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One layman's opinion

Monuments to a Christian teacher



Dr. Grant

Sometimes the easiest jobs are the hardest.

This was my experience recently after being asked to give the eulogy at the funeral of Dr. R. C. Daily, who was for many years chairman of the History Department at Ouachita Baptist University. It was easy to think of good things to say about my major professor, counselor, and friend — they literally flooded through the memories of

my mind. But it was hard to select the most impressive monuments to Dr. Daily from among the many.

Some of the monuments are more tangible than others. There is R. C. Daily Hall, a classroom building, named in honor of Dr. Daily that may be the monument that is best known to the younger generation of Ouachita students. But other less visible or less easily identifiable monuments may be ultimately far more impressive.

His family, a wife, four children, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren constitute living monuments to his love, guidance, and inspiration.

Ouachita as an institution stands as a tribute to his strong commitment to the search for truth and the sharing of truth with several thousand young people, under the one eternal truth of God in Christ. Former students now pastors, teachers, missionaries, housewives, and professional people around the world stand as living monuments to his influence on young lives.

Wiley Caldwell, a Ouachita alumnus and successful lawyer in Houston, has said many times, "Dr. Daily got me through the University of Texas Law School. The rigors of his 'daily Daily quizzes' prepared me for the tough discipline of daily briefing of law cases." His famous "wailing wall" where quiz scores were reported each day would do justice to the one in Jerusalem.

Just two days before Dr. Daily died, by coincidence I spoke in chapel on the subject "If I were a Ouachita student again," and mentioned Dr. Daily in my remarks. I shared my secret for deciding on a major and minor, confessing that I selected the best professor (Dr. Daily) and majored in him, and minored with the next best professor.

I have never forgotten two very special conversations with Dr. Daily. In 1948 while I was finishing graduate work at Northwestern he asked if I would be interested in coming back to Ouachita. I told him I would if I ever felt this is what God wants me to do. He replied, "Just remember, it is well worth giving your life to."

During my last visit to his home he reminisced about my father's employing him in the depths of the Great Depression with no promise of a specific salary — just "what we have," which turned out to be \$1,800 that year. He walked out to the car with me and said

of the one-quarter of a century at Ouachita, "I've never regretted it for one minute."

This is real victory in the Christian life. — Daniel R. Grant, President, Ouachita Baptist University

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Laws should protect children



Editor Sneed

"There is a Day Care Center in our town," declared a very knowledgeable official, "a mobile home managed by one lady who cares for over 40 children."

It is not difficult to recognize that, no matter how hard working, capable, and well meaning the Day Care supervisor may have been, it was impossible for her to give adequate care to all these children. This, of course, was just one of the reasons for the passing of Act 434 in 1969 which provides guidelines for Day Care and other institutional care for children.

Recently some have strongly objected to the requirements of this legislation. At the time of this writing it appears that House Bill 24 and Senate Bill 68 which would strike down this entire legislation will be left in committee. Proposed House Bill 340 and Senate Bill 236 would greatly modify our current law, as it states "Any religious child care facility organized and operating as of July 1, 1969, shall be exempted from the institution child care standards promulgated by the Child Care Facilities Review Board under authority of Act 434. . . . Upon receipt of properly executed request for exemption of a religious operated child care institution the exemption will be granted by the Child Care Facility Review Board. Within a period of one year the Social Services Division of the Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services shall have the authority to make an inspection of the exempted child care institution for the purpose of determining whether the premises of such child care

institution, the care being received by the children therein, and other matters affecting the safety and health of such children are being provided. . . ." Some regulations are far better than no regulations at all.

It seems totally inconsistent that, in a time when great emphasis is being laid on the rights of certain groups, that the rights of children, who are incapable of helping themselves, are being ignored. Children are dependent on someone or some agency for their care. They deserve the best protection which the laws of the land can provide for them.

All other institutions including schools, hospitals, and nursing homes must conform to minimum standards. A child who has lost his parents or comes from a broken home deserves this same protection.

It is, indeed, a delightful fact that our own children's home does meet and exceed the minimum standards of Act 434. Church institutions have an obligation always to lead the way in such important areas.

The concern which Jesus had for children is evident. In the midst of one busy day while people besought Christ from every side, the disciples attempted to pass by the children. Christ observing this expressed his love for the children "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16.)

It well could be that House Bill 340 (Senate Bill 236) will adequately provide for the safety and care of the helpless children of our state, but it is imperative that we all demonstrate our concern for them. If additional and more strenuous legislation is needed, each of us should be ready to assist.

United effort on taxation of churches is needed

In recent days many pastors have inquired as to what they could do to deter the taxation of tithes and offerings and of church-owned pastoriums. Perhaps the most effective method would be to write our senators and representatives. Letters should be addressed to: Honorable J. William Fulbright, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.; Honorable John L. McClellan, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.; Honorable Wilbur Mills, The House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.; Honorable John Paul Hammerschmidt, The House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.; Honorable Ray Thornton, The House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.; Honorable Bill Alexander, The House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. _____

It is my firm conviction that tithes and offerings donated to churches should be exempt from taxation. I feel very strongly that any non-profit charitable in-

stitution which provides services for the good of the community should be exempt from all forms of taxation.

I do wish to commend you and the other legislators for your efforts to close the tax loopholes which allow some religious groups to use their property for profit making endeavors. I agree completely that, if and when, a piece of church property is used for profit making enterprises that the religious organization should be subject to the same form of taxation as any other business.

Let me commend you for your long-standing support of separation of church and state as guaranteed by the constitution. To me, this means not only that the state must not exercise any authority over or interfere with the life of the churches, but also that religious organizations will be free from taxation.

Since taxation of the charitable donations given
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to churches or of church property would work a tremendous hardship on the religious community, crippling the churches' charitable and missionary activities and stifling the churches' growth, I urge you to oppose House Bill 15230 and Senate Bill 3657 as well as all other similar legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter on

this important matter.

Sincerely,

It should be remembered that personal letters are by far more effective than form letters. The foregoing is intended only as a guide.

This is an urgent matter which merits the attention of the Baptists of Arkansas.

I must say it!

The high cost of low living



Dr. Ashcraft

There are some things over which a person exercises no choice. No person chooses his parents. He does not choose his race, nor his sex. He is not accorded the privilege of designating the generation in which he wishes to live.

He does not select his intelligence quota figure. He does not choose his color. He does not prearrange his social strata. He does not elect his religious background. He

does not choose his ancestors or his culture.

While there are some things over which he exercises no choice whatever, there are other things which no one but himself can exercise volition, one of which is, he will either fully accept life and develop it or he will, by his actions, reject it and ruin it.

There is but little difference between a dead man and one who lives apart from the all consuming Lordship of Christ. There are indeed some things which are worse than death. Dishonor is worse than death. Living a life of perpetual failure is worse than death. Living less than one's potential under God's sustaining grace is worse than death. This is no invitation to suicide because suicide is already a reality with many who continue to live low lives. Those who live out their days never responding to the love of God; are barely living.

Jesus said of Judas, "It would have been good for that man had he never been born" (Matt. 26:24). There is perhaps no death as real as one who lives all his days estranged from God. This person consumes oxygen, occupies needed space, pollutes the land as much as useful citizens, holds back progress, and often lives long enough to curse God more than the saints can praise him.

Whatever there is good about an unborn person and whatever accrues to him for not being born is surely out of the scope of my conjecture but it is more than convincing that the one choice for which we shall be accountable is the full acceptance of life, and living it under the all-consuming Lordship of Christ. Anything less than this is practical suicide.

There is a rage of suicides in our country, almost to epidemic proportions. People commit suicide because of boredom. Countless thousands of others will live on barely above the level of death of whom it may be said at their funeral, "It would have been good for them and for everyone else had they never been born."

There are some of whom it may be said, "Better for him that a millstone were hanged around his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6). Jesus said it. There is a high cost to low living.

I must say it! — Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary.

On-to-College conference scheduled

NASHVILLE — On April 17, the first National On-to-College Conference will begin in Glorieta Baptist Center, Glorieta, N. M., for high school seniors and recent high school graduates who are college bound.

National student ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is sponsoring the conference and providing a number of the program personalities from their staff.

Theme for the conference is "The Wonderful Worlds of College." The conference will run from Tuesday night, April 17, to noon Friday, April 20.

Debby Robert, Miss Louisiana 1972, and Ed Seabough of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., will be two of the featured speakers. Miss Robert will give a personal testimony, and Seabough will deliver one of the evening messages entitled "The Campus World."

Other speakers are Doug Manning, pastor of Southern Hills Church, Tulsa, Okla.; James Dunn, director, Texas Christian Life Commission; S. L. Harris, counselor and assistant professor of sociology, Tarrant County Junior College, Northeast Campus, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Robert Moore, University Choir Director, First Church, Lubbock, Tex.; and Tony Hough, director, Baptist Young Men's department, Brotherhood

Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

Areas of interest to be covered during the discussions of the week are problems that will be encountered by the college freshman, 20th Century theology for students and dealing with persons of different religions, philosophies and life styles.

Training opportunities will also be available for workers with this age group.

Cost for the conference is \$30 per person. This fee will cover registration, insurance, full use of the conference center recreation equipment, lodging and meals. To register, write to Mark Short, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, N. M., 87535.

Hildreth will speak at leadership seminar

NASHVILLE — Lory Hildreth, pastor of First Church in Texarkana, Tex., will lead the opening sessions of the pastoral leadership seminar which will be held at First Church, Pine Bluff, Feb. 12-16.

Hildreth, 14-year pastor of the Texarkana church, will discuss "If I Am To Lead My Church, I Must . . ." on Feb. 12. On Feb. 13 his discussion will concern "God's Call To Leadership."

The 12 pastoral leadership seminars which will be conducted in different areas of the United States are sponsored by the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. These seminars are designed to help pastors and church staff members develop leadership skills and to use these skills effectively.

Brooks R. Faulkner, consultant in the church ministries section of the church administration department, will direct the Pine Bluff seminar.

Persons interested in attending the seminar should contact W. Harold White, 2600 Cherry St., Pine Bluff, Ark., 71601. The registration fee is \$10.

Letters to the editor

Thanks for support To Arkansas Baptists:

Your interest and generosity resulted in an overage of approximately \$120,000 on the 1972 State Convention budget. By action of our State Executive Board our Baptist Student Union work in Arkansas became the recipient of 25 percent of this overage. Our BSU Area Committee, composed of representatives from Benton, Carroll, Boone-Newton, and Washington-Madison Associations have asked me to convey their appreciation to Arkansas Baptists as a whole, and to the State Executive Board and Dr. Ashcraft, for this extra support. I would also like to express appreciation for myself and on behalf of the University of Arkansas Baptist Student Union. —Jamie Jones, Secretary of the U of A BSU Area Committee and Director of the Baptist Student Union, University of Arkansas



Disposing of note: Robert F. Tucker, Shelby Bittle, Wylie Brown, R. L. Lawson.

Wynne church holds note burning

Union Avenue Church, Wynne, held a note burning service to commemorate complete payment of the pastor's home Jan. 21. The pastorium was purchased Sept. 12, 1964, while Zane Chesser was pastor. The 15-year note was paid off in eight years.

Robert F. Tucker, superintendent of missions for Tri-County Association, brought a message for the special occasion. The dedication ceremony was led by Assistant Pastor Jimmy Tallant.

Chairman of Trustees Wylie Brown, who gave a brief history of the

pastorium, declared "Our church has been able to pay for this pastor's home much sooner than we had originally anticipated."

Under the leadership of Pastor Shelby Bittle the church has grown approximately 100 percent in the last 16 months. The average Sunday School attendance is now about 140. During the calendar year of 1972 the church had over 100 additions with more than 50 of these being by baptism. The receipts of the church increased from \$17,000 in 1971, to \$27,000 last year.

Missionaries on furlough

- Heyward L. Adams, 2839 Evergreen Ave., Camden 71701, from Nigeria, till April
- C. T. Braughton, 340 Central Ave., Hot Springs 71901, from Malaysia, till July
- Gilbert A. Nichols, Box 162, Cabot 72023, from Paraguay, till December
- Annie Hoover, 3008 E. Fourth, N. Little Rock, from Japan, till March
- James E. Hampton, 18 Barbara Dr., Little Rock 72204, from East Africa, till July
- Glennd Grober, 20 Barbara Dr., Little Rock 72204, from Brazil, till July

Staff changes

George Fink has been called as pastor of Vanndale Church. He comes to the church from the Valley View Church near Harrisburg.



Merritt

R. G. Merritt has resigned the pastorate of Humphrey Church to accept a post as pastor of Oak Grove Church in Harmony Association. He also has pastored churches in Louisiana. Merritt is second vice moderator of Harmony Association

and serves on the Associational Missions Committee.

The Cooperative Program ...

YOUR PASSPORT TO THE WORLD

Between parson and pew Storms and garbage

By Velma Merritt



Mrs. Merritt

In the spring young trees pop from the ground. All summer they grow, and in winter they must stand the hard winds, snow, sleet, ice, hail, and downpours just as the mighty parent tree which stands beside it.

Life is a lot like little trees. We don't grow strong until we can stand straight through the storms of life. We might bend and sway but as long as we keep looking upward, we grow.

Some tend to think that some families — perhaps your pastor's — is free or should be free from trouble. Their lives should at all times be exemplary. Perhaps they should be, but they are not and neither is yours.

Once I had been extremely critical of a certain full-time Christian vocational worker's labors. As I was griping to one person, she explained that usually this person did superior work and she too had been disappointed. Perhaps, she said, his work is inferior this time because he is so deeply burdened about his son who had gone to live in a hippie commune and had then

been placed in prison on a narcotics violation. His other children were superb Christian workers but this one child had gone astray.

Needless to say, my criticism ceased abruptly!

This lady's remark reminded me once again that not one of us is exempt from the power of Satan. He is the second strongest force in the universe.

Like me, many of you, have been too quick to be critical, make snap judgments, gossip, and immediately condemn a family when sin appears in that home, especially your pastor's family or an active church member's family.

Any sincere Christian family who faces serious sin from within has burdens which almost seem too heavy to bear. They need your prayers not your criticism during these dark days. Praying does not mean you condone their sin — only that you are helping them through the problem.

The family who weathers the storms — personal hurt, criticism from "friends," heartbreak, continually asking God "Why?" and seeming to receive no answer — will some day again be able to stand tall as the little tree if eventually they learn they must take their garbage to God and dump it. Then there is room for Christian growth under the most adverse circumstances.



OBU President Daniel Grant (Right) presents the award to S. D. Hacker.

S. D. Hacker named missionary of the year

This year Ouachita University began an annual award to the outstanding "Superintendent of Missions of the Year." S. D. Hacker, superintendent of missions for Independence Association was the 1972 recipient.

In making the award, Dr. Daniel Grant, president of Ouachita, emphasized that this was the fourth time that Missionary Hacker had served as president of the Arkansas Missionary Fellowship. He also mentioned the outstanding program of work carried on by Independence Association as well as the fine services which the association provides for their churches.

Future plans provide for honoring the missionary of the year at an annual dinner where all superintendents of missions of the state will be the guests of Ouachita University.

This year's selection committee included Dr. Daniel Grant, R. H. Dorris, Dr. Ed Coulter, Dr. Vester Wolber, and Dr. Everett Sneed.

Missionary education statistics reported

ATLANTA (BP) — The Arkansas Baptist State Convention recorded impressive and meaningful statistics this past year in the area of missionary education.

Six associations conducted World Missions Conferences with 107 churches involved. Attending the programs were 36,457 people. Eleven professions of faith and 81 other decisions were made. The conferences brought 74 state, home, and foreign missionaries to the participating associations.

CBS denies it plans to show X rated Movies

The following is the letter being sent by the CBS TV network to persons writing in regard to X rated movies on television. It is reprinted by permission through the affiliate station, KTHV in Little Rock.

"The CBS Television Network has made no announcement that it plans to run X rated movies. I cannot be too emphatic in stressing that CBS has no intention of broadcasting X or R rated movies; nor has it ever had any such intention. Let me, as briefly as possible, set forth the facts.

"I should point out that when it was determined that the CBS Television Network would replace Merv Griffin with motion pictures, arrangements were made to purchase 247 features. Of those, one, "The Damned," had originally been given an X rating for theatrical showing. Before we would even consider it, we insisted that the distributors edit the film and have the X rating removed by the Motion Picture Code Office. Both were done; it was edited and the rating was revised to an R. We — CBS — felt that even more editing was necessary and proceeded to take an additional eleven minutes out of the film, after which it was our conviction — and still is — that the motion picture would have come under the category of PG — Parental Guidance. I think you would agree that any television viewing at such a late hour would involve parental guidance.

"I'm sorry you've been misled, and I'll appreciate it if you'd be kind enough to enlighten those by whom you were misinformed. —Thomas J. Swafford, Vice President for Program Practices."

Church polity: relationships

By Ralph W. Davis

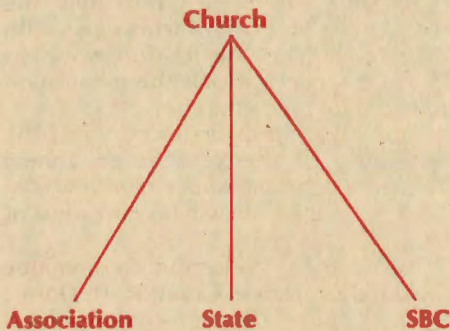
Secretary, Arkansas Church Training Department

(Fourth in a series of five)



Davis

There are three Southern Baptist denominational bodies — association, state convention, and Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist denomination consists of each Baptist church member, association, each state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. All Southern Baptists are united into a denomination. The state conventions and associations are part of the Baptist denomination but not part of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist denominational system is composed of the churches and the three denominational bodies — association, state convention and Southern Baptist Convention. There are no "levels" in the denomination because each body is autonomous.



Let us see the relationship of churches to the three denominational bodies. The individual church which consists of individuals who have been regenerated, baptized, and received by the congregation into membership, is an autonomous body. No denominational body has control over it. The entire denominational structure is under the churches and should be. The association does not consist of churches but of messengers elected by the churches. In an indirect manner the churches are able to determine the membership of the association and other bodies, but each denominational body has sole

authority in determining its membership and in deciding whether or not it will receive the members elected by the churches.

The state convention does not consist of associations or churches, but messengers elected by the churches. The Southern Baptist Convention does not consist of state conventions, associations, or churches, but messengers elected by the churches. Each denominational body is as much an autonomous body as an individual church is an autonomous body. According to Dr. James Sullivan, if the Southern Baptist Convention consisted of states and the state conventions of associations and the associations of churches, we would have a Catholic system. Churches are "affiliated" with denominational bodies by electing messengers which are received by the bodies, but the denominational bodies do not consist of churches. It may be stated that churches petition for membership in denominational bodies and send their messengers to become members of these bodies. The term "affiliation" would be better than "membership."

Churches elect "messengers," not "delegates" to the denominational bodies. Through these messengers the churches control the work done in all areas of our Baptist life. This is all the control that is needed. The term "delegate" carries the idea of delegated power. If churches send delegates to the denominational bodies, the church could instruct the delegates to vote a certain way. That would infringe on the autonomy of the body. Each Baptist body is composed of individuals and these individual messengers are void of authority. The church delegates nothing to them and in turn the church is not bound by the decision of the denominational body. Messengers cannot speak for their churches but only as individual members of the meetings of the association or convention. The competency and freedom of the individual unto God calls for each messenger to vote according to the dictates of his own conscience. This individualism applies to members of a church and messengers to a denomina-

tional meeting.

One Baptist body cannot dictate to another body for each body is autonomous. Never should one body nominate or elect officers for another body. Associations should never nominate executive board members to state conventions or to the Southern Baptist Convention. They can make suggestions, but each body will determine its own membership. Each body is independent of the other. Each determines its own membership, each has an autonomy of its own, and each is obligated to respect the rights of churches and the other Baptist bodies. There are no inferior or superior Baptist bodies.

If a denominational body should be composed of churches rather than messengers from the churches, then the actions of the denominational body would be binding on the churches. This would destroy the autonomy of the church. If the denominational body should acquire a debt, the churches would then be liable for that debt.

In all of Baptist life the churches occupy a primary position. They elect the messengers who comprise the membership in all three denominational bodies. These messengers determine everything that these bodies do. If there should be "levels" in Baptist life, the local church would be the top level. Baptist "headquarters" is not located in Little Rock or Nashville. If a denominational worker doubts this, let him "tell" a church what it should do when that church does not want to do it, and he will soon discover where "headquarters" is located.

No denominational body has any control over the churches. Dr. James Sullivan has described our polity as a rope of sand. An association, state, or Southern Baptist Convention agency can throw the rope around the neck of a church and demand that the church give a certain amount of money or cooperate in a certain project, but the church can absolutely ignore the "rope" because the rope becomes a rope of sand and the church remains autonomous. Of course, there is another New Testament principle of cooperation which we shall see in the next article.

Each of the three denominational bodies was the creation of the churches and came into being to do one of two things — to assist the churches in doing their work or to do that which the churches could not do alone. For example, departments of the state convention, such as Sunday School and Church Training, assist the churches in these phases of work. On the other hand, the Foreign Mission Board is able to accomplish mission work which churches individually could not do.



Immanuel's families gather on Wednesday nights in the dining hall.

Dining hall dedicated to Dr. Vaught

On January 24, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, dedicated its new dining hall to Dr. W. O. Vaught who has served the church as pastor since April, 1945.

Highlights of the occasion included a memorial service for the late President Lyndon Johnson and a time of deep rejoicing for the peace treaty which has been signed with North Vietnam.

Chairman of Deacons Dr. Bill Harville led the dedication and unveiling of the picture of Pastor Vaught.

Under the 28-year ministry of Dr.

Vaught the church has conducted three major building programs — an educational building and chapel which cost approximately one-half million dollars; redecoration of the church sanctuary costing \$200,000 as well as the adding of \$100,000 of air conditioning equipment; and in 1966 a new educational building, dining hall, and recreation building at a cost of \$800,000.

Across the years Immanuel has consistently led in gifts to the Cooperative Program. The past year the

total missions, Cooperative Program, and Higher Education gifts were \$184,971 with the total receipts being \$604,000.

During Vaught's ministry at Immanuel there have been approximately 14,000 additions with more than 25 missionaries and preachers having gone out from this congregation.

Perhaps the most outstanding accomplishment of Immanuel is the Wednesday evening prayer service which averages over 500. Vaught declares "This is our big family gathering in which our graded choirs meet, the mission action groups come together, the recreational facilities are open, but around the evening meal we have our Bible study. The most exciting thing which is happening at our church is the many hundreds of people who are learning Bible doctrines and are becoming stable Christians because they know what they believe."

Executive Secretary Charles H. Ashcraft, who was present for the occasion, commented "It is wonderful to be invited to such a happy exciting service. It has been my opportunity to appear before the entire church and express thanks for all Baptists and the convention for the services of Dr. Vaught as chairman of the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign.

"It is my opportunity to thank you for your prayers for my brother-in-law, Dan Balfour, in his time of illness. The greatness of this church has made the voice of Dr. Vaught one of the most powerful voices in our Baptist fellowship. Your service honoring Dr. Vaught by this Fellowship Hall and unveiling of the portrait is indeed but the smile of God upon one of the finest achievements upon earth, a happy church-happy pastor relationship."



Dr. Harville (right) led in the ceremonies honoring Dr. Vaught and the unveiling of the picture behind Dr. Vaught. Mrs. Vaught is in the center.



Also participating in the ceremonies was Dr. Charles Ashcraft, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Woman's viewpoint What is God like?

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

What is God like to you? To some He is a heavenly trouble-shooter who is only called upon in times of crises. To others, He is respected only because of fear of punishment, and action is based on that fear.

To many of us, God is so remote, away up there, taking care of all His important business, we are reluctant to try to get His attention with our petty problems.

Several years ago our pastor preached along this line, pointing out that God is not only a monarch on His throne, but is just as near as we need and want Him to be.

The following item has come into my hands, and I am told it was put together by a young people's group in one of our North Little Rock churches. I enjoyed it so much, I want to pass it along.

God is like —

- God is like Bayer Aspirin —
He works wonders.
- God is like Ford —
He's got a better idea.
- God is like Dial —
He gives around the clock protection.
- God is like Coke —
He's the real thing.
- God is like Pan-Am —
He makes the going great.
- God is like Scope —
He makes you feel fresh.
- God is like Hallmark Cards —
He cares enough.
- God's love is like Alka Seltzer —
Try it — You'll like it!

Garrison named pastor of Oklahoma City church

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — C. Eugene Garrison, pastor of First Church of El Paso, Tex., has been named pastor of First Church of Oklahoma City succeeding Herschel H. Hobbs who is retiring.

Garrison, 41, will assume the pastorate on March 4, after serving for five years as pastor of the El Paso church.

Previously, he had been pastor of churches in Altus and Hobart, Okla., and Phillips and Grapevine, Tex.

The cover



Officers for the joint committee are (Left) James Sawyer, secretary; Mrs. Pearl Anthony, vice chairman; and J. C. Oliver, chairman.

National and Southern Baptists from state joint committee

The State Joint Committee of Work with National and Southern Baptists in Arkansas was recently organized following action by the respective state conventions, wherein committee members were elected to serve as representatives.

State conventions represented and their respective representation include The Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention, NBC, Dr. F. T. Guy, president, T. W. Barnes, J. C. Oliver, Mrs. Pearl Anthony, W. L. Oliver, and W. O. Lindsey.

The Regular Arkansas Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc., NBC, Dr. G. R. Mazique, president, O. C. Jones, Norman H. McGill, Mrs. Lillie V. Hayes, Mrs. Cleofus Lomack, E. J. Richardson, and York W. Williams.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention, SBC, Dr. Rheubin L. South, president, James Sawyer, Mrs. R. A. Coppenger, Charles H. Ashcraft, and Robert Ferguson.

Elected officers were J. C. Oliver, chairman; Mrs. Pearl Anthony, vice chairman; and James Sawyer, secretary.

Plans were approved for the Leadership Conference at Camp Paron, Feb. 23-24, and the Camp Hart youth camps, Aug. 13-24.

Cooperative plans were discussed for the 1976 bi-centennial celebration of our country when the Baptist churches

could play a major role in the spiritual and moral life of our national celebration.

July 5 was selected as the next meeting date for the total committee at the Baptist Bldg., 525 W. Capitol, Little Rock.

From the churches

Sherman J. Beam II has been licensed to the ministry by Gillett Church. He is 18 years old and a senior at Gillett High School. He plans to attend Southern Baptist College. Pastor David H. Henderson says that Beam is available for pulpit supply.

First Church, Gentry, recently licensed to the ministry Dan Hammers. Hammers, who is married and the father of a son, is now studying at Southern Baptist College.



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Doctrines of the faith

The doctrine of angels

By Jimmy A. Millikin
Southern Baptist College



Dr. Millikin

The subject of angels is one of those doctrines which is quite frequently overlooked or ignored in doctrinal studies. Most Christians are aware that they are mentioned in the Bible, but little is known about them.

Their existence

Many people are inclined to dismiss the existence of angels as an outmoded belief impossible to hold in this scientific age. However, if the Bible is to be believed, there can be no doubt that angels do exist. Their existence is acknowledged throughout the Old Testament. From earliest times to the close of the Old Testament period, angels played a role in God's communication of Himself to man (cf. Gen. 19:1; Psa. 91:11; Dan. 3:28.) As far as the New Testament is concerned, the evidence is clear that Jesus and the apostles believed in and taught the existence of angels (Matt. 18:10; Mark 13:32; 2 Thes. 1:7; John 1:51; 1 Peter 3:22.)

Their nature

Several things may be concluded from the biblical references concerning the nature of angels:

First, they are created beings (Col. 1:16.) Just when they were created is not specifically stated in the Bible. There is some indication that they were created at the time God created the heavenly system. While their creation is not expressly mentioned in the Genesis account, it is strongly implied (cf. Gen. 2:1; Ex. 20:11.) At any rate, their creation apparently took place before the creation of the earth for they rejoiced at the event (Job 38:7.)

Second, angels are spiritual beings (Psa. 104:4; Heb. 1:14.) Although they are spiritual in nature, they frequently appeared to men in visible and human form (Gen. 19; Jdgs. 2:1; 6:11-22; Matt. 1:20; Luke 1:26; John 20:12.) However, these material appearances were for the purposes of divine revelation and were only temporary.

Third, angels are supernatural creatures with great knowledge and power. They "excel in strength" (Psa. 103:20) and are "greater in power and might" than man (2 Peter 2:11.) One angel was able to destroy 185,000 Assyrian soldiers (Isa. 37:36.) Other similar feats are attributed to angels (cf. Gen. 19:10-13; Rev. 20:2, 10.)

Their work

What do angels do? According to the biblical references their work is manifold and varied. They have a heavenly ministry which consists mainly of priestly service and worship. They praise God, celebrate the glory of His perfections, and keep His commandments (Isa. 6; Rev. 5:11, 12; 8:3, 4.)

They also have an earthly ministry which is related primarily to the children of God. They observe the walk of believers (1 Cor. 4:9; Eph. 3:10); help them in distress (Heb. 1:14; Acts 12:7); fight for their final victory (Dan. 12:1; Rev. 12:7-9); cheer and strengthen them in time of trials (1 Kings 19:5-8; Matt. 4:11); and reveal the mind and will of God to them (Deut. 32:2; Acts 7:59; Heb. 2:2.)

A warning

As a final word, a warning must be given. Angels are not gods. They are creatures and servants of God, but not themselves gods. Accordingly, they are not to be worshipped nor venerated. Such a practice is forbidden and strongly rebuked throughout the Bible (Col. 2:18; Rev. 19:10.)

Second Lifeway store will open in March

RALEIGH, N.C. (BP) — A new Lifeway store, the second of its kind and part of a Southern Baptist book store channel to the general public, is scheduled to open the first weekend in March at Crabtree Valley Mall, Raleigh, N.C.

The first store was opened August, 1972, in Jackson, Miss.

As part of the pilot project being conducted by the Book Store Division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, this store will be one of more than 125 retail outlets in the largest shopping complex between Washington, and Atlanta. The new store will contain approximately 2,200 square feet.

The Lifeway symbol, a figure of a man in a red triangle, will be used extensively in the store's design and decor.

Celebrates 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hall, members of Memorial Church, Hackett, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house in December.

Hosting the celebration were their children, Billy Gene, of Hackett, and Mrs. Earnestine Thompson, of Tulsa.

The Halls were married Dec. 24, 1922, in Hackett by the late N. B. Forrester.

Hall is the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Hall of Cameron. Mrs. Hall is the former Lela DuBoise, daughter of the late P. R. and Mary DuBoise of Cameron.



Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hall

Attention: Bible drillers

Two Bibles will be accepted in the Youth Bible Drill and in the Bible Exploring Drill: the Zondervan Bible, B-100 and the new Broadman Youth Bible Drill Bible, 4210-06. Participants in the church, associational, and district drills will provide their own Bibles and use either of the two Bibles listed above (or the Harper Sword Drill Bible which the churches have used in the past). However, at the State Youth Convention, April 20, the Zondervan and the Broadman Bibles will be used, and the Church Training Department will provide each participant with the Bible he desires (either the Zondervan or Broadman) which must be used in the State Drill.

These two Bibles — Zondervan and Broadman — will be accepted in the convention-wide drills at Glorieta the week of June 3-9 or at Ridecrest the week of July 15-21.

Liquor for 18-year-olds would be result of proposed measures

The Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas published in their legislative bulletin of Jan. 24 an article which cites several measures now proposed in the Arkansas General Assembly which would allow 18-year-olds to buy liquor. It is reprinted here with permission.

There are presently on the agendas of Committees of the Arkansas State Senate and House of Representatives bills which, in their present form, would make Alcoholic Beverages available to 18-year-olds. Similar legislation was passed in eleven other states, and many of the citizens of those states did not know that the legislation gave this privilege to 18-year-olds. In those states, as in our own Legislature, the titles of the bills read as follows: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CITIZENS OF THIS STATE EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ARE DEEMED TO HAVE REACHED THEIR MAJORITY FOR ALL PURPOSES." Common to each of the bills is the following section: "Hereafter, all citizens of this State eighteen (18) years of age or older are deemed to have reached their majority for all purposes, and shall have all the rights, privileges, powers, responsibilities, obligations and duties of adulthood, except as may be provided in the Constitution of the State of Arkansas." Common, also, to each of these bills is a Repealing Clause, which reads: "All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."

We do not question the motives of the authors of these bills or the general purpose behind them. They are inspired by the recent Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which granted the privilege to vote to those eighteen years of age. There are many features of these bills that will appeal to all of us. However, there is one area in which the Repealing Clause would operate that we feel would open the doors to great moral damage to the life of our youth, the life of our homes, the troubled life of our public schools, and visit more death and destruction upon the streets and highways of our State. As they now stand, these bills would repeal all existing regularity statutes that limit the sale, possession and use of Alcoholic Beverages to those 21 years or older. If the authors and Committees of the Legislature would agree to an amendment listing the statutes that govern Alcoholic Beverages as an exception to the Repealing Clause, this would change these bills from highly controversial bills to the kind of legislation parents, church people, school authorities, state safety officials,

law enforcement officers, legislators, and governors could live with.

IF YOU FEEL THAT SUCH AN AMENDMENT IS NEEDED, AND, IF YOU ARE OPPOSED TO THESE BILLS IN THEIR PRESENT FORM, PLEASE ACT IMMEDIATELY. CONTACT YOUR SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE BY PHONE, LETTER, TELEGRAM, PETITION. ALSO LET OUR GOVERNOR KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, FOR HE WILL HAVE TO SIGN OR VETO THIS LEGISLATION, IF PASSED. Senate Bills are: Number 32, by Senator Jones of Conway; Number 47, Senator King of Sheridan; Number 55, Senator Henry of Fayetteville. House Bills are: Number 85, Representative Brandon of Little Rock; Number 77, Representative McKissack of Star City. Senate Bills 32 and 47 are in the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Max Howell, Chairman. Senate Bill 55 is in Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, Senator Harvey, Chairman. House Bills 77 and 85 are in the House Judiciary Committee, Representative J. L. Shaver, Chairman.

In the states where the Repealing Measures such as we have described were passed quickly and quietly, without the full awareness of what was being done, the aftermath has been a strange mixture of bitterness, denunciation, and recrimination, as the tragic story of increased traffic accidents and fatalities have filled the State Police Reports and flooded the press and TV.

Michigan lowered the drinking age to 18 on January 1, 1972, and during the first six months, 29 more people died and 948 more were injured in alcohol-related traffic accidents involving 18-21 year old drinking drivers than in the same period in 1971. This represents increases of 90 percent and 140 percent respectively.

The latest figures available for Michigan cover nine months of 1972. Alcohol-related accidents for 18-20 year-olds jumped from 2658 to 5841 or 120 percent over the first nine months of 1971. Alcohol-related Injury Accidents jumped from 1241 to 2659, or 114 percent increase. Alcohol-Related Fatal Accidents jumped from 61 to 101, or 66 percent increase. Drunk Driving arrests for 18-20 year olds jumped from 949 to 2251, or 137 percent, more than doubling in number.

The above story of traffic accidents and fatalities is only a small part of the disastrous consequences that followed the enactment of Permissive Legislation that gave alcoholic beverages to 18-year-olds. School authorities, teachers and

principals, already faced with overwhelming problems of discipline, found themselves facing a new-found legal freedom among 18-year-olds. They could now bring alcoholic beverages to school campuses and purchase it for 15, 16, and 17-year-olds. The main thrust of the program of the Christian Civic Foundation is in the field of Alcohol-Education. We believe in prevention and we teach abstinence. If, at a time when we are struggling to combat a Drug-Abuse Threat that has assumed epidemic proportions, our State Government is considering making available to 18-year-olds the most dangerous narcotic of them all — ALCOHOL — then we feel that the people of Arkansas ought to have their eyes wide open to the disastrous consequences that will follow just as surely as night follows day. **TWO THINGS WE ASK: (1) SPREAD THE NEWS BY EVERY MEANS; (2) MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN TO YOUR LEGISLATORS AND TO THE GOVERNOR, IMMEDIATELY AND REPEATEDLY!**

27 make honor roll last semester at SBC

Twenty-seven students have been named to the President's and Dean's list at Southern Baptist College for the Fall semester, according to Jim Vickery, registrar.

To be eligible for the President's list a student must have a straight "A" average. Twelve students who earned this distinction are Diann Cude, Black Rock; Ernest Eudy, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Reta McCarroll, Black Rock; Mary Pierce Cockman, Alton, Mo.; Sue Spencer, Paragould, Ark.; Karen Allred, Mountain View; Linda Burton, Swifton; Candace Cannon, Clovis, Calif.; Stephen Corder, Gentry; Kathy Eudy, Jackson, Mo.; and Gary Williams, Doniphan, Mo.

Fifteen students were named to the Dean's list which requires a 3.50 grade point average. These were Sheryl Bishop, Leachville; Harry Black, Amarillo, Tex.; Marsha Bryant, Black Rock; Dale Cannon, College City; Betty Cope, Little Rock; Dale Gunn, Leachville; Buddy Hughes, Smithville; John Mims, Tallapoosa, Mo.; Robin McMullin, Pochahontas; Lynda Newberry, Beach Grove; Shirley Pattin, Ravenden Springs; Danny Phillips, Black Rock; Brenda Ray, Sikeston, Mo.; Lesia Sloan, Black Rock; and Curtis Summers, Walnut Ridge.



Southwestern trains for the work of ministry

Baptist Seminary

This is the second in a series of articles covering all of the Southern Baptist Convention's theological seminaries.

FT. WORTH, Tex. — More than six decades have passed since B. H. Carroll had a dream. In this dream, he visualized a graduate institution feeding God-called, professionally trained leadership into the churches of America's spiritual frontiers. This dream became a reality on March 14, 1908, when Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was chartered with Dr. Carroll as its first president.

In the early days Carroll, who was a teacher at Baylor University, began searching for a city in which the seminary could be established. Word got around and numerous cities began making bids for the establishment to the seminary.

In Ft. Worth, a man by the name of L. R. Scarborough organized churches, businesses, stores, newspapers, and banks into a united effort to invite the seminary here. Scarborough's work was a success.

The City of Ft. Worth offered land valued at \$130,000 located south of the city which could serve as the building site. In addition to the 281 acres of land, a cash bonus of \$100,000 was raised by churches and businesses to be paid to the seminary if they came to Ft. Worth. The offer was accepted. And in 1910, Southwestern Seminary began classes in Ft. Worth.

The year 1924 saw the seminary change hands. The Baptist General Convention of Texas offered the seminary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Today, Southwestern is one

of six seminaries owned and operated by this eleven-million member denomination.

Now the world's largest theological training center, Southwestern today has a "family" of over 28,000 former students who are serving through-out the world. This fall semester, a new high in enrollment was reached with an unprecedented 2027 students.

Ministry

From the beginning, the major thrust of the seminary has been to "preach the gospel." But today its graduates serve in many Christian ministries — as music and education directors, as children's workers, chaplains, counselors, teachers, and in many specialized positions, in addition to the traditional ministries. More than half of the missionaries appointed by the Home Mission Board, and Foreign Mission Board have studied at Southwestern. Many Southwesterners serve in key posts in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Now in its 65th year, Southwestern is looking ahead to the next decade as a period in which a long-range program will be developed to guide the seminary's growth for the next 25 years.

The seminary, when moved from the campus of Baylor University in 1910, had only one building on its new Ft. Worth campus. Today, assets are listed in excess of \$21.6 million. Expansion plans involve more than just physical plant, although this is included.

They encompass the development of a curriculum that is personally tailored to meet the needs of each student as he seeks to interpret God's call, that ministers to the continuing education of the school's alumni, and that is responsive to the changing demands of contemporary life.

The primary purpose of Southwestern Seminary is to provide graduate education for men and women preparing for the Christian ministry. This task is achieved with:

- (1) a positive commitment to the Bible;
- (2) a firm loyalty to the faith and principles of the Southern Baptist Convention;
- (3) a deep concern for the people of the world;
- (4) an openness to new

developments, teaching techniques and research.

Professors

The multi-faceted approach to ministry emphasized at Southwestern calls for a faculty with academic accomplishment, practical expertise and continuing contact with their fields of study. Presently 70 full-time professors are employed by the seminary.

These men and women have long records of service in pastoral ministries and denominational work, foreign and/or home missions, the performing arts, archaeological discoveries, Old and New Testament studies, church administration, counseling and guidance.

New dimensions in theological education have been reached as professors have developed new concepts and innovations in teaching methods, have pioneered in curriculum additions, and have provided the very best theological training in an age of technology. All teaching at the seminary ultimately finds its focus in ministry.

Work of the seminary is divided into three major schools — theology, religious education, church music. The focal point of seminary training is the local church. Each of these schools, collectively works to prepare students for the ministries of the local church.

Theology

Since its founding, the School of Theology has prepared men to preach the gospel. Today's rapidly changing world has made greater demands on the church and the minister. This school provides a program of study which will prepare the young minister for the complex ministries of the seventies.

The school's program is designed to prepare students for effective pastoral ministry and other ministries of the church, such as missions, evangelism, teaching, administration, counseling, and others. The ultimate goal for each student is to correlate the content and practice of the Christian faith.

The doctor of ministry degree is an advanced professional degree that places emphasis on Christian ministry and the church — traditional, emerging, creative. It provides opportunity for students to develop professional skills in the practice of Christian ministry. The

program includes a core curriculum of graduate theological education, a series of studies in basic ministry, and a functional concentration in specific areas of ministry. The individual's particular calling in ministry is primary in the program.

Religious education

The founders of Southwestern Seminary could foresee the emerging ministry of religious education, and since 1915 the seminary has been in the vanguard of religious education innovations.

The various programs in the school have been modified through the years. Many of the curriculum changes and modern developments in the religious education field have been initiated at Southwestern.

The school has pioneered in providing instruction in religious drama, audiovisuals, administration leadership, church recreation, human relations, education evangelism, counseling, programmed instruction, curriculum writing, church finance, and campus ministries.

Church music

The School of Church Music is designed to prepare students for specialized ministries within the field of church music.

Since its organization in 1915, the school has maintained the founding emphases of spirituality and evangelism, musicianship, practicality and scholarship. The school seeks to provide competent music leadership for churches, colleges, denominational agencies, and mission fields.

The school strives to create a harmonious understanding of the relationship of the music ministry to all other aspects of Christian ministry. Areas of concentrated study are available in the fields of ministry of music, church music education, music history, music theory, conducting, composition, organ, piano, and voice.

Continuing education

A new department, Continuing Education for Ministry, was established in the summer of 1971. It was the first of its kind in a Southern Baptist seminary.

The program is designed to help Christian ministers update and expand their education in a variety of settings and to assist them in maintaining an effective ministry in a constantly changing contemporary setting.

Included are annual lecture series, numerous clinics and workshops, library resources, supervised independent studies, short-term on-campus institutes, off-campus institutes, traveling laboratories, special night courses and self-directed groups.

Library

Serving all three schools is Fleming



The Memorial Building houses classroom facilities for the School of Theology and the Fleming Library.

Library, second largest theological library in the United States with 400,000 holdings. It subscribes to over 1300 periodicals. During the past 15 years more than \$500,000 was spent on books, periodicals, and audio-visual materials through the regular operating budget and another \$125,000 received as gifts. Many personal libraries of such men as Jeff D. Ray, B. H. Carroll, George W. Truett, Leslie Carlson, I. E. Reynolds, and M. E. Dodd have added strength to the library.

Students

The Southwestern student body is cosmopolitan. In a single semester more than 40 states and 20 countries are represented. This cross-section of students not only provides a unique cosmopolitan and international flavor to campus life, but also enhances a

student's awareness of the world in which he lives.

Every student who is accepted for admission to Southwestern Seminary automatically becomes the recipient of free tuition equivalent to an annual scholarship of \$1500. He pays only a \$100 matriculation fee per semester.

The Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program provides 65 percent of the seminary operating budget, with 15 percent coming from endowment earnings and the remainder from student fees, gifts and grants.

Paul in his letter to the church at Ephesus said, "... some should be apostles ... prophets ... evangelists ... pastors ... teachers ... for the work of ministry." Ministry is now. And Southwestern is a part of it.

Annual Leadership Conference

Work with National
and Southern Baptists

Camp Paron

Feb. 23-24

For Pastors,
laymen, ladies

'The Biblical
basis
of cooperative'



C. A. W. Clark, Dallas
Pastor Editor



T. B. Maston, Ft. Worth
Professor Author



Emmanuel McCall
Author Scholar

4:00-6:00 Registration
6:00-7:00 Supper

Evening Service

O. C. Jones, Presiding

- 7:00 Hymn Singing .. Ervin Keathley
- 7:10 Greetings and
Prayer Charles Ashcraft
- 7:20 The Biblical Basis of Christian
Cooperation T. B. Maston
- 8:00 Hymn Singing .. Ervin Keathley
- 8:10 National
News Emmanuel McCall
- 8:30 Hymn and Special
Music Ervin Keathley
- 8:40 Biblical
Message C. A. W. Clark
Prayer
Rest, Relax, Cabin Assignment

Saturday Morning

W. O. Lindsey, Presiding

- 7:00 Arise!
- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Hymn Singing W. L. Dunn
- 8:40 Prayer James Sawyer
- Biblical Studies T. B. Maston
- 9:30 Greetings from
Baptist Women .. Pearl Anthony
- 9:40 National
News Emmanuel McCall
- 10:00 Sharing Time .. Robert Ferguson
- 10:30 Refreshment Break
- 10:45 Cooperation Faces
the Facts Everett Sneed
Emma Stewart
- 11:10 Special Music W. L. Dunn
- 11:20 Biblical Message Dr. Clark
- 12:00 Noon Lunch

Cooperating Conventions

The Consolidated
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Speakers for Stewardship Clinic will include director of SBC work



Dr. Williamson

The personnel selected for public leadership will frequently determine the quality of conference or program being planned. With that in mind, the personalities who will be on the program of the State Stewardship Clinic scheduled for Feb.

27 were carefully hand picked for their assignments.

Most of the program will be led by two highly qualified, out-of-state stewardship workers. John Alexander, who is Director of Stewardship for our neighboring Mississippi Baptist Convention, will bring his wealth of experience and extensive knowledge to share with us.

One of his topics will be "How to Recapture the Joy of Stewardship — in the Church," and he will explain how to implement at the church level a program of stewardship that will be creative, positive, aggressive, and appealing. He will also offer some practical suggestions on how best to utilize the many resources available in stewardship. He will close the clinic with an

informative, inspirational message dealing with a new emphasis being planned for our state and the entire Southern Baptist Convention, beginning later this year.

E. Stanley Williamson, a native Arkansan, serves as Director of Stewardship, Promotion for the SBC Stewardship Commission. Among Dr. Williamson's years of experience is a vast knowledge of associational work, which he will use in speaking on "How to Recapture the Joy of Stewardship — in the Association." He will offer suggestions on how to effectively promote stewardship at the associational level. He will also offer some detailed suggestions, which have been tried and proven in other places, on how to select the best stewardship emphasis for any church of any size in any location.

Lex Eaker, one of our own Arkansas pastors, will give a testimony on his church's continued use of a budget subscription campaign year after year.

Dr. Charles Ashcraft may even reminisce a bit as he speaks on "What I Would Do in Stewardship if I Were a Pastor Again." He will tell what he would do differently and perhaps what things he would repeat or intensify.

Ervin Keathley, new state Music

Secretary, will lead the group singing and will also bring one special number.

A quality program is already arranged. Now all we need is your attendance.
— Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program

If you care, attend state men's meeting

"Do You Really Care," is the theme song from one of the popular folk musicals. It is also a good question to ask ourselves.

Do you really care about missions and meeting the needs of people, both spiritual and physical? It is my firm conviction that a majority of our men really do care. Not only do they care but they desire to do something about meeting the needs of people at home and around the world.

When men are informed as to needs and challenged to meet those needs in an organized way they will respond. The successful completion of any job demands organized planning and effort. All successful business efforts are planned on the basis of the objective they hope to achieve.

Planning is equally important in the Lord's work. This is especially true in mission actions. Activities need to be planned to reach people for Christ and to minister to their needs.

The Brotherhood program is designed to provide mission education and to suggest areas for mission activities. Materials are available to assist men in making the necessary surveys to discover needs. Mission Action Guide books to assist in planning effective mission activities are available from the Baptist Book Store. They cover some twenty-three areas of possible mission activities.

More information and inspiration regarding missions will be available to Baptist men in the state on March 16. This is the date for the state-wide Baptist Men's Meeting. The meeting will be held at First Church, 12th and Louisiana Streets, Little Rock.

Information has been mailed to all Brotherhood officers on record and to other churches.

Baptist men and boys are on the move for Christ. May they continue to be concerned and really care about people and the Lord's program of missions.

Call on us if we may be of service to you. C. H. Seaton, Director



NASHVILLE — STATE MUSIC SECRETARIES, associate secretaries and seminary music deans, convened in Nashville, recently for their annual meeting to share plans and priorities for the coming year. Here, Ervin Keathley, (left), new state secretary from Arkansas, visits with William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, during a break in the conference.



DISCUSS SEMINARY PLANS — At a recent meeting in Louisville on the Southern Seminary campus, Jerry Wilcox of Little Rock (center) discussed alumni activities with President Duke K. McCall (left) and national alumni president John H. McClanahan of Pine Bluff (right). Wilcox, who is pastor of Lakeshore Drive Church in Little Rock, is the 1973 president of the 149 Southern Seminary alumni in Arkansas. McClanahan is pastor of First Baptist Church in Pine Bluff.

Baptists are responding to meet human needs

"A growing response" describes well the ministry of Harry Woodall, Director of Ministries in Central Association.



Bridges

The month of December indicates first that there is a growing response from the churches in meeting critical human needs. Not only are receipts up, but contributions of usable clothing and volunteer workers continue an upward trend.

There is also a growing response from those in need. One hundred forty-five new families came in contact with a Christian witness and ministry in December. That is an astounding number of people recognizing that there is an average of four in a family.

Social agencies and even churches of other faiths demonstrate a growing response to this type of ministry. Referrals come almost daily concerning a family they are unable to assist.

"The most critical need," declares Woodall, "is for churches to increase their financial support through the association and for local WMU groups to become involved in action ministries, through the mission.

The mission is located at 2412 Central Ave., Hot Springs, Ark. It is a family-centered ministry to the low-income and underprivileged, juvenile and adult offenders, migrants and transients, mentally and physically handicapped, senior citizens and others who need a Christian ministry. Simply stated, it is extending a helping hand (cup of water) in the name of Jesus Christ.

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Harry E. Woodall as they serve in Hot Springs. Hard work? Yes. More help needed? Yes! . . . But there is a growing response. — Tommy Bridges, Director, Special Missions Ministries

Two denominational pioneers die

Within half a day death claimed two life-members of the state Woman's Missionary Union executive board. They are numbered among that throng who pioneered in denominational, as well as organizational, work to build the foundation on which present work advances.

Near midnight on Jan. 4 Mrs. Fritz E. Goodbar succumbed to a lingering illness. And about noon the following day, Jan. 5, death claimed Mrs. C. R. Pugh of Greenville, Miss., who had been confined to her room and bed for several years. These were devoted personal friends as well as co-workers in the Lord's work.

In 1916 Mrs. Goodbar was elected to serve on the state WMU executive board, and, except for a few years of out-of-state residency, she was active in that body until her final illness. Before her election as president in 1948, an office she held for four years, Mrs. Goodbar had been president of Woman's Missionary Union in Northeast and Central Districts; state trustee of Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now a part of Southern Seminary) Louisville, Ky.; and state

Community Missions Chairman. In 1954 she was chosen Life Member of the executive board.

Memorial service at Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Little Rock, on January 6 was followed by burial at Lonoke.

Among survivors are her husband, Fritz E. Goodbar, a retired preacher; one son; Richard, of Baltimore, Md.; and one daughter, Mrs. S. Ladd Davies, of Little Rock.

From 1921-1946 Mrs. C. R. Pugh, a native of Illinois, served as assistant superintendent of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage (now Arkansas Baptist Home for Children), Monticello. During that time Mr. Pugh was superintendent. Those were "lean" years and it fell Mrs. Pugh's lot to solicit support for the Home from churches.

In 1928 she was elected as member of the state WMU executive board. A devotee of missions, she served continuously in that body until she moved to Greenville, Miss. Recognizing her outstanding service she was elected Life Member of the WMU executive board in 1954.

Memorial service and burial were in Greenville. Survivors include two grandsons, a granddaughter and a number of great-grandchildren, — Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Arkansas WMU

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General Division leaders met to plan for Phase 2 of the Campaign

Planning Phase 2

Enthusiasm continues at a "high pitch" across the state as the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign moves into Phase 2. This spirit is felt from Campaign leadership, laymen, and pastors.

Pictures on this page reflect serious planning for this Phase. These men are the leaders of the General Division and

this planning meeting was conducted in the Baptist Building Chapel on Jan. 18, 1973.

A tone for a dynamic meeting was set as Bill G. Bruster led with scripture and prayer. Early in the meeting another time of prayer was entered as the Steering Committee Chairman, W. O. Vaught Jr., reminded those present of

the need for thanksgiving in light of God's blessings.

Dr. Charles Ashcraft, Executive Secretary, shared victorious highlights throughout the Convention for the past year. A time of sharing was well received as David Miller, Raymond Morris and Harold White told of Campaign activity in their respective Associations.

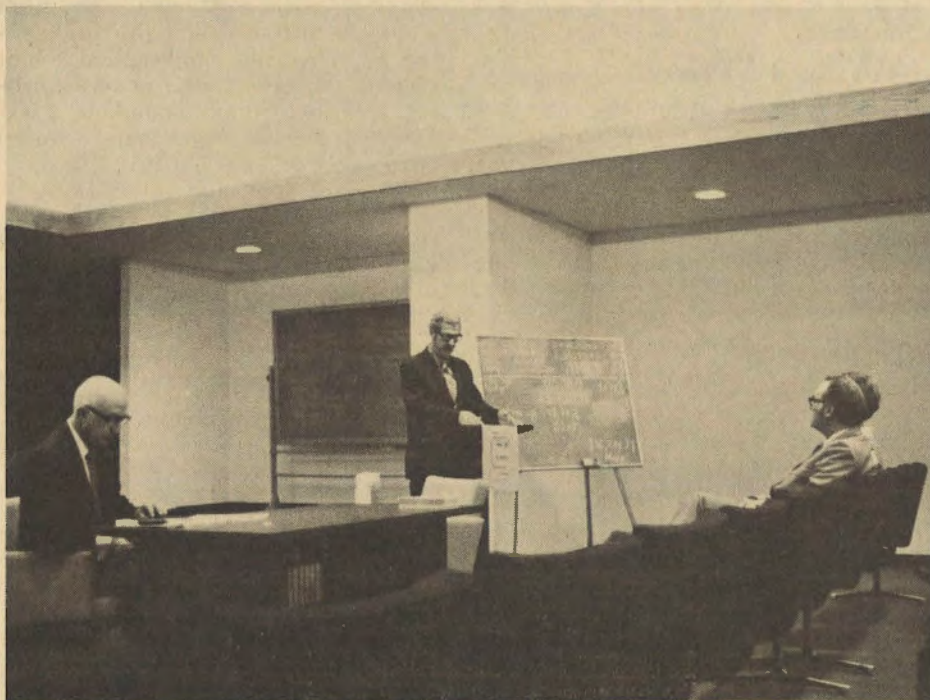
"What the campaign is meaning to our schools," was the topic for Dr. H. E. Williams and Dr. Daniel Grant. These remarks reflected funds being used for much needed repairs as well as new buildings. It was also reported that renewed interest is being shown in scholarships and endowment as a result of the Campaign.

In an informal atmosphere, and with the parliamentary procedure of "common consent" in action, many directives were reached. The Association Chairmen and Coordinators will select an Advance Co-Chairman in their area as a resource person. This will strengthen the "Phase 2" Organization. Each Association in the State will be striving to have at least 80 percent of their churches participating in the Campaign.

The "time goal" for the Associations to reach the 80 percent participation will be at the 1973 Associational Meetings. A special time on the Associational Program is planned to make these awards. There will be an award to the Association for reaching or surpassing this goal. Each church will also receive an award for their participation in the OBU-SBC Advancement Campaign. It was agreed that the Associational Meeting will be an ideal time for recognition, reporting and rejoicing. Additional recognitions will be made at the 1973 Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

It was noted by the Director of the Campaign, Jim Tillman, that our objectives include helping the churches to become stronger. "It is obvious" he said, "that the Campaign will advance Christian Higher Education in Arkansas. It also needs to become obvious that participation in a Campaign of this nature will be helpful to every church involved."

Major emphasis will be placed on the Campaign in the churches on Feb. 18, 1973. Participating churches will rejoice to share in the services of the day their involvement in this effort. Teams of college young people will be in many churches on this day, or on a day chosen by the church. A new "Phase 2" Slide presentation is being prepared to aid in telling the story of the OBU-SBC Campaign.



Executive Secretary Charles Ashcraft (standing) shared with the group some of the record gains by Arkansas Baptists this year.



The Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign
The Arkansas Baptist Campaign for Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Baptist College

Everyone loves success

By Jim Tillman, Director

"Success in life is a matter not so much of talent or opportunity as of concentration and perseverance," according to C. W. Wendte. This statement is worthy of our attention in regard to the Advancement Campaign.

Let's concentrate on an exciting success story. "Leadership" has been the role of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock for many years. It was a great inspiration to the launching of the Ouachita-Southern Campaign as this church accepted a goal of \$250,000.

As we move into Phase 2 of the Campaign, this church comes forward to offer leadership again. On Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, 1973, they voted to give \$30,000 on their goal for the Campaign. Since the original pledged amount of \$72,597.76 had already been given, this means the Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock has given over \$100,000 in one year for Christian Higher Education in Arkansas.

In order to record such a victory, the Immanuel Church has had to concentrate on this program. A large thermometer has been placed in the Education Building reflecting the goal and the progress. Pastor and people alike are excited about this kind of success to the glory of God. Another tool used to reach this amount was special offering envelopes for the Campaign. These envelopes are available from your Higher Education Development office upon request.

The final word in success is "perseverance." The success of this Campaign will depend upon the perseverance of all the churches. Some of these are exerting persistence in becoming involved, while others are remaining steadfast until the pledge is completed.

This kind of concentration and perseverance is being expressed in the hundreds of churches that have this program in their budget for the next three to five years. Others are planning special offering days; still others are praying about entering into this worthy program. It all adds up to a success story that we all love.



NASHVILLE — AT A RECENT MEETING of the state Sunday School secretaries and associates in Nashville, Lawson Hatfield (right), Sunday School secretary in Arkansas, accepted a plaque honoring Mrs. Mary Emma Humphrey, who has retired, for outstanding work as a children's consultant in the Sunday School department in Arkansas. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, is shown presenting the award.

Child Care Birthday offerings are appreciated

We love birthday parties (for our children) at our house, even though it might include a bunking party for 9 or 10 lively little girls. I've always wondered why they call it a "bunking party." I suppose it is because everyone brings a sleeping bag, although they don't intend to use them. However, the pleasure, excitement, and fellowship for those involved all add up to be a meaningful occasion.

Soon after I began working with the Baptist Family and Child Care Services, I was invited to speak on Sunday morning at one of the local churches. As part of the service, they recognized those who had birthdays during the week. Three ladies came to the front and placed money in the birthday bank for the Children's Home. They didn't even have to tell their age! Then the congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to them. This was my first introduction to the Birthday Offering and I was told that they observe

this every week. One could sense that the ladies wanted to share their birthday happiness with the children at the Children's Home and their fellow Christians enjoyed this time of fellowship and recognizing this memorable occasion.

Gifts received from Birthday Offerings help to provide for the needs of children who are dependent on us for their care. In many churches the Birthday Offering is taken in the various Sunday School departments. A part of the opening assembly is to recognize those who had a birthday during the past week. That person places a penny (or more) for each year of age in the birthday offering. The money is sent to the Children's Home two or three times a year. We would appreciate it if the church will designate "Birthday Offering" when they send it so that we might keep an accurate record of this offering.

Accept our thanks for your sharing with us and it is our hope that each of you will have a Happy Birthday this year!
—Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

HMB's Jack Stanton to conduct school



Stanton

In connection with simultaneous Lay Evangelism Schools in Pulaski and North Pulaski Associations, Jack Stanton of the Home Mission Board, will direct a school at First Baptist Church, Little Rock. The schools will be Feb. 26 -

March 2 from 7 until 9 p.m. All ages 14 years and above are urged to attend. The packet of materials for the school will be supplied from the Baptist Book Store for \$2.98.

Stanton will train staff members to direct lay evangelism schools. He will teach *The Preparation Manual*, *The Teacher's Manual*, *The Continuing Activities Manual*, and explain how to use WIN materials. He will also give us other very important information. If you have not been in a school I challenge you to participate in one of these.

Anyone who attends the leadership training sessions is also expected to attend a night school in order to have the actual experience. When this is done, he will be qualified to direct a school and his name will be given to leaders over the Southern Baptist Convention.

There will be no preaching, no singing, no test given, no final examination, no awards given out, no records kept, no recognition of outside people coming in. We shall be there for one purpose, that is to learn how to share our faith with other people. The main purpose of the school is to get the people in the pews to open their mouths for Jesus. — Jesse S. Reed.

Church Training Adult workshop

The first state-wide Adult Workshop will be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, the two nights of Feb. 19-20. The Monday, Feb. 19, meeting will start with a banquet at 6:30, and the Tuesday night meeting will begin at 7:00. This workshop will be conducted by Gene Wright and John Hendrix, adult consultants in the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The purpose of the Adult Workshop will be to prepare people to improve and enlarge adult training groups in their churches. Participants will be able to:

- (1) Identify responsibilities of group

Letter to editor prompts "Bible phone" for aging

By Robert LaFavre

ATLANTA (BP) — A letter to the editor of Southern Baptists' foreign missions monthly magazine provided the seed for a unique idea to minister to the needs of elderly Christians who are losing their eyesight and can no longer read Christian literature.

Bridging the generation gap, the new program called "Bible Phone" was launched by the campus minister at Georgia State University here.

Dick Houston, a Baptist minister at Georgia State, read in the August, 1972, issue of *The Commission* magazine a letter to the editor written by 90-year-old Minnie T. Speck of Garland, Tex.

Mrs. Speck had been a subscriber to the foreign mission magazine for 20 years, but was entering her last subscription. Her advanced years and loss of eyesight prompted her action.

Houston realized there are many elderly people with the same problem, and decided to seek a way to help those unable to read because of ailing eyesight or other handicaps.

He contacted an Atlanta communications firm seeking a machine that would play lengthy tapes to a telephone caller. He wanted to establish a "call-in" ministry similar to the popular "Dial-A-Prayer," but the tapes would have to be much longer.

He was told no such equipment was available — only equipment with short playback capability. An electronics bug, Houston decided to try to build his own equipment.

With long hours of work late at night, he designed and built a system that will play 20 minutes in response to a telephone call.

With the help of six Georgia Baptist Student Union members, the "Bible Phone" as they called it was launched in January.

Now, 24 hours a day, callers to (404) 659-3360 in Atlanta may receive up to 20 minutes of recorded material from a variety of sources.

leadership.

- (2) Lead adults in selection and study of training materials from *Source*, *Skill*, *Now*, and *Baptist Adults*.

- (3) Demonstrate numerous enlistment techniques.

A registration fee of \$3 which will cover the expense of the banquet and materials is to be sent to the Church Training Department at the Baptist Building, Little Rock.

During the daytime, readings come from Southern Baptist Sunday School lessons, and three SBC magazines — *The Commission*, *Home Missions* magazine published by the SBC Home Mission Board, and *Home Life*, a devotional and family magazine published by the SBC Sunday School Board.

At night, readings from the scripture are available. The American Bible Society gave permission for Houston to transfer from their records to his tapes the reading of scriptures for late-night callers on the "Bible Phone."

Each day, the readings are different. The nature of the equipment is such that tapes need be changed only once a week. Yet no program is repeated from one day to the next.

At present, three telephone lines to the equipment at the Baptist Student Center here provide opportunity to serve more than 1,500 persons a week with what Houston believes is the first ministry of its type in the nation.

Recording the selections on tape is the work of the students assisting Houston. They select appropriate passages from the magazines and scriptures.

Houston originally envisioned the program essentially to help the blind, but now his concept has widened.

He wants to use it to reach the people of the city — the lonely, the tired, friendless and sometimes helpless people.

To inform people of the program, brochures describing the "Bible Phone" are going to rest homes, retirement complexes and hospitals in the area. Pastors of Baptist churches have been asked to share the information with their members.

Houston is encouraged by the response. And he finds hope in the fact that the idea started when a 90-year-old lady wrote a letter to the editor.

The target group for this workshop includes pastors, ministers of education, associational leaders, and other persons whose primary responsibility and interest are in leading adults in Church Training.

Send your registration fee to the Church Training Department immediately. Adults will play a big part in the big "Church: the Sunday Night Place" emphasis for the next three years.

Baptist pastor named outstanding young man for hurricane relief

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — The pastor of First Church here, Larry G. Rohrman, was honored as one of 10 Outstanding Young Men of America for his contribution in coordinating a relief effort to victims of Hurricane Camille in 1968.

Rohrman, 34, received the award along with nine other Outstanding Young Men of America, at the 35th national congress sponsored by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Just after the award was presented, the governor of Mississippi, William Waller, declared "Larry Rohrman Day" in Mississippi, honoring the young Baptist pastor with a reception, and a special session of the state legislature with Rohrman as guest and speaker.

Rohrman was cited for his leadership role in coordinating relief efforts for the city of Biloxi, at the request of the mayor, when Hurricane Camille swept through the Gulf Coast city of 60,000 people in 1968.

Rohrman, then pastor of the First Baptist Church of Biloxi, directed a complex distribution system involving hundreds of Air Force personnel from nearby Keesler Air Force Base, working for five days and nights almost around the clock to distribute food, water and clothing to victims of what President Nixon then called the worst national disaster in American history.

In Salt Lake City, former NBC-TV newsman Chet Huntley presented to Rohrman the symbol of the honor — a statue of two hands, one reaching out to help others.

The citation was made "for selfless devotion to the betterment of mankind."

Only one other ordained Baptist minister had previously received the national recognition as one of America's Ten Outstanding Young Men — Bill Moyers, who was recognized for his contribution in the field of politics while serving as a top White House aide and press secretary for the late President Lyndon Johnson.

Rohrman, the third person from Mississippi ever to receive the award, told the legislature on his return he felt his selection for the award was a tribute to the people of the state of Mississippi.

He said his first reaction on learning of the honor was one of "extreme excitement," but added, "I then realized how undeserving I am, in thinking of the contributions of so many other Americans.

"All my life, God has treated me as one of his favored children," he told the

legislators. "He has permitted me to be standing in just the right place at just the right time to afford me opportunities of service that are uncommon to most people.

"My goals and plans for the future are easily stated," he continued. "My one burning desire is to help make this world a place of peace, brotherhood and love."

Rohrman moved from First Church of Biloxi to the pastorate of First Church, Jackson, in 1969 at the age of 31. Rohrman is the youngest man ever to serve as pastor of the largest church of any denomination in Mississippi.

Since he became pastor of the church three years ago, more than 2,000 people have joined the church, including 700 in the past year. During 1972, the church baptized more than 200 new converts. In a \$1.5 million expansion program, the church raised the necessary funds in two months.

Active in the field of drug rehabilitation, Rohrman serves on the board of directors for the "The Crisis Center," a drug rehab center in Jackson staffed by psychiatrists, physicians and ministers. He also is on the board of directors of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, the Mississippi Bureau of Drug Enforcement Commission, and the Rotary Club.

WMU annual meeting set for next month



Patnaik

The 84th Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union will be held March 20-21 at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. The four-session meeting will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday morning and close at noon on Wednesday.

To be featured on the program is Theo Patnaik, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance with responsibility for youth work. A native of India, he worked for four years among international students on 11 university campuses in the San Jose-Stanford (California) area before joining the BWA staff in Nov. 1971.

Numbered among other outstanding program personnel are Miss Bobbie Sorrell, director of Church and Associational WMU Administration for the WMU of the SBC, Birmingham, and Miss Beverly Hammack, assistant secretary of Department of Christian Social Ministries for the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. Watch for announcement of missionaries who will be featured. Mrs. J. A. Hogan of Ft. Smith will preside at all sessions. — Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

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Haggai 1:1-8, 12-15

A worthy place for worship

By Roy V. Cook
Lonoke Church



Cook

In this first study in a new unit of three lessons concerning God's Plan for His People, the prophet Haggai blazes the trail. The first priority laid upon man is to worship God. To worship God is to recognize his presence with man and to respond to that presence

in adoration, praise, confession of and repentance for sin, and service. The Lord is not only interested in the quantity but also the quality of our worship. Thus the prophet conveys to the people the need for a worthy place of worship.

Historical background

Between 605 and 583 B.C. Judah had been conquered, the temple demolished, Jerusalem burned and the Jews carried into Babylon. There they were exiled for 70 years and for all those years had yearned to return to their homeland and to rebuild the temple of their God.

In 536 B.C. their supposed dream came true. Under the edict of King Cyrus that the Jews be allowed to return to their own land and that they be allowed to rebuild the temple, the exiles returned to Judah. However, before they even completed the foundation of the temple they were met by opposition from their enemy neighbors the Samaritans. Those who had been left behind wanted to join effort with the returning exiles and when refused made appeal to Cyrus and by laborous entreaty gained a stay to the rebuilding of the temple.

The returning exiles it seems gave little effort against these enemies and so nothing further was done for 15 years. After this time a new king, Darius, rose to the throne of Persia in 521. Then in the second year of Darius two prophets Haggai and Zechariah appear.

Haggai the man and his book (1:1)

Nothing is known of the prophet Haggai before or after his preaching. He appears as out of nowhere and disappears into the somewhere. He is mentioned in only one other book of the Old Testament, Ezra 5:1 and 6:14. On the basis of Haggai 2:3 some say he was one of the remaining few who had seen the former temple in its glory. If this is so he was an old man when he

brought these messages contained in the book that bears his name.

His book is composed of four short discourses all delivered in the space of four months, September through December of 520 B.C. With only two chapters and the addresses delivered in such a short time many have regarded this man of God with little esteem. Nothing could be farther from the truth. He was a most single minded completely unanimous man. He was the first preacher after the exile. He had one passion, he was called of God. He had but one message and purpose that of charging the Jews to rebuild the temple.

The complaint (1:2)

Haggai receives the word of the Lord and delivers the message of God's displeasure through implication. Instead of saying "my people" the phrase "this people" is used. They had neglected to rebuild the Lord's house and had given for the reason of their negligence that the right time had not come. Since there were three deportations (605, 597 and 586 B.C.) the exile could have ended in 535, 527 or 517. The Jews might have been saying that the exile only really began in 587 and thus were waiting until 517 to begin their work. However, in God's calendar the exile began with the 1st deportation and ended with the 1st return.

The cart before the horse (1:3-4)

Regardless of their excuse for not building the temple the exiles did not hesitate to satisfy their own selfish interests. While it was not time to build the Lord's house it was time to build for themselves very good houses. The reference to ceiled houses assures us that they spared no expense of money or time in making their homes as comfortable as possible. Their abodes were wainscoted and roofed with costly woods. Jer. 22:14.

The truth of the matter was that they had reversed the order of the way things ought to be. To them it was not God first and us last, but us first and God last. That's putting the cart before the horse. That is the wrong alignment of priority and God was then displeased and He is now displeased whenever this is the order among those who would be called His people.

The consequences (1:5-6)

One of the key words in this discourse

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is consider. Consider means "set your heart on" inferring here "look at what is really happening to you." You can't win for loosing. They were planting but they were not harvesting. They were eating but they were not filled. They were drinking but they were not satisfied. They were clothed but were not warmed. They were earning but they were not saving.

The command (1:7-8)

Having informed the people of the reason for the reduced harvests and economic loss the Lord calls upon them to set things right. If they will once again put God first and give the things of God priority then He will not only delight in them, but He will display His glory among them. The greatest loss of any people is the loss of the glory of the Lord. No one in that day or this names his child Ichabod. Ichabod was the grandson of Eli and in 1 Sam. 4:21 we find that the name meant the glory of the Lord was departed and they therefore were cursed because of it.

The response (1:12-15)

The people were willing and being willing the key verbs of obeyed and feared become the words of action that characterized their lives. The word feared means they revered or worshiped. Being then once more in right relation with God the promise of God's presence spurs them on to victory. In the final analysis the only thing that any man or nation needs to get them through life victoriously is the assurance of God's company.

Haggai, the Lord's messenger, filled to capacity with that message thus becomes the herald of good things to the nation. Knowing that the divine power was with them the spirit of God stirs them to demonstrative action even in the face of their enemies. The redemption of a false start always begins from the inside and works out. The spirit of the Lord stirred them and the people did work.

Conclusion

Well might we consider the Lord's house and our house and ask ourselves if what we build for Him adequately demonstrates our love. The very core of this lesson is that God plans that His people will in spirit and truth worship Him and demonstrate that worship adequately and sacrificially to the world. One thing that church buildings are to do is to remind the community of God and to lift the eye heavenward.

Christians resolving differences

By Jim E. Tillman

Director, Higher Education Development



Tillman

This account is repeated many times throughout the churches in our land. Two men within the church were partners in business and were having some personality clashes. The usually remarks and minor conflicts grew through the years.

It seemed there was no end to this feud. The seriousness was not seen until the men employed lawyers to settle their differences in court.

The congregation began to take sides and a division was being felt in the church. If the case had been allowed to go to court, the two men could have been ruined. The fellowship of the church could have been destroyed.

Leaders of the church, who loved these men and their church, stepped in with counsel and mediation. The matter was settled out of court, and the fellowship of the congregation suffered very little.

It is easy for me, therefore, to identify with Paul's concern and emotions with the same type of problem in the church at Corinth. We need to apply the Divine principles, set forth in this passage, in resolving differences between brethren. There is no legal system within the Christian body, therefore, these differences can and must be settled in Christian love.

With all that has been said, listen to the firmness of Paul as he says, "dare any of you having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?" I would paraphrase this to say, "how dare you take your differences within the Christian family to a public court of law, and not settle these in a spirit of love between yourselves."

Now, with what seems to me as a note of absurdity that such a problem should exist, the Holy Spirit leads Paul to pen the principles by which Christians are to resolve their differences. The fact that the people were taking their differences to court was bad enough, but to that was added the willingness of the congregation to overlook this practice.

With Christian judgment (v. 2-4)

There are many great truths in the Christian faith that are difficult to understand and to grasp. The difficulty can be traced to our sense of unworthi-

ness and lack of confidence. Resolving differences for others may seem beyond us, but with the nature of Christ within us, we have the ability and the responsibility. Neglect in this area of the Christian life is a real weakness.

The reminder is given by Paul, "that the saints shall judge the world." This is a Biblical fact (see Matt. 19:28; Luke 22:30; and Rev. 20:4) that calls for boldness.

Assuming that they knew the truth regarding judgment, why did they refuse to become involved in these inner differences? It seems to me, Paul in answering two excuses set forth; (1) we are not worthy to get mixed up in these personal conflicts." His answer is found in verse two, "the saints shall judge the world." "(2) These people that are having the differences are important people compared to me." Again, the answer is clear in verse three, "we shall judge angels." His answer at this point is referring to the intimate union of believers with Christ. Herschel H. Hobbs gives us a good summary statement, "whatever this judgment may be, in Christ, Christians will participate." The truth is left for our personal application, because we are going to judge the world and the angels with Christ, let us aid in the resolving of differences with Christian judgment.

In verse four we are told that these differences can be handled much more comfortably and satisfactorily within the Christian family rather than before, in this case, an unsympathetic, and unbelieving judge. We have high esteem for our church leaders, therefore, why take these problems before a person who is of lesser esteem?

With Christian attitude (v. 5-8)

To use an expression of our youth today, Paul "wipes us out" with this next thought. He is saying to us and to the Corinthians, "your attitude is showing."

A church with the attitude, "take him to court" in differences among the members, is admitting that there is no one wise enough or mature enough in the congregation to help solve the problem. Paul shames them for their action. They seem to be proud of their church, yet they are unwilling to minister to each other at this point.

The attitude of Jesus breaks into this

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I Corinthians 6:1-11

discussion in the form of the question, "why do ye not rather take wrong?" It is not always important to be the winner of every argument.

We feel we must demand and secure redress from the person who has wronged us. With this attitude we are saying, "two wrongs make a right." This is a foreign way of thinking from the thought pattern of our blessed Lord. The conclusion is to take on the mind and attitude of Christ. "... but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Matt. 5:39b.

With Christian experience (v. 9-11)

The passage before us teaches that at one time we were unrighteous people, but now we have had an experience with the life changing Christ. The deeds of the unrighteous are listed in ten representative classes of sins. This is "plain talk" in regard to sin.

The implication is that the Corinthian Christians certainly would not be guilty of these unrighteous deeds, therefore, why should they do wrong to a brother in Christ. We see this same inconsistent action in our classification of sins today. As churchmen, we would not ever be guilty of "certain" sins, but our hands are dirty with the "nicer ones." It all comes back to the basic teaching of our Lord, "... and to love his neighbor as himself..."

Christian experience should be more than saving a soul. We should be changed; a new creature experience! Paul reminds these followers of Jesus that they have been washed, sanctified, and justified, because of this experience. With this reminder, he leaves open the question as to whether the present still fully agrees with what took place in the past.

The very fact that these people have had an experience with Jesus, and now profess a relationship with Him, should be the basis for resolving differences.

Conclusion

No one likes to have differences, but when they come, let's be ready to settle them in a Christian manner. Don't be afraid to apply this Biblical truth to your family, your church, and your community.

Allow the Lord Jesus to sit on the throne of your heart as you come face to face with differences. Your attitude may take on the glow of another world, but don't fight it. Reflect on the world in which you live, and build on the blessed experience you have had with Christ.

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A smile or two

A grandfather presented his two grandsons with bank stock for Christmas. The bank president's office sent a form letter of welcome to each of them. "It has come to our attention that you recently became an owner of our stock. May we suggest that you recommend our bank and its services to your friends and business associates?" After seeing the letter, the grandfather wrote the following reply: "My elder grandson's business associates at the moment are a number of other eight-year-olds with whom he has been swapping marbles. He says he will be pleased to recommend the services of your bank to them — if you accept marbles in trade. My other grandson, age 22 months, has no business associates, and his only friend is a black spaniel. Unfortunately, yesterday he bit the dog — and at the moment he has neither friends nor business associates. However, he extends greetings and is looking forward to receiving your next financial report."

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One traveler said to another, "London has to be the foggiest place on earth." "Yes," said the other, "but I've been to a place that was much foggier." "Foggier than London? Where was that?" "I don't know. It was so foggy we couldn't tell."

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Money can't buy love, health, happiness, or what it did last year.

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Aboard ship a magician was performing. He was entertaining all of the guests except a parrot that was hanging nearby. Even when he made a pigeon disappear the bird shouted, "Faker." Suddenly there was an explosion that totally destroyed the ship. The parrot landed on a raft occupied only by the magician. After two days adrift at sea, the parrot finally spoke up. "All right, you win, what did you do with the ship?"

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Bigamy is the only crime on the books where two rites make a wrong.

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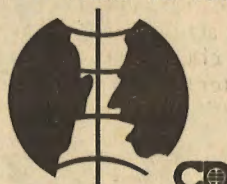
The trouble with today's dollar is that it seems to have been built for speed rather than endurance.

Attendance report

January 28, 1973

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Ch. Adns.
Alexander, First	58	37	
Alicia	47	33	
Alma, First	297	91	4
Alpena	75	35	
Banner, Mt. Zion	26	12	
Beirne, First	58	30	2
Berryville			
First	139	55	
Freeman Heights	106	37	
Rock Springs	73	53	
Blytheville, Gosnell	182	80	1
Booneville, First	239	200	5
Camden, First	492	141	4
Cherokee Village Mission	89	30	
Crossett			
First	473	121	
Magnolia	182	128	3
Mt. Olive	347	171	5
Dermott, Temple	106	75	
Des Arc, First	172	65	
El Dorado, Caledonia	34	15	
Forrest City, First	958	198	14
Ft. Smith			
Haven Heights	207	109	
Oak Cliff	178	54	
Temple	120	53	
Trinity	185	79	1
Gentry, First	128	63	
Greenwood, First	263	84	
Grandview	67	53	
Hampton, First	132	42	
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	224	116	
Woodland Heights	67	38	1
Helena, First	253	81	
Hope			
Calvary	161	91	
First	460	127	1
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	179	87	4
Leonard Street	68	33	
Park Place	378	129	
Hughes, First	192	65	
Jacksonville			
First	406	90	1
Marshall Road	337	123	4
Jonesboro, Central	448	145	2
Lake City, Bethabara	117	95	1
Lake Village, Parkway	55	42	
Lavaca, First	274	119	
Lincoln, First	143	62	1
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	133	71	2
Geyer Springs	704	202	3
Life Line	631	160	1
Martindale	113	54	
Wakefield, First	67	38	2
Woodlawn	100	50	6
Magnolia, Central	527	191	5
Melbourne, Belview	130	57	1
Monticello, Second	187	86	4
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	556	110	2
Calvary	381	133	4
Park Hill	765	133	4
Sylvan Hills	248	98	
Paragould, East Side	162	112	
Paris, First	359	91	6
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	187	75	
Dollarway	94	62	
East Side	183	124	2
First	687	159	
Green Meadows	47	22	
Second	143	63	
South Side	756	192	5
Prairie Grove, First	169	62	3
Rogers, First	544	110	
Roland, Natural Steps	85	51	
Russellville, Kelly Heights	200	86	1
Springdale			
Berry Street	91	47	
Elmdale	337	78	2
First	733	33	3
Van Buren, First	455	222	1
Mission	31		
Vandervoort, First	20	16	
Warren			
Immanuel	273	100	
Southside Mission	40	38	
West Side	59	50	
West Helena			
Second	207		
West Helena Church	241	71	4
W. Memphis, Vanderbilt Ave.	120	65	3
Wooster, First	104	87	

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Board adds to Nicaraguan relief; Cauthen reports 1972 net loss

RICHMOND (BP) — Major actions of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its January meeting here included appropriating \$10,000 for relief of Nicaraguan Baptists who suffered losses from the recent earthquake, appointing one new missionary and reappointing a couple who served formerly, and electing a fourth regional personnel representative.

Board members also heard reports on the agency's overseas personnel situation in light of last year's net loss in number of missionaries. Another report reviewed Southern Baptist actions so far in response to the Nicaraguan earthquake.

In his report, executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen said: "While we rejoice in the appointment of 171 missionaries in 1972, we are grieved because of missionary losses through the year, leaving our total number of missionaries at a lower point than when the year began."

For more than three decades the board has recorded annual net gains. At the end of 1972 the missionary force numbered 2,507, which is 19 fewer than one year earlier.

Louis R. Cobbs, missionary personnel secretary, presented a detailed profile of the personnel situation in a separate report.

Cauthen reminded board members that of the 171 appointments in 1972, 66 were missionary journeymen. "This means that more career missionaries who make up the main body of missionary strength are urgently needed," he said.

Pointing out that the board now has before it requests for 800 new missionaries from the mission organizations overseas, Cauthen declared that Southern Baptists should "aim to go well beyond a staff of 3,000 missionaries by the close of the 1970's," and that the board should anticipate the appointment of more than 200 in 1973.

"We must do everything possible to lay the call of missions upon the hearts of people in seminaries, colleges, churches, youth gatherings, and particularly young pastors, and other workers whose appointment for missionary service could be accomplished at an early time," said Cauthen.

He added that 1972 will be looked back upon with gratitude to Southern Baptists for their stewardship which made possible the strengthening of missionary financial support.

He told board members that "remarkable reports are coming from all parts of the SBC concerning the recent Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

While it is too early to know how much the offering will total, "we must continue to pray for its ingathering and rejoice in those who have done, such great service on its behalf," Cauthen added.

Cauthen and his wife were scheduled to leave Jan. 11 for a visit to Southern Baptist Missions in India, Bangladesh and Iran. Cauthen was to speak at the dedication and official opening of a new 78-bed Baptist hospital in Bangalore, India, Jan. 15. They will return to the states Jan. 31.

The \$10,000 relief appropriation for Nicaraguan Baptists included official board action on \$5,000 previously authorized by Cauthen.

A. Clark Scanlon, the board's field representative for Middle America, went to Managua to consult with Baptist leaders and coordinate Southern Baptist relief efforts.

The Nicaraguan embassy in Guatemala provided necessary documents for Scanlon to take a shipment of food and medical supplies to Nicaragua, reported Charles W. Bryan, board secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean.

Ruben Diaz, president of the Baptist Convention of Guatemala, accompanied Scanlon in the first supply convoy from Guatemala City to Managua.

Besides food, blood plasma and medicines purchased and prepared for shipment in Guatemala City, Southern Baptists provided through the board a utility truck which was shipped by plane from San Antonio, Tex.

The vehicle will be used by the Baptist hospital in Managua as an ambulance and supply carrier. The hospital was destroyed in the quake, but quick evacuation of patients and staff members prevented any loss of life.

The utility truck was purchased for the board by Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, and was shipped to Hugh Smith, an American Baptist missionary in Managua.

The SBC has no missionaries in Nicaragua, El Salvador or British Honduras, but it is represented in the other Central American nations.

Bryan said that funds received from individuals and churches designated for relief in Nicaragua will be used to assist Baptists there and, through them, others in need.

Miss Mary Jo French, presently of St. Petersburg, Fla., and formerly of Oneida, Ky., was appointed a missionary to Peru. She expects to be librarian and dean of women at the Baptist Theological Institute in Trujillo, Peru.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Laffoon of Raytown, Mo., were reappointed to East Africa. They were stationed formerly in Mbeya, Tanzania, where he was a staff doctor and administrator at the Baptist Hospital. They returned to the states in 1969 and later resigned in order for Dr. Laffoon to take further training in surgery.

R. Allen Orr, Baptist campus minister at the University of Colorado, Boulder, was elected a regional personnel representative, effective April 15.

As one of four full-time regional representatives of the board, Orr will be based in Kansas City, Mo. His assigned territory covers 20 midwestern and western states and includes Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

He will counsel with persons and groups interested in foreign mission service and will channel qualified volunteers into screening procedures leading toward missionary appointment.

Orr is married to the former Jeannie Mallow. Both served two-year terms as missionary journeymen with the board, he in the Philippines and she in Jordan.

The board approved a recommendation of its committee on Europe and the Middle East that Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary of the SBC, be invited to teach in the Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary, Barcelona, February through May of this year.

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