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Arkansas marks  
Royal Ambassador Week  
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Royal Ambassadors in Arkansas will be holding high the banners of missions education and action, like they carried these flags of many nations, as they mark Royal Ambassador Week Nov. 6-12. The week will climax the celebration of 75 years of RA work in the SBC, which these young men helped observe earlier this summer with a parade in downtown Little Rock.

ABN photo / Kevin Jones

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## Next month in Arkansas

**November 1, Director of Missions Recognition Dinner, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia.** Annual event to honor Arkansas associational directors of missions and to announce selection of a director of missions of the year.

**November 3, Transcultural Outreach Seminar at Little Rock Calvary Church.** Seminar will provide county-by-county information about the ethnic population, and present methods for churches establishing language ministries. Hispanic work will be emphasized.

**November 5, GA Missions Spectacular, Camp Paron.** Event for 4-6 grade girls and leaders will include missionary speakers, missions activities and an autograph party with missionaries.

**November 6, Prove the Tithe Day.** Time for emphasis on the biblical basis of tithing and gifts as the wherewithal for ministries.

**November 7, Baptist Women World Day of Prayer.** Occasion for women of many Baptist groups to pray for the work that is done by them together through the Baptist World Alliance.

**November 8-10, Arkansas Baptist State Convention annual meeting, Pine Bluff Convention Center.** Business is conducted and messengers hear reports and inspirational speakers in sessions beginning Tuesday evening and ending Thursday morning. Auxiliary meetings are held the same week.

**November 8-12, Royal Ambassador Week.** SBC-wide emphasis on the RA program as missions education and missions action tool in the local church. The week climaxes the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Royal Ambassadors.

**November 12, State Royal Ambassador Fellowship Luncheon, at Ricks Army in Little Rock.** Will include a missions carnival.

**November 15-17, Regular Arkansas National Baptist State Convention, at Forrest City.**

**November 15-17, Consolidated National Baptist State Convention at Arkansas Baptist College at Little Rock.**

**November 20, Child Care Day.** Emphasis on the ministries to families and children provided through Arkansas Baptists' Family and Child Care Services, a state convention agency.

**November 20-23, Foreign Mission Study.** Suggested dates for study in local churches in preparation for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Materials for various age levels are available.

**November 28, "M" Night.** Suggested date for associations to hold an annual rally for Church Training. Event this year is planned as a time to encourage churches to take part in the "Developing Believers" emphasis begun this fall.

## In this issue

### 7 Church gifts noted

Gifts to Baptist work through the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for the first nine months of 1983 are reported, beginning on page 7.

### 16 unity or uniformity?

Baptists must agree to disagree on the things that are not essential to salvation, says SBC President James T. Draper Jr. He concludes that unity does not require uniformity.

### Correction

The 1984 budget recommendation to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention annual meeting was reported incorrectly in the Oct. 6 ABN, page 12. The request for Southern Baptist College should have been listed as \$445,110.

### Stewardship Department

### Cooperative Program report: September

#### Summary for Sept., 1983

	Year	January-Sept. Gifts	% increase
		\$ Over (under)	Over previous year
Received	\$840,931.23	8,396.17	10.22
Budget	833,333.36	7,485.51	11.38
Over	\$7,597.87	179,073.32	11.73
	1981	101,546.47	10.16
	1982	(159,493.11)	9.01
	1983	(111,756.77)	10.61

It was encouraging to see budget receipts for September above budget requirements. However, if we are to make our budget this year, the increase must be over \$37,000 a month for the rest of the year. This means our receipts for each month must be over \$870,000 per month.

## What to expect of your pastor

## The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



*This is the first of two editorials on the relationship between the pastor and the members of the church. Next week's topic will deal with unrealistic expectations that church members have for pastors. This week's emphasis is on what lay people should expect of the pastor.*

If an individual interviewed a hundred lay people he would find many opinions as to the expectations they have for a pastor. Many of these expectations are justifiable and are rooted in patterns laid down in the scripture. Some others are unreasonable and totally foreign to any concept that one could find in the scripture. In this editorial, we will deal with the positive things lay people should expect from a pastor.

A pastor should be an individual who can be trusted and who trusts others (I Tim. 3:2-7). If people do not have confidence in their minister, he will not be able to fulfill his God-given task. He also should show confidence in every person in the church who has given an indication that he rates it. His confidence should be a challenge to others to merit that confidence. It is imperative for a pastor to be mature in his dealings and to refrain from telling those things which are told him in private.

A pastor should be one who is a skilled teacher (I Tim. 3:2). Lay people in the church, no matter how skilled in professions or how successful in business, are often uncomfortable when asked to teach or lead in church organizations. A lay person's confidence may leave entirely when he is asked to visit or to witness. A pastor should be one who can instill confidence in the members by his teaching skill, effectiveness and example. Every vibrant church has a skilled pastor-teacher who can train others.

A pastor should be a leader (I Tim. 3:5). He should point his people in the right direction; then he should be there beside them or in front of them. The goals he sets for his people should always be realistic.

A pastor should be a friend (I Tim. 3:2). He should show himself friendly toward every member of the church, not just a select few. His fishing and hunting, his social hours and relaxation should be balanced among the congregation.

A pastor should place his family ahead of the church (I Tim. 5:8). The scripture gives a strong admonition regarding

an individual providing for his own family. One of the ways an individual cares and provides for his family is by giving of himself to them. The pastor who places the church always ahead of his wife and family runs the risk of destroying them, himself and his ministry. The pastor who provides no time for his wife has deprived her of both a husband and a pastor. If a pastor fails to provide time for his children, they may grow up to resent the church.

A pastor should place his church ahead of denominational responsibilities. Though a pastor who does not love Southern Baptists should leave the denomination, it is clear that he should not neglect his church in order to carry out denominational activities. It is important for pastors to serve the denomination when elected to places of leadership. However, denominational responsibility should always be balanced against the needs of the local church. A pastor must remember that he is first a pastor, preacher, and shepherd of the flock.

A pastor should be informed and involved. A pastor can not be an isolationist. He must be informed as to what is going on in his denomination. He should participate fully in the work of the association and the state convention.

A pastor should reserve a time and place for study, meditation and prayer (Acts 6:2; II Tim. 3:15). It is important, within the bounds of reason, for church members to recognize the necessity of his not being disturbed during the hours he has set aside for study, prayer and meditation. It is difficult to study effectively when one is interrupted by phone calls and other disturbances. A pastor should not be expected to use his time at home for private meditation.

A pastor should major on the positive. He should preach God's love more than God's wrath. He should lead the congregation in a wholesome, inspirational and warm-hearted worship experience. He should never berate those present because some are absent.

A pastor should, first of all, be an evangelist (II Tim. 4:5). This should be the key emphasis of his preaching and of his encounters with individuals. A pastor who is not evangelistic will not have a growing church.

Obviously, the task of a pastor is difficult. Members should lift up their pastor in prayer, because of the tremendous responsibility that pastors carry.

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### Too much confusion

This note is concerning the action taken by First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. I could wish when a church no longer wants to adhere to Baptist distinctives (one of the things that has made us great) and refuse to depend on the Holy Scriptures as their final authority that they would do it quietly.

We know the devil is the author of confusion. There is far too much controversy and confusion in our convention now.

The Dale Moody incident caused Arkansans to take a stand. It would have been nicer and easier to have kept quiet but thank God we did not. When we get our eyes off the Word and our minds off God Almighty, we make it easy for Satan to lead. — Mrs. E. L. Clary, Pine Bluff

### Consider institute

I am concerned about the divisiveness that is developing in our convention related to a four-year program at Southern Baptist College. Some of the brethren are calling for action based on faith. I can understand that. Others are calling for facts about long-term costs. I cannot disagree with that. Jesus suggests a careful study of cost in order to assure accomplishment (Luke 14:28-33).

Since we are not now supporting our two-year school and our four-year school to the extent we should, will the future find us responsible for two struggling, second class four year colleges?

If service and ministry are the motivating factors behind the move to expand the program at Southern, then I would suggest that serious consideration be given to the idea of establishing a Bible institute at Walnut Ridge. No one should belittle the service and ministry provided by such an institute. The gloomy forecasts concerning private college enrollment in the future should cause us to pause and at least discuss the institute idea.

Florida Baptists support one four-year college (Stetson University), and one Bible institute through the Cooperative Program. The institute has more than 400 God-called men and women enrolled from surrounding states. These students receive training in biblical studies, theology, religious education and church music.

A feasibility study might reveal that there is a great need for such an institute in northeast Arkansas and that the cost of beginning and maintaining an institute would be well within our reach. The land and facilities are there. Qualified faculty members are available. The location would be excellent to draw students from five to seven states.

The institute idea should not be cast

aside and shoved under a rug. But the question at this point is not what I think. And the question really is not what a group of pastors or a board of trustees wants. The real question is what can and will Arkansas Baptists adequately support that will extend the Kingdom of God and better serve our denomination?

I do not mean to offend anyone by making this suggestion. — Carroll D. Caldwell, Texarkana

### Who has authority?

The actions taken by the Board of Southern Baptist College have raised some interesting questions. For example, this time last year, we were told by the Southern Baptist College people that they were only asking us to vote God's will on the matter of a four-year status. Are they now saying that the majority of the voting messengers did not know God's will? Is the knowledge of his will limited only to a selected few? If so, what does this do to our doctrine of the priesthood of the believer?

Since the Southern Baptist College Board was able to "interpret" that the Convention did not actually vote "no" to the four-year status, but rather voted against the college receiving government funds or requesting additional revenue from the Convention, does this mean that the boards of our other agencies are free to interpret decisions affecting them?

For example, can the Ouachita board now interpret that the recent vote by the Executive Board denying their request to invite the churches to participate in the OBU Centennial Campaign, mean that the board could invite the churches to participate in some other program? Can the Family and Child Care board now interpret that the Executive Board now instructed them not to develop a Baptist retirement center during decade of the '70's; thus freeing them to pursue the project?

Does the action of the Southern Baptist College Board mean that a Board of Trustees is more responsible to the specific agency rather than to the Convention who elected them? If so why even have the Convention?

By their actions, the Southern Baptist College Board may have moved us out of

### College to host parents, pastors

Parents and pastors of students at Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge will visit the college Saturday, Oct. 29, to get a closer look at "The Campus of Christian Purpose."

The annual Parents and Pastors Day activities will include a chapel service in the

arena to evaluate the wisdom of another four-year college into an area of determining the validity of Baptist polity and even Baptist doctrine. It will be interesting to see how the Lord handles this matter. — T. L. Walker, Little Rock

### Praise wins battles

To those Pastors who have church members who speak in tongues, I say, have no fear. In fact a pastor should be saying like Paul "I speak in tongues more than you all." Speaking in tongues is a supernatural experience that recharges our spiritual battery as we praise God. Praise words bring us instantly into God's courts or God's presence, where his power flows. Our rod (praise power of God) is held up in praise to him as we enter his court with supernatural praises of all the languages of the earth given to us by the Holy Spirit himself.

For a good picture of how you can win battles by your praise and God's help turn in your Bible to Exodus 17:8-16. You see Joshua (Jesus the Saviour) can win your battles only as you lift up your rod (praise power) with your heart and hands and praise him. When you let your rod (praise power) down the battle will go against you. Jesus (Joshua) cannot win one battle for you unless you praise him with uplifted heart and hands. The battles are not won by Jesus on the battlefield until they are first won in praise and adoration to God by you. When you get tired like Moses let Aaron the High Priest (Jesus) and Hur (Holy Spirit) assist you in your praise by helping you to hold up the rod of praise.

Listen, Minister of Music. Listen, Pastor Preacher, "Praise is the rod of God in your hands". Every song, chorus, sermon, must be Godward not manward, lifting up Jesus and the Father thereby leading the sheep into his Presence so he can feed them. [In] Exodus 17:15, Moses built an altar and called it Jehovah nissi "God is my banner". Moses was leading out in praise unto God so Joshua (Jesus the Saviour) could prevail against the enemies of God's children. Praising God in tongues is letting our High Priest Jesus and the Holy Spirit assist us in praising the Heavenly Father in perfect praise. — James O. Young, Warren

Webb Gymnasium at 10 a.m., followed by lunch in the Gwinup Cafeteria at 11:30 a.m., for which guests will pay a nominal fee. The Baptist Student Union presentation, open house in two of the dormitories and a preview of intercollegiate basketball action will complete the day's agenda.

## You'll be glad to know...

by Don Moore



## The Southern accent

D. Jack Nicholas

... Adult baptisms

increase. In a recent meeting at the Home Mission Board we were told that the number of adult baptisms between 1972 and 1981 increased by 28 percent. The highest increase was of adults above 60 years of age. Isn't that exciting! It ought to be very encouraging to our churches that work in areas where there are large concentrations of senior adults.



Moore

As with so many things, "bad news" follows "good news." The bad news is that there were 72,111 fewer children and youth baptized in 1981 than in 1972. The greatest loss was with youth ages 12-17. While it is true there are likely fewer in these age groups than previously, such information should cause us all to become more concerned about winning the lost to Christ while they are young.

Saddest of all, 6,097 churches didn't baptize anyone in 1982. There were more churches who baptized under seven people than over. Only about 1 percent of our churches baptized 100 or more.

... **Something can be done.** That is good news! First, we are going to have to accept Bible truth about the condition and destiny of a person outside of Christ. Until we get right on this theological matter, our actions will not change significantly. Second, we are going to have to have a fellowship in our churches where God's spirit will work. Where God is not "welcome" to control things in the church, people feel tension and stress. They feel they are not welcome. They will not come nor will they hear when they come. Strife stifles Holy Spirit conviction.

Third, we must make all of our activities, plans, and ministries people-oriented. Cantatas, movies, fellowships, recreation, trips, and by all means, worship should be planned and carried out with a view to winning the lost. Reaching the lost is not a nice addendum or occasional emphasis, it must be a continual lifestyle. Fourth, the tried and proven strategies of Sunday school and revivals must be utilized.

Don Moore is Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

## The threat of the drunk driver

Someone has said that people live for the most part by fictions. That is, the opinions and notions by which they live are constructed as much from adopted fictions as demonstrated facts. Such fictions are resistant to modification and change.

One fiction to which the American public has subscribed is that the consumption of alcoholic beverages is a relatively harmless and socially acceptable behavior, despite abundant evidence as to its permanent adverse effects upon the body not to mention its temporary effects such as the impairment of perception and judgment.

However, a part of that fiction is being challenged in the face of overwhelming data. Statistics revealing the bloodshed and carnage resulting from drunk driving are staggering (no pun intended). John A. Volpe, chairman of the Presidential Commission on Drunk Driving, has stated that 70 Americans are killed each day or more than 25,000 killed each year as a result of drunk driving. Volpe estimates that one out of every two Americans born today will be involved in an alcohol related crash during his lifetime. That kind of evidence is sufficiently alarming to challenge even the most tenaciously held fiction.

Thanks to MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and other similar organizations, the public is being sensitized to the magnitude of the drunk driver threat and measures are being taken to get that threat under control in this country.

The Christian Temperance Union of Alabama has pointed out ways that some other countries deal with this problem. In Australia,

the names of drunk drivers are published in the newspapers under the heading, "He's Drunk And In Jail." In Malaya, drunk drivers are jailed. In Finland, England, and Sweden, drunk drivers get an automatic jail term of approximately one year. In South Africa, drunk drivers can get a 10-year sentence, a fine of \$10,000 or both. In Turkey, drunk drivers are taken 20 miles out of town and forced to walk back. In Bulgaria, a second conviction for drunk driving is one's last because the sentence for a second offense is death. In San Salvador, drunk drivers may be executed by a firing squad.

Of course, several of these measures employed abroad are extreme and unacceptable; but our historic response to the drunk driver problem has certainly not been effective. It is unlikely that a totally acceptable response to the problem will be realized here or abroad until the fiction which supports the consumption of alcoholic beverages as socially desirable is shattered, and that is highly unlikely.

Our society, as well as others, will simply continue to curse the drunk and wink at the drink without making the connections that few get drunk who do not drink, and that most who drink do eventually get drunk. We will likely continue to try to solve the problem by applying a bandaid to the symptom while refusing to deal with the malignancy, for people are slow to surrender their fictions especially when their fictions confirm their preferences.

D. Jack Nicholas is president of Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.

## MK Prayer Calendar

Home and foreign missionary kids

who attend college on the Margaret Fund

### November

- 6 Julie Eitelman (Upper Volta) OBU Box 3629, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 11 Janet Crawford (Venezuela) OBU Box 3465, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 21 Mary Ann Moses (Bophuthatswana) OBU Box 4513, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
- 29 Gerald Harkins (Korea) OBU Box 3600, Arkadelphia, AR 71923

## MABTS luncheon set

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni will host their annual luncheon following the morning session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at 12 noon, Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Admiral Benbow Inn Restaurant in Pine Bluff. Special

guest speaker will be David Miller, director of missions for Little Red River Association at Heber Springs. A seminary representative will also be present. For reservations, please contact Charles Mays, Bellaire Church, Rt. 1, Bx. 166, Dermott, AR 71638.

by Millie Gill / ABN staff writer

**Parks Church**

licensed Bill Harwell and Jay McLain to the ministry Sept. 18. Harwell is pastor of the lone Church at Booneville. McLain is a freshman at Ouachita Baptist University. Johnnie Darr was speaker and Price Neal presented the licenses.

**Wilmot Church**

recently observed "Jesse Silvis Day", recognizing his four years of service as music director and more than 28 years of service to other church programs. Pastor Ken Overton moderated the recognition service in which Silvis' son, Robert, was guest speaker.

**Des Arc First Church**

will observe homecoming Oct. 30 with special activities, including a noon luncheon.

**Mount Zion Church**

at Banner ordained pastor Lannie Jones to the ministry Oct. 2. Pastors and deacons representing seven churches in Little Red River Association participated.

**Oseola First Church**

ordained Ed Harshman as a deacon Oct. 16.

**Batesville First Church**

recently ordained Dale O'Dell and Steve Smith as deacons. Pastor Don Hall moderated the ordination.

**Little Rock Immanuel Church**

honored the Lyndon Finney family with a reception Oct. 16. Finney, who has served as church organist for more than 10 years, recently resigned to move to New York.

**Cullendale First Church**

at Camden will observe its 54th anniversary Oct. 30. Robert A. Parker, director of the Christian Life Council for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and a former pastor, and C. J. Holiman, a former minister of music, will lead the morning worship. Activities include a barbecue luncheon and afternoon musical program.

**Marvell First Church**

ordained Chris Kale as a deacon Oct. 16. Pastor Bob Harper preached the message.



Newport First Church recently dedicated its new 3,200 square foot parsonage, constructed at a cost of approximately \$100,000. Pastor Gene Crawley, his wife, Allison, and their four children are residing in the house, which has four bedrooms, three baths, a living room, a dining room, and a large family room.

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**people****Mark A. Rutherford**

has received a plaque from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, recognizing him as a President's Scholar for 1983. A native of Judsonia, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rutherford. He was the highest ranking graduate of Ouachita Baptist University to pursue religious vocational training. Rutherford is a master of divinity student at the seminary. His award carries a scholarship of \$750.



*Rutherford*  
has received a plaque from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, recognizing him as a President's Scholar for 1983.

**Joel Moody**

resigned Oct. 24 as pastor of the Crossett Temple Church to become pastor of the Piney Church at Hot Springs.

**Tommy J. Carney**

has resigned as pastor of Mountain Home First Church, effective Nov. 15.

# Arkansas Baptist State Convention CONTRIBUTIONS

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KIMBERLING HILLS		50.00	BENTONVILLE 1ST	4,109.55	1,373.00	HARTINGTON 1ST		75.79
CALDWY, ASHDOWN		62.27	CENTRAL AVE. - BENTON	1,326.09	617.92	JAMES FORK		2,282.78
NEW LIFE	140.00		DECATUR 1ST	4,812.21	2,981.01	LONG RIDGE		1,462.32
NEW MORROW	129.00		GARFIELD 1ST	1,800.00	1,879.35	MANFIELD 1ST		1,920.46
ROUND HILL MISSION			GENTRY 1ST	14,660.31	4,088.08	MIDLAND 1ST		3,416.67
GRACE FELLOWSHIP BA	1,798.51	2,086.71	GRAYETTE 1ST	2,413.09	1,986.50	NEW PROVIDENCE		290.24
CABIN CREEK	300.00		GRO SPRINGS	4,938.80	2,986.71	PARKS		1,970.02
OPEN DOOR MISSION	15.00		HARVARD AVENUE SILDAR	2,504.86	3,881.49	PLEASANT GROVE #2		912.66
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	71,104.79	146,236.74	IMMAMUEL ROGERS	28,339.30	16,582.04	PLEASANT GROVE #3		47.08
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ARKANSAS VALLEY ASSN			LOWELL	3,902.17		SHILOH		909.54
BARTON	311.52		MASON VALLEY	2,462.53	1,172.00	TEMPLE MALORON		709.54
BARKCREYS	222.49	626.95	MOORE ME	289.75	235.32	UNION MIPE		229.58
BRIMLEY 1ST	24,493.75	15,771.19	OPEN DOOR	4,930.40	1,004.00	UNITY		209.16
CLARENDON 1ST	8,217.48	1,832.75	PARK STREET, BENTON	417.58		WEST HARTFORD		278.42
CLIFTON	14,572.42	1,059.40	PEA RIDGE 1ST	14,000.44	843.39	WINDFIELD		533.63
FRIENDSHIP	519.70	417.88	PLEASANT HILL	4,812.21	231.72	SOUTHSHIDE MALORON		35.00
HELENA 1ST	19,590.30	9,242.71	ROGERS 1ST	45,739.14	9,008.21	BOLES MISSION		338.14
HOMES 1ST	4,374.97	4,883.31	SILGUM SPRINGS 1ST	27,694.07	15,799.34	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	59,999.90	13,349.28
LAMBROOK 1ST	3,003.95	433.00	SUGAR CREEK	585.11	494.39	BUCKVILLE		1,089.94
LEA	3,626.37	9,735.37	SULPHUR SPRINGS 1ST	2,296.42	192.29	BUCKVILLE ASSN		3,132.36
LEAFARMA 1ST	12,900.85	7,198.25	TRINITY	500.01	18.52	CHICKEN HILL		233.00
MARVELL 1ST	6,940.00	729.95	TRINITY - ROGERS	638.91	190.00	MT. TABOR		516.00
MONROE	188.50	109.00	TWELVE CORNERS	326.00	112.00	ROCK SPRINGS		816.36
NORTH SIDE, HELENA	2,700.00	1,243.00	RD-YLTON HILLS	1,424.00	456.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	1,332.36	
PETTY'S CHAPEL	627.47		FAITH	3,956.26	1,301.00	CADDO RIVER		1,332.36
SHON LAKE	339.06	158.13	LAKESIDE			CADDO RIVER ASSN		1,218.82
TURNER	1,761.83	385.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	216,079.75	90,236.62	AMITY 1ST		466.50
WEST HELENA	21,495.82	9,413.53	BIG CREEK	18.00	95.00	BLACK SPRINGS		152.00
WEST HELENA 2ND	8,299.10	1,445.27	BIG CREEK	145.00	45.00	CADDO		7,429.23
BRADAWAY	3,351.26	2,077.00	BIG CREEK ASSN	18.00		HILL SIDE		1,381.91
IMMAMUEL, ELAINE	1,500.27	297.11	ELIZABETH	90.00		LAKE OUCHITA		1,381.91
CALDWY WEST HELENA	585.00		ENTERPRISE	90.00		LIBERTY		223.19
HOLLY GROVE 1ST SOU	587.87		FLORA	90.00		MT IDA 1ST		5,730.36
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	139,359.38	56,716.80	GRO SPRINGS	1,018.10	344.40	MURPHY		1,119.79
ASHLEY COUNTY			GAMMOTH SPRING	150.00	392.35	NORMAN 1ST		570.00
ASHLEY CO ASSN			MT. ZION	407.00	744.65	JAY GROVE		1,941.40
BARKLEY, CADDETT	883.83	91.00	SPRING RIVER	270.00		ODER 1ST		1,089.24
CORINTH	1,716.29	100.00	YFON	270.00		REFUGE		1,329.87
CROSSSETT 1ST	99,996.42	15,592.98	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	2,186.10	1,621.40	SULPHUR SPRINGS		216.10
EDEN 2ND	1,113.13	100.00	BLACK RIVER			PINE RIDGE		20.00
EDEN	1,105.27	396.00	BLACK RIVER			BIG FORK MISSN		20.00
FELLOWSHIP	860.00	50.00	BLICK RIVER ASSN	1,000.00		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	2,246.13	8,709.77
FORTNA HILL 1ST	1,171.86	299.51	ALCIA	1,995.85	397.00	CALVARY		6,000.00
GARDNER	6,508.76	1,228.09	ALCIA ASSN	1,995.85	318.00	CALVARY ASSN		1,476.20
HAMBURG 1ST	18,756.00	3,613.25	BAMES	159.25		ANTIOCH		860.00
HARVEY CHAPEL	47.21	30.00	BARKS	44.20		AUGUSTA 1ST		1,787.97
MAGNOLIA	8,971.63	2,814.73	BARKS ROCK 1ST	159.20	149.90	BEESIE 1ST		568.21
MARTINVILLE	809.00		CAMPBELL STATION	1,995.00	299.00	CENTRAL BALD KNOB		18,756.80
MERIDIAN	4,801.00	509.07	CLEAR SPRINGS	1,045.26	532.00	GOTTON PLANT KNOB		3,134.45
MT OLIVE	1,408.05	3,173.14	COLLEGE CITY	1,418.28	262.28	CROSSBY		876.01
MT PLEASANT	2,626.14	408.50	GRUBBS 1ST	1,262.38	346.39	EL PASO		931.31
NORTH CROSSSETT 1ST	5,488.84	3,325.94	HORSESHOE	81.10	75.00	GOOD HOPE		405.80
SARDIS	50.00	27.00	MOBILE 1ST	1,761.04	117.97	GRAE		1,800.00
SHILOH	137.18	28.99	IMMRODEN 1ST	5,273.31	2,368.81	GREGORY		1,018.00
TEMPLE	17,118.44	4,513.52	IMMAMUEL - NEWPORT	3,926.00	2,550.59	GRIFFITHVILLE 1ST		1,243.74
PLEASANT LAKE	862.78	468.51	JACKSONBT	1,995.00		HIGGINSON		1,981.81
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	189,423.43	37,355.04	MURPHY'S CORNER	128.00		HUNTER 1ST		412.78
BARTHOLOMEW			NEW HOPE 911 - SMITH	627.18	16.59	JUDSON 1ST		5,740.00
BARTHOLOMEW ASSN			NEW HOPE #2 - HARDY	486.75	42.00	KENSSET 1ST		6,668.85
BARTHOLOMEW 1ST	479.24	185.88	NEWPORT 1ST	32,121.42	4,996.26	LIBERTY		617.40
CONITO	52.00		OLD WALNUT RIDGE	808.56	343.05	MALORON 1ST		5,823.24
CORINTH	700.86	161.79	PIEDMONT	312.00		MCKEE 1ST		2,472.20
EMERY LAKE	317.77		RAYVENSON 1ST	388.10	60.00	MIDWAY		428.86
EMERYER	1,902.56	444.61	SECKNER	79.71	193.15	MORON, DISBANDED		1,501.82
ENOH	1,880.00	374.00	SMITHVILLE	2,600.38	830.07	MT HERBON		1,879.49
FRANCE	103.50	41.00	SPRING LAKE	1,397.97	884.96	FAMMUNA 1ST		3,899.41
HERITAGE	5,901.23	1,016.50	STUBBS	1,698.42	216.67	PATTERSON 1ST		889.03
IMMAMUEL, WARREN	1,202.76	615.88	TUCKERMAN 1ST	17,588.88	11,279.86	PLEASANT GROVE		1,420.65
LAKELINE	807.32		WALNUT RIDGE 1ST	17,588.88	11,279.86	PLEASANT VALLEY		748.45
MACEODIA	191.35		WALNUT RIDGE 2ND	754.25	703.61			111.80
MARDIAN			WALNUT RIDGE 3RD	703.31	301.00			
MONTICELLO 1ST	22,382.51	6,172.41	SOUTHSHIDE	128.08	174.00			
MONTICELLO 2ND	5,479.65	1,056.48	CROSSROADS CHURCH					
NO SIDE, MONTICELLO	1,264.10	105.65	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	82,994.86	29,885.32			
OS UNION	558.99		BUCKNER					
PLEASANT GROVE	60.00		BUCKNER ASSN					
PRAIRIE GROVE	90.00							



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RAYNOR GROVE		90.00	LEONARD ST./HOT SPGS		2,905.53	HUFFERT MISSION		
KUCKY POINT		873.18	LOWSCALE		976.00	WESSIOR		981.74
ROSE BUD	2,808.08		MALVERN 1RD		17,551.47	WILSON CREEK		139.21
SEARCY 2ND	83,779.96	734.26	MEMORIAL		3,927.72	CENTRAL 1ST SD		1,000.00
SEARCY 2ND	913.70	15,109.23	MT VERNON		1,608.15	SOUTHSIDE, PARIS		871.08
TEMPLE, SEARCY	14,037.58	2,692.99	OLNEY		1,891.25	FAITH BAPTIST CHMRC		600.00
TEMPLE, SEARCY	4,437.32	6,385.82	OWENSVILLE		1,939.00			
TUPELO 1ST	3,037.96	1,183.08	PRINCE		1,178.91			
UNION VALLEY	1,581.80	15.00	PINEHURST		9,189.02			
WEST POINT	558.44	107.00	PLEASANT HILL		8,023.10			
ROYAL HILL	6,425.00	1,107.32	RIDGECREST		872.51			
DELMAR	399.00	575.00	RIVERSIDE		1,689.90			
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	191,269.56	75,290.82	SALEM		12,738.13	CONWAY-PERRY		
			NORTH MAIN		892.15	CONWAY-PERRY ASSM		
CAREY			SHOREWOOD HILLS		404.60	AGDA, DISBANDED		982.00
CAREY ASSN			TELMON, BENTON		10,206.40	CASA 1ST		500.00
BIRMINGHAM 1ST	4,949.02	1,302.90	TRINITY, HALVERN		4,028.29	HOUSTON		1,913.33
BETHSDA	360.89		WALMUT VALLEY		1,271.58			306.42
CALVARY, CAMDEN	8,786.78	615.00	BARCELONA ROAD		8,997.11	MORRISTON 1ST		4,075.60
EAGLE HILLS	495.70	208.00	TEMPLE		988.43	MORRIS 1ST		1,028.50
FAITH	1,284.00	1,212.00	MAGNET COVE		1,857.78	PERRYVILLE 1ST		200.00
FORDYCE 1ST	17,196.45	13,897.89	READDOWNVIEW		252.98	PERRYVILLE 1ST		4,115.56
HAMPDEN 1ST	8,657.89	904.00	ROYAL MISSION		331.80	PLEASANT GROVE		945.00
HARMONY	858.70	100.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	316,520.70	101,115.43	SOLONGACHIA		773.98
HOLLY SPRINGS	1,287.35	326.36	CLEAR CREEK			THORN POINT		30.00
MAINGHAM	1,330.00	797.00	CLEAR CREEK ASSM			UNION VALLEY		460.75
QUINCY	550.75	35.00	ALMA 1ST		467.89	UPPELO		230.00
SMOY GROVE	1,333.14	377.10	ALTUS 1ST		361.23	CIRCLE H CHAPEL		50.30
SPARKMAN 1ST	17,928.00	17,231.00	BATSON		225.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	22,096.43	18,035.33
THORNTON 1ST	1,343.82	282.00	CASA			CURRENT-GAINS		
TINICUM 1ST	155.00		CEADARVILLE		3,561.61	CURRENT-GAINS ASSM		
TULIP MEMORIAL	136.77	210.60	CLARKSVILLE 1ST		21,307.11	BIGGERS		1,708.19
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	648,238.25	37,702.45	CLARKSVILLE 2ND		2,059.85	BROWN'S CHAPEL		1,207.75
			COAL HILL 1ST		784.64	CALVARY CORNING		734.58
CARDLINE			CONCORD		2,237.22	COLUMBIA JARRETT		185.73
CARDLINE ASSN			DYER 1ST		1,053.78	CORNING 1ST		6,088.02
AUSTIN	1,288.00	409.27	EM. T. ZION, TRINITY		1,417.00	CORNING 1ST		5,960.65
BAGUM CHAPEL	1,269.10	1,034.50	HAGARVILLE		811.63	CORNING 1ST		2,637.75
BISCOPE 1ST	4,400.97	1,158.18	HARTMAN 1ST		9,208.55	GREENWALD 1ST		1,210.75
BOONSVILLE	2,875.30	282.00	LAMAR		2,029.00	HARMONY		797.15
CAHOT 1ST	42,000.48	10,643.70	MOUNTAINBURG 1ST		10,389.43	HOLLY ISLAND		418.45
CABOT 2ND	297.36	338.47	DAK GROVE		6,825.22	HOLLY ISLAND		1,816.43
CANEY CREEK	536.59	85.24	OZARK 1ST		22,141.72	KNOX		347.55
CANTON 1ST	20,235.86	4,833.10	OZONE		1,142.41	NORFOLK		77.04
CHACKLES	55.14		RUBY		242.00	HARMONY		418.45
CHANEY CREEK	1,251.98	108.85	SHADY GROVE		742.00	HARMONY		418.45
CHICKLEW	1,783.07	688.02	SHIBLEY		681.22	HOLLY ISLAND		681.75
CLISS ROAD	2,727.86	3,750.10	SPARK		175.07	KNOX		316.76
DESS ARC 1ST	2,400.95		TRINITY, ALMA		1,457.00	KNOX		316.76
UNION VALLEY BLUFF 1ST	13,244.90	1,816.75	UNION GROVE		1,568.73	KNOX		316.76
HAZEN 1ST	14,801.40	3,630.50	UNIONTON		26,301.40	KNOX		316.76
HUNNDSIDE 1ST	130.73		VAN BUREN 2ND		503.37	KNOX		316.76
HUNNDSIDE, CARLISLE	2,743.12	834.45	VAN BUREN 2ND		495.36	KNOX		316.76
KED	5,628.44	3,661.50	VAN BUREN 2ND		4,144.86	KNOX		316.76
LEONARD	15,447.88	2,610.22	WOODLAND		150.00	KNOX		316.76
MT LAKEL	1,600.71	775.84	EAST SIDE MISSION		15,866.22	KNOX		316.76
NEW HUBE	421.72	200.00	CLARK CREEK SD BAPT		311.46	KNOX		316.76
OLD GROVE	973.48	508.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	143,798.17	48,492.47	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	75,633.37	30,238.97
OLD AUSTIN	3,095.84	1,809.97	CONCORD ASSN		3,009.28	DARDANELLE-RUSSELLVILLE		
PLEASANT HILL	1,753.54	370.00	BETHEL		823.63	SCARDON 1ST		831.16
STEEL BRIDGE	362.14	469.91	BLOOMER		120.00	DARD-RUSS ASSM		400.00
TOLTEC	3,420.88	1,885.97	BLUFF AVE. FT SMITH		1,097.30	ATKINS 1ST		4,711.09
WARD 1ST	5,845.27	1,031.10	BOONEVILLE 1ST		17,015.55	BARKER CREEK		132.00
WATTENBAM	3,100.54	1,174.85	BRANCH		3,489.17	BLUFFTON		274.03
SOUTH BEND	191.06	132.79	BURNSVILLE		50.00	CANTERVILLE		490.75
CALVARY, WARD	2,208.10	387.48	CALVARY, FT. SMITH		18,249.26	DANVILLE 1ST		7,859.55
ROBERSON WED BAPTIS	562.37	160.05	CHARLESTON 1ST		12,001.10	DANVILLE 1ST		3,384.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	203,873.37	49,748.38	EAST SIDE, FT SMITH		45,146.38	DOVER		4,354.06
			EXCELSIOR		1,256.10	EAST POINT		1,363.42
CENTENNIAL			FORT SMITH 1ST		160,298.16	FAITH BAPTIST		885.29
CENTENNIAL ASSN		150.00	GLENDALE		1,700.82	GRACE MEMORIAL		111.50
AMERLE 1ST	1,308.00	281.11	GRAND AVE. FT SMITH		48,485.54	HAYANA		965.73
ALMYRA 1ST	1,747.41	2,499.35	GRAYSON		25,198.97	HAWK 1ST		882.00
DEWITT 1ST	1,000.00	5,468.00	GREENWOOD 1ST		25,198.97	HOPEWELL		589.58
EAST GROVE, DEWITT	830.00	458.00	HARLING 1ST		262.75	IMMUNEL-RUSSELLVILLE		1,643.77
GILBERT 1ST	15.07	425.00	HAYVER HEIGHTS		12,532.00	JACKSON HEIGHTS		399.99
MAGLER			HIGHWAY 90 1ST		3,351.00	KNOXVILLE		296.47
NORTH MAPLE, STUFFG	2,882.55	1,073.26	IMMUNEL, FT SMITH		15,856.21	LONDON 1ST		1,471.65
REYDOR	309.20	1,177.00	JENNY LIND 1ST		4,290.00	MORELAND 1ST		89.00
SOUTH SUE, STUTTGA	5,975.80	594.28	LAYAVA 1ST		14,277.25	MORELAND 1ST		845.58
ST CHARLES	2,396.71	130.00	MAGNINE 1ST		2,570.74	OLA 1ST		3,913.44
STUTTGART 1ST	19,945.49	120.00	MAGNINE 1ST		360.49	PLEASANT VIEW		70.00
TICHAOR	80.00	120.00	MAGNINE 1ST		318.83	PLEASANT VIEW		1,039.84
FAITH	1,115.81	847.43	MT. HARMONY		4,042.60	POYS		164.57
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	75,759.62	31,993.52	NEW HOPE		4,042.60	RUSSELLVILLE 2ND		286.83
			NORTH SIDE-CHARLEST		1,360.23	SEARCYVILLE 2ND		25,778.43
CENTRAL			NORTH SIDE-FT SMITH		3,029.20	IMMUNEL & DANVILLE		1,997.40
CENTRAL ASSN			OKA CLIFF		6,628.37	CALVARY MISSION		289.13
BENTON 1ST	33,445.54	14,413.75	PALESTINE		559.09	CALVARY, DARDANELLE		900.00
BUIE	458.31	158.00	CARE'S 1ST		12,446.33	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	83,618.03	26,473.47
CALVARY, BENTON	12,741.75	2,807.34	PHOENIX WILLAGO		607.41	DELTA		
CENTRAL, HOT SPRING	17,174.12	6,150.75	PINE LOG		1,724.74	DELTA ASSN		1,705.00
GLEAD	300.08		RATCLIFF 1ST		1,124.74	ARCADUS CITY		3,575.58
GRAVEL HILL	1,270.18	70.00	ROSEVILLE		1,124.74	ARCADUS CITY		1,705.00
HIGHLAND HEIGHTS	21,378.91	7,515.13	RTE HILL		10,501.24	ARCADUS CITY		1,705.00
HILLDALE ALEXANDER	300.78		SOUTH SIDE, BOWNEVEL		2,510.70	ARCADUS CITY		1,705.00
HOT SPRINGS FIRST	36,382.61	10,161.19	SOUTH SIDE, FT. SMITH		5,100.27	BAYNES MASON		1,555.00
HOT SPRINGS 2ND	81,944.61	22,204.58	SPRDLING		4,102.00	BELLAIRE		4,874.19
HUNNDSIDE LAKE	8,222.80	875.00	TEMPLE, FT. SMITH		700.83	BOYELLE		40.00
LAKE HAMILTON	4,183.82	2,250.29	TEMPLE, FT. SMITH		73,205.32	CHERRY LAKE		165.00
LAKEHORE HEIGHTS	3,283.01	2,846.80	UNION HALL			COLLINS		1,873.73
LAKESIDE	5,280.94	2,218.23	VESTA			DANIEL CHAPEL		1,665.15
LEE CHAPEL	4,036.92	2,654.00	WINDY PARK		3,600.42	DEWITT		20,485.15
			DELAWARE		2,778.75	EUROD		13,708.00



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BOND 1ST	89.24	84.24	SIXTEENTH ST. NLR	1,639.28	168.00	DEGRAY	1,569.00	998.12
BONMAN	3,858.30	1,019.92	STAMPILL	155.00	450.00	EAST WHELEN		178.58
BROOKLAND	1,359.12	263.44	STEVENS HILLS 1ST	15,334.72	7,761.25	EMMET 1ST	870.49	278.51
BURKHEAD CHAPEL	780.00	240.00	TRINITY	2,825.52	1,000.00	FALGOUTS DISBANED		178.58
CARAMAY	2,877.57	1,401.45	MILITARY ROAD CHURCH	2,036.36	1,338.05	HARMONY HILL	485.00	290.50
CASH 1ST	2,217.13	188.10	HAUMELLE	2,699.44	4,994.87	HOLYWOOD		294.46
CENTRAL JONESBORO	50,373.40	188.90	HETTERMAN	4,485.00	1,497.00	HOLYWOOD		294.46
CHILDRSS	188.90	188.90	UNIONITY	4,055.76	355.00	MALMBROOK	1,149.37	
DIXIE	135.00		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	467,980.50	196,633.47	MT BETH	144.00	
EGYPT	238.40	162.00				MT ORE	81.95	
FISHER ST. JONESBORO	7,307.25	7,507.25				NETZEL	1,070.31	76.00
FRIENDLY HOPE	1,951.50	1,154.00	DUACHITA			OKOLAHA	150.50	
JONESBORO 1ST	33,283.63	27,733.58	QUAICHITA ASSN			PARK HILL	7,004.44	3,240.35
LAKE CHARLES 1ST	5,157.35	1,287.50	ROCKAWAY	151.72		PRESCOTT 1ST	10,202.44	4,225.83
LUMSFORD	914.65	180.00	BETHEL	233.56		READER 1ST	90.00	
MONTE 1ST	12,676.80	1,156.60	BOARD CAMP	2,204.28	149.76	REIDWOOD	7,309.21	951.83
MT. CASSAM	2,800.17	215.13	CAROLARY, MENA	2,151.33	1,000.00	ROCKAWAY GROVE	60.00	
MT. ZION	4,738.54	1,046.38	CERRY HILL	309.38	133.56	SHELON	759.39	676.25
NEEDHAM	1,817.74	838.96	COMWOOD	611.26	10.00	SOUTH FORK	2,011.76	100.00
NEWTOWN	2,081.00	1,000.00	COPE 1ST	316.13	600.33	SYCAMORE GROVE	6,891.44	541.23
NEW ANTOCH	2,547.87	348.81	DALLAS AVENUE, MENA	6,025.18	1,000.00	THIRD ST. ARKADAPPEL	2,451.31	1,050.00
NEW HOPE & BLACK OAK	953.27	177.59	DEQUEEN 1ST	26,283.67	11,160.76	UNITY	4,893.44	
NEW HOPE, JONESBORO	250.48		GILLHAM	2,576.28	442.50	WHELEN SPRINGS	248.80	
NORTH HALEN-JONESBORO	4,440.38	1,346.72	HAYFIELD 1ST	5,768.59	1,382.00	SOUTHIDE, PRESCOTT	30.00	
PHILADELPHIA	7,394.41	2,018.72	HENNA	1,031.70		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	123,983.89	52,099.35
PROVIDENCE	723.10	100.00	HOW BIG FOLK		20.00	ROCKY BAYOU		
ROWE'S CHAPEL	973.33		MENA 1ST	28,950.14	12,709.09	FAITH, BATESVILLE		855.56
STRAWFLOO	2,532.50	350.00	NEW HOPE	403.69		SALEM 1ST	4,094.15	1,115.86
UNIVERSITY	1,579.58	832.00	NEW HOPE	4,846.44	56.35	SHERIDAN VILLAGE	3,517.83	2,699.08
WALTON ST. JONESBORO	10,475.62	4,846.44	TWO MILE	340.00		SADDLE 1ST		
WESTVALE	2,090.98	156.37	VANDERVOORT 1ST	1,994.22	309.56	ROCKY-BAYOU ASSN	739.29	482.76
WOODSPRINGS	996.34	49.14	WIGGS 1ST	1,484.62	150.00	ASH FALG	701.27	368.30
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	199,943.80	72,532.55	YOKAMA	1,080.13		BELLEVILLE	191.50	
NORTH ARKANSAS			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	81,922.49	30,379.32	BOWELL	35.00	30.00
BLUE EYE	3,496.52	1,800.88	PULASKI COUNTY			CALICO ROCK 1ST	2,234.24	138.25
EUREKA SPRINGS 1ST	3,257.82	1,512.50	BRYANT 1ST SOUTHERN	24,297.23	4,906.46	DOLE	1,011.76	785.44
NORTH ARKANSAS ASSN			PULASKI CO ASSN	4,175.00	2,761.00	FINLEY CREEK	45.00	63.00
ALPENA	2,063.03	2,028.21	ALEXANDER 1ST	6,021.29	1,699.46	FRANKLIN	366.11	24.91
BATAVIA	839.00	1,073.50	ARCHVIEW	9,621.75	2,890.16	GUION		50.00
BIG CREEK SPRINGS	2,202.44	138.87	BARNEY PLACE	2,924.52	3,888.48	HARDY 1ST	5,451.32	2,390.28
BELLEFOUNT		35.00	BARNETT MEMORIAL	2,924.52	35.35	MELBOURNE 1ST	3,562.50	1,378.00
BERRYVILLE 1ST	10,579.04	3,919.06	BINGHAM ROAD	2,380.08	1,201.21	MYRON	511.19	25.00
BIRCHWOOD	2,157.25	284.25	BOGARD	3,833.53	1,000.00	JXFORD	137.66	43.00
BURLINGTON	1,315.63	399.75	BRIDGE	1,201.21	1,000.00	KJ	1,895.51	871.83
CASSVILLE	458.00	470.00	CALVARY-LITTLE ROCK	61,961.73	12,957.02	LA COMBE	2,009.00	2,009.00
CHERRYVILLE	397.41	1,000.00	CRYSTAL HILL	340.05	460.00	SLYLANDER 1ST	854.52	390.00
EAGLE HEIGHTS	20,565.02	3,150.49	CRYSTAL HILL	9,068.53	2,283.53	WHELEN SPRINGS	465.00	594.00
ELMWOOD	682.53	323.25	CRYSTAL HILL	340.05	460.00	HORSESHOE BEND	2,495.76	1,073.10
EMMETT & HARRISON	900.39	600.39	DOGSLAVE 1ST	447.03	139.00	MIDWAY	1,969.15	348.61
FVERTON	911.05	517.00	DOUGLASVILLE 1ST	447.03	139.00	MOORE	101.77	116.00
FRESHMAN HEIGHTS	6,791.49	1,174.70	FOREST HIGHLANDS	21,810.21	19,876.61	MT PLEASANT S.W.	400.44	116.00
GAINES	2,601.41	134.00	GARDNER MEMORIAL	874.88	163.00	NORTHSIDE BAPTIST C	75.74	
GRANDVIEW 1ST	6,624.25	1,320.28	GREEN MEMORIAL	114,775.43	31,024.85	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	35,270.08	15,054.56
GREEN FOREST 1ST	533.28	219.62	GREEN MEMORIAL	6,397.78	2,136.65	SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS		
GRUBB SPRINGS	4,424.87	68.88	HOLLY SPRINGS	1,473.03	756.00	ROSE HILL INACTIVE		
HARRISON 1ST		68.88	IMMANUEL L.R.	21,461.25	17,591.27	SOUTHWEST ASSN	1,091.98	511.70
HOPENELL	3,128.86	1,102.00	IMMANUEL L.R.	1,473.03	1,193.75	ANDERSON	3,195.44	2,081.67
JASPER 1ST	1,375.00	1,375.00	LAKE SHORE DRIVE	1,496.08	2,352.47	ARABELLA HEIGHTS	3,976.46	2,011.87
LEAD HILL 1ST	4,663.24	1,590.50	LIFE LINE	38,095.14	12,933.24	BECK REET 1ST	1,000.00	174.81
MARSHALL 1ST	1,683.24	393.00	LITTLE ROCK 1ST	94,089.87	59,367.50	BRADLEY	3,306.86	2,312.50
NEW HOPE	14,956.21	3,502.48	LITTLE ROCK 2ND	28,899.62	4,206.82	BROADWAY HEIGHTS	942.40	27.77
NORTHVALE	593.35	488.05	MARKHAM STREET, LR	20,388.02	8,738.39	CALVARY HOPE	1,495.38	4,957.38
OHAMA	3,689.27	464.04	MARTINDALE	15,081.33	3,730.33	CALVARY, TEXARKANA	10,686.91	2,547.78
OREGON FLAT	1,198.37	630.00	MALLES MEMORIAL	4,413.23	2,553.88	CANFIELD	1,639.99	1,153.81
PARTHENON	306.28	54.00	NATURAL STEPS	4,774.52	3,658.87	CANFIELD MAGNOLIA	6,940.17	37,317.17
PORT SPRINGS	1,266.35	712.60	OLIVET	40.30	100.00	FOUKE 1ST	6,088.72	829.50
REDFORD	2,994.35	712.00	PINE GROVE	2,050.74	655.32	FULTON	3,305.00	245.00
ST. JOE 1ST	360.00	90.00	PLAINVIEW	2,078.25	529.36	GARLAND	125.00	35.00
SOUTH SIDE-LEAD HILL	614.21	748.98	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	GENDA 1ST	1,188.32	488.00
TRINITY	2,994.35	712.00	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	GURNEYSEY	1,300.00	
UNION	4,071.47	3,071.87	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	HALE LAKE	60.00	250.00
VALLEY SPRINGS	5,157.50	4,071.22	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	HICKORY ST. TEXARKANA	309.14	794.00
VALLEY HEIGHTS	10,764.80	1,076.80	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	HILLS	2,340.27	1,062.82
WABBLE FALLS	196.20	248.19	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	HOPE 1ST	1,339.57	16,476.35
WESTERN GROVE CHAP	368.92		PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	IMMANUEL MAGNOLIA	1,809.51	31.00
WINDMILL	20.00		PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	IMMANUEL TEXARKANA	8,788.32	1,223.93
LAKELAND	540.00	250.00	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	LEWISVILLE 1ST	7,757.58	1,741.00
BEAVER LAKE	298.45		PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	MAGEDONIA #1	56.76	
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	176,968.91	60,428.95	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	MAGEDONIA #2	775.00	538.00
NORTH PULASKI			PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	MANKYVILLE	1,000.00	400.00
NORTH PULASKI ASSN			PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	MEMORIAL	4,811.83	2,516.00
ARBOY	4,085.14	3,564.65	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	MICHELLE ST. TEXARKANA	70.00	20.00
HARKING CROSS	41,775.95	40,179.00	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	NORTH EAST TEXARKANA	2,836.26	577.77
BAYO MTD	12,879.37	3,133.55	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	OKLAHOMA	1,085.57	542.00
BEREA	631.53	88.85	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	PRESCOTT	27.61	109.20
BETHAY	7,029.87	1,180.12	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	RED RIVER		791.00
CALVARY, LR	26,262.09	7,051.55	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	SHILOH MEMORIAL		78.00
CEDAR HEIGHTS	4,138.75	4,738.19	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	SOUTH TEXARKANA	1,741.56	50.00
CENTRAL NLR	17,409.65	17,409.65	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	SPRINGHILL	782.61	
CHAPEL HILL	6,035.65	7,481.39	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	STAMPILL	27.61	88
CRYSTAL VALLEY	11,508.00	6,400.00	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	SILVERING	2,959.10	285.33
FORK SEVENTH ST	64.00	793.50	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	TENNESSEE	1,908.40	519.44
GRAVEL RIDGE 1ST	10,114.22	2,421.14	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	TRINITY TEXARKANA	26,925.54	3,074.34
GREEN MEMORIAL	3,975.47	97.87	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	WESTSIDE MAGNOLIA	3,283.84	284.96
HIGHWAY	12,291.10	12,234.07	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	WHELEN SPRINGS	158.60	
HILLTOP	19,965.57	390.00	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	WHELEN SPRINGS	1,191.99	108,146.16
INDIAN HILLS	2,388.13	436.50	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	301,899.71	108,146.16
INDIANHOLE LAKE	37,446.40	12,955.48	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	TRI-COUNTY		
JACKSONVILLE 1ST	17,409.65	17,409.65	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	PLEASANT HILL	483.40	
JACKSONVILLE 2ND	28,904.08	3,756.80	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	TRI-COUNTY ASSN	150.00	
LEVY	10,902.47	2,582.24	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	ANTIOCH	876.36	499.31
MARSHALL RD & PAVILLE	10,902.47	2,582.24	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	BARTON CHAPEL	876.36	75.00
MORNING CHAPEL	18.00	105.00	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36	BECKSPUR	1,981.91	112.00
NO LITTLE ROCK 1ST	14,850.00	4,563.31	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36			
OAKWOOD	539.71	43,405.85	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36			
PARK HILL	4,947.99	5,965.99	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36			
PIKE AVENUE, NLR	4,472.00	1,470.00	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36			
REMOUNT	4,785.00	1,324.36	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36			
RUFYAN 1ST	4,785.00	1,324.36	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36			
SHERWOOD 1ST	871.42	5,920.49	PLAINVIEW	1,417.92	529.36			
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## New lesson writer begins

Ed Simpson, pastor at the Lonoke Church, begins this week writing the International series Sunday School lesson in "Lessons for living". He is a Little Rock native and graduate of Ouachita Baptist University. Simpson holds the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently enrolled in the doctor of ministries program at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Helen, have two daughters.



Simpson

## Sorrels' appeal to be heard by Virginia Supreme Court

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—The Supreme Court of Virginia has agreed to hear the workmen's compensation appeal of paralyzed Mission Service Corps volunteer Robert W. Sorrels.

Sorrels, 31, was injured in an automobile accident April 15, 1980, less than a week after he arrived in Nigeria, where he was to work as an accountant for one year. Mission Service Corps volunteers provide their own financial support during their term of service.

Sorrels, paralyzed from the shoulders down, has entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, with a goal of becoming a preacher or missionary. Before the accident, he worked for a Washington, D.C., savings and loan firm.

The Foreign Mission Board declined to accept long-term financial responsibility for Sorrels because he had gone to Nigeria as a volunteer, not as a career missionary, and because all Mission Service Corps volunteers sign waivers absolving the board of responsibility in the event of a disabling injury.

But the board did spend more than \$28,000 for Sorrels' medical care and voted to continue a monthly stipend of \$603.50 until October 1982, when he would become eligible for government disability benefits.

Although the Foreign Mission Board does not recognize any legal obligation, Board President R. Keith Parks has encouraged Southern Baptists to contribute to a special outside fund for Sorrels' support. Both board members and staff have been among those who contributed.

## 1940 hymnals sought

Spadra Church, Clarksville, will celebrate homecoming Nov. 13 and needs copies of the 1940 edition of the *Broadman Hymnal*. Anyone who has copies should contact the church immediately at P.O. Box 414, Clarksville 72830, or phone 754-2981.

## Meetings of the 1983 Convention

### Monday, Nov. 7,

- 12:00 noon Historical Commission Luncheon/Meeting, #5 Meeting Room..... Don Hook  
 1:45 Pastors' Conference, first session, Pine Bluff Convention Center, Auditorium..... Bill Sutton  
 6:30 Pastors' Conference, second session, PBCC..... Bill Sutton  
 6:30 ABREA, first session, Pine Bluff, First..... Bob Presley

### Tuesday, Nov. 8

- 8:30 a.m. ABREA, final session, Pine Bluff, First..... Bob Presley  
 9:00 Pastors' Conference, third session, PBCC..... Bill Sutton  
 9:00 Women's Conference, PBCC, Banquet Hall I..... Kaye Glazener  
 12:00 noon Convention Nominating Committee, PBCC, Meeting Room #5..... Dennis Dodson  
 Pastors' Conference, final session, PBCC..... Bill Sutton  
 1:30 Executive Board Meeting, PBCC, #1 Banquet Hall..... Ken Lilly  
 2:30 ABC Program Personnel Dinner..... Dillard Miller  
 6:00 Credentials Committee, PBCC, Mens Chorus Room..... Ferrell Morgan  
 6:15 ABC, first session, PBCC, auditorium..... Dillard Miller  
 Immediately following the evening session Ouachita Baptist University Fellowship, PBCC, Banquet Hall I..... Agnes Coppenger

### Wednesday, Nov. 9

- 7:30 a.m. Cooperative Program Breakfast, Pine Bluff, First Baptist..... L. L. Collins  
 8:30 ABC, second session, PBCC, Auditorium..... Dillard Miller  
 12:00 noon Midwestern Seminary Alumni Luncheon Pine Bluff Executive Inn..... Allen Thrasher  
 12:00 noon New Orleans Seminary Alumni Luncheon Admiral Benbow Inn..... Barbara Long  
 12:00 noon Southern Seminary Alumni Luncheon Pine Bluff, First..... Michael Anders  
 12:00 noon Southwestern Seminary Alumni Luncheon Southside..... John Maddox  
 1:30 ABC, third session, PBCC..... Dillard Miller  
 Immediately following afternoon session, Executive Board Meeting, #1 Banquet Hall Director of Missions Fellowship, Admiral Benbow Inn, Admiral Room, Hwy 65B..... Carl Fawcett  
 5:00 ABC, fourth session, PBCC..... Dillard Miller  
 6:30 Immediately following evening session, Southern Baptist College Fellowship, PBCC, Banquet Hall I..... Jim Tillman

### Thursday, Nov. 10

- 8:30 a.m. ABC, final session, PBCC..... Dillard Miller  
 Immediately following morning session Retired Ministers and Missionaries Luncheon Pine Bluff, First..... Dillard Miller

### Convention Hymnals

Complimentary hymnals will be given out during the annual convention at Pine Bluff in November to registered messengers. These will be available at the registration desk only.

## Justice for (some) drug users

Our country is founded upon the principle of justice and equality for all. It is easier to write the principle on paper than to put it into practice. Our courts are sworn to uphold the principle. However, in our opinion, a double standard is frequently demonstrated.



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The penalties dished out for the possession and use of illegal drugs is a prime example. The courts frequently make an example of young persons arrested for these particular crimes. The youths are introduced to the criminal justice system in a way that often breeds contempt and hatred for public officials.

The penalty is frequently probation under the supervision of the Juvenile System or detention in a Training School. This can be devastating to the young person and the parents. Parents who have heard the words,

by John Finn

"Your child has become a ward of the courts," know how these words can shatter dreams and aspirations.

By contrast, consider the penalties meted out to professional football players for involvement with cocaine. National Football League's Pete Rozelle stunned the sports world when he announced the suspension of four starting players for cocaine use.

Even among the players, there is not justice and equality for all. A player of the Miami Dolphins, New Orleans Saints and San Diego Chargers wrote a crushingly powerful confession of how drugs destroyed his football career and almost took his life.

He names some superstars who were involved with him. He is behind bars. Where are the superstars? When the season begins, they will perform before vast throngs and rake in money and glory. Even the most naive will have to admit that, in this situation, a double standard of justice is applied.

How about political leaders occupying public office? The police frequently look the other way. In the case of those who usually insist on fair law enforcement and

persist in investigating the high and mighty, a reprimand, demotion or reassignment seems to be the order of the day.

What happens to the politicians who admit being involved with drugs? Are they introduced to the criminal justice system? They usually are confined to a drug rehabilitation center, reprimanded or censured by their peers.

Does censoring by peers conform to the principle of justice and equality for all? Censuring carried to the extreme and applied equally would permit a thief to censure a thief; a bank robber, a robber; and a rapist, a rapist.

This writer is not demanding an "eye for an eye" and "a tooth for a tooth." We are affirming that justice and equality for all must be more than words on paper. It needs to be applied for the kids on the streets, college heroes, pro-ball players, politicians, poor folks and rich folks. When this happens, respect for the judicial system will be restored.

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## For and about senior adults

Ray McClung



## Success factors in senior adult ministry

Did you ever hear the saying, "once a man, twice a child"? Children are easy to love, aren't they? So are senior adults, even when they act like children again. A very basic factor in work with senior adults is for their leaders to love them—really love them, and to show it. Learn to listen to them. Be interested in what they think and feel. Encourage them. Praise their achievements. Help them to feel needed. Let's help them to stay active and achieving as long as possible. One of the men of our church has just had his 91st birthday and is still serving on the Counseling Committee.



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Another success factor in ministry with senior adults is to involve them in planning their programs. It is a mistake for leaders to assume that they know best what senior adults need, and formulate programs for them on that basis. If you are just beginning your ministry, make a survey form as suggested in Horace Kerr's book, *How to Minister to Senior Adults in Your Church*. Results of

this survey will tell you what type programs and activities they will participate in—what they need and want.

Let me suggest also that senior adults themselves be enlisted to form committees or accept assignments to lead as many of their activities as possible. Now and then I hear of efforts of a church in senior adult ministry where younger adults plan and conduct meetings for their senior adults. Help them to conduct their own. Certainly, some can do certain things better than others, but most of them can do something. Let them. Let them get the blessing.

In a comprehensive senior adult ministry there usually is a need for a Senior Adult Council. This can be made up of the leaders of every church program senior adults are to be involved in, such as Sunday school, Church Training, W.M.U., church music, senior adult club, and special senior adult ministries. The purpose of the council is to plan and coordinate all activities for and with senior adults, hear reports, evaluate plans and activities, and encourage a high level of participation by senior adults. The council should decide how often it should meet. The ministry to senior adults, or coordinator of this ministry, is usually chairman of the council.

A successful senior adult ministry needs church support. The pastor is the prime supporter, giving adequate recognition and encouragement. He will lead the church to enjoy seeing her senior adults in action, in seeing that the program is included in the church budget for their basic needs. To observe annual Senior Adult Day the first Sunday in May is an excellent way to emphasize this ministry. Use senior adults on the program to sing, give testimonies, share what the Lord and the church means to them. Someone should point out what senior adults mean to the church, what they do and have done over the years.

Send senior adult leaders to the state conference for senior adults each year provided by the state Church Training Department. Some should attend the adult Chautauquas at Ridgecrest or Clorieta this fall.

Surely it goes without saying, this is a spiritual ministry. Leaders must depend heavily upon leadership from God. Let every plan and project come from the heart of God.

*Our final article will be on "Senior Adults Reaching Out."*

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## International

### *God's gracious covenant*

by Ed Simpson, Lonoke Church, Lonoke

Basic passage: Exodus 19:5-6a

Focal passage: Hebrews 8:6-13

**Central truth:** The new covenant makes it possible for us to relate to God through forgiveness of our sin.

It has been said, "Religion is man seeking God. Christianity is God seeking man." In this new unit, we are going to study the various ways God is seeking man. These lessons will help each of us appreciate the many ways God has expressed his willingness to get involved in our lives. The lesson this Sunday reminds us of God's efforts to relate to us through the old and new covenants.

1. The intent of the old covenant (Ex. 19:5-6a)

God's intent was to establish a lasting relationship with man through a covenant. Note that God initiated the covenant (v. 5). God also invited the people to enter into this unique relationship: "... if ye will obey my voice indeed." He went on to implicate the people in what he was doing (v. 5). He set the terms of the covenant but it was theirs to accept or reject (v. 6). Finally, God insured their success on the condition they obey his voice (v. 5).

2. The impact of the new covenant (Heb. 8:6-13)

Israel's inability to match up to God's law made the impact of the new covenant "a more excellent ministry ... a better covenant, which was established on better terms (v. 6)." What made the impact of the new covenant so much more acceptable?

To begin with, the first covenant was inadequate (vv. 6 and 7). It was not the law that had failed, but man's inability to keep the law (Rom. 7:7-12). Secondly, the new covenant offered an inward impetus (vv. 8-11). The old covenant stressed keeping the law out of fear (Heb. 2:2). The new covenant stressed keeping the law out of love and devotion. Through conversion God's law could be planted in man's heart and create a desire to serve God from within (v. 10).

A third benefit of the new covenant was the forgiveness of man's iniquities (vv. 12 and 13). The new covenant opened the way for a greater relationship with God. The new covenant is more than a bunch of rules to be kept, it is a person to be met. Through Christ we can enter into God's gracious covenant.

## Life and Work

### *Friendship that endures*

by Oscar N. Golden, Calvary Church, Benton

Basic passage: 1 Samuel 18:3-23:18

Focal passages: 1 Samuel 18:3-4; 19:1-3, 6-7; 23:16-18

**Central truth:** Friendship established in God will endure.

There was that special something that drew Jonathan and David together. From the first they were drawn to each other in a closeness that knit their souls together in a bond of love. This friendship was destined to be an example for people of all ages to see how friends should behave toward each other.

Jonathan did not allow his father's hatred and anger for David to destroy their friendship. Saul asked Jonathan to kill David, but instead he warned him to flee and then pleaded with his father to restore David to his place in the family. Even after David had to flee for his life, Jonathan risked all to go to him and renew their covenant of friendship.

A friendship of such magnitude is built upon some great principles that we would do well to examine and use as a guide for our own lives.

The first clue to such friendship is expressed when the scripture says that "Jonathan loved him as his own soul." Love must be the basis of friendship. It is the type of love that causes one to always seek the best for one's friends. Oh how Jonathan showed this for David, because every time he raised his hand toward David it was to do him good. Never did he do anything that would have hurt David.

The next great principle of friendship is seen when Jonathan pleaded for David to be restored. Loyalty is something that must undergird any lasting friendship. Jonathan showed his wonderful trait even at the risk of angering his father. To stand by a friend through all kinds of trouble produces lasting friendships.

The last great principle is found when Jonathan told David that "Thou shalt be King over Israel." Unselfishness must mark real, lasting friendship. Here we see Jonathan willing to step aside and allow another to take the place that would be his.

All of these principles were bound up in the Lord. Lasting friendship will always have its center built around the living God.

## Bible Book

### *Christ's lordship in the family*

by Bert Thomas, Toltec Church, Scott

Basic passage: Ephesians 5:21 to 6:24

Focal passage: Ephesians 5:21 to 6:4

**Central truth:** Christ is lord of the family

The most basic unit of our society is the family. Since almost every phase of our life is influenced by the family we could safely say as the family goes, so goes our churches, our communities, and our nation. Because families are such an integral part of our lives we must give careful attention to them. One way is to recognize the lordship of Christ over each member. Ephesians 5:21 is a key verse in understanding the lordship of Christ within our homes. We are commanded by Paul to live a spirit-filled life. This life is expressed through joy and thanksgiving toward God and mutual submission toward each other.

Paul made it clear that mutual submission is to exist in the husband/wife relationship. The word "submitting" means to put in a lower rank, to rank under, to put self in subjection. This will prevent brutish, self-centered, dictatorial, jealous, and uncaring attitudes that one may have. Such an attitude usurps the authority of Christ within the family. Submission is to be voluntary, out of love for each other, and is to be done in the fear of God. Those who refuse to practice mutual submission create friction, violate the teachings of God's Word, and will incur his wrath.

The responsibilities of the husband and wife are discussed in greater detail in Ephesians 5:22-33. The husband, by divine appointment, is head of the family just as Christ is head of the church. This responsibility is one of service and sacrifice for the good of the family. While space will not permit a full discussion of v. 23, it should be pointed out that the husband is not the source of salvation for any member of his family. Christ is the only source (cf. Acts 4:12). Husbands are commanded to love their wives with the same kind of love (agape) that Christ loved the church.

The proper parent/child relationship is given in Ephesians 6:1-4. Children must be taught obedience by their parents. This commandment (Exodus 20:12) involves more than obedience to the parents. It includes respect for all authority. Parents are to do all within their power to teach their children the way of the Lord.

Is Christ Lord of your family? He can be if he is Lord of your life.

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# Your state convention at work

Evangelism

## Sunday School reapers

The harvest season is in progress in Arkansas. It is very important when the rice, beans and wheat are ripe they be harvested immediately.

Jesus said in Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." We must not fail to reap this harvest.



Shell

Elton Trueblood declares, "We cannot have an effective universal ministry of housewives and farmers and merchants simply by announcing it. It is necessary to produce it. The only way in which this can be done is by the education of the gifted few whose chief vocation is the liberation of the ministerial and witnessing power of the many". In a Baptist church, the gifted few are the Sunday School officers and teachers, and the many are the Christian members of the Sunday School classes.

A great majority who should be witnesses are not soul-conscious. There is a desperate need to catch Paul's spirit of compassion for the lost as expressed in Romans 9:1-3. "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." — Clarence Shell, director

## Family and Child Care Sponsors needed

Sponsors are needed for some of our children at the Children's Home in Monticello. As we have new children enter our program, we need new sponsors. Through such a ministry, relationships may be established that will be very meaningful to both sponsor and child. One teen-age boy said, "When someone cares enough to take the time and money to sponsor you, it means that person does care and is pulling for you—and that means a lot to anybody".

There were approximately 401 individuals and groups who were involved in our sponsorship program last year. A clothing sponsor provides \$305 a year to buy clothes for a child. In addition to clothing sponsors, some provide \$35 to send a youth to camp or \$5 monthly for allowance or money for special needs such as music and art lessons, gifts for birthdays and other

special occasions.

Perhaps you or your group would like to help meet the current need for sponsors. If so, contact Mrs. Eula Armstrong, P. O. Box 180, Monticello 71655, phone 367-5358. — Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services

## Christian Life Council The power of influence

Miss Patty Brannan, Miss Lulu Doyle Baird, Miss Florene Miller, Miss Lois Bradley, Miss Rosa Moore, Miss Janice Goodbar, Miss Mary Dowdle, Miss Maxine Stover, Miss Beulah Mae Stocks, Miss Mary Pilkington, Miss Willette Johnson, Miss Myrt Farrisah, Victor Boren, Auburn Smith, Harold Chastain, Dan Nall and others were, as I



Parker

remember exemplary Christians and church members. Each touched my life during public school days. Those yet living would probably contest my calling them exemplary, but I remember the effect of their influence and encouragement much more than all the visiting preachers, scripture quoting and home room praying.

Regardless of our beliefs regarding the need for audible school prayers and scripture reading, the basic spread of morality and godliness is through Christians who take seriously the words of Jesus, "and ye shall be witnesses unto me..." (Acts 1:8).

Christ remains the same yesterday, today and forever, but the context within which he works in America has changed. As is true in society in general, it is not uncommon in many of our schools to have students who are Buddhists, Hindus, Moslem, Jews and Christians. As of now, the majority of our teachers and students are of the Christian faith. The best influence on all will be through their Christ-like example. Many of us who have been there will attest to that.

Pray that the most effective Christian witness possible will be rendered by teachers and pupils alike. — Bob Parker, director

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## Draper pleads for unity on essentials, says women's ordination not among them

ATLANTA (BP)—Calling for unity within the denomination on the things that are essential, Southern Baptist Convention President James T. Draper Jr. said Baptists must agree to disagree on the things that are not essential to salvation.

One thing that is not essential and on which agreement is not necessary, said Draper, is the question of ordination of women.

"I don't believe the Lord requires me to have an opinion on that in order to be saved," said Draper in an address to directors and staff of the SBC Home Mission Board. "We are going to have differences at some points, but those differences should not and must not destroy the unity of spirit that is ours as born-again believers," he said.

The SBC president listed five theological precepts he feels are essential for Baptists to have unity of spirit. They are redemption by the blood of Christ, the deity of Christ, substitutionary atonement, the resurrection of Christ and justification by grace through faith.

Draper, pastor of First Church in Eules, Texas, pointed out only God can create spiritual unity, stressing true spiritual unity is possible only among born-again Christians in the family of God.

Unfortunately, Draper admitted, Southern Baptists do not have a good track record on preserving the spiritual unity which God gives his family.

Draper said both conservatives and moderates in the SBC have been vicious toward each other and have used tactics and techniques unbecoming to Christians.

"There is a wrong way to stand for orthodoxy, a bad way to defend that which is right," he said. Most Baptists, he observed, are more concerned about who is wrong

and right than about restoring unity in the fellowship.

Draper made a distinction between the need for unity and the desire among some Baptists for uniformity. "We're not trying to produce religious clones," he said. "Unity does not require uniformity.

"We need to trust each other as brothers with respect and recognition of the differences and needs that exist, or we need to recognize that some of us are lost and need to be saved," he said. "The bottom line is we are going to have to decide if we really believe each other is saved," he observed.

Draper said in his efforts as president to bring about unity he had met with his sharpest critics and with those he had criticized the most. He discovered "they are not as bad as I thought." Part of the problem is Baptists who differ don't know each other personally and don't consider each other brothers, he said, adding that Baptists have so much access to the press they kill each other in the press without ever meeting personally.

Baptists need to decide how much diversity and plurality they can stand on the non-essentials, but must emphasize instead the basics and essentials, he said.

"Part of our diversity is that we are not looking at the same goals," he said. "I believe the purpose of the church is to save souls. It may be the real battleground (among Baptists) is evangelism and not theology.

"My hope and prayer is that any among us who cannot stand on the basics that all of us know we cannot give up would have the integrity to leave," he said. And those who remain need "to have the integrity to love each other and move together toward a common goal."

## HMB adopts budget, Tanner urges Canadian expansion

ATLANTA (BP)—It will be a devastating blow to the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust if the Southern Baptist Convention refuses to seat messengers from Canada. SBC Home Mission Board President William G. Tanner said in his annual report to the board.

Meeting in semi-annual session, the 82-member board adopted a record \$57.3 million budget for 1984, approved a mid-range plan with goals and objectives for the years 1984-1990, elected five new department directors and appointed and approved 46 missionaries.

In his report to the board, Tanner said a special committee appointed to study whether to seat messengers from Canadian Baptist churches faces three options.

The first is to recommend the Canadian Baptist messengers be seated, thus giving full recognition to Southern Baptist people and

churches in Canada. Tanner said this is the choice he hopes the committee will make. The second option is to defer or delay any action by the SBC concerning messengers from Canada, and the third is to recommend that messengers from Canada not be seated.

"I would rather delay any decision than to see the SBC register a negative vote," Tanner told the board, which offers assistance to churches in Canada through associations in New England and the Northwest with which they are already affiliated.

"I cannot conceive of anything potentially more devastating to Bold Mission Thrust than this kind of action," Tanner said.

Tanner told the board he had decided not to recommend a name change for the HMB because he did not want to interject a possible name change into the convention in Kansas City, where the Canadian study committee will bring its report.

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