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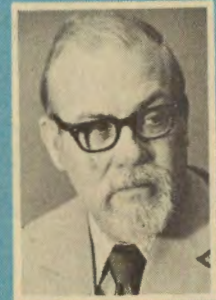
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*Living
the Spirit of Christ
in Faith and Conquest*



Glendon McCullough



Baptist Men's Convention
First Baptist Church
12th and Louisiana, Little Rock
March 16, 1973



Baker J. Cauthen

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One layman's opinion

Confessing that Arkansas is beautiful



Dr. Grant

To the regular readers of this column (my mother and my wife) it may have been noticed that I seldom wax eloquent on the natural beauty of my native state of Arkansas. Just for the record I want to say that our state is possessed with tremendous scenic beauty, all the way from the majestic Ozarks of northwest Arkansas to the quiet inspiration of the Ouachita River as it flows toward the southern border.

But my words do not flow as easily as the Ouachita River when it comes to describing the wonders of natural beauty. Besides that, I am afraid I have a guilt complex that dates back to the days when my sister, Harriet, used to write a column for the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* entitled, "Feminine Intuition." I gave her a pretty rough time about the many articles she wrote while sitting atop Mount Sequoyah near her Fayetteville home, describing the Ozarks in all of their autumn finery. Her son, Grant Hall, was her most severe critic. He accused her of devoting a whole article to the description of one golden leaf falling leisurely from the tree to the ground. He said she began each article, "On this beautiful autumn Ozarks morning, as I sit here in my back yard looking out across the kaleidoscopic colors of these sun-kissed mountains, . . ."

For some reason, since taking on the burden of writing a weekly column, I have become far more sympathetic with those writing days of my sister. I was even tempted recently, during a trip from Arkadelphia to Siloam Springs and back, to write a column on the beautiful grandeur of the mountains in northwest Arkansas. It is well worth writing about, but I still figure that my sister pretty well covered that subject a few years back.

I may yet resort to writing about the scenery, but my very own son, Ross, has joined forces with the critics. Some time ago when I wrote a column on my heroic battle to defend my wife from a mouse in the kitchen, Ross cynically predicted that my next column would begin, "Today I took the garbage out. . . ." It is ridiculous to think I would write such a column.

And then again, the problem of solid waste disposal has become one of America's major ecological concerns. We certainly won't have a beautiful Arkansas (or America) much longer if we don't learn self-discipline in what we do with our garbage. On second thought, I just might write a column on taking out the garbage. — Daniel R. Grant, President, Ouachita Baptist University

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A positive witness



Editor Sneed

Sometime ago a sect which majors on proselyting through persistent door to door efforts had been coming to our home. Since their visits were so time consuming I had told my wife to no longer let them into our home.

One day, after assisting in a Vacation Bible School, I had returned to find one of their workers at my door. Carrying in my arms the Greek and Hebrew Bibles as

well as numerous translations, I entered, leaving the lady on the porch. Turning to her I inquired, "Why don't you go to some non-Christian home if you have a message of faith?"

The worker replied by mis-quoting some Old Testament scripture. "If we are to use God's Word let's render it correctly," I insisted.

She proudly replied, "I read Hebrew as well as you do English."

"I have known very few people," I replied, "who have this excellent knowledge, but I do know enough to determine your proficiency."

When it was determined that the woman didn't even know a single Hebrew character I declared "We don't need the original languages. Almost any modern translation will do, since the Bible clearly states '... and all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire...' (Rev. 21:8). Before the sentence was completed, the would-be teacher was almost halfway down the block.

Recently, it was re-emphasized to me that I had won the battle but had lost the war as a representative of the Home Mission Board told of an incident with the same group. This missionary approach was completely different. "Won't you come in?" he smiled, "I have been hoping that you would come by. Now, I have only 30 minutes, so let's divide this time so that each of us may tell of our initial salvation experience and what the Lord is doing in our lives now."

His approach completely disarmed the man who was unable to say anything. This missionary had opportunity to deliver his witness to others of that group in this same positive way. Obviously, one should not attempt such an encounter unless he is knowledgeable of the Bible as well as the particular false doctrines taught by given sects.

From these experiences several important conclusions can be drawn:

- We should know the teachings of God's Word.
- It is important to know the doctrines taught by the sects that are active in our area. This is where the Home Mission Board's Department of Inter-faith Witness can be of great value. There will be regional conferences led in our state later this year. Information is always available through Dr. M. Thomas Starkes, secretary, Department of Inter-faith Witness, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30309.

- It is essential to be courteous. Our attitude, we should remember, reflects upon our Master.

- We should be led by the Holy Spirit in dealing with groups. Their coming to our home can provide a very significant opportunity to witness.

Worse Than Iron Curtain, Bamboo Curtain, Etc.



A time for thanksgiving

In recent days we have seen much for which we might give thanks as a nation — the end of our conflict in Vietnam and the return of our prisoners of war. As Christians, we are particularly grateful to God that this awful conflict has finally ended.

We remember sadly the many who have fallen in battle to give us our continued freedom. We would never want to take our liberty for granted. Those of us who have spent time in other countries know that, in spite of all our problems, ours is by far the best nation in the world.

Millions have prayed for our President as he has struggled to end this tragic war in an honorable way and to obtain the release of our POW's. As we praise God in thanksgiving, we are recommitting ourselves to the task of freedom.

We are also reminded that freedom, like morality, will fail when every man does that which is right in his own eyes (Judges 17:6.) Apart from divine guidance the task is too great for man.

It is truly time for thanksgiving but it is also time for recommitment and dedication to the future under God's direction.

I must say it!

Jesus and the Supreme Court, church and state



Dr. Ashcraft

To the Christians Jesus is supreme in all matters of morals and human behaviour. He is the essence of righteousness and rightness. He combines in his scale of values the best of God's revelation to the Jewish people of the Old Testament and the highest revelation of God in the person of himself in the New Testament.

There is no higher authority on what is right and what is wrong than is Jesus to the Christian. The Judeo-Christian revelation is therefore final to those who wish to be like Jesus in beliefs, behaviour and attitude. Good Christians make excellent citizens, so the magistrates tell us.

The Supreme Court has or will rule on the subjects of abortion, federal aid to religious institutions and capital punishment. If the trend continues there will be more reversals of long standing opinions. Many of the earlier opinions of the court were based very solidly upon Christian concepts. In the next few "I Must Say It" columns will appear this writer's interpretation of the position of Jesus on some of these current issues. Firstly, the matter of church and state follows.

In Biblical writ the church is revealed as God's major investment in human experience. The church is the pillar and ground of truth. The church exists and subsists by the worshipful support of its disciples.

The church is in its finest status when it excels in its field of the spiritual and moral. The budget of the church is involved only in the preaching and implementation of the Gospel.

The church is not primarily charged with secular enterprizes and does its best apart from these. While the state and the church have their assigned ministries which complement and supplement mutually one another, it has been noticeable that each of them do a better job when the budgets are separate and each pays for their respective operations. Churches and their institutions which deserve to survive do not need tax money to pay their bills. Churches and institutions which do not do the work of God do not need to survive, nor indeed will they.

A good citizen will pay taxes to the government for the purposes the governments are committed to serve. A good Christian will support the church for the ministry under God for which it is committed and commissioned. There are many functions of each which almost overlap and demand careful study but the position of Jesus is simply, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." (Matt. 22:21.) Jesus said it.

My personal position is, "Baptists do not need nor do they deserve anything they cannot or will not pay for." God is never complimented when Federal subsidies are asked to finance the wedding attire for the Bride of Christ.

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

Letters to the editor

Success of WIN school

We have just completed a WIN School in our church which has been of tremendous help to us, and we would like to share our joy and success with others hoping they might have one in their own church. Bro. Clarence Shell, the Associate in the Evangelism Department of the State Convention, did an excellent job leading our school, and I would recommend him highly to teach this material to any church.

Enrolled in our school were 41 people from 10 different churches (over half of these from our own church). In the Leadership Training in the morning 12 were enrolled with 11 qualifying to lead in this teaching themselves. This School has revolutionized what we have been calling our "visitation" program for now rather than going to make primarily a social call they are concerned about sharing Jesus Christ with those they visit. This past Sunday we had four additions to our church (to a great extent caused by the WIN School) and we expect more

this Sunday and in the weeks to come.

I would highly recommend that every church in our state plan a WIN School for lay evangelism if you are concerned about leading more people to know Christ and leading your laymen to witness consistently and effectively. This is the finest program for training laymen to witness I have ever seen. —Tommy Robertson, Pastor, Trinity Church, El Dorado

PRAYER CALENDAR

For Superintendents of Missions

- Charles D. Conner March 11
Red River Assn.
- J. A. Kuehn March 12
Faulkner County Assn.
- Harry C. Wigger March 25
Benton County Assn.
- Thomas E. Lindley March 27
Dardanelle-Russellville Assn.

Brannon new Baptist Book Store manager

NASHVILLE (BP) — Kenneth J. Brannon, typing and transcribing section supervisor, management services division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named manager of the Baptist Book Store at Greenville, S. C.

A native of Great Falls, S.C., Brannon was graduated from Furman University, Greenville, with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration and a minor in psychology.

In 1967 he became office supervisor in the board's Training Union department, and in 1968 became typing and transcription section supervisor for the board's typing pool.

The Greenville book store is one of 55 stores across the United States strategically located for the distribution of Bibles, books, audiovisuals, music, church supplies and other appropriate products to assist churches and individuals in their Christian growth.

Now it's Miss Tokyo

OBU enrolls another beauty queen

Marimi Kasahara had a good excuse for missing what would have been the first semester of her freshman year at Ouachita University. She was busy winning the Miss Tokyo contest.

A native of Japan, Marimi was scheduled to begin classes at Ouachita last fall but her arrival in Arkadelphia was delayed until the spring semester because of the beauty pageant held in October.

While in high school in Tokyo, Marimi took and passed an English examination to qualify her to study at an American College through the International Universities Association program.

She was assigned to OBU and planned to enroll in the fall, 1972. But a hairdresser wanted to sponsor her in the Miss Tokyo pageant so she postponed her education for a semester.

In the contest, she was required to model a dress, a bathing suit and a kimono. She also had to answer questions put to her by the judges.

She won the title as well as the various duties that come with being a beauty queen such as appearing in a parade and a fashion show.

"I did an advertisement for a company, and I had a modeling job," she said. "I have enriched my

experience owing to the title."

Marimi will remain at Ouachita until August when she will return home to get ready to give up her title in October. She will re-enroll at OBU for the spring, 1974, session and will stay until she graduates.

A history major, Marimi is taking 14 hours of classes this semester. That's a full load for any college student.

Admitting she has a little trouble with some of her homework assignments, she said, "I take double time."

Her study plan is to read through each lesson once underlining the words she doesn't understand. Then, she looks up the words in an English-Japanese dictionary and writes down their meanings in her native language. Finally, she re-reads the assignment.

One of her classes is a special basic English class in which she is taught by a graduate student on a one-to-one basis.

In Japan, Marimi lives in a Tokyo suburb with her parents and one sister. Her father is a musician who formerly played with an orchestra and now does studio recording. Her mother is a housewife.

About their feelings toward her continuing her education so far from home, Marimi said, "They think I came

here is very nice to me. It is nice and wonderful experience for me."

Marimi's favorite pastime is arranging natural flowers, a popular hobby in Japan.

When Marimi learned she was coming to Ouachita, she naturally wondered what it would be like.

"I read the catalog over and over," she said, laughing. "I looked at the pictures and wondered which is my dormitory."

But now that she's here, she said, "I think it's not difference between Japan and here."

"Japanese girls also watch their weights and their beauty and their clothing," she added, comparing American girls with Japanese girls.

The American custom that amuses Marimi most is putting up the little metal flag when there's a letter in the mailbox.

"We don't have custom like this in Tokyo," she said. "I find it very funny and nice."

Although she comes from one of the world's largest cities, Marimi professed, "I am never tired of Arkadelphia."

She likes to take walks and enjoys looking at the "beautiful houses and churches" in Arkadelphia.

After graduation from OBU, Marimi plans to be an international social worker.

Where would she like to work? "Everywhere," she said. "I would like to be everywhere in the world."

Ouachita University has become the first step toward the realization of this dream.

Creative arts winners announced

NASHVILLE — Winners have been announced in the 1972 Creative Arts Competition, sponsored by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Arkansas winners are Billy Putnam, Rogers, honorable mention in senior sculpture division; and Jean Buckner, Little Rock, honorable mention in senior poetry division.

event, a leisure reading magazine for youth published by the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board, will feature the award winning entries in the October, 1973, issue.

Participants are between 12 and 17 years old during the year they enter competition. Entries were judged on suitability of subject matter for inclusion in event creativity, depth of thought, style, clarity of expression and spiritual significance.



Marimi Kasahara, a Ouachita University freshman and the reigning Miss Tokyo, visits with Channel 7 (Little Rock) news reporter Judy Pryor and cameraman Jim Casey prior to a recent television interview.

Blessed assurance — needed — and there

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

For several years, going to make it without me as the go-between?

Seriously, the most important thing was that I had been prepared of the Lord for this experience. Of course, I was in no great danger. I had the finest doctors with the most up to date equipment at their disposal, and the best of hospital care.

Still, I needed the assurance of the Lord's presence in time of trouble, and do you know, I didn't even have to ask God for it?

I went into the hospital secure in the knowledge that everything was going to be all right. Or, as I told one of my Sunday School members, "It's not so much that everything is going to be all right, than it is that no matter what happens, everything is going to be all right!"

It is promised in the Bible and proven over and over again that our Father knows our needs even before they are spoken, and often provides them before we are even aware that we need them!

God's watch-care — yes, I needed it, but the assurance that I would have it was just as sorely needed.

Praise the Lord for blessings, great and small!

The place you can't enjoy food, it's time to do something!"

Dr. B. even went further and said, "Why don't we take off some weight? That way, we won't have so much to cut through!"

Friends and relatives were most helpful in preparing me. Miriad stories of bad gall bladders were laid out for me to study. Tests necessary for analysis were described with many a needle "this long," and many a cup of barium tea was re-downed, to my discomfort.

In spite of all this, I went into the hospital with only two worries: 1. How was the family grocery business going to make it without me? and 2. How were my husband and Mama cat, who had been silent adversaries for nine



- Salaries of women workers are not only lower than those of men, but the gap between them is widening as well, the head of the Labor Department's Women's Bureau warned recently. Outlining a "grim picture" of the latest federal statistics dealing with the incomes of minority groups, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz said that a woman working full time in 1970 made only 57 percent of a man's income, down from 64 percent in 1955. "Women with one to three years of college education had lower incomes in 1971 than men who had completed only eight years of school," she said in citing another example. "The 1970 full-time year-round wage or salary income figures put white men at a median of \$9,373, followed by minority men at \$6,598. Next came white women at \$5,490, and finally at the bottom, minority women at \$4,674." Mrs. Koontz noted that about 90 percent of nurses, dietitians, librarians, and elementary teachers were women, but that women accounted for less than 10 percent of the scientists, doctors, lawyers, dentists, and engineers.

(By Richard D. Lyons, New York Times News Service, Jan. 1, 1973)

- The world's ad bill: 33 billion dollars. The International Advertising Association and International Research Associates say this is what advertisers around the world spent in 1970. U.S. advertisers shelled out the lion's share, 19.6 billion dollars. Over four-fifths of the total was spent in the United States, West Germany, Japan, United Kingdom, Canada and France. A somewhat different look emerges on a per person basis. The U.S. leads (\$95.72 that year); then come Switzerland (\$68.15,) Bermuda (\$52.83,) Denmark (\$48.55,) Canada (\$48.47,) Sweden (\$47.79.)

(Changing Times, January, 1973)

The must of discipline

By W. B. O'Neal

In my early years, people were forced to use horses, mules or oxen, to prepare soil, plant, cultivate and gather their crops. And these animals were also employed for transit. The person in charge as plowman or driver had to be a good disciplinarian. A person of authority whose word of command would be obeyed and whose pull on lines or reins found immediate response.

Some animals were willfully guilty of getting out of line, consequently muzzles and blind bridles were invented and often employed. Whips, even, were carried to be used on the slow or uncooperating animal.

Machines have now almost displaced the animal on the farm and has taken over the transit problem so much so that few miles are covered these days by footmen, or horseback. However, the man at the wheel is a disciplinarian, the one in control, else tragedy results quickly. The machine, like a mule is inclined to take the easy way, or plunge into a mud puddle. Its driver must constantly maintain his mastership, or there's tragedy.

Now, the human animal is still the means of seed sowing, cultivation and gathering. Like a mule, or horse, it has to be bridled, harnessed, reined and controlled. Paul, the Apostle writing to the Corinthians (I Cor. 9:27) said "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection." That is exactly what is needed and he who doesn't do that is on the wrong road or is already in the ditch.

But the body is a machine, a most wonderful one, too. Every person is an operator of this machine. A driver of an automobile can't afford for one moment to forget that he is in charge. That the machine is subject to his every touch. That he must keep his eye on the road. That he must be obeyed. It isn't so much that he is disciplining an auto, it is that he is keeping himself in hand.

W. B. O'Neal, a retired Baptist preacher, is a member of Gravel Ridge Church, North Little Rock.

Summer youth program workshop scheduled

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Plans have been announced for the fifth annual Summer Youth Program Workshop, to be held on the campus of Southern Seminary, April 27-29.

Sponsored by the seminary's School of Religious Education, the program is designed to give information and ideas for use in youth ministry. A special 1973 Summer Youth Program Kit, prepared by the Sunday School Board, will be available for conference participants.

The workshop is planned so as to meet the needs of a broad spectrum of youth workers — ministers of youth, summer youth directors, ministers of education or music, pastors, and adult lay workers with youth.

This year's workshop leaders will include Raymond Bailey of Louisville's Bellarmine College, who will lead conferences in drama and communication arts; and Donald Blaylock of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's department of student work, leading the music conferences.

Creative Bible Study will be discussed by Dennis Conniff III of the Sunday School department in Nashville; and Robert Dale of the church administration department will present an overall view of program planning.

Other program personalities are John LaNoue and Robert Sessoms of the church recreation department, who will conduct conferences on retreats and recreation.

Anne Davis, Southern Seminary's assistant professor of social work, will talk about service projects for youth groups; and Barry St. Clair of the Home Mission Board will discuss youth evangelism.

Total conference fee (including room with linens) is \$12. Meals will be available in the seminary cafeteria through a special food package plan.

A registration fee of \$8 should be sent prior to the conference to Workshop Director William R. Cromer, associate professor of religious education, at the seminary address: 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206. Brochures on the conference are available through his office.



New Baptist church meets in Catholic chapel

The Lake Shore Church, Horseshoe Lake, closed its charter membership with 68 on Feb. 4. The current worship arrangements are, perhaps, a first for Arkansas in that the congregation is using the Roman Catholic chapel for their meetings. The church was organized Jan. 7, under the leadership of Pastor Bob McGraw. Even though ice and snow made travel extremely hazardous, approximately 100 people were present for the occasion.

Recently, Evangelist Johnny Green closed a revival with 13 additions through baptism and many others uniting through transfer of letters.

Between parson and pew

From the nursery to big church

By Velma Merritt



Mrs. Merritt

Isn't it easy to overlook the feelings of the youngest members of the congregation?

The transition from the nursery to the sanctuary can be a startling experience for a four year old.

One little boy, accustomed to going to the nursery until he promoted at age four, tired in a few Sundays of his bigness and wanted to go back to the nursery to play. His parents patiently explained that he was too big for the nursery now and that he needed to go to big church with them to worship God.

He bawked at their explanation, put his hands on his hips, and blurted, "I don't like God!"

The trauma of going from the nursery to the main sanctuary can be avoided, at least in part, if some special precautions are made.

Pastor, have you thought about tak-

ing your three year olds and their Sunday School teacher on a little tour of the sanctuary? This is an opportune time for you to become their friend and also explain to them in the simplest way about what happens during a service and why.

Parents, you can help by seeing that the change is not sudden. Several months before your child promotes, take him with you occasionally to the sanctuary. Share with him your hymnal and Bible. He will feel a part of the service by being able to participate even though he cannot read the words.

Before he promotes he should become familiar with the idea that when he is four, he is big enough to go with you to worship. Make worship something to look forward to. Your attitude will basically determine his.

Going from the nursery to the sanctuary is important in a child's growing experience of knowing God. We need to make certain that it is a stepping stone and not a stumbling block to his later awareness of the need of Christ as his personal Saviour.



The Cooperative Program...

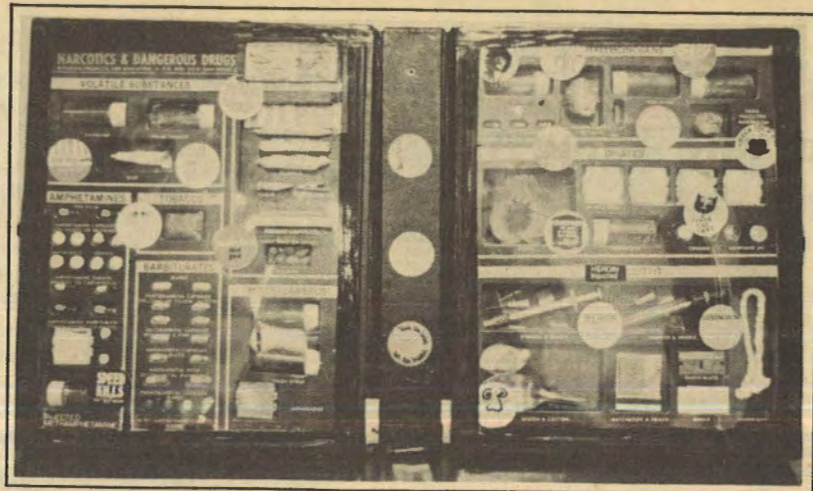
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Christian Civic Foundation works to stop drug abuse

An interview with Paul Ramsey



Ramsey (left) tells Editor Sneed about his drug education work.



Ramsey uses this display kit in his talks on drug abuse.

Editor: As I understand it, Mr. Ramsey, you are an educational assistant with the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas with the specific responsibility of providing drug education to the youth of our state. It is, indeed, a delight that we have someone like yourself to assist in this meaningful and important area.

Ramsey: It is my desire to help in stemming the drug crisis in our state. I appreciate the Christian Civic Foundation making it possible for me to provide this service. I am delighted to work under the leadership of Dr. Edward W. Harris, our executive director. Incidentally, I wish to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Ashcraft and Arkansas Baptists for their prayers as well as their excellent financial support.

Editor: What kind of drug abuse is present in our state?

Ramsey: Unfortunately, we have all types of drugs being used in our state presently. This includes stimulants, psychedelics, and depressants. Stimulants are commonly called "uppers," and include such things as cocaine, caffeine, and nicotine. Psychedelics are those drugs which produce unreal sensations. It makes persons see things and causes their mind to wander to unrelated ideas. Depressants are called "downers." This group includes alcohol, barbiturates, and narcotics.

Editor: Are these drugs dangerous?

Ramsey: They are extremely dangerous when used without supervision of a medical doctor. Certain of these drugs have often resulted in death or in the total destruction of a person's mind. It would be impossible for me to over-emphasize the danger of drug experimentation.

Editor: Which are the most commonly abused drugs in our state?

Ramsey: Alcohol, marijuana, and popping pills — in that order. It should be remembered that alcohol, particularly beer and wine, remain our greatest problem with both youth and adults. Many of the young people are beginning to drink "pop wine." They feel that it couldn't possibly be dangerous, it's just like drinking soda pop. This, of course, is untrue and it becomes even more dangerous when coupled with pills.

Editor: What can we do about this?

Ramsey: There are two things which can greatly help: (1) educate the youth — programs such as the Christian Civic Foundation has will assist greatly and (2) parents must be aware of what causes drug abuse.

Editor: Can you tell me what things cause a person to abuse drugs?

Ramsey: Yes, here are 16 ways:

1. Never eat together as a family.
2. Never have family discussions.
3. Never listen to children. Talk to them and not with them.
4. Never let your child experience cold, fatigue, adventure, injury, risk, challenge, experiment, failure or frustration.
5. Teach youngsters to "do as I say" not "as I do."
6. Leave responsibility of spiritual training and belief to schools but don't teach at home.
7. When confronted with the choice of whether to spend your time and money on a material thing or your child, always choose the material object.
8. Expect your child to achieve and win, but don't teach him the principles of living; let him "learn on his own."
9. Take a "pick up" pill in the morning, followed by a relaxation pill before going to bed at night.
10. Never correct your children but uphold them before law, school or friends as "not my little boy."
11. Undermine the role of father in the house, never have a father's influence in the home, stay together for the sake of the children — or better yet, get a divorce.
12. Keep your home atmosphere in a state of chaos.
13. Always pick up after him — never let him take responsibility.
14. Always solve his problems and make his decisions.
15. Be too busy with business, civic or social life to spend time with your children or watch television together.
16. Don't teach your children while they are young — wait till they are old enough to learn for themselves.

Editor: How many educational contacts do you make in a year in schools, clubs, camps, etc.?

Ramsey: I speak to more than 115 schools each year. In the summer I usually speak to eight or 10.

Last year I spoke at Siloam Springs Assembly and at the G.A. camp at Camp Paron. I spoke on 16 Sundays to church groups.

Editor: Let me thank you on behalf of the Baptists of Arkansas for the excellent work you are doing. I feel that each of us can now more intelligently and effectively pray for the Christian Civic Foundation and the outstanding contribution that you are making.

State mission work depends on the Annie Armstrong Offering



Dorris

The Annie Armstrong season of prayer and offering for Home Missions has significant implications for all Arkansas Baptists in 1973. A sizable segment (17 percent to be exact) of the state mission budget amounting to \$43,552.04 will come

from the Home Mission Board.

These funds will be expended through cooperative agreements that will strengthen our mission outreach in many areas and to many people in the state.

C. F. Landon will continue his ministry to deaf persons in the state, and Wilson Deese will give continuing direction of the chaplaincy and supervision to chaplains employed by the Convention.

Home Mission funds will enable Tommy Bridges to aid churches and associations in Special Mission Ministries. He will guide the use of other funds earmarked for the Migrant Center and Director Bob Gross at Hope, and the Special Ministries center at Hot Springs, where Harry Woodall is Director.

Work with National Baptists, under the leadership of Robert Ferguson, will receive significant aid from the Annie Armstrong offering. Lacy Solomon, teacher-missionary and BSU Director at University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, will receive necessary aid. Other assistance will be given for the youth camp program, extension centers, leadership clinics, and special projects this year.

Field ministries of the Home Mission Board in Arkansas include aid to the Fairfield Bay mission, where Hilton Lane is pastor, and the McKay Mission of Second Church, Little Rock.

Six or more student missionaries will spend 10 weeks this summer in resort areas and in small churches working under associational supervision.

In 1973 another Interfaith Witness conference, funded in part by the Home Mission Board, will help inform and train many Arkansas Baptists for witness to many special people.

A cross section of state mission work in Arkansas will show the substantial involvement of the Home Mission Board which makes the Annie Armstrong offering in 1973 more vital than ever. — R. H. Dorris, Director, Dept. of Missions

Sunday School

Projects are planned to aid your church

Three upcoming projects promoted by the Sunday School Department will help Sunday Schools prepare for people, train workers, and reach people for Bible study.

Church Architecture Consultations are scheduled for March 27, 28, and 29. George Fletcher, Church Architecture department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will be available for consultation with pastors, church staff members, and building committee members. Additional details are included in another article in this issue of the Newsmagazine.

A Bus Clinic will be held in the Baptist Building on April 10 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eugene Skelton and D. Lewis White, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be featured on the program. The purpose of the clinic is to give information in starting a bus ministry and to give helpful ideas in providing for the riders during the Sunday School and preaching hour.

Creative approaches to Bible teaching and demonstration of teaching skills will be feature of the Creative Teaching Workshop to be held in Little Rock's First Church on April 24. Sessions are scheduled for 10-12 a.m.; 2-4 p.m.; and 7-9 p.m. Conferences are planned for teachers of adults, young adults, youth, children, older preschoolers and younger preschoolers. —Pat Ratton, Sunday School department

Foundation

Professionals manage your trusts

A Baptist layman in our state recently described to me the personal pleasure he gets from studying the stock market and making his own decisions concerning the purchase and sale and management of stocks and securities. The man had apparently studied well and used his knowledge wisely, for he had established a very sizeable estate.

Not many individuals, however, have been able to develop such expertise in such a complex field. Most of us rely heavily upon the knowledge and counsel of those who have made a profession of investing or managing securities.

Even among financial institutions there may be a great variance in the management ability of the personnel. The integrity and sincerity of each institution may be equally high, but the greater volume of business in one may have provided opportunity for greater experience and thus development of a

higher degree of skill:

The Arkansas Baptist Foundation does not rely solely upon its staff in the management of investments, but it has access, from several sources, to some of the ablest management skills available to anyone. Its Board of Directors, consisting of nine men, currently includes four laymen who are involved professionally and daily in estate planning and the management of securities. These men donate their services through the Arkansas Baptist Foundation to every interested individual who wishes to remember Baptist causes with his material possessions.

The president of the Board of Directors appoints an investment committee. This committee meets at least quarterly, and sometimes oftener, to review all the Foundation's investments and how they can be best managed for the benefit of the donors

and their beneficiaries. All of their combined expertise and knowledge and experience and skill is utilized in these decisions, and all Arkansas Baptists and institutions and causes benefit from it.

These services and these skills are available to you through the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. Whether your need is for a trust to manage your investments prior to your death, or whether your need is a trust with such management for the benefit of your loved ones and Christian concerns after your death, it is your Christian responsibility now to make sure that the best possible management services are provided for you and your loved ones and your Christian concerns. Call on us for counsel or information. —Roy F. Lewis, Acting Executive Director

Cooperative Program

Top 25 churches in per capita gifts in 1972

The 25 churches listed below are the leaders in our state in per capita gifts through the Cooperative Program in 1972. The list is based on total gifts received in the Executive Secretary's office, excluding any designated amounts, and the membership reported in the 1972 church letter.

In a previous issue we presented the 25 leading churches in total gifts. In a subsequent issue we will present the 25 leading churches in percentage giving.

Church	Association	Per Capita Gifts
1. Pulaski Heights	Pulaski County	\$42.55
2. Almyra, First	Centennial	35.97
3. Paragould, First	Greene County	25.44
4. Crossett, First	Ashley County	25.22
5. Immanuel, Fort Smith	Concord	23.96
6. Camden, First	Liberty	23.86
7. Grand Avenue	Concord	23.34
8. West Memphis, First	Tri-County	23.27
9. Immanuel, Little Rock	Pulaski County	22.50
10. Sparkman, First	Carey	22.39
11. Watson Chapel	Harmony	22.21
12. Harrison, First	Boone-Newton	21.86
13. Stephens, First	Liberty	21.82
14. Carlisle, First	Caroline	21.53
15. Amboy	North Pulaski	21.45
16. Hamburg, First	Ashley County	21.39
17. Walnut Street	Mount Zion	20.87
18. Lonoke, First	Caroline	20.70
19. Levy	North Pulaski	20.55
20. Coy	Caroline	19.88
21. Cabot, Second	Caroline	19.74
22. Hazen, First	Caroline	19.69
23. Maple Avenue	Liberty	19.68
24. Searcy, First	Calvary	19.57
25. Hope, First	Hope	19.41

—Roy F. Lewis

Church architecture consultations

George Fletcher of the Church Architecture Department, Baptist Sunday School Board will conduct individual consultations in three locations in Arkansas March 27-28 and 29.

Places of meeting and dates are as follows:

Tuesday, March 27, First Church, West Memphis

Wednesday, March 28, East Main, El Dorado

Thursday, March 29, Baptist Building, Little Rock

Individual consultations will be scheduled for 45 minute periods from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. at each location.

Pastors, staff members, committee chairmen and others may come individually, or as a group, from a church for the consultation.

Please make reservation request for the place and time of day most con-

venient to you. Confirmation of each request will be made by return mail on a first received first scheduled basis.

If reservations are not confirmed for a specific time and place the consultant will not be at the meeting place announced.

Individuals meeting with Fletcher should bring certain information to the meeting.

Include in this information:

1. A plot plan of the property giving dimension, compass directions, and location of the building on lot.

2. A floor plan of existing buildings.

3. A Sunday record of Sunday School attendance.

Send reservation request to: Lawson Hatfield, P.O. Box 550, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203. — Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School director and building consultant.

Child Care

Family here to stay despite predictions

"America's families are in trouble — trouble so deep as to threaten the future of our nation" declared a major report during the recent White House Conference on Children. Anthropologist Margaret Mead and others asked the question, "Can the family survive?" Recently as I was reviewing articles on the family, some of the titles included "Is the family obsolete," "Family is out of fashion," "What's happening to the American family — future uncertain." Add to this the fact that one in every four U.S. marriages eventually ends in divorce and one half million teenagers run away from home each year and you get a disturbing picture indeed.

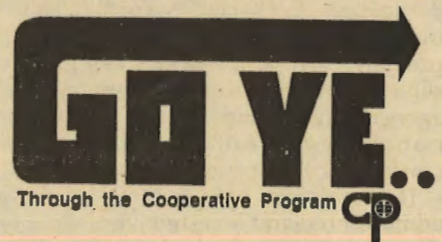
Despite all the dire predictions, the family is still with us. Before we drown in our tears of self pity for having to live in such difficult times, we need to remind ourselves that things have always been difficult for families. Prior to advances of modern medicine, few families escaped the ravages of serious illness and death. Orphans were common. An economic system with ups and downs like a roller coaster forced families to live in constant fear of losing everything.

Families have survived the havoc of war, the perils of the frontier and scores of other enemies. It is not likely that the family is going to fall apart under the modern threats.

Family life will survive. Biblically, it is God's plan. Sociologically, nothing improves on it. God created man and designed the family for man's pattern of living.

The form of the family may change. It often has. Family life today is vastly different from family life pictured in the New Testament. Our responsibility is to see that it improves, and to work to protect it from the stress of our modern high speed, urbanized, technological society. As Christians rely on God's power, I am convinced that He will protect the family, strengthen it and use it to fulfill His divine purposes.

Praise the Lord, the family is here to stay! —Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.



One half of churches not in annuity plan

Would you believe that a major emphasis of the annual meeting of the Annuity Board trustees was "Prospect Potential"? Almost 50 percent of the Southern Baptist Churches are not participating. The most of those not participating are churches with less than 200 members. However, there are thousands of persons eligible for enrollment. There are 15,000 prospects for initial enrollment. There are also about 15,000 prospects for upgrading. Another 5,000 seminary students are now eligible to enroll. So, about half of the 34,000 Southern Baptist churches are prospects, and about 35,000 prospects are personnel.

Along with the statistics of the prospects a statement about the problems seems appropriate. Baynard F. Fox, one of the senior vice presidents, states them concisely. They are, according to Fox, "The complexity of the program. Plan A has a complex formula." There is little chance of explaining this and the other programs by literature and correspondence.

Secondly, Fox mentions the "Concept of \$4,000 maximum salary basis." This was initially a good program and continues so, but it has been added to and enlarged upon. A study is currently being made as to how it can be further improved. The third problem stated by Fox is the "difficulty of reaching the proper person with the proper message." The pastor may be accused of selfish motives if he tries to initiate the program. The key person may or may not be a deacon, treasurer, WMU president, or president of Baptist Men.

Churches, church leaders and pastors need to become concerned about this phase of stewardship. It is commendable to live by faith, but it is also advisable for Christians to be good examples of taking care of the household of faith. One who has given his life to the great cause of Christian service and at last becomes a ward of the state is not a forceful witness to the wisdom of his denomination. We all feel sorry for the person ill-prepared for retirement, incapacitation, or death. But when this time arrives for the individual, it is too late to prepare for the occasion.

Congress may compel us by law to participate in Social Security. Labor unions may negotiate with employers to provide for employees, but those serving with church and denominational agencies are dependent upon the concerned and compassionate constituency to accomplish these tasks.

The total assets of \$336,439,081 is being administered and invested wisely by our Annuity Board. But this service is

Doctrines of the faith The doctrine of creation

By Jimmy A. Millikin
Southern Baptist College



Dr. Millikin

1:2; Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:15-16; Heb. 1:2.) And it was the Spirit who moved upon the "face of the deep" and brought order of the formless matter (Gen. 1:2; cf. Job 26:13; 33:4.)

Among the most basic affirmations of the Christian faith is that God is Creator of heaven and earth. It is no accident that the Bible opens with the words: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1.) The truth expressed in these words is stated and assumed throughout the rest of Scripture. It is the gateway to all divine truth.

The author of creation

The author of creation is clearly God, and He only. "In the beginning GOD created. . ." We are assured, also, that all the "persons" of the Godhead were involved in this creating. That the Father is Creator there can be no doubt (Matt. 11:25; Acts 4:24; Heb. 1:2.) However, it is equally clear that it was through the agency of the Son that He made all things (John

1:2; Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:15-16; Heb. 1:2.) And it was the Spirit who moved upon the "face of the deep" and brought order of the formless matter (Gen. 1:2; cf. Job 26:

The scope of creation

God created "the heaven and the earth." This is a comprehensive expression which means everything. The New Testament enforces this statement by stating that God "created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things that therein are" (Rev. 10:6; cf. Acts 4:24.) The heaven, the earth, and the sea, and everything in them. In other words, everything that is. The teaching of the Bible, then, is quite explicit. God, who Himself has no beginning (Psa. 90:2,) is the beginning of everything that is.

The method of creation

It is often said that while the Bible affirms the fact of creation it does not tell how God did it. This is not quite true. We are told for example, that God created what is by His spoken word (cf. Gen. 1:3, 6.) The method was thus that of divine fiat; that is, it was done at once by the mighty power of God, by his all-commanding will and word (Psa. 33:9; Heb. 11:3.)

The time of creation

Creation is not dated in the Bible. The Genesis account simply states, "In the beginning God created. . ." The only thing that we can affirm is that there was a beginning. In other words there was a "point" in God's own life when He decided to call into existence something other than Himself. God Himself has no beginning, but the created order does. This means that God's creation is finite. Matter is not eternal. It had a beginning.

The purpose of creation

The ultimate end of all created things is to glorify God, the Creator, and His Son, Jesus Christ. "The Lord hath made all things for himself," (Prov. 16:4.) The created order reveals His glory and handywork (Psa. 19:1,) His wisdom (Prov. 3:19-20,) and His "eternal power and Godhead" (Rom. 1:20.) A subordinate or secondary end of creation is for the benefit and good of man. While man himself is a part of God's creation, the rest of creation is for him (Gen. 1:14-18, 28-31.)

The implications of creation

The doctrine of creation has important implications for our views of God, man, and nature. It means that God is independent of the world, but the world is dependent on God. The world is sustained and controlled by God. The world belongs to God. We are but stewards of God's world and must give account to Him for the way in which we use or abuse His creation. The creation is never to take the place of the Creator (Rom. 1:25.)

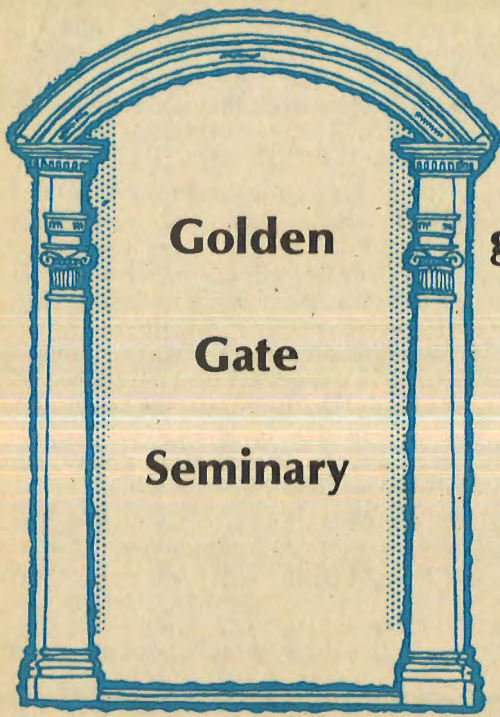
performed for approximately half our churches and half of our personnel. The above figure was reached by investments and earnings amounting to \$43,733,599 in 1972. It is anticipated that the Annuity Board will be administering one-half of a billion dollars of total assets by 1975 and three-quarters of a billion dollars by 1980.

Any of us who are in the program are available to help any of you become

acquainted with and become active in the program. Your Executive Secretary, State Annuity Secretary, State Annuity Board Trustee, or any Convention employee, stands ready to assist you in this important venture.

Annuity is like salvation in this way: to be effective at death it must be claimed in life. If you are a prospect, let someone help you to become a participant.
—Wilson Deese

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



Golden gears for future

Gate Seminary

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — If any single individual was to be given credit for the founding of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, it would have to be an Arkansas man — the late Dr. Isam B. Hodges, first president of the theological school.

Dr. Hodges, recognized as the founder of Golden Gate Seminary, was a Baptist pastor and native of Viola, who left his home state in 1935 to see the fulfillment of a dream and leading of God to minister in California and the Western United States.

Firmly convinced that the call to service was the call to prepare, Dr. Hodges was graduated from three Baptist schools before coming to California with his wife and five children. (His widow, Minnie, recently remarried and is now Mrs. Homer Sublett, of Viola.) Golden Gate Seminary was founded in Oakland in 1944, with Hodges serving as president until 1946.

Two of the schools that awarded degrees to Hodges were in Arkansas: Mountain Home Baptist College (no longer in existence) in Mountain Home; and Ouachita Baptist College (now University), Arkadelphia.

Dr. Hodges' vital role in the founding of Golden Gate Seminary was just the beginning of Arkansas's contributions to the school.

Arkansas Baptists' support of Golden Gate through the Cooperative Program began in 1950, when the Southern Baptist Convention assumed sponsorship of the Seminary from the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. An Arkansan, the late Dr. R.

C. Campbell, former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and former pastor in Little Rock, was a member of the 22-member Committee on Theological Education that recommended Golden Gate to be taken under sponsorship by the SBC.

One of Golden Gate's strongest backers today is Jack Pollard, pastor of South Side Church in Ft. Smith and Trustee from Arkansas. Pollard served as a Trustee in 1971-72 and is currently serving a term as Trustee to end in 1977. Bernes K. Selph, pastor of First Church,

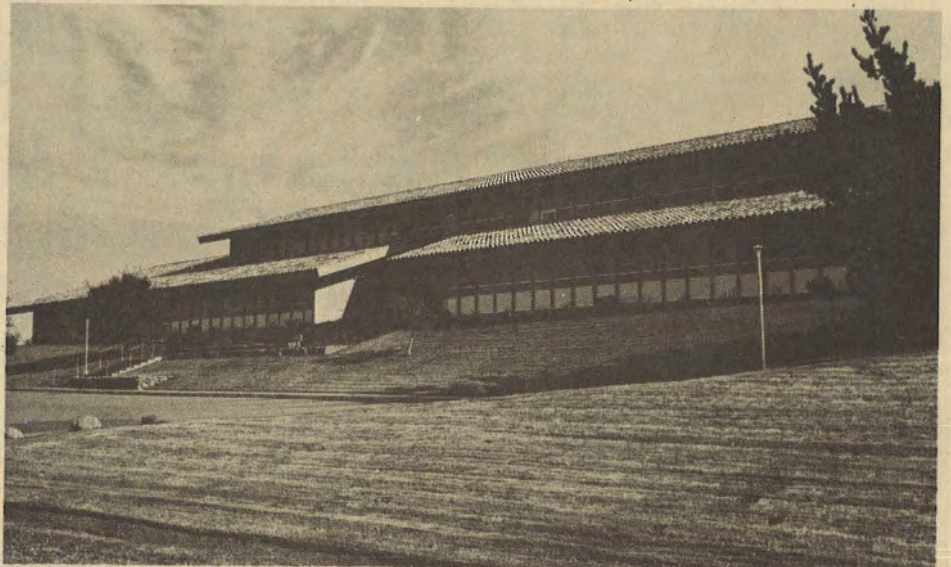
Benton, was the Arkansas Trustee for Golden Gate from 1950-62.

The year before Golden Gate became an SBC agency, three Arkansans were enrolled for courses to study. Baptist students from Arkansas continue each year to travel west for further theological education at Golden Gate. Eight students from Arkansas were enrolled at the Seminary in 1971-72. Three members of the 1972 graduating class at Golden Gate were from Arkansas. They were Francis M. Gilbreath, of Newark, master of religious education degree; Dr. Glynn Paul Hamm, of Ft. Smith, doctor of sacred theology degree; and Freddy D. Kerr, Monette, master of divinity degree.

Dr. Hamm, a native of Ft. Smith, has been Librarian at Golden Gate since 1968. Former pastor of Acorn Church, Acorn, Dr. Hamm is a 1956 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and attended Westark Junior College in Ft. Smith.

Arkansans abound at Golden Gate. Among them are Dr. Wayne H. Peterson, associate professor of Old Testament, a former professor at Ouachita Baptist University, and former pastor of Canfield Church, in Canfield. Dr. J. Roger Skelton, professor of religious education and vice-president of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association (national) is a former minister of education of First Church, Jonesboro (1939-41). Another current member of the Golden Gate

The Administration Building at Golden Gate Seminary is in keeping with the neo-Spanish architecture of the campus. The building houses the offices of President Harold K. Graves and Dean Elmer L. Gray, the Business Office, Library, Registrar, Public Relations, alumni affairs, and the Institute of Urban Studies.



family from Arkansas is Mrs. Orine Suffern, music instructor at the Seminary since 1955. Mrs. Suffern, who served as organist for the Southern Baptist Convention in 1962, is a native of Hamburg.

Four students from Arkansas are currently enrolled at Golden Gate. They are Walter E. Harrell, of Magnolia, doctor of ministry candidate; Mrs. Alice Nelson Hyatt, Fayetteville, master of religious education graduate and currently a special student; Ira Dalton Morrow, West Helena, master of divinity candidate; and Robert E. Norvell, Ft. Smith, special student.

The "average" student at Golden Gate is involved in volunteer work in the service of God. The student may teach a Sunday morning Bible Study, may serve as a volunteer or paid minister of music, youth or religious education. He or she may be a home missionary, full-time or part-time pastor, student worker, social worker. The student might be involved in a coffeehouse ministry, or run a community center, or might serve as a hospital, industrial, or military reserve chaplain. Ministers of music, youth and religious education are in great demand in the greater San Francisco Bay area and throughout California.

Additionally, many students have a part-time job to provide for themselves and their families. A Seminarian's spouse plays a vital role of support, with many wives working full-time to keep the family going financially.

Another view of the heart of the Golden Gate campus is set against the San Francisco skyline, a constant reminder of Southern Baptists' mission for Jesus Christ in the West. Truett Hall, single men's dormitory, is in the foreground, with Mallory Hall, single women's dormitory, just beyond. Just above Mallory Hall (center) is the Student Center. In the upper right is the Administration Building, and four academic buildings that house classrooms, a book store, post office, faculty offices, a state licensed Child Care Center, church music offices and facilities, and a temporary chapel.

Enrollment at Golden Gate was 338 (cumulative) for the year 1971-72, with a slight increase in enrollment recorded for the September and fall terms, 1972, over the same period in 1971.

International students continue to seek admission to Golden Gate, with 48 students from 22 foreign nations in 1971-72. Students came from 39 of the United States.

Golden Gate's faculty numbers 23 (including guest and visiting professors for the year), and eight additional instructors. The teaching staff works with students in three main divisions; theology, religious education and church music, with degrees and certificates offered in all three areas.

The campus and student body continue to grow and new facilities have been added to the campus in the guise of six new three-bedroom apartments on the northeast portion of the campus. A new maintenance building has also been added, on the northwest corner of the property. Now in the planning stages is a \$1.7 million multimedia learning resources center, which administrators say will be the first of its kind at any theological school in the United States.

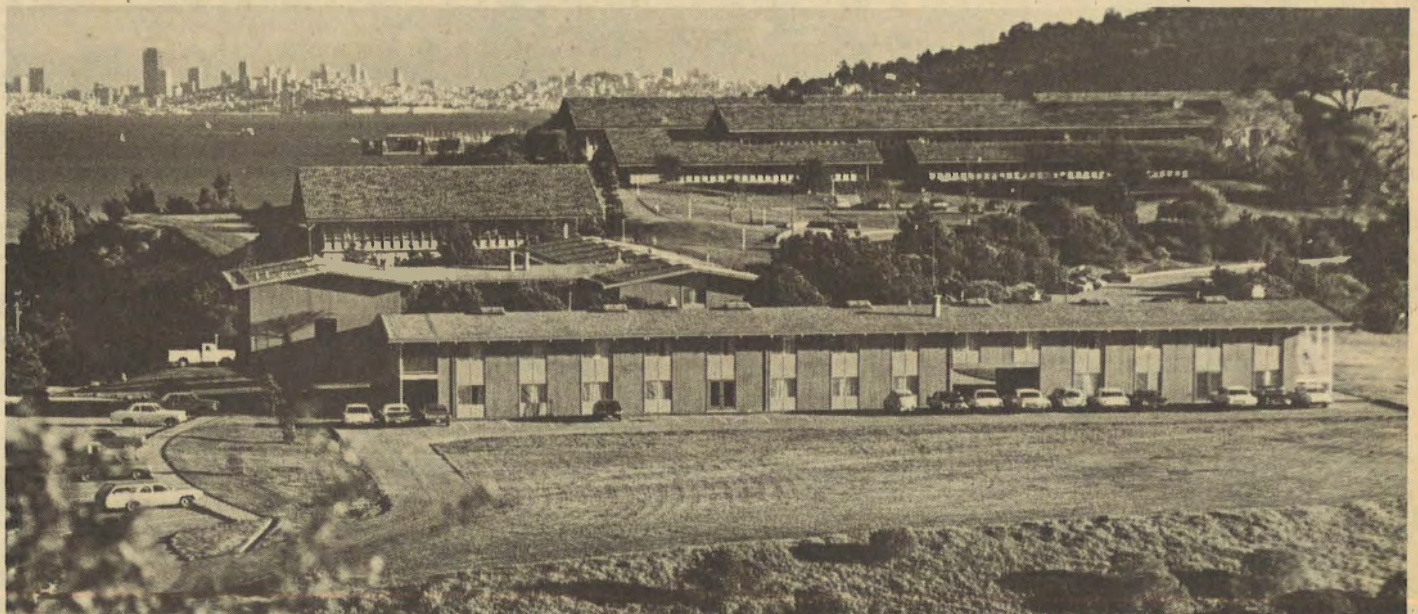
The Seminary houses an administration building and 80,000-volume library and four academic buildings which house a chapel, book store, post office and student lounge. Also included are the single men's residence, single women's residence,

student center and cafeteria; plus 113 apartments (including the new three-bedroom units) for married students, and the president's home. A faculty-staff complex of four townhouses and six apartments also is in use.

Other future plans call for a \$5 million capital program, including construction of a 1,500-seat chapel at the highest spot on Strawberry Point. Additional apartments and residence halls are planned to accommodate the more than 1,000 students projected for the campus. The Seminary master plan also calls for a music and drama recital hall. Missionary apartments for resident missionaries on furlough and a recreation center are planned.

The Seminary is now seeking funds for its proposed Chair of Evangelism, which will augment existing evangelism instruction and thrust. A minimum of \$300,000 is needed to fund the Chair. Students at Golden Gate decided to help with funding of the Chair, and raised more than \$6,000 in a very short time. The students' goal is \$10,000 over a three-year period, with monies to be raised among students, relatives and friends. Southern Baptists, through the Cooperative Program and other gifts, have made Golden Gate Seminary's continued operation possible and have made it possible to offer seminary training at a fraction of what it would otherwise cost students. It is estimated that each student is subsidized about \$2,000 per year.

Southern Baptists, through their giving, have provided a unique and vital base of training in California and the West. Unparalleled opportunities for preparation and service exist in the San Francisco Bay area, regardless of what ministry God leads a man or woman to do for Him.





The Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign

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

Pledging and giving increase

By Jim E. Tillman, Director

New pledges continue to come into the Higher Education Development office for the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign. We now have a total of 559 churches participating in the Campaign. This reflects an increase of 34 churches since the beginning of Phase 2.

Activity is increasing in the General Division, as more churches are working toward entering the Campaign. It is amazing how much difference a year can make in the program of our churches. Pastors are sharing with me the fact that a year ago their churches could not even consider the Campaign. This year it is not only a possibility, but a strong certainty the churches will become involved.

The giving of the churches is also on the increase. December, 1972, Campaign receipts amounted to \$67,194.13, the receipts for January, 1973, reflect \$88,211.63. These figures are inspiring as we realize the dedication on the part of so many represented in these gifts. The total received through the churches is now \$612,204.01.

Many churches are checking their 1972 report sheet recently mailed, and are bringing their pledge up to date. Others are taking offerings and mailing these gifts to the Campaign office. All of this indicates a great spirit of cooperation and determination.

The schools report the success of the Campaign is a source of encouragement to administration, faculty and students. It is also encouraging high school young people to look more seriously in the direction of Ouachita and Southern for their higher education.

Continue to say a good word for Ouachita and Southern, they deserve it!

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2. A brochure entitled "Here's Help for You to Make CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" will be sent to pastors and church training directors toward the latter part of March. The brochure will contain a reply form for churches to request the Church GUIDE.
3. CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place GUIDE will be sent to all churches making the request. This GUIDE will contain detailed plans for the emphasis which will be climaxed during the month of September.
4. We are expecting 500 churches to participate in this special emphasis this year. — Ralph W. Davis

30 new home missionaries named to join 2,200 in US

ATLANTA (BP) — Thirty new missionaries and missionary associates have been appointed to join the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board force of more than 2,200 serving in the United States.

The 10 missionary and 20 missionary associate appointments were announced when the Home Mission Board's directors met here recently. Most of the missionaries were appointed jointly with the state conventions and the board.

The Board's Division of Association Services appointed Joe and Lucy Turner to the Delaware Association in Maryland where he is superintendent of missions.

Also appointed by associational services were James and Ellen Abernathy, superintendent of missions in the Delaware Valley Association in the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Convention.

Turner, a native of North Carolina, was graduated from Limestone College, Gaffney, S.C., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. A South Carolina native, Mrs. Turner attended both Limestone College and New Orleans Seminary.

A native of Hiddenite, N.C., Abernathy was graduated from Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. His wife is a native of Concord, N.C.

Oris and Donna Smith were appointed by the board's Christian social ministries department as directors of Christian social ministries for the Bowie Association in Texarkana, Tex. He is a graduate of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. His wife is a graduate of Lamar University, Beaumont, Tex.

Named as a pastoral missionary, John Tanner and his wife Pat serve in Kailua

Kona, Hawaii, where he is pastor of Kona Baptist Church. They are Texas natives and graduates of Baylor University, Waco, Tex. He also graduated from Southwestern Seminary.

Bill and Pat Wideman, appointed pastoral missionaries by the board's church extension department, serve in La Mirada, Calif., where he is pastor of La Mirada Baptist Church. He was graduated from Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga, and Southwestern Seminary. Both are natives of Missouri.

Missionary associates appointed include Joe and Betty Jean Peterson, working in the First Baptist Church of Yampa, Colo.; Fernando and Terry Downs who head a pilot project with College Park Station ministries in Little Rock, Ark., as director of church extension; Ed and Fay Onley, who direct Christian social ministries in the Capital Association of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma; and three student interns appointed by the Christian social ministries department, Carol McCall and James Alley, both serving in New Orleans, and Donald Williams in California.

The department of language missions, the largest single body of Home Mission Board missionaries, appointed six missionary associates to Texas: Mrs. Olive Troy, in Goliad; Natalia Camarillo in McCallen; Bernardo and Anita Maraga in Goldthwaite; and Isidro and Linda Druz in Brownsville.

The language mission department also appointed five other missionary associates to work with Spanish-speaking people throughout the United States. They are Lupe and Janie Rando in Hollis, Okla.; David and Francisca Auguiano in San Diego, Calif.; and Robert Bell in Philadelphia, Penn.



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Part-time director named for campus



Mrs. Ward

Mrs. Olamae Ward is serving as part-time Baptist Student Director at Arkansas College in Batesville. Both she and her husband, Ross Ward, were active in Baptist Student work at the University of Oklahoma during their college days.

Mrs. Ward is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has done graduate work at the University of Alabama. For twelve years she has taught Spanish, Speech, and English in the public schools. In 1966 she served in summer mission work in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Mrs. Ward's husband, Ross, is pastor of West Baptist Church in Batesville. The Wards have three children, Ross Jr., Gary Lynn, and Patricia.

22 percent budget hike asked for Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP) — The Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention in Indiana voted to recommend a record \$884,957 budget for 1974, an increase of 22 percent, and approved promotion of its director of missions to associate executive secretary-treasurer.

The record budget would include a statewide Cooperative Program goal of \$646,400, an increase of 32 percent; and would allocate 29.4 percent to world mission causes through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget. SBC Cooperative Program allocations would be increased by one percent over the 1973 budget.

Basis of the big increase, said convention officials, is the current "Strengthen Our Witness" campaign led by the convention staff and the SBC Stewardship Commission.

In other action, the board designated R. V. Haygood, currently director of missions and stewardship for the convention staff and the SBC Stewardship Commission.

In other action, the board designated R. V. Haygood currently director of missions and stewardship for the convention, as associate executive secretary-treasurer and director of missions. E. Harmon Moore is executive secretary-treasurer.

Sunday School Board trustees respond to Convention actions

NASHVILLE (BP) — Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board in their annual meeting here responded to two Southern Baptist Convention referrals, acted on several personnel and organizational matters, and authorized future construction at Nashville and at the conference center at Ridgecrest.

In two matters of reference from the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, the trustees reaffirmed present Sunday School Board policies.

A resolution urging all writers to use Scripture in all published materials pertaining to "salvation, the church, and the Christian life" was found to be based largely on materials the board had been asked to publish by the Convention, the trustees were told.

A study committee reported that Scripture references have been included without exception in all materials pertaining to the three designated topics.

The trustees pledged that the Sunday School Board "will continue to exalt the Bible as God's Book of Revelation," and will continue to seek by many different means "to get the Bible known, read, and heeded by all men."

A second referral called for the board "to study the possibility of making available to all Southern Baptist Convention mission churches up to 75 Sunday School and Training Union books quarterly without charge."

The trustees agreed that the present method of supplying one quarter's materials to new Sunday Schools, Training Unions, and choirs, is strongly preferred from the standpoint of polity, economics and incentive.

In other actions, the titles of executive secretary-treasurer and associate executive secretary-treasurer, referring to the operating head of the agency and his associate, were changed to president and executive vice president.

The title of the head of the elected trustees was changed from president to chairman of the 18-member local executive committee which meets monthly.

Similar changes in titles had been taken within the past year by the SBC Annuity Board and Radio and Television Commission.

President Sullivan reported on behalf of the administration concerning sales and earnings during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1972.

Sales for the year totaled \$44,043,000, and an increase of \$2,261,000 over the previous year. Earnings for working capital, fixed assets, and reserves were \$2,407,000.

All other funds over and above operating costs were used in assistance to Southern Baptist churches through efforts such as field services and educational program development and promotion. A total of \$958,458 was provided to state conventions for their promotion in areas of Sunday School Board program responsibility, Sullivan said.

A vote of appreciation was extended to Leonard E. Wedel, director of the office of personnel, whose early retirement effective March 31 was announced at the meeting.

The trustees voted to merge the office of personnel and the manpower development department into one unit to be named the personnel department. The new department will be placed in the Management Services Division at a future date.

Donald Moni, presently acting manager, was elected manager of the San Antonio Baptist Book Store.

The group approved the appointment of a committee to formulate procedures for the election of a new president upon Sullivan's retirement in February, 1975.

John Jeffers of Auburn, Ala., was named chairman. Also named to the committee were Presnell Wood, Houston, Grover Kagy, St. Charles, Mo., trustee chairman Scott Tatum, Shreveport, La., and vice-chairman Devaughn Woods, Nashville.

In building authorizations, the trustees agreed to the addition of two stories to the West Wing building in Nashville for meeting, dining, and training rooms, plus offices if space permits.

An addition of 32 apartments for the Royal Gorge building at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center also was approved.

A Baptist Book Store was authorized for El Paso, Tex. The trustees agreed to the purchase of the Bible Book Store there on July 31, 1973.

They further urged that the Book Store Division continue to work with the Foreign Mission Board to assume retail distribution of all Spanish language materials in the United States by Oct. 1, 1973.

Former astronaut plans retreat for Vietnam POWs

COLORADO SPRINGS (BP) — Apollo 15 Astronaut James B. Irwin, working through his High Flight religious foundation, plans to schedule a renewal retreat program for American prisoners of war returning from Vietnam in an effort to help them readjust to life in America.

Irwin, a Baptist layman who has traveled throughout the world telling others he felt God's presence when he walked on the moon, said in announcing the plans that some of the returning prisoners of war did not even know man had been to the moon while they were in prison.

Exact time and place for the retreat program he hopes to sponsor has not been set, although tentative plans call for the retreat some time in June after the former prisoners have had some time with their families and have gone through official debriefings, High Flight officials said.

To coordinate plans and handle details for the retreat, Irwin has set up a separate office in High Flight. Charles Farr, minister of education at First Southern Baptist Church in Colorado

Springs, will be "on loan" to help coordinate the POW program, Irwin said.

Farr spent 20 years in the Air Force and is well qualified in the field of retreat ministries, Irwin said.

Irwin, a retired Air Force Colonel, said there has always been a desire to establish a retreat ministry by High Flight, the religious foundation he established last August when he resigned from the space program. The retreat program he wants to share with the returning POWs cannot wait on construction of permanent facilities, Irwin added.

"We have already been in touch with some of the personnel in the Pentagon who are involved in the work with returning men, and they have expressed their delight with the idea of this way of sharing with these men we have in mind," Irwin said.

William H. Rittenhouse, vice president and executive director of High Flight, knows first hand the trauma of readjustment that will face these men

since he was a prisoner of war in Rumania during World War II, Irwin pointed out.

Rittenhouse said he and Irwin were deeply concerned about the problems of readjustment of the returning Vietnam POW's. "We want to provide these men and their families with a retreat that will let them have recreation, information and inspiration," he added.

Irwin said that High Flight will seek to underwrite all expenses so there will be no charge to the former prisoners or their families.

Rittenhouse said the program would be non-denominational in approach, with a person-to-person emphasis. Personalities, including astronauts and religious leaders across the country, will be enlisted who can share what their faith has meant to them in times of stress, trauma and readjustment.

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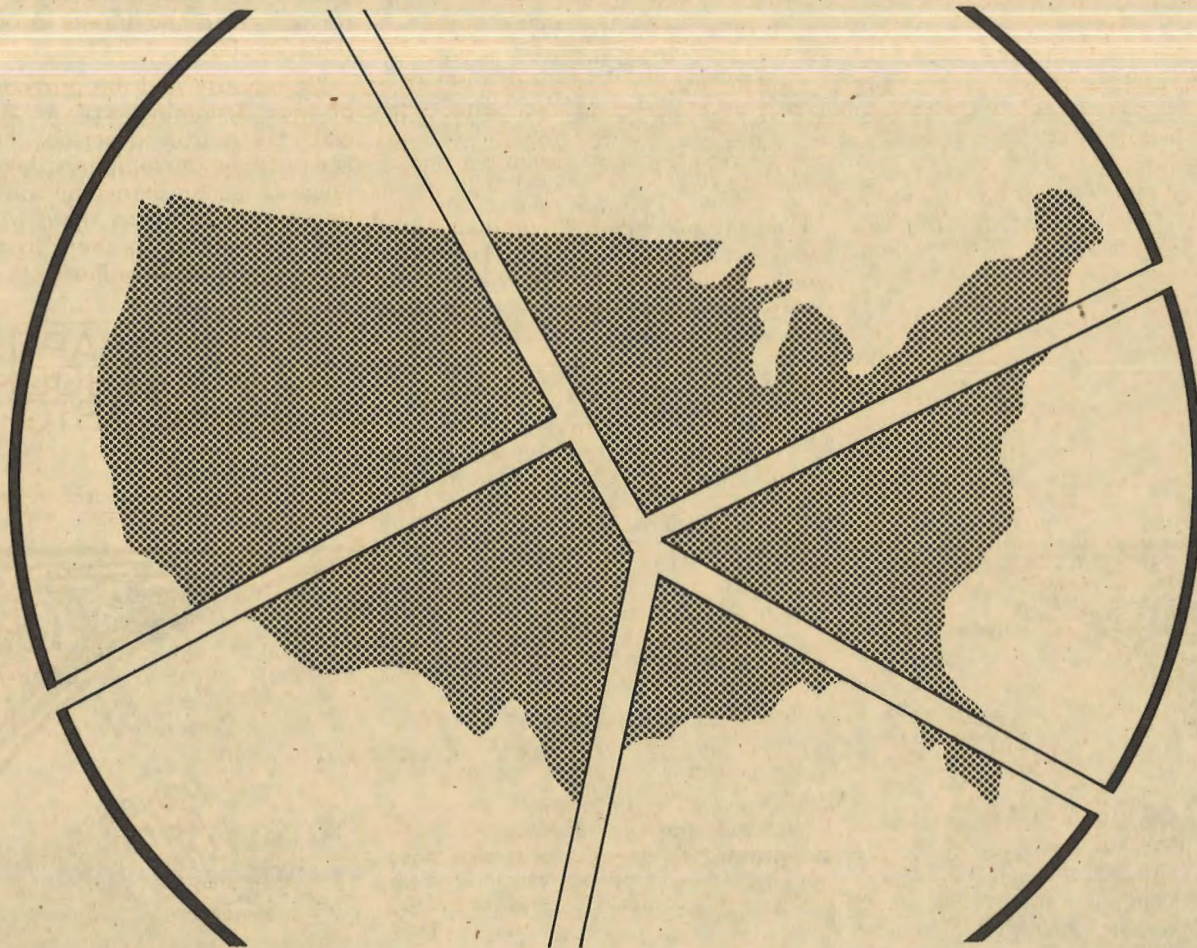
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The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board confronts a nation of diversity with diversified programs—evangelism, Christian social ministries, language work, military chaplaincy, special missions projects, church extensions, interfaith witness. The goal of \$6,600,000 is composed of allocations for all these approaches and others.

US-2ers settle in new jobs, develop new lifestyles

By Sandy Simmons

MANY FARMS, Ariz. (BP) — Margie Carothers is study basket weaving this quarter, not because she has a lot of extra time on her hands, but so she can learn the customs of the Navaho Indians.

Last quarter her husband, Ron, studied the Navaho language. The natives of Gastonia, N.C. are not, however, just curious students.

They are US-2 volunteers assigned by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to work with mission pastor Ted Trent in Many Farms, Ariz., and surrounding area.

Part of their work includes establishing a ministry on the campus of the nation's only Indian-operated and oriented college, Navaho Community College. Their first six months have been spent establishing relationships with the youth, most of whom they meet through their own classes. They also work with youth in the public schools, including a girl's club in the local high school.

People are sparse in Many Farms. Government boarding schools run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs have been built in central locations, and provide most of the job opportunities in the area. Many of the Navaho are shepherds, roaming the vast landscape.

Margie Carothers, a registered nurse before she and her husband volunteered for the two years of mission work, works in her spare time as a volunteer nurse in the town's health clinic. The nearest hospital is 60 miles away.

The Carothers are part of a mission task force of 52 volunteers appointed for two years. Appointed each year, last summer's 25 appointees are on the fields as of January. The remaining 27 will be completing their terms during this year and will return to school or professions.

Serving in mission fields from Alaska to Vermont, all the appointees are college graduates and several have seminary degrees. More than half of the new appointees are former student summer missionaries; others were in Baptist Student Unions during college.

Among the force is Gwen Williams of Alexandria, La., the first black US-2er. She is working in church music consultation in a heavily-black populated area of Detroit, where she served as a summer missionary for two summers.

Other US-2ers are involved in goodwill centers, musical programs for youth, inner-city outreach ministries, beginning Baptist work for colleges and local church programs. One US-2er is an

interpreter to the deaf; another is helping the SBC's Brotherhood Commission in Memphis develop a lay program oriented to young men.

Their days are different now from the usual days in school or summer jobs.

For Dick Lemaster, his first few weeks in Taos, N.M., where he works with members of Hippie communes and in resort areas, went like this: "Finished unpacking and settling in apartment — looked for and acquired transportation — helped Jasper put up teepee — helped plan Jesus concert — helped one day with hay crop — cleaned up after fire damage in church member's home — distributed 11 copies of Gospel of John — did catch-up reading on world religions — took blankets to Morningstar, New Buffalo and Jesus Ranch communes . . ."

"Lemaster is representative of this crew," observed Joel Land, assistant secretary in the Home Mission Board's department of special missions ministries. "They're a creative, innovative bunch and early reports indicate they're doing a good job already."

Lemaster has recorded some significant experiences already. One was a seven-hour visit to Lama-Found, a commune. Following the visit he said he found "community in rapping and visiting and particularly in their worship service, where we could read a whole lot of the essence of the gospel, and hugging them all when we left."

Bill and Linda Gaddis, A US-2 couple in Montpelier, Vt., found their work already begun by student volunteers prior to their arrival. They carry on week-day programs at Baptist Chapel in a low-income neighborhood. Missionary Merwyn Borders who began the work in the chapel, preaches on Sunday, and lends a guiding hand.

"Merwyn didn't want to tie himself down here all week," Gaddis said, "so we came to take the weekday programs. But he still preaches on Sunday. That way we maintain an identity here and the people know the work will continue after Linda and I are gone."

Gaddis has discovered a special key in US-2 work — cooperation with other groups in the community. The Episcopal Church three blocks away runs a government-funded coffee house, which serves as a major hangout for local high schoolers. Through visits Gaddis has made himself known, and is listed as a volunteer counselor.

"I make it over once or twice a week

Hospital (From page 24)

University), and he received his medical degree from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine.

It was through another specialist, former missionary physician Jasper L. McPhail, that the invitation for Southern Baptists to begin medical work in India was extended. In 1964, Dr. McPhail was head of the department of thoracic surgery at Christian medical college and hospital in Vellore, India. Until Dr. McPhail joined that staff in 1962, there had been no Southern Baptist witness in India.

Soon after the central ministry of health extended the invitation, the State of Mysore asked Southern Baptists to locate their medical work in Bangalore.

Construction began in February, 1971, shortly after suitable land had been secured. During the building period outpatient clinics have been on the premises, and mobile clinics have visited adjoining low income neighborhoods.

Bangalore Baptist Hospital is the 19th medical institution in 18 countries supported by Southern Baptists outside the U.S. It is the only such facility in India.

Another work sponsored by Southern Baptists there is an outreach library in Bangalore which houses approximately 8,000 books and periodicals. They include reference material in medicine, agriculture and religion as well as general interest books and novels.

Through the medical and library ministries several churches have been established.

Arizona to raise funds for college

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — In a called convention session, the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention voted to launch a campaign to raise \$2,250,000 in gifts and pledges over a five year period for Grand Canyon College here.

The campaign, divided into three phases, will have a four-fold purpose: debt retirement, construction of a new science building, campus improvement and endowment.

It will be led by the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and its endowment and capital giving service.

and have begun to be able to relate to a few kids. I've also discovered that I needn't be afraid of being known as a minister — as long as I'm real."

And being "real" to other people is what being a US-2er is all about.

Cauthen returns, cites needs, calls for growth

RICHMOND (BP) — Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baken J. Cauthen, returning from visits to three mission points in the Middle East, has called for new impetus in the advance of mission work overseas.

He emphasized that additional funds and personnel are imperative to meet new opportunities and needs in the areas he visited and in other parts of the world.

Cauthen delivered the dedicatory address at the opening of Bangalore (India) Baptist Hospital. Then he and his wife participated in a church dedication in Teheran, Iran, and visited Baptist-supported reconstruction work in Bangladesh.

While in Bangladesh the Cauthens met with President Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury who expressed appreciation for past Southern Baptist assistance. Cauthen assured him of continuing support.

Impressed by opportunities he saw typified in the work he visited, Cauthen said that, "opportunities such as we have in India and invitations such as the one we are now considering from the Republic of Niger are too significant for us to turn away."

Currently the Foreign Mission Board is considering action on an invitation to project work in Niger. This West African nation would become the 77th foreign country where Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned.

Cauthen added that, "the call for 800 new missionaries in our existing 76 fields dramatizes the current open door."

In answering that call he stated, "such advance depends on funds to fight off the foreign inflation factor on the one

Southern Baptist aid to Managua will provide worship facilities

RICHMOND (BP) — Although Managua's seven Baptist churches all suffered destruction or serious damage in the Dec. 23 earthquake, their congregations, alive and well, continue to meet under lean-tos and shade trees.

With the rainy season due to begin May 1, this solution will not be adequate for long, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials were told here.

Special contributions from Southern Baptists and monies appropriated by the Foreign Mission Board will make possible the construction of wooden structures as temporary worship facilities for Nicaraguan Baptists.

Shelter is urgently needed, said Norman Godfrey, executive assistant for the SBC's Brotherhood Commission.

hand and support the new personnel needed on the other."

Pointing toward a projected increase in missionary appointments, Cauthen said, "we are expecting to process well over 200 missionary candidates in 1973 with faith that Southern Baptists will continue to express their missionary convictions through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering."

He said that while prospects for new personnel look good in 1973, sound financial support must accompany any increases in the missionary force.

At the same time he added, "we cannot forget the needs of the 2,500 missionaries currently deployed around the world."

Godfrey is one of the three men sent to Managua by the Foreign Mission Board to survey damage and consult with the city's pastors and church leaders to determine Baptists' most pressing needs.

The buildings are to be modified from a basic design to meet individual church's needs. Some of the zinc-roofed structures will be reinforced with steel beams, and will be suitable for later conversion to education or recreation facilities.

Robert E. Dixon, executive secretary of Texas Baptist Men, is mobilizing work crews — men who can spend one to two weeks in Managua. Each will bear his own transportation and living expenses and carry his own basic tools. Tent housing will be provided. Dixon reported that the first crew of six will be ready for departure by March 12.

Some local labor will be recruited, possibly church members. Leslie G. Keyes, SBC missionary to Honduras who has had construction experience, will supervise the work.

As of Feb. 7, \$9,434 in funds designated for relief in Managua had been received by the Foreign Mission Board. Construction materials will cost \$10,500, according to W. Eugene Grubbs, the board's consultant on laymen overseas and one of the survey team.

Godfrey and Grubbs were accompanied by Adolfo Robleto of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, a former pastor of Managua's First Baptist Church.

Baptist work in Managua is affiliated with American Baptist Churches.

Summary of 1972 Southern Baptist Convention statistics

This is a final report on SBC statistics for 1972. A report of projected figures was carried in the Dec. 21 issue.

	1972	1971	Numerical Change	Per Cent Change
Churches	34,534	34,441	— 93	—0.3
Baptisms	445,725	409,659	— 36,066	—8.8
Church membership	12,067,284	11,826,463	— 240,821	—2.0
Ongoing Sunday School Enrollment	7,177,651	7,141,453	— 36,198	—0.5
Ongoing Brotherhood Enrollment	454,272	451,538	— 2,734	—0.6
Ongoing WMU Enrollment	1,125,641	1,137,586	— 11,945	—1.0
Ongoing Church Music Enrollment	1,173,004	1,088,980	— 84,024	—7.7
Ongoing Training Union Enrollment	2,044,445	2,106,855	— 62,410	—3.0
Total Receipts	\$1,071,512,302	\$975,272,939	— 96,239,363	—9.9
Total mission gifts	\$174,772,885	\$160,546,250	—\$14,226,635	—8.9

This is God's world

By Roy Gean Law, Pastor
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International

March 4, 1973

Genesis 1:1-26, 31

Psalm 24:1-2; 104:24-30



Law

Is anything real? Is anything constant? Modern machinery is often antiquated by the time it is delivered to the customer. Text-books become outdated in a year's time. Customs change so fast that many are caught in the jet blast as they

go by. New religions and religious customs are presented as the answer to today's problems. Is Christianity supreme, or is it merely one of the world's great religions and basically useless? To strengthen the believer and to seek to win the lost, we are beginning a 13-week study entitled, "Affirmations of our Faith." The first unit, "Our Human Situation," begins with a study of the creation, ownership, and sustenance of the universe.

For ages man has questioned the origin of the earth and universe. In recent times many theories have been taught which are contrary to the Scriptures. Perhaps the greatest paradox of modern time is that several men who claim to be Christians have flown to the moon and searched there for clues to the origin of the moon. To believe the Bible to be God's word, and at the same time to seek an answer for the origin of the universe apart from that word is almost unexplainable. Man will never discover the secrets of creation on the earth, the moon, nor any other part of the universe. It has pleased God to reveal it in his book.

In this lesson we shall discuss the creation of God's world.

The statement of creation (Gen. 1:1)

As the farmer walks across the field broadcasting seed, this passage simply throws out the statement of creation with neither apology nor doubt. Though students of the Bible may discuss the chronology of creation, they must never doubt the fact. God did it!

The creation of man (Gen. 1:26)

Three things are indicated about the man: the decision to make man, the type being he should be, and the purpose of this new creation. The decision to make man was already determined and is mentioned here only in connection

with the type this new creation should be. He would be similar to other parts of the creation in some ways, yet in all ways (except size and strength) he would be superior. He would be in the image and likeness of God. That is, he would resemble God, not by looks, but by personality, emotion, and decision making ability.

Why was man made? He did not just happen onto the scene as the highest order of some evolutionary process. He was made to rule over the rest of creation. Dominion is a kingly word, having to do with the relationship of a king to his people. He has authority over them. Gen. 1:28, adds to the man's authority the word "subdue" — to bring into subjection or control. The king must subdue before he can have dominion. It is in the purpose of God for man to learn everything he can about the earth. True science which unlocks the great mysteries of the ages is a gift of God! Great medicine which has been discovered in the laboratory and practiced by the physician is the gift of God! It is a tragedy of modern times that many have forgotten they are caretakers and have assumed ownership of this wonderful earth.

The approval of creation (Gen. 1:31a)

The key word here is "everything." Everything that God had made was good. This was amplified to Timothy hundreds of years later when Paul wrote that the result of all God's creative work was good (1 Tim. 4:4). Whatever is not good now is caused by the perverting of mankind.

The length of creation (Gen. 1:31b)

The length of days and the expression of time has been discussed by many. The Biblical statement is six days. The Bible uses the word "day" poetically, to indicate an unspecified amount of time, and literally. As the Bible is written for man's use, and as man has no concept of anything other than a 24-hour day, it is likely that this is the interpretation. If it is otherwise, we are not told.

The possessor of the creation (Ps. 24:1, 2)

The Lord who made the universe and who approved it is now asserted as its

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unquestioned owner. The earth and its fullness (everything in it) is God's. The world (the part of the universe which is habitable as far as we know now) is his and all who dwell in it. He raised it up (separated it) out of the waters (Gen. 1:9). The treasures of the universe are God's because he made it all.

The sustaining of creation (Ps. 104:24-30)

Because of his great wisdom, the Lord has performed his work. The result has left the earth full of wealth. The greatest wealth, of course, is not gold, silver, or precious stone, but the presence of God's keeping power. He sustains what he has made. This is illustrated by the sea which is huge in size and filled with innumerable sea life. The ships sail on it, and the sea monsters (possibly whales) play in it. All in the sea and in the ships are totally dependent on God for food (vs. 27). Though the fish find food in the sea, or men catch food out of the sea, it still comes from God (vs. 28a).

When God opens his hand we are filled with good things, and when he turns his head we are afraid. When our days are done he takes our breath (life) and we return to dust. But God continues to give life and to renew the earth. In the autumn the leaves fall, the trees become dormant. In the spring, God opens his hand and the earth is renewed.

The master has made a great treasure and left us in charge. When he comes to view what we've done with it, he'll not be interested so much in how we've preserved it (though we must take care of it) as in how we have used it both for our good and to bring honor to his name. A man once prepared to go on a trip. Before leaving he gave one of his servants five talents, another two, and to the third he gave one talent. When he returned, he found that those with five and two talents had used them. Not only had they preserved the talents, but had made as many more. One of the servants hid away his talent and did not use it to produce more for the master. Because he had not been responsible with the talent the master was not pleased. Oops, that's another story!

Next week, "Man is a responsible being."

Responsible for fellow Christians

By Roy E. Chatham, Minister of Education,
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Chatham

One of the greatest things about being a Christian is our fellowship with others who know and love the same Saviour. Also, one of the greatest helps in soul winning in a church or community is unity among believers. By the same token, one of the greatest hindrances for a real Christian witness is division in a Christian church.

In a letter written to Paul, the Corinthians had mentioned a great many problems within their fellowship. They were, obviously, a congregation of immature Christians who were still in their childhood, babes in Christ, as far as Christian experience and growth was concerned. They were a proud, haughty, self-sufficient people, boasting of their superior knowledge and spirituality without realizing they were carnal and somewhat unreasonable in their actions.

Knowledge vs. love (I Cor. 8:1-3)

Paul is very firm on this Corinthian dilemma, that of Christian liberty under grace. He goes immediately to the root of the Corinthian problem on buying and eating food offered to idols — allowing it to become such an important issue that it would take precedence over love and understanding. He tells them that a "know-it-all" person may feel important but what is really needed is genuine love for God and others. This will result in an understanding and concern for the ideas and feelings of others as well as a definite feeling of responsibility for others.

Paul's answer (I Cor. 8:4-6)

The answer given by Paul is right to the point. He says that meat offered to idols is no different than any other meat which might have been purchased elsewhere. The difference is, we are under grace, not the law. The fact that the meat was offered to idols or is sold or served in a pagan temple has no affect on it. And to the believer under grace, the actual buying and eating of the meat offers no problem at all. If you can eat it with a clear conscience, go ahead and do so.

Not total answer (I Cor. 8:7)

Notice carefully, that verse seven gives us the other half of Paul's answer. To the enlightened believer under grace, there was no problem here. He did not endorse the idol by buying or eating the controversial meats. But there were those who did not look at it in this manner. Some, because of early training, background or influence, were much offended by the practice. They considered it wrong and wicked to buy or eat this food.

Those who believe differently than we do must be considered, not only in Paul's day but in our day. For instance, if I made a decision about what I can do or cannot do, based solely on what I know or believe, I will be wrong, because there are others involved. What about the example that is being set before an unbeliever? What about my fellowship with others who are Christians?

Jew and Gentile

Perhaps it would help us here to understand that the Corinthian Church was made up of both converted Jews and Gentiles. This undoubtedly was one of the main sources of controversy. The distinction between clean and unclean animals had been a barrier to fellowship between Jew and Gentile for centuries. The Jew, for instance, would under no circumstances eat meat which had not been certified as free from legal blemish and prepared according to law. The Gentiles, however, had been accustomed to securing their meat anywhere, as long as it was good to eat. Evidently, much of the meat they bought was from the pagan temples. It consisted of unused portions of meat brought for ceremonial purposes, and was of the very highest quality, without blemish. Moreover, it was usually very inexpensive, as it was originally donated for sacrifice. This made it possible for poor Christians to buy the best quality of meat possible at a price they could afford.

And so, the controversy waxed hotter and hotter until Paul was asked, and felt compelled, to give an answer to the problem.

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Life and Work

March 4, 1973
I Cor. 8:1-13

Neither is better (I Cor. 8:8)

Paul goes on to say that to actually partake or not to partake of the meat was a matter of personal liberty and no one has the right to condemn anyone else for his view. Neither is necessarily better than the other. So, the one who feels it is all right to eat the meat should not condemn the one who does not eat it, and the one who abstains from eating it is not to judge the one whose conscience allows him to eat it.

Goes beyond personal liberty (I Cor. 8:9-11)

It is not just a question of personal liberty which should prompt one's actions. More importantly, there is the matter of Christian responsibility involved. There are things which my conscience or conviction may permit me to do, being enlightened by grace, that I won't do because of the wrong influence on someone else.

You cannot claim your personal liberty by saying, "What I do is nobody else's business." It is definitely your business not to do anything which might cause someone else to become offended or to stumble. We should be gracious enough to give up our liberty if it causes problems for a weaker brother. Otherwise, this liberty becomes not only a stumbling block but a sin.

Sin against Christ (I Cor. 8:12-13)

Knowledge and spiritual understanding alone can lead us astray so that we become smug and spiritually proud. We may want to do things that we feel are not wrong for us. However, if our doing them causes others to go astray or be offended, making their path to the Lord Jesus more difficult, we not only sin against the individual but also against the Lord Himself.

How wonderful it would be if we today would follow Paul's instructions. The question then would never be "Have I a right to do this or that, or is this or that in itself a sin?" but would be "Does my conduct glorify God — does it help or hinder my testimony for Him — is it a stumbling block to my weaker brethren?" This would settle the answer to many questions such as: amusements, dress, business practices, games, etc. The Lord lays down the rule quite specifically in Col. 3:17 — "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

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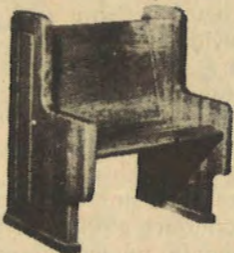
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A smile or two

A small boy lowered his head at the dinner table one night and told his parents there was to be a small PTA meeting the next day. "Well, if it's just a small one, do you think we ought to go?" "I'm afraid so," said the youngster. "It's just you, me, and the principal."

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He who strikes the first blow confesses that he has run out of ideas.

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Seeing his first American football game, the Englishman watched one of the teams go into a huddle. "It's not a bad sport," he observed, "but they have too many committee meetings."

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If the golf tournaments are migrating northward, can spring be far behind?

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One night, very late, a man who was fond of practical jokes sent his friend a telegram collect out of a clear sky. It read: "I am perfectly well." A week later, the joker received a heavy parcel, collect, on which he had to pay considerable charges. When he opened it, he found a large block of concrete. Pasted on the concrete was a message: "This is the weight your telegram lifted from my mind."

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Some day manufacturers will produce a detergent that will do nothing but get the dirt out.

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The little old lady went to the Post Office to mail a Christmas package to Miami. The man at the window told her it couldn't go the way it was because it was too heavy, she would have to put more stamps on it. So the little old lady asked, "If it is already too heavy, why should I put more stamps on it?"

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Did you hear of the doctor who was in such bad financial shape he tried to rob a bank but nobody could read his holdup note?

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The general-store merchant finally collected from a stubborn debtor. "Say on the receipt," said the ornery customer, "that I don't owe you a thing." With painstaking care the dealer wrote: "Bearer don't owe the undersigned nothing — and ain't going to no more."

Attendance report

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Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Ch. Adns.
Alma, First	338	97	3
Alpena	74	25	
Beirne, First	50	29	
Bentonville, First	256		3
Bella Vista Mission	30		3
Berryville			
First	149	64	1
Freeman Heights	128	35	
Blytheville, Gosnell	154	78	1
Booneville, First	206	179	2
Camden, First	501	89	6
Conway, Second	351	83	
Crossett			
First	486	147	
Mt. Olive	344	223	7
Dermott, Temple	99	54	1
Des Arc, First	196	75	
El Dorado, Caledonia	34	17	
Forrest City, First	760	172	8
Ft. Smith			
Haven Heights	216	113	
Oak Cliff	191	67	4
Temple	123	57	4
Trinity	215	75	2
Grandview	51	56	
Greenwood, First	269	64	
Hampton, First	133	33	
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	225	126	2
Woodland Heights	78	44	
Hope			
Calvary	178	77	1
First	454	133	3
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	226	130	1
Lakeside	214	72	
Leonard Street	62	51	
Park Place	388	124	
Vista Heights	115	72	3
Hughes, First	190	64	
Jacksonville			
First	384	60	5
Marshall Road	321	94	1
Jonesboro, Nettleton	279	101	
Lake Village, Parkway	53	26	
Lavaca, First	304	139	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	152	56	3
Geyer Springs	724	240	9
Life Line	585	145	5
Martindale	106	48	1
Nall's Memorial	84		
Sunset Lane	170	62	5
Wakefield First	74	26	2
Woodlawn	107	52	
Magnolia, Central	537	184	1
Melbourne, Belview	142	76	
Monticello, Second	185	64	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	534	146	3
Calvary	407	143	1
Gravel Ridge	178	80	
Levy	400	94	1
Park Hill	751	202	9
Sylvan Hills	265	80	
Paragould, East Side	197	107	
Paris, First	381	82	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	162	62	2
Dollarway	107	63	1
First	579	146	
Green Meadows	51	24	
Second	148	61	
Rogers, First	546	118	
Roland, Natural Steps	87	51	
Russellville			
Kelley Heights	47	29	2
Second	218	90	1
Springdale			
Berry Street	96	38	
Elmdale	323	92	5
First	792	2	
Van Buren, First	476	202	1
Mission	40		
Vandervoort, First	35	20	
Warren			
Immanuel	276	72	
Westside	57	38	
West Helena, Second	204	98	
W. Memphis, Vanderbilt Ave.	114	47	1
Wooster, First	109	88	

Southern Baptist datelines

Indian officials praise new Baptist hospital

BANGALORE, India (BP) — The dedication of Bangalore Baptist Hospital here, the first Southern Baptist-supported medical institution in India, has brought praise from the chief minister of Mysore State and his minister of health.

Both expressed gratitude for the hospital before some 1,200 persons, among them Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper and the SBC Foreign Mission Board's executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen.

D. Devaraj Urs, Chief minister, declared that he was pleased to see that the primary purpose of the hospital was to serve the poor and needy. He added that this ministry would strengthen government efforts to provide medical care to the lower strata of society.

The cement, brick and granite structure will accommodate 78 beds, 75 percent of which will be reserved for indigent patients.

"Our young doctors owe a duty to the poor," Urs said, "and the people have a right to demand their services in the rural parts when the government spreads so much on their (the physicians') education."

He explained that often physicians shunned rural service, but he hoped that they would see the example set by the missionaries in their dedicated and selfless work. He also extended the hope that the missionaries would help bridge the gap in the sagging relationship between India and the United States.

Minister of Health H. Siddaveerappa, also expressing his gratitude, congratulated the Indian Baptist Mission on its "vision in establishing this institution." Siddaveerappa also appealed to the Southern Baptist Convention for aid to his people who are in areas hard hit by drought.

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., presented the hospital to the people of India, calling it "an act of love of one people toward another."

"This hospital," he said, "does come from the hearts of Southern Baptists for the heart is the source and the seed of love and it is the love we have for you that prompts us to make the service of this hospital available."

Cooper led a tour group of approximately 20 Southern Baptists who were present for the dedication.

Baker J. Cauthen of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, the agency which has worked since 1964 to make the hospital a reality, delivered the dedicatory address.

Cauthen stated the purpose of the hospital ministry saying, "an objective here that is commendable is to provide high quality medical care for the people when they are in need of it."

"The doctors who have come to serve in this hospital are doctors of distinction who have stepped out of medical professions in our land and have come just because of their hearts being motivated by the love of Jesus for mankind."

"The basic motivation is the example

of the Lord Jesus Christ, for he came and went about doing good. And we who love him would like to be as he was. We would like to follow his example."

According to Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant of the Foreign Mission Board who was on hand to deliver the dedicatory prayer, there is much work remaining on the Hospital before it can began full operation this summer.

At that time, facilities on the first floor will include wards, maternity section, operation theatres and intensive care units. The ground floor will house an outpatient department which can handle about 200 persons daily, a minor surgery, laboratories, X-ray department, physical therapy and pharmacy. A kitchen and laundry will also be on the ground floor.

Because Bangalore already has many top-notch medical institutions, but few which reach into the poverty areas, the Baptist hospital must attempt not only to minister to these people, but also serve as a teaching facility, sponsoring internship and residency programs and later and outreach program in community health and a nursing school.

Credentials of physicians are necessarily scrutinized closely and qualifications steep. Already on the staff are Dr. Richard H. Hellinger and Dr. John H. Wikman Jr.

Dr. Hellinger is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine with special studies in cardiology and allergy. Dr. Wikman is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is graduate of Ouachita College (now

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BAPTIST HOSPITAL BUILT IN INDIA: This cement, brick, and granite structure is Southern Baptists' newest hospital overseas. Located on the outskirts of Bangalore, a city of almost two million persons, the hospital will minister primarily to indigent patients. Two missionary physicians head up the medical staff.

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