometimes people look at the good things that happen to others to the extent that they overlook the blessings that come into their own lives.

The destructive effect of envy and jealousy is clearly stated in the Scriptures. For example the writer of Proverbs asks, "... who is able to stand before envy?" (Pr. 27:4). Again the apostle Paul declared, "Envy, murder, drunkenness, reviling, and such like: of which I tell you before, as I have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Ga. 5:21).

The most important question is, "How can one maintain thankfulness and happiness?" First, it is imperative an individual focus on the blessings that come into his life. The old song instructs us to "count our blessings, one by one." Everyone has blessings to count. When we look around, we will discover the numerous ways that we are blessed.

Second, we should recognize that our blessings come directly from God. James, the half-brother of our Lord, instructed us to recognize, "every good gift and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..." (Ja. 1:17). Thanking God for one's blessings will contribute to his mental and emotional well-being. It will bring peace into the heart and magnify the possessions that have been entrusted into one's care.

Finally, an individual should recognize that he is but a steward of his possessions. In reality no one owns anything. God in his benevolence entrusts certain possessions into our care. We are to take the things God has given to us and use those to enrich our lives and the lives of others.

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Crucial Issues

In his book, *The World and The West*, the distinguished British historian

Arnold Toynbee pointed out that nothing in the modern world has had and is having so profound an impact on modern society in all its aspects as modern science and technology. No facet of life today escapes, whether it be religion, philosophy, politics, medical science, to name a few examples.

New discoveries in various fields of natural science and their technological application since World War II are occurring at such rapid pace that society is hard put to cope with them. Advances in the area of biology, especially genetics, are creating an increasing number of bio-ethical problems which must be faced by the individual and society. They cannot be ignored. Cloning, in vitro fertilization of the human ova, hybridization of cells from different organisms, genetic engineering, use of growth substances, life-prolonging techniques in medicine, all are demanding that attention be given to the question

whether any of these should or should not be employed.

There are two value systems from which the answers to these problems can be derived: Christianity or secular philosophy. One or more of these difficult issues will probably touch every individual and every family in America within the next decade. It is imperative that public policy and the individual's personal response to these issues be examined and evaluated from a biblical viewpoint. It has already become abundantly clear from the public policy on abortion that decisions predicated upon secular philosophy will not uphold the dignity of the individual or the sanctity of human life.

Arkansas Baptists can be pleased that they have two institutions impacting upon higher education in Arkansas and shaping the thinking of their students with the biblical truth that man is created in the image of God and that his handwork must not be disrespected or casually tossed aside and sacrificed to expediency.

Considering the implications of these and other crucial moral issues confronting our youth, more and more Baptist parents may wish to encourage their sons and daughters to attend a Baptist college where these matters are handled on the basis of scriptural principles.

Albert Robinson Jr. is administrative assistant and professor of botany at Southern Baptist College.

DON MOORE

You'll Be Glad To Know



I just must tell you! Stressful times give rise to new and creative experiences if faced with faith in the Lord. Centennial Association, made up of 13 churches in Arkansas County, has faced such times. Being almost totally an agricultural economy, one can imagine the discouragement faced by both pastors and people during the past few years. Too small to afford a director of missions, this little band of people has tried to carry on as best it could. Volunteers have carried the full load of responsibility. For the first time in its more than 40 year history, a layman is serving as moderator.

Praying, searching, and hoping for a brighter day, they scheduled a week of revival services for the association. Three nights in the DeWitt High School Auditorium and three nights in the National Guard Armory at Stuttgart were scheduled, with two day services in each of the two cities at their First Baptist Church.

It was my joy to be the preacher for the crusade, which was entitled "Celebration of Hope." The services were intentionally and unapologetically for the purpose of renewing and instilling hope in the hearts of discouraged believers. What a blessing to see all of the pastors and churches working together! The "joy of the Lord" really did return to our hearts service after service. He knew our need and met us there, and hope was reborn.

I am so thankful to God and so proud of our brothers and sisters over there for the vision, faith, courage, and flexibility they had in trying something new they thought was from God. It was! May others of us be open to God's special leadership that will be his answer for our churches in these troubled times.

I am also proud of the people in our Danville churches. Conflicts in the past resulted in there being two churches in Danville. Their differences were recently reconciled and now they are one in the same church membership. Such events only come from God's grace at work in many people's lives. Praise the Lord!

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



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Use of Bi-Vocational Volunteers

DALE HOLLOWAY

One of the great needs of small churches is trained staff. The church faces a real dilemma. There certainly is not enough budget to pay full-time staff people to serve. Without trained individuals to assist, the church growth becomes difficult and sometimes impossible. Often the church struggles to stay alive, and sometimes, without the help of trained individuals, the church will die. The answer lies in obtaining trained staff people who will serve as bi-vocational volunteers.

There are a number of advantages in the use of bi-vocational multi-staff volunteers. First, the bi-vocational volunteer provides strength and encouragement for the pastor of a small struggling situation. One pastor in Wisconsin had started his work with six families, and four of them had moved away. In spite of the 4,000 visits that he had made, his work was declining. A bi-vocational volunteer assisted him in obtaining new insight and encouraged him to continue his work.

Second, a bi-vocational staff volunteer brings his family, his time and his talents. The pastor and the bi-vocational staff member strengthen each other, and together they are able to enhance the leadership of the congregation.

Finally, when the new congregation establishes a mission the volunteer is already on the scene and can become the pastor of the new mission. The bi-vocational volunteer can then enlist other bi-vocational volunteers to assist him with the new congregation.

There are difficulties in the bi-vocational multi-staff concept. First of all, who will encourage the pastor of a small church to branch out and enlist bi-vocational multi-staff volunteers? Equally important is the question of who will synthesize volunteers to the challenge of becoming a bi-vocational staff member in a small church or new work area? Usually, the individual from the established state convention who goes to college and seminary to obtain training envisions himself as a staff member in a church which can provide full support.

Questions arise as to who will locate secular work for the bi-vocational

volunteer? Should the pastor or congregation of the small church set up job interviews for the bi-vocational volunteer? Should the pastor of the small church be responsible for assisting the volunteer in finding housing? All of these questions and others will have to be worked out as the small church and the bi-vocational volunteer join together to serve the Lord.

Perhaps the most important question for most small churches is, "Where can they obtain bi-vocational volunteers?" The obvious answer to this question is in Baptist colleges, Bible schools, and seminaries. With the increase of individuals whom the Lord has led to surrender to ministry and to attend our colleges and seminaries, there is an increasing number of individuals who are seeking places of service. Many of these are well trained but limited in experience. Small churches can provide them opportunity for service that will enhance their ministry in later years.

Obviously individuals can serve as bi-vocational volunteers while earning a living through secular employment. The needs of the church must be carefully coordinated with the needs of the secular employer. By careful selection of a secular job, problems can be minimized.

It is essential that a bi-vocational multi-staff volunteer receive proper orientation for service. There are many who can assist with this orientation. Among those would be experienced pastors, directors of associational missions, in-service guidance directors, state staff personnel and seminary professors. With proper orientation and guidance, the bi-vocational volunteer multi-staff persons can be of tremendous assistance to churches.

Let me encourage small churches to explore the resources of using volunteers as staff personnel. Such relationships can prove invaluable both to the volunteer and to the local church. In short, the work of the Lord will be enhanced through such relationships.

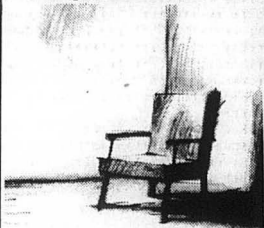
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Arkansas All Over

MILLIE GILL

People

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Hill of Little Rock celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 6 with a reception at Immanuel Church in Little Rock. Hosting the event were their daughters, Mrs. Richard White of Little Rock and Mrs. E.C. McKenney of Houston, Texas; their five grandchildren; and their one great-granddaughter. The Hill's were married in Tuckerman Sept. 3, 1937. He has pastored churches in Louisiana, Kentucky, and Arkansas, as well as serving for 10 years in the Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. His ministry covers a span of 50 years. Mrs. Hill has served in Woman's Missionary Union, as a Sunday School teacher, and as a church pianist.



Mitchum W. Tapson began serving Sept. 6 as pastor of Mount Carmel Church, Cabot, coming there from Irving, Texas, where he has been serving as pastor of Hilltop Drive Church. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Tapson, a native of Little Rock, is married to the former Linda Wallace of Pine Bluff, who has been teaching music at First Baptist Academy in Dallas. They have three daughters, Leslie, 13, Julie, nine, and Emily, eight.

Billy Ray Usery observed his 20th anniversary of service as pastor of First Church, Clarksville, July 26. The church celebrated the occasion with a special morning service which featured John Gilbert of Cincinnati, Ohio, as guest speaker; a 3-5 p.m. reception at Seay Student Center at the University of the Ozarks honoring Usery and his wife, Gwen; and an evening service of testimonials, skits, music, and events depicting Usery's 20 years of service.

Steve Harrelson has resigned as pastor of North Point Church, Roland, effective Sept. 27.

Danny Miller is serving as pastor of Gunsey Church, Hope, coming there from Reader.



Tapson

Tom Deere has resigned as pastor of Fairdale Church, Hot Springs.

Dave Burt has resigned as minister of education and youth at First Church, Gravel Ridge, to join the staff of Sudbury First Church near Boston, Mass.

Terrell Harrison III has been accepted for pre-doctoral studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Harrison is the former pastor of Morrilton First Church. He and his wife, Dixie, will be living on campus in seminary housing. She has accepted a position as full-time secretary to the director of admissions and registration.

Will Thompson recently observed his fifth year of service as minister of music at First Church, Hope. The church honored he and his wife, Janie, and their children, Sarah and Will, with a reception and presented them with a gift.

Larry Barecky resigned Aug. 16 as pastor of Calvary Church, Huntsville.



Usery

assume responsibility for the project's operating budget and is challenging seven to 10 families to help form the core leadership for the new congregation.

Natural Steps Church at Roland will celebrate its 74th homecoming Sept. 13. Wallace W. Scott will be speaker, and music will be provided by the Gospel Ambassadors of Casa. A potluck lunch will be served at noon. Ernest Whitten is pastor.

Crystal Hill Church in Little Rock has launched "Project 90" which will include the installation of new carpet, accommodations for the handicapped, the purchase of a 16-passenger van, paving of the parking lot, and a covered drive through entrance. Project costs are estimated at \$54,500, and plans are made for these improvements to be completed by 1990, according to Pastor Sid Carswell.

Centennial Association recently sponsored a Christian Hope Crusade. The crusade was planned especially to encourage those experiencing needs during the area's economic crunch, according to Jerre Hassell, pastor of Stuttgart First Church and association evangelism committee chairman. Don Moore, executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was speaker. Music was directed by Don Knoll of Campbell, Calif., a former resident of Almyra and a recent Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary graduate. Hassell reported a record attendance of 428 for Sunday evening services and an average attendance of 352 for the other five services.

Portland and Montrose Mount Pleasant Churches jointly sponsored a Youth Encounter Aug. 16-21 that recorded an enrollment of 55 and an average attendance of 41.

Caddo Valley Church at Arkadelphia will be in revival Sept. 20-23, according to Pastor Danny W. Rogers. John D. Wilson, past president of Baptist Churches of South Africa, will be speaker.

Lexington Church ordained George Saffle, Cecil Bane, and Bill Brown, to the deacon ministry July 26. Participating in the service were Gary Kirkendall, Doug Stewart, R.A. Bone, Thomas Simmons, John Evans, Danny Brown, and Al Alters.

Brinkley First Church youth led services Aug. 30 at Friendship Church, Marianna. Kenny Vaughan was speaker.

Briefly

North Point Church at Roland will celebrate homecoming Sept. 20, according to Pastor Steve Harrelson.

Russellville First Church has created a new Sunday School department for younger single adults as a result of growth in that division.

Little Rock Calvary Church voted Aug. 19 to accept primary sponsorship for a mission project on Highway 10. In so doing, the church accepted responsibility for \$40,000 of the \$155,000 indebtedness against the property. The church also will

Centennial!

The Ouachita Church south of Sparkman celebrated 100 years of ministry with an all-day program Aug. 23.

Pastor Dennis Tyner opened the celebration by reading a letter of congratulations sent to the congregation by U.S. President Ronald Reagan. The day was filled with special music, reminiscences by past and present church members, and comments from former pastors.

Former Pastor Loyd Hunnicutt of Magnolia read the names of persons he had baptized during his tenure in the mid-1930s. He recalled one summer revival meeting in particular in which 45 persons made professions of faith.

Former Pastor John Floyd, a former missionary to the Philippines and now a vice-

president at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, Tenn., also spoke to the congregation, as did John Graves of Bearden and Aaron Posey, a former interim pastor residing in Sparkman. Jack Bledsoe, director of missions for Carey Association, delivered a word of congratulations and appreciation to the congregation.

The morning worship service was followed by a potluck dinner on the grounds and an afternoon program.

The Ouachita Church was founded in 1887 on land donated by Joseph Crownover. F.W. Earle was pastor. The congregation's present facility is the church's third building and was completed in 1973 under the leadership of Pastor Cecil Launius.

ABN photos / Mark Kelly



The bell tolled 100 times.



Pastor Dennis Tyner greets members and guests.



Dinner on the grounds followed the morning service.

Arkansans Appointed

Three couples with Arkansas connections were among the 68 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Aug. 12 at Gloriaeta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

David and Joy Borgana will live in Austria, where he will pastor an English language church.

Borgana is pastor of First Church, Grady, and has served as a volunteer prison chaplain for three years. He is a graduate of Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Borgana, the former Joy Edwards, is a native of Cullompton, England. She is a graduate of Cambridge (England) University and Southwestern Seminary. The Borganas have two children, Hope



Borgana



Pearce



Smith

of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas; and Southwestern Seminary.

Born in Fortuna, Calif., Mrs. Pearce, the former Libby Tullios, also considers Monticello her hometown. She has been a crisis worker at the Arkansas Baptist Children's Home in Monticello.

G. Tucker and Sandra Smith will live in Kenya, where he will be teaching high school.

Born in Morrilton, he attends Southwestern Seminary. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University, College Station, and the University of Houston.

A native Texan, Mrs. Smith, the former Sandra Fifer, is a graduate of Texas A&M University. The Smiths have three children, Alicia Nicole, Jamie Virginia, and Megan Jean.

All the missionaries and their families will go to Rockville, Va., in January for a seven-week orientation before leaving for the field.

Esther and Grace Irene.

W. Dirk and Libby Pearce will live in Senegal, where he will be starting and developing churches.

He is a caseworker and counselor with the Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services at the Arkansas Baptist Children's Home in Monticello. They are members of Second Church, Monticello.

Pearce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Boyd Pearce, Southern Baptist missionaries in Tanzania. He considers Monticello his hometown. He is a graduate

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS

Beyond Our Doorstep

"Beyond Our Doorstep," the theme of the 1987 Dixie Jackson State Missions Offering, calls attention to the fact that most of the opportunities for missions outreach are not inside the local church buildings. Not many churches have an abundance of lost and hurting people attending their regular services. To reach them with the good news of God's love and concern we must "take it to them."

The Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is also a part of that group taking the gospel to needy people. We serve as motivators, trainers, and catalysts to assist others in doing this outreach job more effectively.

We have literally thousands of new people moving into our state each year. Many of them are ethnics who know very little about Jesus. Others may have been here for years but still have not responded to the message that God is concerned about them.

The Missions Department is committed to helping churches and individual church members make an aggressive and appropriate response to the mission needs across the state.

We are available and anxious to share the state missions story with churches and associations when called. We are deeply indebted to the state WMU office and staff, along with those who write the materials, for their support. The financial support we receive from the Baptists of Arkansas has a direct bearing on what we are able to do. The offering will provide 40 percent of our department budget this year.

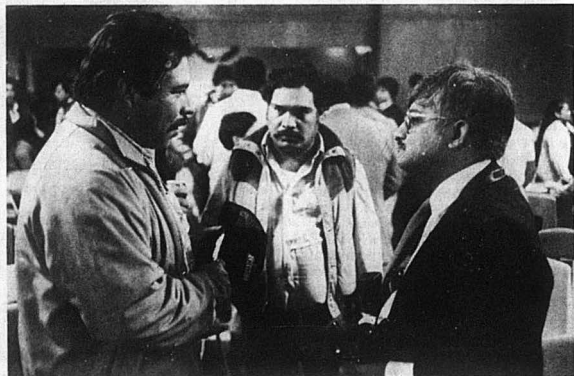
Can we count on you to let the Lord move you and your church "beyond your doorstep" to share his love with the lost and needy of Arkansas?—Conway Sawyers, director, ABSC Mission Dept.



(Left) Summer missionary pitches in at the Hope Migrant Center.

(Below) Ariel Hernandez counsels two men after a service at the Hermitage Migrant Center.

(Right) Christmas gifts brighten a holiday season for children at Hermitage.



(Right) North Arkansas Association Baptist Men in Evansville, Ind.

(Below) El Dorado First Church young people in Merrillville, Ind.



'Beyond Our Doorstep' Last Year . .

- ... Four associations were given temporary budget supplements.
- ... A new ministry to Hispanics was begun in the Little Rock area.
- ... The purchase of 10 new mission sites was partially funded.
- ... Partial funding was provided for three chaplains to serve in the Job Corps Centers.
- ... 299 professions of faith were made in the Migrant Centers at Hope and Hermitage.
- ... 21 Student Summer Missionaries served in Arkansas.
- ... 20 new church starts have occurred.

Dixie Jackson Offering
Goal: \$450,000

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Visiting in the shops.



Training in construction crafts.

'A Golden Opportunity'

With 150 professions of faith registered during the past year, the Cass Job Corps Center chaplaincy becomes a model for the nation.

by Mark Kelly

Managing Editor, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

It's been nothing short of astonishing. How else could Ron Clark describe the fact that he has witnessed more than 150 professions of faith during his first year as part-time chaplain at the Cass Job Corps Center?

The center, a neat cluster of buildings tucked away in the Ozark foothills on Highway 23, serves 224 young men, ages 16 to 21, from economic-ly disadvantaged backgrounds. Operated by the U.S. Forest Service, the Job Corps program consists of 107 centers nationwide providing G.E.D. education, vocational training in construction crafts, and assistance in developing social attitudes and skills.

The "corpsmembers" primarily come to the Cass center from Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas, according to Robert M. Hightower, director. The center tries to help them overcome the limitations of low educational attainment and inadequate job training and seeks to foster in them the social skills required to function in society and hold a job.

Clark, an Oklahoma native who committed himself to professional ministry at age 31, serves the center as a part-time chaplain, in addition to pastoring the nearby Cass Mission and earning his living as a salesman.

His ministry program, which is supported in part by Arkansas Baptists through their contributions to the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions, seeks to reach corpsmembers at several levels.

Peer counseling is "one of the most suc-

cessful things we have done," says Clark. Working with the young men in groups of eight to 10, Clark shows them the ropes in filling out job applications and going for interviews, home budgeting and "survival" skills, and stress release and relaxation. A certificate of completion gives the corpsmember a sense of accomplishment.

Clark also works with corpsmembers on an individual basis, counseling them about spiritual and personal concerns and guiding them through the challenges of job placement. The center placed 82 percent of its graduates in jobs last year.

A busy schedule of activities provides another dimension to Clark's chaplaincy ministry. He finds the young men eager to participate in intramural volleyball and softball, and Mulberry First Church, the ministry's sponsoring congregation, hosts regular activities like an Aug. 23 picnic at Baptist Vista, the Clear Creek Association camp.

Those local church activities are where the young men are meeting Christ. Clark says they will have three to 15 professions of faith every time they present the gospel to a group. At the Baptist Vista picnic, 26 corpsmembers made professions of faith. Many of those who come to Christ are incorporated into local churches (120 have been baptized in the past year). Clark works with some of them in a basic discipleship group he leads.

"The results of the Lord's work here at Cass have been astonishing, to say the very least," Clark says. "We're very happy, very pleased with the evangelistic results!"

Director Hightower shares Clark's en-

thusiasm for the chaplaincy ministry. "So many of these young men have never had anyone to just sit down and talk to them, or even just listen to them," he says. "Ron is very wrapped up in these kids. He believes in them.

"Ron's activities build interpersonal relationships that these kids need so much. He gives them someone to relate to, someone to listen, someone to guide or counsel, even someone to give them a good swift kick."

Hightower recalls one young man Clark reached when no one else could. A constant discipline problem, the corpsmember had been transferred from dorm to dorm, until virtually none of the counselors were willing to take him. On the verge of being dismissed from the program, almost everyone had given up on him, but Clark befriended the young man and, three months later, he was still in the program and making progress.

Clark remembers another youngster: Chris McDowell.

Clark saw McDowell's potential during his peer counseling sessions, and he asked the young man to work as a chaplain's assistant. Over the course of the next several months, McDowell fairly blossomed into leadership roles and this summer was selected as one of six Job Corps students nationwide to participate in an exchange with a similar program in Scotland.

The overall success of Clark's chaplaincy ministry and the obvious openness of corpsmembers to the gospel prompted the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to select the Cass chaplaincy program as a

model for developing similar programs nationwide in 104 other centers. Arkansas Baptists' ministries at Cass and the two other centers in Arkansas—at Little Rock and Hot Springs—seem to be the only such programs in the nation.

Clark's eyes brighten as he talks about the prospects for Job Corps chaplaincies across the nation.

"We're talking 44,000 young people, boys and girls, ages 16 to 21, in 107 centers," he remarks breathlessly. "If we have 100 baptisms here in a year, multiply that by 100 and you're talking about 10,000 souls won to

Christ each year. That would bring us so much closer to achieving our Bold Mission Thrust goals."

"There is a great potential for evangelism

and discipleship in the Job Corps Centers," adds Leroy Sisk, director of chaplaincy for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The

Job Corps students are at the right age and in circumstances that make them very open to the claims of Christ. Most of them have little or no prior exposure to the gospel.

"The Cass chaplaincy ministry is the product of some of the best cooperation I have ever seen in my life," explains Clark. "The state convention and the association have worked together so very well, and the churches at Mulberry, Ozark, and Branch

have played an important part in ministering to these young men."

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Chaplain Clark (right) with Director Hightower.

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Correction

In the "Arkansas All Over" feature on page eight, the Sept. 3 *Arkansas Baptist* should have reported that Elbert Warren is serving as pastor of Royal Oaks Mission in Sherwood.

Bookshelf

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AT PAC MEETING

Funding Dispute Erupts

by Dan Martin and Mark Kelly
Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP)—A dispute over who will control the funding of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs highlighted the first meeting of the newly reconstituted Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee.

The committee, during its first meeting Aug. 20-21, voted to ask the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee to provide a written clarification as to whether the \$448,400 allocated for the BJCPA in the 1987-88 SBC Cooperative Program allocation budget is to go directly to the Baptist Joint Committee or is to be channeled through the 18-member PAC.

"The question is whether the \$448,000 appropriation goes to the Baptist Joint Committee or comes to us for some say-so," said Chairman Samuel T. Currin of Raleigh, N.C.

Currin, who has been U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, but who soon will become a state superior court judge, said he believes the revisions in Bylaw 18, adopted at the 1987 annual meeting of the SBC, created a Public Affairs Committee to "operate separately, but also as part of the Baptist Joint Committee."

Historically, the Public Affairs Committee — one of three SBC standing committees — has been a conduit through which the SBC names members and provides funding for the Washington-based BJCPA, a

religious liberty coalition of nine Baptist groups in the United States and Canada.

The chairman, who told the committee he was in Israel during the 1987 annual meeting of the SBC, also said, "I believe messengers at the convention thought they were funding the Public Affairs Committee and not the Baptist Joint Committee."

Messengers to the 1987 annual meeting in St. Louis adopted a revision of Bylaw 18, which governs the Public Affairs Committee. The revision revamped representation on the committee and encouraged the PAC to continue to function in relationship with the Baptist Joint Committee, while suggesting it operate separately, as well.

Confusion about the implications of the revision apparently centers on the action which instructs the Public Affairs Committee to function "separately" from the BJCPA and the listing in the Cooperative Program allocation budget for the Public Affairs Committee as the recipient of the \$448,400 allocation rather than the BJCPA.

Gary F. Young, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Phoenix, Ariz., who was chairman of a special nine-member fact-finding committee of the Executive Committee which proposed the bylaw change, briefed committee members about the work of the special committee.

Young said the fact-finding committee did not recommend or intend to recommend that funding go to the PAC. "Plac-

ing the funding directly in the hands of this committee would ruin the 'jointness' of the Baptist Joint Committee. Our report to the SBC concluded that there is enough strength in jointness that we should try to make it work. Coalition is essential to effectiveness, and it would ruin the 'jointness' if we had recommended that this committee control the funds," he said.

Despite Young's interpretation, committee members were divided over how the funds should be handled, and members returned to the issue several times during the two-day meeting.

Harold C. Bennett, president-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee and treasurer of the SBC, briefed the committee on its status according to the bylaws and the business and financial plan of the convention.

"This committee is a standing committee, and standing committees do not have program money or program assignments," he said, adding, "You have the authority to meet once a year and, if additional meetings are desired, a request must be made to the Executive Committee."

Bennett said the PAC is funded through an item in the Executive Committee budget and added that the committee has no funds of its own. "If you take action that requires funds, there are no funds for this year or next year," he said. He added he did not interpret the SBC annual meeting action as funding the PAC rather than the BJCPA.

The committee, during its Thursday ses-

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PAC Meeting

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sion, agreed to report to the Executive Committee that it was divided over the intent of the bylaw change. However, during the Friday afternoon session, the PAC voted that "this committee express its strong sentiment to the Executive Committee that we believe funding for the Baptist Joint Committee on Oct. 1, 1987, should be funneled through this committee." The motion indicated the BJCPA should be funded "with the approval of this committee." The action was adopted by an 8-2 vote.

In the discussion Richard Land, special assistant to the governor of Texas, specified the effort to channel the money through the PAC was not a "back door" attempt to defund the BJCPA, and said the amount going on to the Washington organization "would not necessarily be changed in amount."

Land also requested that the Executive Committee provide "written notification" of "all procedures necessary to make budget adjustments at the earliest possible opportunity," should the committee decide the PAC would not be given control over the funds.

The PAC also considered five resolutions during its two-day meeting.

By a 7 to 5 vote, the committee adopted a resolution commending President Reagan's nomination of Robert H. Bork for the U.S. Supreme Court and "strongly urged" the Senate Judiciary Committee and the full Senate to confirm the nomination.

The Public Affairs Committee also adopted resolutions supporting the Danforth "abortion-neutral" Amendment to the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and opposing BJCPA "association" with People for the American Way.

Two other resolutions—one supporting a prayer amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the other opposing "humanistic" influences in public school textbooks—were postponed until the PAC's next meeting.

Regarding their next meeting, the PAC requested that the SBC Executive Committee provide funds for two extra meetings of the committee, one in October and the other early in 1988.

As a standing committee, the PAC is authorized under SBC bylaws to hold one meeting per year, with requests for additional meetings channeled through the Executive Committee.

The request specifies the committee wishes to meet in conjunction with the annual meeting of the BJCPA, scheduled Oct. 5-6, in Washington, D.C., and to hold an additional meeting to formulate its report for the SBC Book of Reports in January or early February.

Prior to adjournment, the committee voted to meet Oct. 4, prior to the BJCPA annual meeting. If an additional meeting is approved by the Executive Committee, the PAC also will convene following the BJCPA meeting.

(Coverage of the PAC meeting was written by Dan Martin, news editor of Baptist Press, with assistance from Mark Kelly, managing editor of the Arkansas Baptist News-magazine, who attended the meeting as a representative of the Southern Baptist Press Association.)

BSSB Trustees To OK Editors

by Linda Lawson and Dan Martin
Baptist Press

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board reserved the right to approve consulting editors for a new conservative multi-volume Bible commentary.

As the first of six consulting editors to work on the commentary to be written by inerrantists—authorized in February 1987 meeting—trustees named Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College in Dallas.

In other matters, trustees opted to stay with two full board meetings per year and adopted a 1987-88 budget of \$164.8 million, an increase of approximately \$9 million over projected 1986-87 income of \$155.6 million.

Trustees overwhelmingly approved a recommendation to elevate the Sunday school department to division status with Harry Piland, director of the department, becoming division director.

Trustees also voted to "assure the Southern Baptist Convention that we will operate the Baptist Sunday School Board in compliance with the spirit and the letter of the Peace Committee report. . . ." The board has been using the Baptist Faith and Message as a primary doctrinal guideline since 1969. Employees also have signed a statement of agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message since 1969.

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Responsible For Others

by Gene Crawley, First Church, Newport

Basic passage: Genesis 4-5

Focal passage: Genesis 4:3-16

Central truth: One mark of a true believer is concern for others.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" is a question asked in rebellion and defiance, yet a question that deserves an answer. By asking this question Cain indicated that Abel was responsible for himself, thus freeing Cain of any responsibility or accountability for his brother. Scripture is clear that a man is responsible for his own life (Ez. 18:4, Mt. 12:36, Jn. 3:18, Ro. 14:12, Ga. 6:5).

Even though Scripture teaches that men are responsible for their own lives, it teaches just as clearly that Christians are also responsible for others. The answer to the question is "Yes, you are your brother's keeper." Areas in which Scripture is specific that Christians are accountable to God for others' lives are: (1) in our Christian witness (Mt. 18:19, Ez. 33:8), (2) in the helping of the less fortunate (Ja. 2:15-16), (3) in our love for one another (1 Jn. 4:11-12, 17), and (4) in the area of bearing one another's burdens (Ga. 6:2).

When one's heart is right towards God, concern for others will follow. Cain's heart was rebellious toward God. It was evidenced by his act of vengeance. Had his heart been right, his attitude would have been one of repentance rather than one of hatred.

The world today has been described as a "dog-eat-dog" society. To a degree one would have to agree with this evaluation. The reason for this is that man has left God out of his daily walk. He does what seems right to him, and the Bible says, "the end thereof are the ways of death" (Pr. 16:25). Death comes for him ultimately, but death to the society in which he lives comes by degrees.

The Christian is motivated by a far different value system than is the unbeliever. The unbeliever must accumulate goods and glory on earth to justify his existence, while a child of God realizes that justification for life is found in pleasing God.

"Cain, where is thy brother?" Could God be asking us that same question? Do you know? Do you care? You are your brother's keeper. One day we will give an account.

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Life and Work

Faithful Servants

by Carl Goodson, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia

Basic passage: 2 Timothy 2:1-23

Focal passage: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Central truth: Ministry is performed by faithful servants as they teach, remain steadfast, and play according to the rules.

Christianity is always one generation away from extinction. That is, unless faithful believers pass on the Word of Christ to the oncoming generation, the world would become a desert, void to caring people after the present generation of ministering saints go home to be with their Lord.

In Paul's last words preserved for us, he uses some of his most familiar metaphors.

His first figure is the class, composed of teacher and students. We are usually inclined to call it a classroom situation, but an enclosed space is not an absolute requirement.

There is a need for faithful teachers. All over our Baptist fellowship at this season nominating committees are seeking to enlist teachers for new and existing Bible classes. Too often the committees are told, "Not me. I'm too busy." Unless a deep understanding of the Bible as God's Word is passed on, the good news will no longer exist in human hearts. Instead, Bibles will collect dust in little-used corners.

Paul's second figure is that of soldiering. The uniformed man is a real soldier only when he takes orders from his superior and carries them out. The uniform is a badge of treason if he consorts with the enemy. But if he daily stands his post or charges the line, pleasing his commanding officer, he is a good soldier. Faithfulness is lacking when Christ's servants are not actively ministering in his name.

The third analogy refers to the striving athlete. Some professional athletes in stadiums and on college fields are defying the basic requirement that they play by the rules. In the game of Christian living, we are false to our calling if we do not observe the rule of love.

The fourth comparison is that of a Christian to a tenant farmer, or steward. He works with the god of harvest to bring in a crop. If he works faithfully he is rewarded with the first fruits. Faithful service by believers is a daily reenactment of our dying with him, living with him, enduring and reaping.

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Bible Book

The Victorious Christ

by Jack Kowk, Indianhead Lake Church, Sherwood

Basic passage: Revelation 19

Focal passage: Revelation 19:7,9,11-17,19-21a

Central truth: Jesus Christ's victorious second coming as king of kings and lord of lords to judge sin, Satan, and evil should elicit worship and faithfulness from the saints of God.

Revelation 19 contains the unveiling of the second coming of Christ. This chapter reveals that the second coming will commence with worship in heaven, and it will conclude with war on earth.

The recipient of worship is identified in verse 10 as being God. Neither man nor angel should be worshipped. God alone is worthy of worship.

Three reasons for worship are given in verses one through nine: the judge of Babylon (1-4), the reign of God (5-6), and the marriage of the Lamb (7-9). God's judgment upon Babylon will manifest his holiness, purity, and righteousness. His reign will manifest his omnipotence and sovereignty. The marriage of the Lamb to his bride, the church, will occasion worship and great celebration. Old Testament and tribulation saints will comprise the guests at the wedding. The preparation of the wedding gown is continuing now in the righteous deeds of righteous saints in individual, local churches of Jesus Christ. Only imputed and imparted righteousness from Jesus Christ can produce righteous deeds. A wedding gown of righteousness will be possible only because those making it up have been made righteous by God through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, the righteous one. These attributes and acts of God will elicit worship from the saints and angels prior to Christ's second coming.

The second coming of Christ will conclude with war on earth. Two groups will emerge from this great war: the victors (11-16) and the vanquished (17-21). Christ will lead his army of victors against the forces of the Antichrist. When the dust settles, the Antichrist system will be in total ruin, its armies slain, and the beast and false prophet cast into the lake of fire. The last war on earth will be won by the armies of the judge of the earth, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ, faithful and true, king of kings, lord of lords, will come again to defeat and judge sin, Satan, and evil.

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Rebels Free Nurse In Mozambique

DALLAS (BP)—Southern Baptist Kindra Bryan was released Aug. 18 by guerillas in Mozambique three months after her abduction May 13.

The Texan was released along with the six other people seized from a rural missionary clinic in the central province of Mozambique. Bryan, 28, was serving as a nurse on a Youth with a Mission team. She is in the custody of the U.S. State Department in Malawi.

Bryan, along with an Australian and five Zimbabweans, including a baby, were released after trudging 300 miles to Mozambique's border with Malawi. For two weeks the group walked 12 hours a day through jungles and rugged land.

Newspaper reports said Bryan's parents, Claude and Mary Jo Free of Bryan, spoke with their daughter Aug. 18 and 19.

"She said she was well and doing okay. She talked like she was exhausted and very weak," Free said.

The 5-foot-2 missionary who weighed about 125 pounds before her abduction lost more than 25 pounds during the three-month ordeal and is being treated for malaria and dysentery, her mother said. In addition she also suffered heat exhaustion two weeks before being released.

The State Department is keeping information confidential on where the hostages were held before the two-week trek, and the Frees have not been told where their daughter is staying in Malawi.

Tentative plans were for the nurse to fly into Houston Wednesday evening, Aug. 26, accompanied by James R. DeLoach, associate pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston, where she is a member.

Missionary Notes

Johnny and Barbara Burnett, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 402 S. Hastings, Irving, TX 75060). He is a native Texan. The former Barbara Evans, she was born in Hazel Valley. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966.

Steve and Sharon Ford, missionaries to Burkina Faso, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 2524 Belair, Magnolia, AR 71753). He is a native of Magnolia, and she is the former Sharon Curtis of Memphis, Tenn. They were appointed by the

Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

Graydon and Betty Hardister, Baptist representatives to Jordan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 418 Cole Dr., Benton, AR 72015). He was born near Reyddell and also lived in Pine Bluff. She is the former Betty Williams of Bauxite. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965.

John and Lorene Heskett, missionary associates to the Dominican Republic, have completed language study in Costa Rica, and arrived on the field (address: Apartado 25006, Correo Hotel El Embajador, Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana). He was born in Helena, and she, the former Lorene Burton, in Poplar Bluff, Mo. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1986.

Ron and Jan Langston, missionaries to Zimbabwe, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 4006 Evandale, Jonesboro, AR 72401). He lived in Etowah, Keiser, and Osceola while growing up. The former Jan Wilmoth, she was born in Jonesboro and considers Etowah her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

Carl and Martha Rees, missionaries to Honduras, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado 868, Tegucigalpa, Honduras). He lived in Jonesboro while growing up. The former Martha French, she grew up in Missouri. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1978.

Jim and Mary Lou Wootton, missionaries to Korea, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 340 N. Highland, Fayetteville, AR 72701). He is a native of Illinois, and she is the former Mary Lou Tegardan, also of Illinois. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970.

Mrs. Mattie L. Folds, mother of **Dennis G. Folds**, missionary to Japan, died Aug. 4 in Alexandria, La. He is a native of Louisiana. His wife, the former Judith Synco, was born in Crossett and lived in Hot Springs while growing up. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1980, they may be addressed at Uehara Plaza 2C, 2-19-18 Yehara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151, Japan.

Coy and Vivian Sample, missionary associates to Nigeria, report a change of address (P.O. Box 79, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria). He was born in El Dorado and both consider Hot Springs their hometown. She is the former Vivian Keith. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1984.

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