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# I must say it 

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

## Bears or bunnies?

A friend of mine who is in trouble more than he is not, confided in me with this statement, "Charlie, I can overcome everything except temptation." When one seriously appraises the great field of human temptation he is impressed by how few things do not relate to temptation.

A very lethal temptation confronting Christians is to be sidetracked from the main mission to a lesser cause. Jesus successfully avoided this mistake by stating flatly, "The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). He saved himself many woes by defining his mission and sticking with it. He never allowed himself to become sidetracked into secondary and nonessential matters. He could have wasted his life on little things and missed his big purpose in life entirely.

Our great and noble fellowship knows well our task is the same as that of Jesus (Luke 19:10). We are too smart to allow Satan the victory of pulling us away from the main thing we are called to do (Matt. 28:19-20).

One of the cardinal qualifications of a good hunting dog is that he will not be sidetracked by lesser game. A Beagle is a good deer dog, but he also has a good nose for rabbits. He loses identity as a deer dog, and sometimes a portion of his hide, when he yields to temptation and follows a hot rabbit trail. His loving master does not seem so loving at that time.

Bear dogs are very expensive, very highly trained, highly expendable, but most necessary to a successful bear hunt. The cold wet nose which picks up a bear scent can also small a deer or a lowly cottontail. With hundreds of dollars invested in dogs and equipment on an important safari, the big-game outfitter takes a dim view of a professional bear dog running a nonprofessional rabbit. It is so much out of character, style and taste for such a big dog to chase such a lowly creature.

This subtle temptation does not confront only a $\$ 1000$ bear dog but it confronts the largest evangelical groups around. We can be sidetracked as have others and go for bunnies instead of bears. No greater peril faces us at this point as Baptists in Arkansas as does the temptation which brought others down, to be sidetracked from our main cause.

Anything less than presenting the whole gospel to the whole world seems out of character for Baptists.

I must say it!

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## Christians should vote

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed

On Nov. 2, our nation will have an opportunity to make many decisions concerning our future. It is the responsibility of every Christian to vote. This is not only our right as citizens of a democratic society, but also our obligation as Christians.

The Bible is clear, the Christian is a citizen of two worlds - the heavenly kingdom and the country in which he lives. Jesus said, "... Render therefore unto Caesar (i.e. the government) the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21).

Since we are citizens of two worlds, we have responsibility in each. Each of us owes a great deal to our government. Our government provides protection against lawless men. It maintains many public services which very few could otherwise afford. Because a Christian is a person of honor, he must be a responsible citizen. Failure to exercise good citizenship, then, is failure in our Christian duty.

In the New Testament times the government was totally authoritarian. The rules was absolute. Under these conditions Paul counselled "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour" (Rom, 13:7). His apostle was very graphically pointing up the Christian's responsibility to be ruled.

Today we live in a democracy which adds a second

## Guest editorial

## One life to give

Two hundred years ago last month on Sunday, Sept. 22, 1776, young, 21-years-old Captain Nathan Hale was hanged.

Billy Graham's Decision magazine (Sept. issue) reports some of the less well known incidents.

Standing in the cart that was to be driven from under him, he spoke those words that everyone knows, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

Nathan grew up in a Christian home where the Bible was read regularly and prayers were expressed at every meal. And Sunday was a day of rest and worship.

He was prepared for college by the local minister and entered Yale at 14

In an address at the age of 16 Nathan said, "May you live long and happy, and at last die satisfied with the pleasures of this world, and go hence to that world where joy shall never cease and pleasures never end" (from Documentary Life of Nathan Hale by George Dudley Seymore, New Haven, Connecticut: The Tuttle, Morehouse \& Taylor Co., 1941).

After preparation Nathan became a firm but pleasant school teacher.

His commitment to the revolution may be seen in his words to a New London town meeting when he said, "Let us march immediately and never lay down our arms until we obtain our independence" (from Documentary Life of Nathan Hale).
dimension to our responsibility. We are obligated not only to conform to our laws, but also we are to be cooperative in the formation of these laws.

One of the tragedies of our age is the failure of Christians to participate in government. It is obvious that non-Christian forces will do their best to dominate our government. Christians can influence our government for right: (1) By becoming personally involved in the legislative process; (2) By exercising their right to vote; and (3) By supporting those people who are Christian candidates.

The discharging of one's Christian responsibility in government requires effort. It is obvious that a legislator must keep abreast of the issues. But it is also important for the Christian voter to be informed. For example, we should know where the candidate stands on the major issues. Will he stand for the right? What about his character? Is he truly a Christian? These and other questions should be answered before going to the polls.

Nov. 2 is election day. We protect our freedom through participation and involvement. If we really want to retain our democracy we will vote. The future of our freedom of worship, freedom of speech, and freedom of press is contingent upon our acceptance of our responsibility. As Christians we have a duty to vote!

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## One layman's opinion

## For Amendment 56 and a fair day's wages

All too often we vote only on personalities and ignore the issues. When the election ballot contains a mixture of both, we have a poor record of nonvoting on the part dealing with constitutional amendments. Preserving democracy depends as much or more on issues as it does on personalities.

One of the issues on the Arkansas ballot next Tuesday, Nov. 2, is Amendment 56 which, if adopted, would help to correct a truly scandalous problem in state and local government.
The salary we pay the Governor of Arkansas ( $\$ 10,000$ per year) is the lowest of all 50 states. The salary we pay our Attorney General $(\$ 6,000)$ and Secretary of State $(\$ 5,000)$ is now below the official nationally defined level of poverty. When Bob Riley was Lieutenant Governor of the State of Arkansas, his constitutional salary of $\$ 2,500$ would have qualified him to receive food stamps if his pride had permitted him to do so. To pay our state and municipal officials so poorly gives us a system that compels them to find other sources of income simply to pay living expenses.
To pay poor salaries to our public officials is not only poor citizenship. I believe it is poor Christianity. The Bible teaches the Christian has an obligation to pay a fair day's wage for a fair day's work. No one can deny that we need more preaching on the obligation to
give a fair day's work at a time when we seem to be emphasizing only worker's rights and not worker's responsibilities. But the responsibility to pay fairly for work done is no less a Christian responsibility.
Arkansas citizens have the unusual opportunity, by voting for Amendment 56 , to correct a long-standing inequity in our pay for certain state and local officials. The Governor's annual salary would become $\$ 35,000$, still far less than business executives are paid for running much smaller enterprises than Arkansas state government, and still less than neighboring state governors are paid. The Attorney General would be paid $\$ 26,500$, still less than most established and successful lawyers earn. The Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, and Land Commissioner would receive $\$ 22,500$. The Lieutenant Governor would receive $\$ 14,000$ and state legislators, \$7,500.

Since the problem arose in the first place because our salaries were frozen in our difficult-to-amend Constitution, it is unfortunate that the new salaries would be re-frozen in the Constitution. However, this is far better than to leave them as they are. In this layman's opinion, Amendment 56 is a step in the direction of fair play (and pay) and better government.


## Woman's viewpoint

Iris O'Neal Bowen

## Power in prayer

When my brother was aboard a gunboat during World War II, my mother became very distraught, worrying about him. He was in great danger, and she had every right to be concerned. But she finally reached the place, she told me later, that she could hardly go about her daily tasks, she was so overcome with worry.

So she went to a dear friend of the family, Mrs. E. P. J. Garrett, to ask for her prayers, because, she said, she was "powerful in prayer."
My mother said she was wonderfully strengthened because of her friend's prayers and was able to go on with
greater assurance of God's care.
We know that some people are more powerful in prayer than others. Most of us feel weak and inadequate, when it comes to intercessory prayer. We wish that we could go to God with the assurance that our prayers will be answered. We may even wish we had some special formula we could use to approach God with our needs and concerns.

We may even feel that our little needs are so insignificant that God does not have time to bother with them, or we should not pull him away from the terribly large and important things he has

## Convention to hear Russian Baptists

Two Baptist leaders in the Soviet Union will bring greetings to the state pastors' conference at 9 p.m. Nov. 15 and to the general sessions of the state convention the next evening.

Alexei Bichkov, General Secretary of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists for the U.S.S.R., and Michael Zidkov, Senior Pastor of the Moscow Baptist Church, will be in the United States Nov. 6-27, and will visit in Arkansas Nov, 15-17.

Both men will speak to students at Ouachita University in chapel services Tuesday morning, Nov. 16. OBU president Daniel Grant said that, according to the itinerary for the two ministers, Ouachita is the only college campus where they will speak.

Dr. Grant said that both men speak excellent English and will not need an interpreter.

Bichkov is a member of the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance, and has been a member of the Commission on Religious Liberty and Human Rights of the BWA for the past five years. He and Mrs. Bichkov were hosts for Dr. and Mrs. Grant during their recent visit to the Soviet Union.

Zhidkov was elected to a fiveyear term as vice president of the BWA at the 1975 Stockholm Congress in 1975. He has served as a member of the Alliance's Commission on Christian Teaching and Training.

## Letters to the editior

## Distorting issue on taxing churches

It is unfortunate that the principle of separation of church and state has been made a whipping boy by both sides of the current presidential campaign. On the one hand, people have objected to preachers exercising citizenship and expressing opinions about candidates as if separation of church and state should forever silence them. On the other hand, the specter of taxing the churches has been raised as a campaign accusation.

As National President of Americans

## Build for future

An opinion on the proposed building. In I Corinthians 4:1,2 Paul says: "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteris of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." It seems that stewardship is the word that comes to the forefront in the discussions concerning the proposed addition to the Baptist Building. When the present fine building was put into use there was no indication that the converted Coca Cola bottling plant was to be sufficient for ever. It was considered good stewardship by many that we take advantage of the available real estate to do with as we could to provide for our needs at that time. We have grown.

In 1968 the budget adopted for ' 69 was a little over $21 / 2$ millions of dollars. The ' 76 budget was close enough to 5 million that it is safe to assume that the ' 77 budget will go over the 5 million mark.

While $\$ 3,650,000$ is a figure almost

## Don't build

I have always been reluctant to disagree with brethren for whom I have much respect, now 1 must. To be specific, I am opposed to the proposed building program being presented to us. My reasons are these.

There is a principle involved. We tell our people to provide for the Lord's work by giving tithes and offerings. We frown upon using bake sales, bingo, lotteries, bean suppers and the like as fund raising efforts in our local churches. Yet it appears that this principle does not apply to our state work. We propose to help finance a building project by a forthright business venture.

The cost appears excessive. The total interest and principle repayment will be

United for Separation of Church and State, I feel a responsibility to help clarify those issues.

Separation of church and state has never meant separation of God from government or the relieving of persons called to preach from the responsibility of citizenship. While questions can legitimately be raised about the wisdom or judgment of the person who speaks of his political choices and where he speaks of church and state to prevent expression of such political opinions by
beyond our comprehension it is less than 75 percent of our annual budget, and that to be paid for over a period of 25 years. When many local churches are talking of building expansion they consider amounts to 3,4 or 5 times their annual budgets. When individuals are building for their future they plan on indebtedness of several times their annual incomes, and they pay interest on it all.

Real estate men insist that no onelevel use of space in the down-town portion of Little Rock is getting the best use of the property. Our total operation is one of evangelism, missions, carrying out the Great Commission, but let's be practical, sound business procedures must be used in all of these. We justify our actions in local situation as being "good stewards." I believe it to be good stewardship to meet our Baptist Building needs with good business judgment. I think that the proposed building should be favorably considered. - Elmer Griever Jr., pastor, First Church, Berryville
$\$ 9,189,240$. For this amount we shall get some parking space which we do need, some office space we probably need, some office space we hope we might need at some unknown time, and some space we have no hope of needing.

There are other alternatives to meet our real needs. We can meet our needs without such a vast expenditure of money.

There is enough opposition to the project to make it divisive. If there is one thing we don't need at this time it is a divisive spirit within our ranks.
We have some good leaders, but on this issue I must reluctantly refuse to follow them until the Convention acts. Richard Lisk, pastor, First Church, England
men deeply involved in ministering to the nation's spiritual welfare.
The accusation that Mr. Carter has somehow planned to tax hospitals and schools because he stated in Liberty Magazine that he favored taxation on church property other than houses of worship was immediately rejected by the candidate himself. It was properly so. The federal government has nothing to do with the taxation of land and houses in the first place. This is a matter for state and local government. In the second place, schools and hospitals are exempt from taxes not because of their religious nature but because of the humanitarian benefit which the community derives from them. Hospitals and schools which are non-profit institutions without religious connection have the same kind of tax treatment.

The unrelated business income which enjoys a tax shelter has been attacked and rightly so. When an evangelist owns a girdle factory under tax shelter or an order of priests runs a winery under tax shelter, their activities have nothing to do with the forwarding of the faith and should be taxed as are their competitors in the business world.

Allowances are usually made for some distortion in the emotional climate of political rhetoric. However, it is shameful when that distortion twists the concept of applying the principle of religious liberty to separation of church and state in a calculated effort to defend one's choice of a candidate for the highest office in the land. - Jimmy R. Allen, pastor, First Church, San Antonio, Tex.


# Recognize missions at your doorstep, says Parkin woman who did 



## by Betty Kennedy <br> ABN managing editor

When Doris Wood's husband had his country store near Parkin, he discovered that many of his friends and customers needed another service from him. They couldn't read and write, so W. B. Wood helped them fill out legal papers and pay bills.

Mrs. Wood wanted to help but didn't know how.
Then, about 12 years ago, she accompanied some young people from the Parkin church to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina. Since she was involved in so many kinds of activities at her church, Doris Wood had a hard time deciding which conference she should attend to help her in her work back home.

She says the Lord led her to a door with a sign, "Literacy is Missions." She walked in and stayed in that conference the rest of the week.
When Mrs. Wood returned home she wanted to hold a literacy workshop but couldn't get a leader. Her friend, Mildred Blankenship of the Home Mission Board, was very busy leading workshops to teach people to teach reading and writing.
Later she had a workshop at her church, and Mrs. Wood begãn to teach in her home. Her first class had eight pupils, but she later began teaching on a one-to-one basis. Pupils were friends and customers at her husband's store, mostly people she had known for years. She taught people of different races and nationalities.
Then Mrs. Wood was called to conduct workshops. She held one at First

Church, Blytheville, and other Baptist churches, but most workshops were for other denominations.

Her literacy work has provided opportunities for witnessing. When the Woods made a trip to Mexico, they met Irma Yescas and brought her back to the U.S. to learn English. She was to stay in the Woods' home for six months, but her stay turned into a year and Irma accepted Christ when her "Mom" told her about Him.

She wrote home and influenced her family, and her father began studying his Bible avidly, seeking the truth about the Christ his daughter proclaimed. Several family members professed Christ and five have surrendered to the ministry.

A brother and sister of Irma Yescas have stayed in the Woods' home to learn English, and another Mexican girl has been a pupil there, too.

Doris Wood began to feel that her ministry in literacy was part of what she is called to do for the Lord. She says she believes every "lay person" in the church is called to some special ministry.
"Everyone should take their gift and develop it for the Lord," she says, "to reach the fulfillment he intends for his children to have in their Christian life."

So, while she continues teaching her neighbors to read and write, and leads workshops to teach teachers, Mrs. Wood has found another way to use her talents.

This summer she helped conduct Vacation Bible Schools in five National

Baptist churches in her area. This work began 10 years ago through a woman who worked in her home. The woman was a member of the Macedonia Church, a nearby black church. Mrs. Wood and Lena May had "talked much about the Lord", and Mrs. Wood saw a need for Bible school at the Macedonia Church. She volunteered to conduct VBS and the church accepted. She conducted Bible school there from 1966-73.
She has led VBS for the past five years at Shady Grove Church and St. Francis Church, and for the past two years at First Church, Earle. All are black Baptist churches.
At the Bible schools Mrs. Wood is teacher, but she also trains older young people to teach the younger children. Sometimes she orders materials for the churches and occasionally she helps find the money to pay for literature. She has secured New Testaments from the Gideons, and her association, TriCounty, bought flags for the Bible schools.
Doris Wood has shouldered most of the responsibility for her two ministries herself, but she doesn't feel imposed upon. She feels the Lord gave her the vision and it's up to her to do what she can. She gets joy from her work because she feels she is carrying out God's plan for her life.
She has been responsible for teaching many of her neighbors to read and write, and she has seen young people profess Christ in every Bible school. To Doris Wood all this is just doing what she can, just recognizing the missions at her doorstep.


LEFT: Robert Ferguson, who directs cooperative ministries with National Baptists, talks with pastor James Nick at the Mt. Olive No. 2 Church.
by Norman L. Coad

## A well for Samdwabo

In the country of Upper Volta, West Africa, in the county of Diabo, there is a village called Samdwabo. Samdwabo resembles all the nearby villages. There is nothing unusual about it. In fact, Samdwabo is so small that it does not appear on most Upper Volta maps. In view of these facts, you may be wondering why I have written an article about such an insignificant place. My reasons are simple, if not profound. I have friends there, and I have seen God at work among them.

## In pursuit of marriage

In October, 1974, Beverly and I were the only Southern Baptist missionaries in Upper Volta. She was teaching our two children, helping with a fledgling church in town, and working very hard at being a good wife and mother. I was struggling in French to remodel two old buildings for a Baptist Center, preaching each Sunday, and directing a Bible Correspondence Course. It was during this time that one of the national workers, Francois, asked for three days off. Against my better judgment, I consented; and he went to Samdwabo.

The purpose of Francois' visit was to discuss a marriage contract with his future father-in-law. His proposal of marriage followed the traditional pattern. Cantrice, the prospective bride, was apprised of the situation and she agreed. Cantrice's brother, the matchmaker, presented Francois to Mr. Balima, the father, somewhat like a used car salesman presents a car to a prospective buyer. Naturally, he extolled his family and sister in like manner to Francois.

Mr. Balima, who was concerned about his daughter's welfare, asked Francois if he had a job. Francois told him that he worked for the Baptist Mission.
"What is the Baptist Mission?" asked Mr. Balima. "What do they do? What do you do for them?"

Francois said, "The Baptist Mission has come to Upper Volta to tell the people about Jesus Christ."
"Who is Jesus Christ?" asked Mr. Balima.

During the three days that Francois was in the village, he preached three times - once to his future father-in-law, once to the chief, and once to the elders of the village. These people wanted to hear more about Jesus, so they commissioned Francois to invite me to come and preach and more fully explain about Jesus. Parenthetically, Francois' marriage prospects were looking better


A workman is lowered into the Baptist-sponsored well dug at Samdwabo.
and better.
Francois returned to work full of enthusiasm and convinced that he had a solid contract of marriage in the making. All he had to do was to get the missionary to Samdwabo. He was, as you can imagine, quite fervent when he spoke to me of the matter. However, his hopes were due for a setback. For when he asked me to go to Samdwabo, I refused, citing my overworked condition as the reason. Francois sent the message that I would not be coming.
God must have been very disappointed when I turned down the invitation to come to Samdwabo, for he sent another messenger with another invitation. When the chief, Mr. Tombiano, received the message, he decided to persevere. Perhaps the missionary would honor the request of an older man, of a chief. So Chief Tombiano resolved to travel the 90 miles to the missionary and extend the invitation himself.

When he arrived, I was surprised and touched by his invitation. However, my circumstances had not changed; and I had to refuse. Chief Tombiano refused to give up.
"When can you come?" he asked.
"I will come after the J. B. Durhams return from furlough," I replied.

## In pursuit of water

In February, right in the middle of the dry season, at the end of the seven year drought, Francois and I arrived in Samdwabo as I had promised. The village of round, adobe brick houses with roofs of straw was dry and bleached by the sun. The surrounding fields lay bare and dusty with dried, broken stalks of millet in them. Seed grain of millet, corn, and sorghum hung from baobob trees. The underlying feeling throughout the village was one waiting waiting for the rains, waiting for the planting, waiting for the long-delayed harvest.

We were warmly received by Mr.

Balima. Francois and I were assigned a hut in the Balima compound, and we were given water mixed with millet to drink. The women and children stood around looking at the white man who had come to visit them. Following tradition, no business was discussed that night. We talked, and ate, and greeted members of the village as they came to salute their visitors.

The meal that night was special. They had pieces of beef liver on wood sticks to broil over the fire. This was served with rice and sauce. The men ate first, enjoying the best and largest portions. After the men had finished, the women ate. Then, the children were allowed to eat what remained. That evening, many curious people came to see us. Using a flashlight and lantern, we conducted a mini-worship service.

The next day, after saluting the chief, we prepared for the village council meeting. The traditional meeting place was on a rocky slope under the trees. Francois and I arrived at the proposed hour. After we had waited a long time, the elders came. Finally, the chief arrived. When the entire village was assembled, I was called on to speak. In this way, through an interpreter, the message of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ was preached and the necessity of leaving all other gods to follow Him was stated.

After I finished my message, the chief began to speak. He gave us permission to begin to witness among his people, and he gave us land for a church. Then he began to tell that his village had a great need. He told how the women had to walk a mile each day with heavy clay pots on their heads to get water because there was no well in Samdwabo. The stagnant pond where they got the water was also used by herders, so the women had to get up hours before sun-up to arrive at the water before the herds stirred up the mud.

As I listened, I began to understand the real reason why Chief Tombiano had invited me to his village.
"Could the Baptist Mission dig us a well?" asked Chief Tombiano.

We promised nothing that day. Baptists had no well-digging program at that time. All relief money that Southern Baptists had sent was going for cereal grains which were used for food.
Later, the mission decided to begin a self-help well-digging program. We provided a skilled well mason, iron, cement, and tools. The villagers provided all labor, the sand, and gravel. The well was dug, and Samdwabo had clean water.

The mission continued to evangelize by regular services in the village. Fran-
cois was sent to live in Samdwabo as a teacher and evangelist. Later, the well program and program of evangelism was expanded to include other villages in the area.

## In pursuit of Christ

This year, we asked the chief if we could come and have a series of meetings for a week. We believed that the time had come to ask for a public commitment to Christ. Chief Tombiano gave his permission.
Rev. Thomas, a newly-arrived missionary, led the services with the help of Francois. A campaign of personal evangelism was launched using the Wordless Book. This was presented to the chief and all the heads of families in the village. Slides of the Life of Christ were shown each evening before the message.

We fasted, prayed, and witnessed. There was nothing left to do. The time had come to rest in and wait on the Lord. Tuesday night of the revival the Lord moved, and the people came forward in groups to give themselves to him. At the end of the week, 48 men, women, and teen-agers had given themselves to God.

This village, like many in Upper Volta, followed the traditional spirit worship. It is because of this that it is deemed wise to delay baptism until after a six-week period of instruction. Francois led them, and it became clear to them just what had taken place. Many became afraid of retribution by the angry spirits of the dead, because they were no longer to be honored and given sacrifice. As a result of this, all but three quit the Believers' Class. Broken-hearted, Francois fasted and prayed for seven days. At the end of that time, 13 were ready to leave the traditions of their fathers and follow Christ in baptism. The believers formed a church, and they chose they own lay-pastor and deacon to lead them.

God often chooses the insignificant, every day circumstances of life to make known his will. He is not limited by impure motives or crowded schedules. He loves the ordinary, common people of the world, and he is sending his Word to them. He will produce results for he has promised, "My Word shall not return unto me void."

The Coads are currently on furlough from the mission field and are living at 717 North Hughes, Little Rock. Coad is a native of Maplewood, N.J., and Mrs. Coad is the former Beverly Gallegly of Little Rock. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1972 they lived in Little Rock.

Old Union Church near Benton occupied new facilities on Oct. 17 as the congregation began its first full-time organized program. This church is the oldest in Central Association.

Oak Grove Church, Van Buren, had 788 present on "Miracle Day," Oct. 10. There were 25 professions of faith and five joined the church by letter. The largest offering ever to be given in the history of the church was also given on this date. Wayne B. Davis is pastor.

In the annual meeting of Central Association it was voted to engage in a self-study program for 1976-77. The program involves a survey of various agencies in the association dealing with needs of people. Leaders of the association will gather in a retreat weekend for analysis of the information under the leadership of Russell Bennett from Southern Seminary. From this meeting the priority needs of the association will be determined and the program of the association will be designed to meet these needs. Carl Overton is Director of Central Association.

A Children's Music Workshop under the direction of Mrs. Amon Baker of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will be held at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, on Nov. 1. The workshop, to be held in the new Fine Arts Building on the college campus, will be sponsored by Black River Association and hosted by the college. Mrs. Baker not only will lead on basic graded choir work, but will also instruct on how to make and use many music instruments and have a variety of resource materials for extra help. The workshop will begin at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and conclude at 3 p.m. There is no registration fee.

Gillham Church held a revival Oct. 918 with lerry Hill, pastor, serving as evangelist. Lester Overturf was in charge of the music. There were 12 professions of faith and one joined by letter.
buildings

Mt. Olive Church, Crossett, recently held ground breaking services for a new sanctuary which will seat 1,000 persons and provide space for 19 Sunday School rooms. Brown Simmons is building committee chairman and Ferrell Morgan is church pastor.

## Your state convention at work

## Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

It was good news nearly 2000 years ago, and it is still good news today - the "Good News of a Great Joy" that can come to all people. What an appropriate theme for the 1976 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions! By praying and giving, we have a share in proclaiming the good news about Jesus Christ, literally "to the uttermost parts of the earth".
Excellent plans for a churchwide observance of the Week of Prayer are found in the WMU magazine, Dimension (OND, pp. 12-17). How we do encourage churchwide participation in
this special emphasis on foreign missions. Missions is every Christian's responsibility. The study of missions increases awareness of needs and meaningful involvement in mission support.
The national goal for the 1976 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is $\$ 29,000,000$. What will be your part in reaching this goal? Let us all be challenged to give as never before so needs may be met, and others may hear the "Good News of a Great Joy."
Samples of Week of Prayer materials,

# Church recreation workshops 

Four locations



Nov. 1-4 Baptist Building, Littlo Rock
3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

## - Tuesday Grand Avenue Church, Fi. Smith <br> $3.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and $7-9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

- Wednesday -

First Church, Pine Bluff 10 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

> Workshop director

## Workshop topics

Resources for church recreation Music in recreation parties/fellowships Drama/puppetry Retreats Camping/day camping Senior adult recreation Reaching people through recreation


Frank Hart Smith
Church Recreation Department
Sunday School Board

For Additional Information writio:
posters, and an order form were sent to WMU directors on our mailing list (if not received, please send to State WMU Office, names and addresses of WMU leadership). Materials available for churchwide use include the Daily Prayer Guide, LMCO envelopes, and factual leaflet on foreign missions. To receive quatntity of materials, send to WMU Office (P.O. Box 552, Little Rock 72203), list of items, number needed, name and address. Priced materials available from Baptist Book Store include a program cover and hymnbook wrapper.
It is our prayer that every church will participate in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We have "Good News" too precious to keep for ourselves and must become more involved in proclaiming this news through praying, giving, and going. - Julia Ketner, Executive Secretary


Cooper


Jones

## New student workers

Mary Ann Cooper of Carthage, Miss., is serving as a one-year associate at Henderson State University. She received both her bachelor and Master's degrees from Mississippi College, taught English at Mississippi College and the University of South Mississippi, and has just finished a year on the staff of Clarke College. Cooper will lead in dorm visitation, Bible study groups, and work with the Freshman Council. Her work at Henderson is being made possible through a grant from the Student Department, gifts of churches and associations in the area, and interested friends and alumni.
Rusty Jones of Fayetteville is serving as Student-To-Student worker at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock this school year. Rusty served as president of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Arkansas in 1973-74 and as state BSU President in 1974-75. He will work in the areas of Bible study, evangelism and Christian discipleship, and officer training. His employment has been made possible through the gift of anonymous donors.

## Child Care

## Why should you make a Thanksgiving Offering?

Since 1894 - A History of Caring. I would encourage people to support the Thanksgiving Offering because:
"They would be helping children who definitely need it and want it. These children are not "problem children", they are children with problems, problems of all sorts and sizes. They need to know someone loves and cares, genuinely cares for them. The Home represented comfort and security something I had never known before." Pat S. 1959-62
"When I look back on my life before I came to the Home, things looked grim and hopeless. I know the Home gave me a chance to have a good life. I almost

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missed it, but thanks to the Home, I made it! I received so much. I could never repay the Home." Joyce P. 195863
"It does nothing but good things for the children that live there, and because it provides a chance for children that wouldn't have a chance to make the most out of life. I went to the Home because my parents were unable to provide a good home for me, and it allowed me to get every chance in life as anybody. It also gave me the opportunity to be brought up in the church and to learn that there is a God and that He loves me." P. D. 1956-65
"I know by personal experience the good the Home does. I shudder to think what my life would have been like had'I not lived there during my most influential years. Thank God for the right influence at the right time." Susan T. 1958-' 1963

The Thanksgiving Offering has always been about caring. We need to care more this year. - Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services


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## RAs <br> First come, first served at supper

The Thirty-seventh Annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper is just around the corner. Plans are complete for the supper to be held on Monday evening, Nov. 8, at Immanuel Church in Little Rock.

The program will include good music and group participation.
Gary Corker, Dumas, will share some of his experiences while serving as a page at the Southern Baptist Convention in June. Corker was Arkansas' representative. He will also share some experiences in his Ambassador Service work.
Missionary speaker will be Marvin Reynolds, who serves in Botswana. Reynolds is on furlough and is working with the Stewardship Department of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Reynolds is an interesting speaker and will challenge and be a blessing to those attending the supper.
Information regarding the supper has been mailed to all counselors, pastors, and other church staff members. They also have reservation forms for use in making 'reservations.

This year groups will be served and seated in the order in which reservations are received. Place cards with each name will be used for each group at each table. Reservation deadline is Thursday, Nov. 4.

Make plans to attend and get the ${ }^{*}$ reservations in. See your counselor, pastor, or other staff member. Brotherhood Dept., C. H. Seaton, Director

## Sunday School Trick and treat for GDITM

I hope you have a great day on "Great Day in the Morning," scheduled for Oct. 31. Of course this is also Halloween, so it is a good day to "trick" your attendance level and "treat" your church to a record Sunday School attendance.

High Attendance Day, Oct. 31 is a national Sunday School event. Let's have another "Great Day in the Morning." It will help every area of interest your church has. Great Day!

We encourage your church to report its attendance on Oct. 31. This can be done by each Sunday School director phoning in his attendance to the associational leadership. Associational leaders can then phone the state office. We will phone the total report of the state attendance to Sunday School leaders at Nashville. Great Day! Lawson Hatfield

# Election 1976: 

## Focus on responsible

by C. Welton Gaddy for Eaptist Press

"Big government," "integrity in government," "government reorganization," and "government accountability" are major issues in the 1976 political campaigns. A recent Harris poll revealed that 72 percent of the United States public "no longer feel they get good value from their tax dollars."

Candidates and voters alike are interested in government leaders representative of and honest with their constituencies, government agencies service-oriented in philosophy and efficient in performance, and government policies realistic in expectations and just in application.
Christians should be interested and involved in government. Ideally, God's people support leaders who demonstrate justice and righteousness (Ps. 72:1-2). Biblically, a person's prayers for the government ( $1 \mathrm{Tim} .2: 1-2$ ) are to be supplemented by activities which exalt the nation (Prov, 14:34) and glorify God (Mic. 6:8). This is the way it should be in this election year.
Many matters related to responsible government are fraught with moral implications. For example, government meeting the needs of the citizenry, agencies using tax money responsibly, and officials speaking honestly are ethical concerns. Votes from Christian citizens ought to reflect an awareness of various candidates' views on these very issues.
Here is a summary of the positions of Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, the two leading candidates for the office of President of the United States, regarding four important dimensions of responsible government.

1. Government Reorganization. Carter and Ford agree that government reorganization must be a high priority for the President. Ford has said, "We must not continue drifting in the direction of bigger and bigger government." Carter has stated, "Tight business-like management and planning techniques must be instituted and maintained, utilizing the full authority and personal involvement of the President himself." Carter has announced plans to reduce
approximately 1,900 federal agencies to 200 while Ford has proposed consolidation of 59 federal programs in the areas of health, education, child nutrition, and social services.
2. Federal spending. Ford favors a cutback in federal spending to move more money into the private sector. Carter speaks of controlling government spending by comprehensive planning and carefully prepared budgets.

Both candidates support the concept of federal revenue sharing, though they disagree in their judgments of the present system. Ford has demonstrated support tor the current program. Specifically, regarding aid to cities, he has proposed a $\$ 446$ million increase for community development in fiscal year 1977. Carter has stated that money in the present program "was stolen from the poor people, and too much of it ... used to build dance halls, or golf, courses, or jail-houses." He suggests that increases in revenue sharing funds not be accompanied by decreases in categorical grants for social programs.
3. Integrity in government. Louis Harris has reported that, according to his surveys, citizens' confidence in officials of the Executive Branch has dropped from 43 percent to 13 percent over the past 10 years. The candidates' positions related to integrity in government are very important.
Ford authorized the creation of a new Public Integrity section within the Criminal Division of the Justice Department to handle all federal offenses involving official or institutional corruption. Carter has offered a different approach. If elected, he plans to remove the Office of Attorney General from the Cabinet and make it an independent office with a term of five to seven years to remove the Justice Department and particularly the FBI from political influence.
Carter advocates an open-meetings law applicable to all "federal boards, commissions, and regulatory agencies" as well as congressional committees. "The only exception should involve narrowly defined national security issues, unproven legal accusations, or knowledge that might cause serious damage to the nation's economy," ac-
cording to Carter. Ford has expressed basic agreement with such a "Sunshine Bill" but says, "There may be some meetings held by agencies or departments in the federal government where there would have to be confidentiality maintained."
Ford favors a full disclosure of finances by federal officials to prevent conflicts of interest. Carter agrees and has promised to release an annual audit of personal finances and require other policy makers in his administration to do the same.
Carter and Ford agree that presidential campaigns should be supported by public finances. However, Carter would extend public financing to congressional campaigns. Ford is opposed to such a plan.
4. Government services. Public expectations regarding government services are too numerous to discuss. Here are the candidates' views on two programs.
Ford has proposed "a sweeping overhaul" of federal welfare services before the end of the decade. His aim is to develop one single welfare plan. Carter favors two plans. He would separate the 10 percent of the welfare recipients who can work from the others and recommiend a guaranteed minimum payment to those qualified, with educational and job training for the unemployed.

Carter and Ford disagree on the nature and specifics of a federal energy program. Ford's goal is "energy independence." Carter doubts whether the nation "can or should become selfsufficient in energy" in this century.
Ford believes the nation's consumption of oil can best be reduced by decontrolled prices and permanently increased costs on it. Carter opposes price increases on oil and natural gas. As alternatives, he supports mandatory conservation measures, automobile efficiency, and a regulation that prohibits importing more than 40 percent of the nation's total consumption of oil.
Ford wants to "expedite clean and safe nuclear power production." He has said, "Greater utilization must be made of nuclear energy." Carter, a former


Graber
Eddie Graber, minister of youth and assistant pastor of First Church, Camden, has resigned to become minister of youth at Ft. Smith First Church. Graber is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. He and his wife are parents of one daughter, Sarah Beth.

Gary S. Urich began pastoring Im-


Urich
manuel Church, Fayetteville, on Oct. 17. Urich, a graduate of the University of Missouri and Midwestern Seminary, has pastored other churches in Missouri. He and his wife, Connie, are parents of two daughters.
Mrs. W. C. Cole, age 86, died Oct. 9 in Hot Springs. She had been a member of Park Place Church in Hot Springs since 1904.

Mike Preston has been added to the staff of Sylvan Hills First Church in North Little Rock. Preston will serve as minister to youth. He is a graduate of San Antonio College and Baylor University. Preston, who has been on the staff of three Texas churches prior to coming to Arkansas, is married to the former Tanya Bento of Hawaii. They are parents of one daughter, Courtney Michele.
nuclear engineer, has expressed a fear of current safety standards and stated, "Our dependence on nuclear power should be kept to an absolute minimum." He favors "a major shift to coal" and a substantial increase in the use of solar energy.

Christian citizens can exert a-significant influence in support of responsible government. This should not be done through official endorsements of candidates either from the pulpit or the congregation. Such action violates the purpose of the pulpit in the life of the church in the first instance and the open fellowship characteristic of the body of Christ in the second instance. This should be done as Christian citizens pastors and their congregations frankly discuss the moral dimensions of all campaign issues, responsible government included.

Discover the answers which candidates for local; state, and national offices give to questions such as: Will you assume full responsibility for the conduct of the government office of which you are the head? Will you make public a statement of your personal finances? Will you hold press conferences regularly and be accessible to the media? How will you make your office responsive and accountable to the public?

A recent survey indicated that as many as 70 million voters may not vote this year. By 87 or 88 percent, these people agreed that "what this country needs most, more than laws and political programs, is a few courageous, tireless, devoted leaders in whom the people can put their trust." Every Christian citizen should cast informed votes on Nav. 2 and offer continued support for the kind of leaders who make government responsiblel
C. Welton Gaddy is director of Christian Citizenship development for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. His fourpart series on moral issues in the 1976 elections has focused on informed voting, civil and religious liberties, economic issues and responsible government.


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| pleasant valley | 326.79 | 114.50 | LAKESIIDE LEEAPEL | 1,485.41 | 430.60 233.16 |
| RAYNOR GROVE | 350.00 | 100.00 | LEENARD ST*, HOT SPRINGS | 1,800.00 | 233.16 572.02 |
| ROCKY POINT ROSEBUD | 433.39 $1,474.50$ | 263.26 901.72 | LONSDALE | +376.82 |  |
| SEARCY IST | 26,440.83 | 7,800.17 | MAL VERN 3RD | 9,572.20 | 799.41 |
| SEARCY 2 ND | 637.44 | 766.21 | MEMORIAL | $2,524.33$ 452.73 | 237.37 |
| TEMPLE, SEARCY | 6,257.36 | 2,199.10 | Mountain Pine ist | 1,500.79 | 420.40 |
| TRINITY, SEARCY | 2,197.74 | 1,120.98 | MOUNTAIN VALLEY | 1.500 .79 519.18 | 420.50 120.50 |
| TUPELO IST | 618.98 411.19 | 300.00 170.82 | MT. VERNON | 692.66 |  |
| WEST PDINT. | 361.56 | 143.71 | OLD UNION | 1,057.61 |  |
|  |  |  | OMENSVILLE | 1,043.00 | 186.50 |
| association totals | 83,063.23 | 40,337.73 | PARK PLACE | 12,831.95 | 4,992.36 |
|  | 83,063.23 | 40.337 .73 | PEARCY | 396.00 | 577.00 |
| CAREY ASSOCIATION |  |  | PERLA | 32.89 |  |
| BEAROEN IST | 3,446.81 | 865.79 | PINEY PLEASANT HILL | $5,947.90$ $1,327.65$ | $1,231.76$ 813.05 |
| BETHESDA |  | 45,00 | RECTOR HEIGHTS | 643.79 | 245.25 |
| Calvary, Camden | 1,592.52 | 6.75 .65 | RIDGECREST | 1,140.00 | 545.16 |
| DALARK | 195.06 | 59.98 | RIVERSIDE | 1,288.60 | 630.50 |
| EAGLE MILLS FAITH |  |  | Salem | 3,117.06 | 859.86 |
| FAITH FORDYCE IST | 624.00 | 125.00 | SHERIDAN IST SOUTHERN | 1,213.65 | 313.44 |
| FORDYCE HAMPTON IST | 11,250.00 | 6,758.02 | SHOREWODD HILLS | 1,043.17 | 77.10 |
| HAMPTON HARMONY | 3,465.55 | 261.85 | TRINITY, BENTON | $4,264.68$ | 1,111.52 |
| HARMONY HOLLY SPRINGS | 68.12 |  | TRINITY, HALVERN | 2,282.08 | 1,019.47 |
| HOLLY SPRINGS MANNING | 246.79 |  | VISTA HEIGHTS | 1,018.81 |  |
| MANNING | 644.03 | 95.00 | yalnut valley | 1,081.81 | 243.82 |
| NEW HOPE DUACHITA | 559.80 93.00 | 23.00 130.00 | BARCELONA ROAD MISSION | 944.01 | 200.00 |
| PROSPERITY | 336.61 | 130.00 | NINTH SOUTH CALVARY MISSION | 887.57 | 84.25 |
| Shady grove | 55.59 |  | South Calvart mission | 887.57 |  |
| SOUTH SIDE, FORDYCE | 513.00 | 25.00 | association totals | 170,903.28 | 82,451.42 |
| Sparkman ist | 1,905.00 | 4.785 .50 |  |  |  |
| THORNTON IST | 996.19 | 578.26 | clear creek association |  |  |
| TINSHAN 1 ST TULIP MEMORIAL | 90.00 32.34 |  | ALMA IST | 11.489.90 | 6,061.32 |
| TULIP MEMORIAL WILLOW | 32.34 70.47 | 50.00 68.85 | ALTUS 15 St | 136.86 382.00 | 150.00 |
| WILLOW | 70.47 | 68.85 | aATSON | 382.00 | 111.00 |
| association totals | 32:184.88 | 14,546.90 | CEDARVILL | 141.35 832.07 | 29.28 |

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| CHURCHES | Cooperative program | designated gifts | Cutches | doperative progran | Signated g |
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| WODSTER IST | 1,684.62 | 452.72 | MT. ZIION | 270.00 | 484.20 |
|  |  |  | NDRTH EAST, TEXARKANA | 3,184,53 | 934*26 |
| association totals | 48,827.13 | 14,089.06 | PINEY GROVE | 385.71 | 56.35 |
|  |  |  | PISGAH | 371.70 | 58.78 |
| GREENE CO. ASSOCIATION |  |  | RED RIVER | 112.50 |  |
| ALEXANDER | 1,172.19 | 365.22 | ROCKY MOUND | 81.00 |  |
| BEECH GROVE | 120.00 | 158.00 | Shiloh memorial | 2,764.83 | 820.79 |
| bethel station | 100.00 |  | SOUTH TEXARKANA | 1,269.09 | 146.50 |
| BYG CREEK | 241.16 |  | SPRINGHILL | 480.68 |  |
| brighton | 218.12 | 21.00 | STAMPS IST | 5,226.41 | $4,500.77$ |
| BROHN'S CHAPEL | 1,112.03 | 949.29 | SYLVERINO | 374.96 | 493.63 |
| calvary, paragould | 2,600.30 | 431.18 | TENNESSEE | 570.00 | 150.00 |
| CENTER HILL 1 IST | 1,175.91 | 642.86 | TRINITY. TEXARKANA | 8,227.58 | 500.46 |
| CLARKS CHAPEL | 270.00 | 295.43 | MESTSIDE, MAGNOLIA | 338.12 | 61.75 |
| DELAPLAINE | 225.00 | 85.24 | MILL MISSION |  |  |
| EAST SIDE, paragould | 4,790.27 | 1,236.95 |  |  |  |
| FAIRYIEN | 159.70 | 50.00 | association totals | 156,755.45 | 76,582.11 |
| FINCH | 468.26 | 201.96 |  |  |  |
| FOntaine | 107.00 | 33.57 | INOEPENDENCE ASSOCIATIO |  |  |
| immanuel, paragould | 2.704.53 | 967.09 | batesville 1 ST | 10,074.00 | 6,084.65 |
| LAFE | 64.00 |  | CALVARY, BATESVILLE | 13,926.56 | 4,514.95 |
| lake street, paragould | 90.00 | 32.00 | CALVARY, TIMBD | 329.50 | 96.21 |
| LIGHT | 389.80 | 66.60 | cord | 896.00 | 549.00 |
| marmaduke ist | 2,504.18 | 755.52 | CUSHMAN | 30.00 |  |
| mounds | 339.56 | 149.00 | DESHA IST | 639.89 | 90.60 |
| NEH FRIENDSHIP | 681.09 | 203.20 | eastside, cave city | 973.48 | 303.30 |
| NEW LIBERTY | 198.41 | 83.09 | emhanuel, batesville | 1.350.92 | 1,186.00 |
| NUTTS CHAPEL | 569.34 | 323.50 | floral | 1,496.23 | 1,798.36 |
| dak grove | 530.54 | 216.76 | harcella | 413.34 | 106.36 |
| Paragduld 1 St | 33,600.24 | 15,247.11 | nountain vien ist | 4,266.25 | 2,297.94 |
| pleasant valley | 199.36 |  | NT. ZIDN | 859.47 | 232.61 |
| ROBBS CHAPEL | 316.97 | 420.00 | NORTHSIDE, BATESVILLE | 852.49 | 198.00 |
| ROSEWODD | 953.96 | 310.93 | PILGRIMS REST | 485.75 | 635.75 |
| STANFDRD | 270.00 100.36 |  | pleasant plains | 431.58 | 334.91 |
| Stonewall thiro ave. paragould | 100.36 |  | REHOBETH | 605.46 | 253.50 |
| Unity | 180.00 | 352.57 | RUSIE RUDELL HILL | $2,278.36$ $2,656.26$ , | $1,359.76$ 727.49 |
| VINES Chapel |  |  | SALADO | 541.90 | 225.00 |
| Walcott | 1,878,46 | 89.48 | SULPhUR ROCK | 232.89 | 152.00 |
| MEST VIEN | 2,149.44 | 402.87 | hest, batesville | 10,800.10 | 6,579-18 |
| ROCK HILL MISSION |  |  | WHITE RIVER | 179.53 | 192.28 |
| association totals | 60,557.97 | 24,090.42 | association totals | 54,319.96 | 27.917.85 |
| marmony association |  |  | LIBERTY ASSOCIATIDN |  |  |
| ALTHEIMER IST | 1,612.05 | 190.00 | buena vista | 295.00 | 19.50 |
| ANDERSON CHAPEL | 133.60 |  | Caledonia | 324.00 | 680.00 |
| BETHEL | 158.43 | 161.78 | CALION IST | 2,185.24 | 1,333.36 |
| CENTENNIAL | 5,900.36 | 1,967.56 | Camoen ist | 35,249.94 | 15,837.65 |
| CENTRAL, PINE BLUFF DOLLARHAY | $3,432.46$ $1,610.26$ | 805.00 607.00 | CAMDEN 2 2ND | 905.82 | 271.07 $1,286.76$ |
| douglas | 1,416.48 | 1,808.25 | cross roads | 2,382.00 | , 286.8 |
| duhas 15T | 12,720.30 | 6,623.20 | cullendale 1st | 14,040.00 | 4,016.42 |
| EAST SIDE, PINE GLUFF | 3,540.35 | 1,138.50 | EAST MAIN, EL ODRADO | 10.508 .37 | $4,787.90$ |
| Evergreen | 229.20 |  | EBENEZER | 4,378.23 | 1,806.48 |
| FORREST PARK | 6,527.72 | 3,369.26 | El dorado ist | 17,458.78 | 32,301.96 |
| GUuLD LST | 1,434.47 | 1,339.68 | EL dorado 2nd | 19,673-98 | 10,055.40 |
| grady 15 S | 75,00 | 591.12 | ELliott | 7,257.05 | 997.25 |
| Greenlee | 4.437 .79 | 1,351.84 | felsenthal | 628.70 |  |
| GREEN MEADOWS | 1,846.85 | 502.65 | galilee | 799.01 | 213.50 |
| hardin | 2,966.10 | 1,264550 | GRACE | 1,226.36 | 782.89 |
| hickory grove | 129.00 | 775.95 | harmony | 1,200.02 | 287.00 |
| MUMPHREY | 1,255.71 | 658.00 | HILLSIDE | 2,006.24 | 601.67 |
| IMMANUEL, PINE BLUFF | 13,673.42 | 6,608.83 | huttig ist | 3,490.08 | 1,092.52 |
| KINGSLAND 1ST | 8, 817.86 | 708.55 | IMMANUEL, EL Dorado | 15.568.75 | 7, 860.11 |
| LEE HEMORIAL LINHOOD | $8,812.42$ 883.55 | 2,057.05 | JOYCE CITY | 4.750 .41 | 415.13 1.418 .68 |
| LINHOOD MATTHEWS MEMORIAL | 883.55 2.200 .00 | 626.24 2.932 .85 | JuNCTION CITY IST | 3,727.58 | 1,418.68 |
| NORTHSIDE, STAR CITY | 2, 47.80 | 2.932 .05 | KNOHLES LAPILE | 314.91 648.27 |  |
| dak grove | 991.97 | 310.00 | Lawson | 400.33 | 121.25 |
| dakland | 516.06 | 410.45 | liberty | 703.46 | 37.10 |
| PINE BLUFF 15 St | 32,680.73 | 10.172.58 | louann | 85.00 |  |
| PINE BLUFF 2 ND | 5.916 .94 | 3.712.70 | maple avenue, shackover | 7,636.63 | 2,008.19 |
| PLUM BAYOU | 543.08 |  | marrable hill | 2.363 .64 | 106.00 |
| RANKIN CHAPEL RISON | 96.63 $4,604.15$ | 47.40 1.162 .25 | MIDHAY | 577.00 736.19 | 72.00 |
| Shannon roao | 406.36 | 428.00 | NOR PHLET IST | 11,259.70 | 2,473.57 |
| SOUTH SIDE, PINE BLUFF | 18,728.14 | 3,515.25 | PARKVIEM | 5,193.04 | 623.26 |
| STAR CITY 1ST | 12,579.82 | 3,299.94 | PHILADELPHIA | 862.85 |  |
| WABBASEKA | 13,092.71 |  | SALEM | 1,209.00 | 324.00 |
| HHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS | 3,638.52 | 1,184.19 | SHACKOVER IST SOUTH SIDE, EL dorado | $14,457.28$ $1,037.79$ | $2,009.08$ 432.71 |
| YORKTOMN | 668.91 | 90.00 | STEPHENS IST | 8,997. 30 | 2,379.19 |
| tucker chapel |  |  | STRONG IST | 7,368.77 | 2,036.81 |
| association totals | 170,325.20 | 62,792.07 | SYLVAN HILLS | 50.00 907.93 |  |
| association torals | 170.325.20 | 62,792.07 | TEMPLE; CAMDEN | 907.93 933.27 | 27.55 47.00 |
| hope association |  |  | THREE CREEKS | 1.649.09 | 460.17 |
| ANDERSON $A R A B E L L A$ HEIGHTS | 586.04 | 512.36 255.30 | TRINITY, EL DORADO UNION | $7,118.50$ 3.139 .32 | 1146.91 260.00 |
| BEECH STREET IST | 14,360.87 | 10.735.71 | URBANA IST | 363.88 | 400.00 |
| bradley | 2,016.49 | 697.19 | victory | 456.90 | 253.60 |
| bronwar heights | 554.85 | 5.00 | village | 1,009.03 | 453.24 |
| CALVARY, HOPE | 12,839.70 | 2,514.15 | WESSON WEST SIDE, EL DORADO | 533.77 21.155 .00 | \% $\begin{array}{r}128.31 \\ 3.977 .77\end{array}$ |
| Calvary, texarkana | 3,765.85 | 1,219.74 | WEST SIDE, EL DORADO | 21.155 .00 80.00 | 3,977.77 |
| CANFIELD | 451.85 | 700.72 | WHITE CITY | 80.00 251.00 |  |
| CENTRAL, MAGNOLIA FOUKE IST | $43,405.20$ $1,537.65$ | 28.174 .03 403.81 | hilowood | 251.00 |  |
| FULTON | 825.00 |  | association totals | 249,554.41 | 105,842.96 |
| garland | 54.75 | 31.91 |  |  |  |
| GENOA 15 SUER | 1,218.95 | 233.97 | litile red river assio |  | 566.89 |
| GUERNSEY | 100.00 |  | Arbanna | 153.17 |  |
| haley lake harmony grove |  |  | brownsville | 274.45 |  |
| HARMONY GROVE HICKORY STREET, TEXARKANA | 69.22 1.126 .45 | 125.00 $1,019.92$ | CENTER RLDGE | 110.00 592.87 | 86.00 553.61 |
| highland hills | 1,987,76 | 1,035.39 | HARRIS CHAPEL | 259.68 |  |
| HOPE LST | 27,317.12 | 14,005.46 | HEBER SPRINGS 1ST | 18,431.25 | 5,282.77 |
| immanuel. hagnolia | 1,310.67 | 1,061.62 | LIFELINE |  | 80.00 |
| IMAANUEL, TEXARKANA | 8,834.87 | 1,033.84 | LONE STAR |  | 35.00 |
| LEMISVILLE IST | 4.590 .95 | 1,301.50 | MT- OLIVE | 45.00 | 34.00 62.00 |
| macedonia al | 300.77 |  | MT. 210 N | 135.15 |  |
| MACEDONIA 22 | 633.15 999.00 | 360.00 97.00 | NEH BETHEL | 156.92 $1,030.71$ | 52.29 124.00 |
| MANOEVILLE | 999.00 $2,215.83$ | 851.00 | PINES | - 204.30 | 1240000 |
| MITCHELL STREET, TEXARKANA | 90.00 |  | PLEASANT RIDGE | 451.47 | 59.50 |

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| Churches | cooperative program | designated gifts | Churches | cooperative program | DESIGNATED GIF |
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| VANDERVOORT IST | 1,090.92 | 170.40 | melbourne ist | 1,508.00 | 125.00 |
| WICKES 15 T | 900.00 | 252.32 | ht. pleasant | 255.03 |  |
| Yocana | 651.35 | 354.87 | myron | 73.38 |  |
|  |  |  | OXFORD | 40.00 | 80.00 |
| ASSOCIATION TOTALS | 32,721.85 | 13,608.75 | SAGE | 523.15 | 332.50 |
|  |  |  | SIDNEY | 895.6 | 371.57 |
| PULASKI CO. ASSOCIATION |  | 4,500.00 | SYLAMORE IST |  |  |
| ALEXANDER IST | 2,003.95 | 109.31 | WISEMAN | 231.00 |  |
| ARCHVIEM | 7,333.44 | 1.673.00 | ZION HILL | 379.75 | 172.11 |
| BAPTIST TABERNACLE | 10,636.47 | 4,825.94 | horseshoe bend mission | 1,235.99 | 658.99 |
| BARNETT MEMORIAL | 500.00 | 940.61 |  |  |  |
| Binghan road little rock | 779.59 | 310.57 | association totals | 10,556.47 | $4,968.17$ |
| BROOKMODD 1 IST | 1,250.00 | 1,370.17 |  |  |  |
| Calvary, little rack | 27,102.80 | 14,351.50 | SEARCY CO. ASSOCIATION |  |  |
| Chicot road, mabelville | 1,221.50 | 855.00 | LESLIE IST | 1,345.06 | 558.86 |
| crossroad | 325.23 | 480.92 | Morning star | 152.44 | 50.00 |
| CRYSTAL HILL | 3,320.00 | 1,097.54 | NEH HOPEMELL | 109.15 |  |
| douglasville ist | 843.47 | 262.00 | SNOWBALL | 77.19 |  |
| EAST END, HENSLEY | 3,990.23 | 1,801.54 |  |  |  |
| FOREST HIGHLANDS | $13,491.03$ | 15,629.79 | association totals | 1.083.84 | 608.86 |
| FOREST TOWER | 615.71 | 203.06 |  |  |  |
| garden homes | 442.23 | 310.50 | TRI-COUNTY ASSOCIATION |  |  |
| GEYER SPRINGS 1ST | 37,425.20 | 19,021.40 | ANTIUCH | 49.00 |  |
| GREEN MEMDRIAL | 3,772.06 | 1,424.10 | barton chapel | 689.32 | 164.92 |
| HEBRON | 5.246.97 | 2,057.12 | BECKSPUR | 925.75 | 200.00 |
| holly Springs | 534.10 | 110.00 | Burnt cane |  |  |
| immanuel, littie rock | 92,354.09 | 64,598.09 | Calvary, hest mehphis | 9,621.78 | 3,101.82 |
| IRONTON | 1,882.31 | 1,002.79 | Cherry valley | 2,265.41 | 654.80 |
| lakeshore drive | 1,976.26 | 723.84 | colt | 150.00 | 364.00 |
| LIFE LINE | 19,587.25 | 7,889.38 | CRAWFORDSVILLE IST | 2,058.61 | 410.00 |
| LIITLE ROCK 15T | 32,760.58 | 26,534.76 | earle | 9,381.19 | 3,853.82 |
| LItTle rock 2no | 17,666=69 | 10,471.26 | emmanuel, forrest city | 1,455,08 | 156.95 |
| markhal street, LR | 8,215.31 | $4,314.95$ | Fair oaks | 1,482.84 | 266.75 |
| martindale | $4,526.24$ | 577.59 | FAITH |  |  |
| NALLS MEMORIAL | 1,880.19 | 440.85 | fitzgerald | 1,238.50 | 726.85 |
| NATURAL STEPS | 2,233.64 | 2,013.60 | FORREST CITY 1ST | 11,454.65 | 6,441.48 |
| NORTH PDINT | 227.96 | 140.25 | FORREST CITY 2ND | 3.489.64 | 556.41 |
| olivet | 16,201.15 | 9,512.03 | FORTUNE | 45.15 |  |
| pine grove | 2,915.68 | 1,006.22 | gladoen | 305.00 |  |
| PLAINVIEM | 1,933.19 | 565.97 | GODDHIN | 487.79 | 107.77 |
| PLEASANT GRDVE | 1,364.36 | 66.00 | harris Chapel | 696.89 | 501.12 |
| PULASKI HEIGHTS | 51,796.95 | 10,332.21 | hyorick | 180.00 |  |
| REYNOLDS MEMORIAL | 1,078.96 | 172.08 | INGRAM BDULEVARD | 4,159.44 | 873.75 |
| ROLAND | 495.00 |  | Jericho | 50.00 | 36.03 |
| Rosedale | $4,499.65$ | 2,617.38 | MADISDN IST | 295.00 | 99.84 |
| SHADY GROVE ${ }^{\text {SHANNON HILS }}$ | 1,275.00 | 678.08 | marion | 4,096.55 | 1,206.40 |
| SHANNDN HILLS IST SHERIDAN IST | 1,159.79 | 5.412.75 | midway | 191.99 | 19.45 |
| SOUTH HIGHLAND | 9,150.00 | 6, 063.83 | PALESIN 15 T | 5,713.14 | 102.00 |
| SUNSET LANE | 6,800.73 | 3,409.62 | PINE TREE | 72.00 |  |
| TYLER STREET, LITTLE ROCK | 2,354.62 | 1,099.39 | SHELL LAKE | 675.00 | 68.75 |
| VIMY RIDGE IMHANUEL | 1,120.08 | 521.81 | tilion | 90.00 |  |
| HAKEFIELD 1 ST WEST SIDE, LITTLE ROCK | 405.00 1.100 .96 | 287.00 1.361 .00 | Tago | 940.19 | 163.00 |
| HOODLAMN | 4.776 .09 | 1,867.70 | TURRELL | 993.83 | 262.84 |
| modoson |  | 95.00 | UNIDN AVENUE, HYNNE VANDERBILT AVENUE | 2,610.28 2 ,023.33 | 1.337 .33 1.433 .78 |
| HILLDALE CHAPEL HCKAY MISSION |  |  | VANNDALE | 969.28 | 72.25 |
| MCKAY MISSION SPANISH MISSION | 200.00 |  | WEST MEMPHIS 1 ST | 71,760.54 | 14,196.51 |
| yhite rock mission |  |  | WEST MEMPHIS 2ND | 2.169 .08 567.00 | 506.97 $1,209.45$ |
|  |  |  | WIOENER | 350.00 |  |
| association totals | 419,528.71 | 235,309.50 | WYNNE | 7,942.00 | 6,656.88 |
|  |  |  | EAST BAPTIST MISSION | 585.77 96.29 | 84.27 |
| ANCHOR | 361.28 | 101.00 | gateway mission | 96.29 |  |
| ANTINEE | \% 349.78 | 192.50 |  |  | 48,104.20 |
| ARKADELPHIA 15 ST | 14,646019 | 9,050.29 | assoctation totals | 152,375.31 | 48,104.20 |
| ARKADELPHIA 2 2ND ${ }_{\text {a }}$ BEECH STREET, GURDON | 5,459.57 | 3,291.27 | trinlty association |  |  |
| BEECH STREET, GURDON BEIRNE IST | $3,518.67$ 899.98 | $2,979.98$ $\mathbf{3 3 5} 5$ 375 | anderson tulley | 103.24 | 10.00 |
| BETHEL | 899.98 430.09 | 335.62 375.00 | BETHEL ${ }^{\text {BLACK }}$ OAK | 24000 | 25.00 |
| BETHLEHEM | 447.37 |  | CALVARY, HARRISBURG | 270.21 $1,865.72$ |  |
| BIUGHTON | 68.23 |  | CALVARY, HARRISBURG | $1,865.72$ $1,752.59$ | $1,384.92$ 261.43 S |
| CADDO Valley | 40.00 608.86 |  | eastside. trumann | 180.00 | 26.43 50.00 |
| CENTER POINT | 187.00 | 120.80 65.00 | FAITH | 263.98 | 45.00 |
| CURTIS |  | 2,444.89 | FISHER IST | 1.406 .72 +48850 | 506.17 |
| EAST MHELEN |  |  | HARRISBURG 15 S | 5,986.83 | 940.00 |
| EAIRVIEM |  | 106.10 | Lezanon | 794.05 |  |
| HARMONY HILL | 225.00 | 51.13 | LEPANTO 1 ST | $5,183.06$ 90.00 | 2,536.35 |
| HEARN |  |  | MARLED TREE IST | 5, 9630.18 | 140.00 $1,088.48$ |
| HOLLYMODD | 76.00 | 40.00 | mCCORMICK | 30.00 | 1.020 .00 20.00 |
| LAKEVIEW |  |  | NEAL'S CHAPEL | 282.86 | 557.65 |
| MARLEROOK MT. BETHEL | 193.00 120.00 | 119.00 | NEISHANDER | 100.00 | 10.00 |
|  | 94.12 |  | PLEASANT GROVE | $3 \times 186.31$ |  |
| Mr. ZIION | 135.00 | 50.23 | Pleasant valley | 771.97 | 78.48 |
| OKOLONA | 40.00 4.049 .27 |  | PROVIDENCE | 495.09 | 38.00 |
| PARK HILL PRESCOTT IST | $4,049.27$ $3,723.44$ | $3,448.36$ $1,634.50$ | RED DAK RIVERVALE | 100.00 303.03 |  |
| READER IST | $\begin{array}{r}4.723 .44 \\ \hline 51.03\end{array}$ | 1,634.50 | RIVERVALE trinity | 303.03 86.49 | 80.00 |
| RICHHODDS | 1,350.00 | 475.41 | trumann ist | 86.49 $6,668.15$ | 2,204.00 |
| Shadr grove |  |  | TYRONZA IST | 4, 854.66 | 1,240.67 |
| SHILOH | 514.63 505.86 | 514.65 47.36 | VALLEY YIEH WEINER IST | 382.69 734.60 | 195.59 161.15 |
| SYCAMORE GROVE |  | 277.23 | WESNER RIDGE | 734.60 | 161.15 |
| THIRD STREET, ARKADELPHIA | 1.274.69 | 407.39 | SHILOH MISSION |  |  |
| UNITY | 327.45 | 418.00 | WALOENBURG | 174.97 |  |
| WHELEN SPRINGS | 223.07 | 22.00 |  |  |  |
| association totals | 40,835.58 | 26,667.77 | association totals | 42,619.90 | 12,273.09 |
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# Ministers' wives call for better understanding 

NASHVILLE (BP) - A group of ministers' wives meeting here has issued a plea for a re-education of Southern Baptists concerning the unique role of the pastor's wife, particularly in such areas as individuality, time management, conflicting expectations and finances.

Fifteen women from 13 different states participated in the special Pastors' Wives Consultation, sponsored by the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The conference focused on the needs of the pastor's wife and possible denominational resources to help meet those needs.

After three days of discussion, the participants drafted a summary statement directed toward Southern Baptist church members.

In the statement, the pastors' wives emphasized that they were not attempting to speak for all ministers' wives, noting that one of the most significant needs of the minister's wife today is to be recognized and treated as an individual.
"We are Christians just like you are sometimes struggling, hopefully always growing and needing very much to be allowed to be less than 'perfect' at all times," the statement reads. "We do not want to be confused with all the other ministers' wives you have known or expected to be like them. We really are
not appendages to our husbands.
"We like for you to introduce us and refer to us, at least some of the time, by our own names and not by our relationship to our husbands or to the church. Do not necessarily expect us to be our husband's assistant unless we see this as our own particular avenue of service. Be assured that as we seek our own obedience to Christ we are trying to find that special place of service that is uniquely ours. Help us exercise our own gifts rather than feeling that we must automatically adjust to fill some immediate need of the church."

Another concern expressed in the consensus statement is the need for time for pastors' wives to give to their husbands and to their families.
"Let us love you," the statement says to the church member, "and you will make that more likely if you will make non-emergency calls to our husbands at the office during stated office hours rather than waiting until evenings or Saturdays, which just might be the only time that they have with their families.
"Realize that our husbands are married to us and not to the church," the statement continues. "The ministry is their calling, but they can fulfill this call more effectively if the workload at the church allows us time together and church members encourage us to nurture our relationship."

The statement also includes a sugges-
tion related to church members' often unrealistic expectations of the pastor's children.
"Treat our children as children and not as some special kind of beings who are expected either to be as perfect as little angels or as mean as little imps," the statement reads. "If you will help us to have a rich family life by expecting us to have adequate time together, they might be just as ordinary or as special as your own children."

The statement also adds a comment about financial needs and a need for friendships.
"Please know that you do not necessarily improve our characters by keeping us poor," the conference participants stated. "Our husbands may have done as much formal study as other professional men in the community but may not be compensated as well. Also, they must necessarily be in the public eye, which requires a reasonable income. Mostly we would be happy with the median income of our church members.
"If you see that certain people are our special friends, please realize that they may have reached out to us in helpfulness or because of their own needfulness."

The statement concludes by stressing that the friendship of church members is vitally important to the pastor's wife.

## Secure in God's love

Romans 8:28-39

The greatest miracle that we shall ever witness is that God loves us. Miracles are making headlines today. Such a shame that the purest miracle has gone mostly unnoticed

The fact we are most sure of must


Darter be that God loves us. Even we adults need that simple song that tells us that Jesus loves us and the Bible tells us so. The words "and we $k_{n o w " ~(~}^{~} \mathrm{v}, 28$ ) are an irreplaceable ingredient in our living. We must know some facts for when we are in the midst of life's disturbing situations we are likely to lose sight of God. More often than not we apply this truth (v. 28) to experiences which we cannot explain any other way. Usually these upsetting experiences appear to be bad or evil. How much happier we shall be when we put that truth to work for us all of the time. I much prefer this reading of the verse, "God causes all things to work together for good" (v. 28 NASB). Dream of how much better your life would be if you approached all of life in confidence of the presence, ability and willingness of God in each instance!

Normally we leave off the last phrase of verse 28 and completely jump over purposeful calling, God's foreknowledge, and predestination. We highlight "firstborn among many brethren". Hang on Baptists, verse 30 is strong meat. God is in charge of our destinies. He does call. Only he justifies. Finally he glorifies.

His call, justification, and glorification are ingredients of the security of all who believe in his love. Our Lord drew persons to himself in love (John 6:44). Paul described the calling of God as an holy calling (2 Tim. 1:9). If you are needing help with predestination then let this assist you, "those on whom he set his heart beforehand he marked off as his own (v. 29 Williams).

Our Lord has not left us to our own designs as to whom we shall be like. When we are saved, we are saved so that we might be constructed into a person like the Son. Today, across the street, the carpenters are finishing some apart-
ments. You can be sure that the contractors didn't just dig some footings and then let the concrete men decide on the floors. The entire process was controlled by a master plan. Would God do less with you?

The Lord isn't constructing houses; He is peoplemaking. He allows for our human wills to function. He knows what is best for us. His will for us is to be like, "conformed to the image of", Jesus Christ. I feel us trying to soften and amend the calling and predestining work of God. On the other hand I hear Paul glorying in it.

He appoints; He calls; He makes righteous; He glorifies. Nowhere do I see much room for me to get fidgety. There seems to be no ground for me to become insecure. God really does love me, more so than his very own life. He loves me more than his very own Son's life. In the Garden of Eden Satan twisted the words of God so that Eve began to distrust him. Satan implied that the Lord could not mean what he had promised. Satan undermined the foundation of Eve's security and she fell.

## God's securing love: <br> onslaughts against it

We tend to believe the first accusation we hear. A friend may simply say, "Have you heard about him? " and we immediately place a shadow across his name. Shadows are difficult to withdraw. Satan continually reminds us of how unworthy we are. We are already touchy about it. This seed germinates and we begin to doubt. This doubt grows and produces a harvest of distrust, $\sin$. That is why we must hear well the message that those whom God has made righteous cannot be made unrighteous (v. 33).

The message must come through clear and strong. The only way a believer might be made unrighteous would be for one stronger than Christ to undo his work. There is no such creature, human or superhuman. Christ has made us right in God's court. No one can charge us so that the Judge will reopen our case.

We are tempted to believe that our security rests on our living the Christian

[^1]life. We need some more questions answered: How far are the limits of Christ's love? When I do sin, can I be sure that I haven't gone too far? Can we sin until we overdraw our righteousness account? The answer to these questions is revealed (v. 34). Even if I could get out from under the grace of Christ, I could not get back under it (Heb. 6:6).

Our adversary, Satan, will try many different and disguised ways to get us to distrust Christ's securing love. He will attempt to recondemn us. But let us remind each other, that we cannot be retried for those old sin charges (Rom. $8: 1$ ). When you feel the devil trying to stampede you, then take good advice and stand up to him (Jas. 4:7).

## God's securing love:

our hallelujah chorus
Remember Joshua and Jericho? The people shouted and the walls came tumbling down! They shouted in victory before the walls fell. The same kind of pre-victory shout should rise from the Lord's people today. Our lives will contain sorrow and hardship, persecution, hunger and nakedness, danger and sword. But there is no way all or any of this can cut us adrift from God's securing love. Such experiences always catch us unprepared. When we are in the tunnel of one we grope for understanding and reason. But this certainty keeps us moving on. We know he is with us and will never leave us alone.

This word "separate" (v. 35) paints a vivid picture. It means to divide, to put distance between and to break fellowship with. It is used to mean divorce (Matt. 19:6). Christ's answer to any threat of separation is that no one can grab us out of God's hand (John 10:2829).

Here is a seven-fold description of our human experiences which might be used to drive wedges between us and him (v. 35). But get the feel for "more than conquerors" (v.37). In another day God's servant began to get the jitters. He could clearly see the overwhelming might of the enemy. In fear and dismay he turned to the prophet. In response to Elisha's prayer the Lord opened the eyes of the servant and he saw the host of God (2 Kings 6:15-17). After Paul lists another grouping of potential enemies, he strikes the finale. It is humanly, supernaturally, impossible to separate us from God's securing love.

## Loving means helping

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Luke 10:15-37

Even before we consider the question posed to Jesus by the lawyer in these verses, we must look at the context in which we find the question that caused Jesus to relate this parable. The Master had sent the seventy out to give witness of Himself. They had seen the power of God change lives and were rejoicing over their spiritual victories (1-22). Jesus turned to His disciples and said, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them" (23-24).

The rejoicing of Jesus with his disciples caused the lawyer to ask, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Since he was a scribe and an authority on the written law, Jesus countered with a question, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" (26). Jesus tells him that he has answered the question properly, but has failed to apply the same in his own life (27-28).

The lawyer did not try to argue with Jesus on the first and greatest commandment, for he knew that he had failed to keep the law he knew so well. However, he felt that he could justify himself on the second commandment so he asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbor?" (29). The lawyer, feeling that he was in good shape at this point, was anxious to discuss his relationship with his fellow man. Keep in mind however, that he did not want to get involved with the first commandment. Unless a man loves his Lord as instructed by the first commandment, there is no chance for him to love his fellow man aright.

The question (v. 29) caused Jesus to tell this parable. When He finished, the lawyer's self-righteousness was torn to shreds. Let's examine the kind of love that manifests itself through helping others.

Forms of lovelessness (30-32)
When people are hurting, where can they find understanding and help? The worldly crowd does not have the capability to demonstrate the kind of love that will help. The only love the world can express is a sensual and temporal love. The Priest and Levite are ex-
amples of the world's reaction to a man in need.

## Brutality of a thief (30)

There are many people that treat their fellow man just as these thieves did. They want to fulfill their selfish desires and care not who is hurt in the process. This form of lovelessness prevails strongly in our society.

Callous failure of a priest (31)
The priest had both the opportunity and the knowledge, but failed because of his indifference. The verb "he saw" carries the meaning that he observed the wounded man and thought about what he saw, yet "he passed by on the other side," showing disregard. This same meaning is used in reference to the Pharisees in Luke 11:42. No doubt the priest was on his way to the synagogue to lead in worship and to expound the scriptures, yet he failed to practice what he taught. Today many people lie wounded by sin's aftermath of heartache, loneliness, frustration and guilt, but the church has become so calloused toward these people that it fails to reach out a helping hand.

Cold unconcern of a Levite (32)
The Levite was a student of the scriptures, but he reacted in the same manner as the priest. He observed the wounded victim and then passed on the opposite side of the road. Perhaps the Levite reasoned that the man in the ditch got what he deserved. Perhaps he figured it was none of his business and that he did not want to get involved. Such reasoning is completely opposite from a love that cares, but such reasoning is often used by the Christians to excuse a lack of concern.

## Marks of Christ's

kind of love (33-37)
Finally, Jesus introduced a third character, the Samaritan. He saw the "half dead" man, but he reacted in a totally different manner from the other two. The Samaritan put into action the commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." He had the kind of love that Christians should have.

Love that reacts compassionately in the face of need (33)
Jesus said, "When he saw him, he was

[^2]moved with compassion." This compassion caused the Samaritan to stop. Compassion is the ability to put oneself in the shoes of another. When a Christian can see people hurting and picture himself in the same circumstances, then he will have a compassion that will reach out a helping hand. When we show concern for people, then Jesus is living his life through us. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall save his life (live selfishly) shall lose his life, but whosoever shall lose his life (live for Christ) shall save his life." Are you actively engaged in ministering to others through your church? Are you involved in the things that Christ commanded you to do for others?

Jesus tells us that the Samaritan did not just love the man in word, but in deed also. He was willing to get his hands dirty and to interrupt his schedule long enough to bind up the victim's wounds and take him to a place where he could receive continued care. In addition to this, the Samaritan paid the bill. He gave of his time, ability, and money. His stewardship of life was a total commitment.

## Opportunities for demonstrating Christ-like love (36-37)

Jesus said, "Go and do thou likewise." The Samaritan demonstrated the "good neighbor" policy as taught by Jesus. Today so many have been wounded by divorce, pressures from the business world. prodigal children, loneliness, physical suffering, poverty, alcohol, drugs and emotional problems. These hopeless people are reaching out for answers. There has never been a time of greater need; of greater opportunity for the Christians to minister by reaching out a helping hand. This kind of work is hard and often discouraging, yet it is rewarding in the spiritual life of the believer.

Some weeks later, when the Samaritan returned to the inn and found the wounded man recovered, he knew that it was well worth the sacrifice he had made. When we demonstrate Christ's kind of love it always comes back to us in a multitude of blessings. Jesus admonishes us, "Freely ye have received; freely give." Paul puts it another way, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, 1 am ready to preach the Gospel.

## 50 Baptist colleges Agree to national study

NASHVILLE (BP) - Fifty of the 53 Southern Baptist-related senior and junior colleges, including two in Arkansas, have signed up for a major national study of Southern Baptist colleges made possible by a recent $\$ 100,000$ grant.
The Arkansas Baptist colleges participating are Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia; and Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.
The study will be conducted by the Program of Liberal (Arts) Studies, currently based at the University of Arizona, Tucson, and funded by the Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis.
Earl J. McGrath, executive director for the Program of Liberal Studies, will administer the grant, and the office of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in Nashville will coordinate the study.

McGrath, senior advisor for education for the Lilly Endowment and former secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will make a team of nationally recognized educatioal consultants available to assist with the study, which will focus on a number of areas of institutional life.

Each Baptist college, which will contribute up to $\$ 1,000$ to help with the study, will be led in a self analysis of institutional goals, leadership and management, financial health, curriculum, campus environment, admissions and recruiting, and the perceptions of the laity about Southern Baptist

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Ben C. Fisher, executive directortreasurer of the SBC Education Commission, said it would cost the Baptist colleges an estimated $\$ 25,000$ to $\$ 30,000$ each to do such a study on their own without the benefit of the $\$ 100,000$ grant.

Fisher said McGrath reported that he recommended the study to the Lilly Endowment because Southern Baptist colleges are financially sound, concerned about the transmission of values and willing to wear their church-related label proudly, and are increasing in enrollments when many other private institutions show declines.
"The study itself, which grew out of the exposure our Baptist colleges received at our National Colloquium on Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools last June in Williamsburg, Va., involves a recognition of Baptist schools as a national asset," said George C. Capps of the Education Commission.
"For the first time," said Capps, the commission's associate executive director, "some of our colleges will be able to afford a self-study of this type."

The McGrath study is expected to be completed by December and to be evaluated and released by June of 1977.

## A smile or two

A sheriff was taking a prisoner to jail. A gust of wind came around the corner and blew off the prisoner's hat. He immediately lunged after it.
"No you don't, wise guy," said the sheriff. "You stand where you are and I'll run and get it."


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## Bible correspondence course planned for radio and TV

FT. WORTH (BP) - Trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here voted to participate jointly with the denomination's Sunday School Board in Nashville in a project expected to eventually involve as many as 150,000 people in a radio or television Bible correspondence course.

The Radio and Television Commission trustees' vote supports action taken by Sunday School Board trustees in their August meeting.

For the first time in Southern Baptist life it merges the denomination's print media and electronic media in a formal joint effort, a Radio and Television


Commission spokesman said.
"One of our Sunday School Board priorities is to encourage indepth Bible study for the masses," said Morton Rose, who presented the Sunday School Board proposal to the Radio and Television Commission trustees.
"In looking for ways to involve as many people as we can in such a Bible study, we looked at the mass media," Rose said. He said a survey of existing Bible correspondence courses offered on the air indicate that one non-Baptist group, which produces a program on 803 stations, has about 66,000 people a year involved in correspondence Bible study. In 1975, they were leading more than 7,000 of those people into their church yearly.
"We learned that the number one users of this correspondence study are Southern Baptist members," he said, adding that Southern Baptists are the third largest users of a Bible correspondence course produced by another nonBaptist denomination.

He emphasized, "We are not considering a Bible correspondence course to compete with other denominations, but we feel the response to such a course would be so favorable that in about five years we can involve 150,000 to 160,000 people learning the word of God by correspondence."
Chester F. Russell, Sunday School general administration consultant for the Sunday School Board, has been attached temporarily to the board's office of planning as the staff person to complete the planning stages of the radiotelevision Bible correspondence project.

Rose said the Sunday School Board had set aside $\$ 250,000$ for a task force to develop, direct, and implement this

## Missionaries survey needs after Ecuador earthquake

QUITO, Ecuador (BP) - Relief needs for the province of Cotopaxi, shaken by an Oct. 5 earthquake, can be met without the immediate aid of Southern Baptists, according to Southern Baptist missionaries.
Missionary James P. Gilbert went immediately to the site of the earthquake's epicenter, the town of Pastocalle, and confirmed the damage reports made by State Department officials.
W. Eugene Grubbs said both the acting ambassador to Ecuador and the missionary report fewer than 10 people were killed and that food and water sup-
plies are ample. Homes, housing 6,000 to 7,000 people, were damaged but only in rare instances did a roof or wall cave in, said Grubbs, the board's disaster response coordinator.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) is standing by to ship tents if there is a request from Ecuadorian officials.

Grubbs said that if Southern Baptists become involved it will be at a later time to rebuild homes. "The important thing," he said, "is Southern Baptists were there and knowledgeable about conditions if they had been needed."
venture. He said the editorial material for the program would be the responsibility of the Sunday School Board "because that is where our expertise lies. The technology of production, marketing, and distribution will be with the Radio and Television Commission because that is where their expertise lies."

Any proceeds over the Sunday School Board's cost of recovery would be divided $75-25$, with the Sunday School Board receiving the larger share.
"God may have brought both our agencies to this period in our denominational lives - each with honed skills and equipment," said Paul M. Stevens, Radio and Television Commission president.

Leaders of the two SBC agencies point out that there are a number of denominationally recognized Bible study efforts, including Sunday School Board programs, the six SBC theological seminaries, the SBC Seminary Extension Department and others.

But, they said, there are other efforts produced by individuals who create radio or television Bible correspondence courses for the general public - free or for sale - which aren't necessarily produced under careful guidelines and can easily create long range adverse effects.
"The Southern Baptist Convention," Stevens said, "has an active radio and television ministry which isn't able to operate adequately in the world of Bible study alone.
"Many people live in our society who will not be reached by the individual radio or television preacher on the one hand or a theological institution on the other," said Stevens. "But they might be reached through a radio-television Bible correspondence ministry which is Sunday School oriented.
"The Southern Baptist Convention," Stevens continued, "has an active radio and television ministry, which isn't able to operate adequately in the world of Bible study alone.
"So what happens is the marrying of the skills of two agencies in the same work of a single denomination, when the Sunday School Board - skilled in Bible teaching for Sunday School programs - and the Radio and Television Commission - with a skill and expertise to put it together on the air can work together. I'm as excited as Grady Cothen (Sunday School Board president) about the possibilities. I believe God is in it."

Agency leaders expect it to take two years to research, prepare, produce, and air the first correspondence course.


[^0]:    When General Washington expressed the need to know what was happening behind enemy lines, officers who were captains were assembled and asked to volunteer for the assignment. No one responded. A second appeal was made and Hale alone volunteered.

    In the disguise of a Dutch school teacher he went to Long Island, surveyed the situation and was leaving the area as he was recognized and captured.

    A fellow officer has tried to persuade Nathan not to go on the mission and he had replied that he was fully aware of the peril and of the consequences of being caught. Nathan said, "If the exigencies of my country demand a peculiar service, its claims ... are imperious" (Documentary Life of Nathan Hale).

    British General William Howe ordered Hale's execution for the next morning. Hale asked for a clergyman but his request was refused. He also asked for a Bible and was refused.

    An observer reported Hale's calmness and gentle dignity on the morning of his execution. After writing two letters, one to his brother Enoch and the other to his commanding officer, he was taken to the gallows where he spoke his memorable words.

    A British officer told what Hale said before he was hanged. He spoke of his sense of duty and urged those watching to be prepared also for death. - Editor Elmer Gray in the "California Southern Baptist"

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