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NEWSMAGAZINE



A time
of giving
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I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft / Executive Secretary

Positive people

There is something about a positive person which causes a stir. Among military it is called "command presence." Among scholars I believe it is called "dignified reserve." Among all us commoners it is the feeling that "real class" is in our midst.

The mere presence of a positive person sets in motion a number of very good things. Such was the case when Jesus appeared in Gederah (Matt. 8:28-29). This positive person was recognized by his disciples, and by the countrymen who owned the swine, but the acknowledgment of the demons was far reaching and significant. Without an official introduction they knew he was the son of God and they said it. They furthermore assumed, and wisely so, a defensive stance thus acknowledging this person's importance. Also they were aware of the final conclusion of their being. All this because a positive person came on the scene (Matt. 8:29).

The positive presence not only awakes the acknowledgment and fear from evil forces, but brings to the surface the inherent and innate strength of the forces of God. This is the reason leaders all seek to be positive in their person, purpose and position. Negative people drag others to their level of fear and darkness. Their influence is great because negativism is contagious.

Positive people, on the other hand, are always the ones who come forth with constructive solutions. They are the ones others seek to be near. They are sought out for opinions and advice. They alone hold the master key to the hidden secrets of abundant life and victorious achievement. This is why negative people feel uncomfortable when positive people are around.

A negative person is always on the defensive, always critical without recommendation, always against more than he is for, and at last he becomes demonic, fit only to dwell inside the dimensions of a swine below sea level. Negative people would do well to make a master chart framing sentences of everything which concerns them in positive terms. They should list the things they are for and frame a sentence which befits a victorious solution. They should spend some time before a mirror to examine the lines in their face caused by fear, dread, doubt, worry and the absence of a confident mood. They should then reaffirm their faith in the risen Christ and enter life anew with optimism and confidence commensurate with their renewal.

An optimistic TV announcer described a hard pressed football team by saying, "The trailing team is only 90 yards from evening up the score." The announcer was positive. Get what I mean?

I must say it!

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Because the Newsmagazine is issued 50 times each year, there will be no issue for Dec. 29. (The other issue is skipped near July 4.) The Dec. 22 issue will contain Sunday School lessons for Dec. 25 and for Jan. 1, and will feature the year-end index of the ABN.

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The joy of Christmas

The editor's page

J. Everett Sneed



In a few days Christmas will be arriving. Many eagerly await this thrilling occasion. One might ask, "What makes it different from any other day?" We could point to the excitement of gifts, the rapid beating hearts of children, the twinkle in the eyes of so many people, the joy of reunion with loved ones; but these should all be secondary. The primary reason for our joy should be the birth of our Lord.

The question arises, "What makes the birth of Christ different from the birth of any other great man?" The answer lies in the miraculous conception. Jesus is the product of God himself without physical union. There was never before any such event, there will never be another in the history of the world.

There continued to be a number who, like Harry Emerson Fosdick (famed author, teacher, and lecturer) proclaim that "intelligent people no longer believe in the virgin birth," so it becomes essential that we reassert this vital truth.

The doctrine of the incarnation is inseparably tied to the miraculous conception. Both Matthew and Luke give the details of Christ's birth. (Matt. 1:18-20; Luke 1:28-31). Luke, himself a medical doctor, gives these details regarding the angel's announcement to Mary, ". . . The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35).

Parenthetically, those who would deny the virgin birth point out that there are only two scriptures which give this information. It should be noted that one scripture is enough to establish a doctrine and that the text of Matthew and Luke are beyond question. Added to this is the faith of the early Christians. Barnett in *The Old Faith and Theology* (page 67), emphasizes, "There is, indeed, one unbroken stream of testimony by the great fathers and theologians of the early church on the virgin birth of our Lord; and although, I do not attach authoritative value to the teachings of these great fathers, yet it is impossible to lightly ignore a belief that has dominated the early church in an age so near that of our Lord."

The miraculous incarnation points to the prior existence of Christ, that is, that he existed before the creation of the world. (John 1:1-2; 1:3; 8:58; 17:5; 1:14; Col. 1:16-17; Phil. 2:6-7). From the scriptures it becomes evident that not only did the New Testament writers believe in the incarnation but Jesus himself asserted it.

The virgin birth is necessary to provide an adequate Saviour. In order for the gulf to be bridged

between man and God, it required one who, at the same time, was completely God and truly man. Jesus was man (Luke 2:52; John 4:6; Matt. 4:2), but he was God (John 10:30; 14:9; 19:7; Mark 2). So, if the scripture errs on this point, we are yet in our sins.

Further, the virgin birth ties into the sinless life of Christ. W. T. Conner (*Christian Doctrine*, page 52) tells us, "Luke 1:35 indicates that there was a connection between the holiness of Jesus and the fact that Mary was overshadowed by the power of the Most High. Would not his origin in such an act of the Holy Spirit help us to understand how, of all men, he is the only exception to the fact that men live under the domination of sin?"

We would note that inseparably tied to the virgin birth is the totality of the Lordship of Christ. The entire New Testament presents Christ as Lord in every area. He is Lord because of his pre-existence with the Father. He is Lord because of his unique birth and sonship. Since this is true, he is head of the church and has the right to total domination over every life.

Perhaps the most important question for each of us to answer is, "How should we celebrate the miraculous birth of our Lord?" Obviously, many of the things which accompany Christmas should not be the basis for joy for a Christian. As we reflect upon what God has done for each of us through Christ, it should move us away from the secular and to the realm of the spiritual.

During Christmas it would be well for each of us to recall the events which transpired during the birth of the King of Kings. From the outset our Lord found himself without a suitable place in which to enter the world. But in spite of the humble circumstances which surrounded his birth there were those who came to worship him and brought the best of their possessions. As we find true joy in Christmas, we too, will wish to give of our best to the Master. We should seek to return to God a small part of that which he has entrusted to us.

In reflecting upon what God has done for us in sending his son Jesus to earth, each of us should be inspired to reflect Christ in our daily activities. As we capture the true spirit of the marvelous birth of Christ let us seek to exhibit Christ in our daily activity.

As we enter into the excitement of Christmas, let our hearts leap with joy because we have a virgin born, miracle working, sinless, atoning, living, and someday returning Christ. As we meditate upon these truths and reflect them to those with whom we have contact, we will discover the true joy of Christmas.



One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

Paying the price for grandchildren

Those who know that Mrs. Grant and I have the two finest grandchildren on the face of the earth may suspect that I am about to share with the readers of this column some more superlatives about our grandson and granddaughter. I must confess that I have been tempted to do so more than once in recent weeks, especially as the genius, ability, character, and natural goodness of Tad and Allison have become increasingly obvious. However, Editor Sneed just might insist that all other grandparents be given equal time and space in this column, and it would be years before my turn to write rolled around again.

Actually, Southern Baptists have a different kind of grandchildren, and the Christmas season is a good time to give special attention to them. Ronald Goulding, staff associate of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke in my church recently and told a modern parable of

our relationship to Christian missions around the world. He spoke of visiting an exclusive store in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., hoping to buy some clothes for his grandchildren. On seeing the rather high prices, particularly for such small clothes, he expressed his shock at the prices to the clerk. The clerk smiled and said, "Yes, the prices are a bit high, but these are priced for the grandparents, not the parents!" Dr. Goulding said he thought about his grandchildren and paid the price without a whimper. Then he made the application to world mission support. Our Baptist churches have sent our children out as missionaries to every continent. In their Christian witnessing they have won new babes in Christ, the spiritual grandchildren of our 13,000,000 Southern Baptists. These grandchildren in all parts of the world need our help as they grow, mature, stand on their own feet, and move from the milk to the meat of the Gospel.

We must pay the price of being grandparents. We do this in a special way each year during the Christmas season as we give more generously and more sacrificially through the Lottie Moon offering for world missions. We do it regularly each week through the Cooperative Program, with our tithes and offerings finding their way week by week onto the mission fields. Arkansas Baptists can be pardonably proud of the steady increase in the percentage of our annual budget that goes outside the boundaries of our state. We can be grateful to the leadership of Charles Ashcraft and others in supporting the kind of budget formula that makes this possible.

A worthy goal for grandparents during Christmas would be to spend as much or more on our spiritual grandchildren on the mission fields, as we do on our wonderful physical grandchildren.



Woman's viewpoint

Evelyn K. Eubank

Celebrating Christmas

"How do you celebrate Christmas?" a woman asked. Her expression told me that my answer was unsatisfactory, even dull. When I returned the question she recited a long list of activities, ending with, "and I really tied one on at our office party — it wasn't safe for me to drive home." It was disturbing. I knew her attitude is representative of the many people who feel that without drinks there could be no celebration.

Some time later I made a new friend who was a German native and had come to this country as a war bride. She told me of the many surprises as she observed her first American Christmas. As she went shopping she watched a mother dragging a tired, cross child from store to store. When the child hesitated to see a Santa or toy display the mother snapped: "We don't have time to look. I have a lot more shopping to do!"

Then as family groups exchanged gifts she watched with disbelief as children

ripped through a large stack of expensive gifts, only to look around and say, "Is this all there is?" "My first thoughts were how Americans spend weeks, even months, preparing for Christmas and then it's all over in 15 minutes, with no time to enjoy it," she said.

As a child the season had opened for her family on December first and they had enjoyed and savored every part of the time. At least two days were given to eating lunch out and enjoying holiday decorations and displays. Then when Christmas eve came all businesses closed to allow families time to leisurely celebrate. She explained she adopted some of the American traditions while retaining the custom of taking time to enjoy Christmas, first with her children and now with her grandchildren.

These discussions whetted my appetite to compare celebrations of people of all ages. I know some of the folks I asked; others I did not. Their responses

confirmed my feeling: Tell me how you celebrate Christmas and I'll describe your regular lifestyle.

There's something about the holidays that brings out a more loving and charitable nature in all of us. We tend to think of those less fortunate, and extend greetings of peace and good will. Yet, as Christians, our celebration of Christmas should be but a continuation of our daily attitudes, our message of faith and hope. Like a gift magazine subscription that comes again and again, our giving should not be reserved for one season.

Several years ago I expressed it this way in a Christmas greeting:

It's not how much we pay for gifts or how many we may get,

It's not our decorations or the Christmas table set.

All these and Christmas parties are but a tiny part,

The kind of Christmas that we have is found within the heart!

Letters to the editor

Women's service

It is easy enough to quote scripture to support an old prejudice. Some of our forefathers did so for years in order to retain their black slaves with a clear conscience. After all, slavery was practiced even in the New Testament.

It is important that we look beyond our own prejudices into the true meaning of the word of God. If we do not, we allow our preconceived notions to limit the power of God. We become deaf to the voice of God as were the Pharisees who refused to accept Jesus. Their hearts were hardened because they were more interested in preserving the existing social order (and their exalted positions in it) than in seeing the work of God accomplished. This happens when we substitute our own ideas about the word of God for the word of God itself.

The thrust of the entire Bible is towards a oneness in Christ. Both male and female were created of God in His own image (Gen. 1:27); we are all sinners (Rom. 3:23); we are alike saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8); and we have each one received our gifts from the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7-11). We are equal in the sight of God. We are saved alike and called to serve alike. No discrimination has been made concerning salvation, neither should there be discrimination concerning service.

Deacons and ministers are literally servants of God. The attitude towards women described in the Bible is due to the social tenor of the times in which the Bible was written and was not meant to be a prescription for all generations come.

What good purpose is served by

limiting the service of women today? Who is man to question what God has called another to do? The value of my tithe has never been questioned on the basis that I am a woman; why question my right to serve in any way that God sees fit to call? The fields are white for harvest (John 4:35) and all workers are needed, not just those of the male gender. — Mary Fran Prottzman, Springdale

Be consistent

I would like to respond to two letters published recently in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* concerning the role of women in our church today. One letter stated there can be no argument for women being ordained, and the other letter stated women should keep quiet in the church and receive spiritual instruction from the husband at home (1 Cor. 14:34, 35). If we truly wish to maintain these viewpoints, I would like to point out what must be done to bring our Southern Baptist Convention in line with these ideas.

First we would have to do away with all women Sunday School teachers. Sunday School is a vital function of the church used for instruction in the Bible. In Paul's day the scriptures were taught only by men, to men; therefore, we should not have women teaching the Bible, and probably should not allow women in Sunday School for Bible study at all if we wish to be consistent with the one letter's viewpoint.

Now about ordaining women missionaries. If I read the Bible correctly it is the Holy Spirit who calls out missionaries, ". . . the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the

work whereunto I have called them." (Acts 13:2) This calling out, and subsequent laying on of hands (v. 3), was done before the first missionary journey was undertaken. It is the prerequisite for being a missionary and is what we consider as being ordained. If we cannot recognize a woman as being "called out" or ordained by God to the mission field then we have no business sending women as missionaries, home or abroad.

I write this hoping to point out what is included in saying there should not be any women ordained or speaking in churches. I feel we should reconsider our stand. — Charlie Winters, pastor, Liberty Baptist Church

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Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
December 4-11, 1977

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
National Goal: \$34,000,000

On the cover



Senior adult Christmas

The married young people of Calvary Church, Blytheville, have established a tradition of honoring the senior adults of their church with a Christmas party for them at the church. The fifth annual party was held at the Blytheville church Saturday, Dec. 10. The young marrieds cooked a generous meal for the seniors and their guests and put up hand-made decorations. After the meal, music and a speaker, the honorees were invited to fill a gift stocking with fruits, cookies, nuts and candy, which they could take home to serve their holiday guests. Among the honorees were Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Johnesee. Johnesee, 91, is a deacon in the church, and Mrs. Johnesee, who is confined to a wheelchair, teaches senior adult women. Presenting filled stockings to them are Judy Mills (left) and Carol Clark (right). (Photo by Curtis C. Duncan, Dell)

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May the good news of the Christ Child
 illuminate your Christmas, too.



This is our wish for you whom we serve—
 Your Baptist Building employees

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Executive Board elects committees

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<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>
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1980
Elmer Griever (Dist. 1)
Leslie Riherd (Dist. 3)

1980
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*Mrs. L. C. Carter
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*Ken Lilly
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*Raymond Morris
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Edward Powers
Eddie Simpson
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James Evans
John Gearing
James Hill
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*Paul Hurst
*Frank Lady
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Carel Norman
*Charles Northen
*Mrs. Clifford Palmer
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*Bill Roach
Milton Wilson

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention convened on Dec. 6 in the Markham Street Church, Little Rock. Much of the initial meeting was devoted to the orientation of new members. This orientation was done by a committee chairman as each of the Board's committees met separately.

James Hill, pastor, Central Church, Hot Springs, was elected vice president of the Board. All of the various committees of the Board were also elected.

The Executive Board voted to expand the camps and assemblies to include Adult Leadership training. No exact schedule for implementation was set. It was indicated after an indepth study, which included the Baptist Building staff, that a final report would be brought to the Executive Board.

The Board voted to provide funds for the Committee on Ministry to meet with the Operating Committee of the Executive Board to finalize a job description and to seek someone to serve as the director of the Department of Ministry on Crisis Support.

The Board voted to endorse the "Bold Mission Thrust" and to authorize Baptist Building personnel to proceed with the plan.

Reports were given on the progress of the Arkansas Baptist history, the Third Century BSU Campaign, Ouachita Baptist University, the Foundation and Family and Child Care, Lehman Webb, Field Missionary for Church Extension, in the Missions Department, was presented to the Board by Executive Secretary Charles Ashcraft.

The Executive Board elected committees from their membership as listed at the left.



First Church, Norman, on Sunday, Dec. 4, held a note burning service for indebtedness for a three-phase church expansion program that began in June of 1976 under the leadership of Joe Campbell, who is now living in Elaine. Burning the note were (left to right) Dan McCarter, treasurer; Harvey Hicks, a building committee member; Tom Abra, chairman of the building committee; and Ken Overton, pastor. (ABN photo)

Stewardship The money scare

Most people have a secret or known fear. Phobias lurk in the dark corners of our minds. Occasionally one of these fears jumps out and jeopardizes our well-being. One person's fear may be a friend to his neighbor.

A survey asked Americans to name their one greatest fear. A popular book, "The Book of Listings", names the things that scare most people.

Forty-one percent feared speaking in public. Thirty-two percent were afraid of high places. Twenty-two percent ranked three things in third place. Insects and bugs, financial problems and deep water were feared by an equal number of people.

Is there a relationship between the three that ranked third? People are bugged by money problems. Some get in over their heads before they cry for help.

A Texas pastor dreaded budget preparation. He feared how the budget committee might react to suggestions. He got jittery every fall when the church voted on a new budget. He felt he was on trial and would have been happy to skip the annual emphasis. Talk about money caused him problems.

Members sometimes fear financial problems in a church. Those who desire to bring back small budgets fear increases. The unfaithful predict bankruptcy when a church challenges its members to opportunity giving. The timid look for large cash reserves rather than project faith through their pocket-books.

Caution is essential in any institution that depends upon the kindness and liberality of people. Extravagance and waste are inexcusable. Churches are affected by economic trends.

But Christ said enough about money to diminish our fears. His parables emphasize good management, accountability and productivity. Christians who are faithful stewards shouldn't possess too many monetary fears.

Paul didn't fear financial problems. He emphasized good stewardship. He wrote the Corinthians about their opportunities as he commended the Macedonians for their generosity. Trust, not fear, is the mark of a faithful steward. — James A. Walker, Secretary of Stewardship



Looking ahead: Arkansas events

December 1977

25 Student Day at Christmas
29-30 Youth Evangelism Conference, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock

January 1978

2-6 Make Your Will Month
Bible study week (Exodus)
5-6 Baptist Building staff retreat
8 Soul-Winning Commitment Day
9 Registration spring semester, Southern Baptist College
10 Associational Sunday School faculty training, Calvary Church, Little Rock
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15 Christian Wills Sunday
16 Area Family Ministry Workshops, Calvary, Ft. Smith, and Northvale, Harrison (Church Training)
17 Area Family Ministry Workshops, Nettleton, Jonesboro, and Second, Forrest City (Church Training)
17-18 Registration spring semester, Ouachita Baptist University
18 Area Family Ministry Workshops, Immanuel, Pine Bluff, and Beech Street, Texarkana (Church Training)
19 Area Family Ministry Workshops, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, and East Main, El Dorado (Church Training)
22 Baptist Men's Day
23-25 Evangelism Conference, Ft. Smith, First
27-28 Act VIII, Benton, First (WMU)
30 Area Preschool/Children's Workshops, Walnut Street, Jonesboro; Fayetteville, First; Russellville, Second; and El Dorado, First (Church Training)
31 Area Preschool/Children's Workshops, Forrest City, First; Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith; and Southside, Pine Bluff (Church Training)

Mountain echoes of church growth

The deacon family ministry plan

by Kenneth Threet
(Last in a series)

The spiritual leadership of deacons has made one of the most significant contributions to First Church, Mountain Home, growth and development. When deacons are led to assume their God-given role the church will be strengthened.



Dr. Threet

It was a family-related need that brought the office of deacon into focus. Seven laymen in the early church, who worked with the apostles in meeting the economic distress of the widows, are looked upon as the forerunners of modern deacons. No ministry is more rewarding for deacons and helpful to churches than a personal ministry to church families.

The Deacon Family Ministry plan is

dividing the church membership into equal groups and assign them to a deacon who is given the responsibility by the church for ministering to the families in his group. He is to visit them, care for them and share with them in life's joys as well as its sorrows.

As deacons show concern for families they will know the church really cares for them. As they understand the task of the church, families will participate in the church's activities. When personal needs and family needs are being ministered to by the church, the church fellowship will always be enhanced. When the church shows concern, it is very obvious to the community. All of us need to know that somebody cares. People in Mountain Home know that First Church does care and they want in on it. Thus, many seek to share fellowship with us.

Kenneth Threet is pastor of First Church, Mountain Home.

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 Fitzgerald, James, serving as interim pastor of Providence Church 2/24p5; Named Distinguished Baptist Minister 6/2p5; To be honored by Paragould First Church 7/14p7
 Fleming, Bill, interim pastor of Oak Bowery Church 8/25p7; Assumes pastorate of Oak Bowery Church 11/10p6
 Flemmons, John, to be minister of music-youth at Eagle Heights Church, Harrison 1/27p8
 Flesher, Luke M., selected to appear in Who's Who in Religion 12/8p8
 Flynt, William T., to serve on Board of Southeastern Seminary 7/14p6
 Focht, Bob, Director of Special Ministries for Pulaski County Association, presents slide program to men of Geyer Springs Church, Little Rock 1/20p7
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 Franklin, C. J., minister of youth and outreach at Van Buren First Church 6/9p5
 Fraser, Otis Oren, dies in Searcy hospital 12/8p8
 Freeman, Tommy, to pastor Keo Church 8/4p6
 Freemyer, Kenneth, resigns as pastor of Trinity Church, Ft. Smith 9/15p5
 Fried, Dr. and Mrs. David, working in Southern Baptist Hospital in Ghana 9/1p6
 Frizzell, Gregg, is pianist at England First Church 11/17p13
 Fulton, Gary, called to serve as pastor of Maple Grove Church near Trumann 3/31p7; Ordained to ministry 5/19p5
 Furloughing Missionaries briefed about state work 9/22p9

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Gaddy, C. Welton, leaves CLC to assume pastorate 4/28p6
 Gallegly, Andy Rudy, of Little Rock receives degree from Southwestern Seminary 1/6p6
 Gambling commission due award for stupidity (GE) 1/13p3
 Gardner, James, of Blytheville attends Brotherhood Commission meeting — Visits with President Carter 6/2p9
 Garland, William C., Jr., accepts pastorate of First Church, DeQueen 10/20p10
 Garner, Gayer, surrenders to special service 9/1p6
 Garner, Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy, honored by Trinity Association 10/27p5
 Garner, Rufus, ordained as deacon of Danville First Church 2/10p6
 Garrison, Art, ordained as deacon of Open Door Church at Rogers 3/3p6
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 Gaston, Bill, assumes pastorate of Vine Prairie Church near Mulberry 11/10p6
 Gately, Rev. and Mrs. Harold, and son Rusty, return to Korean mission field 8/4p6
 Gates, Mary Massey, of Crossett receives degree

from Southern Seminary 1/6p6

Gates, Richard, assumes position of music and youth minister at West Church, Batesville 11/24p9

Gates, Rick, is serving as minister of youth for Wat-tensaw Church, Lenoke 6/23p6

Gay, Donald Clifford, of Benton awarded diploma in theology from Southwestern Seminary 5/19p5

Gentry, Lewis, pastor of East Mission in Wynne 5/12p5

Gilbreath, Paul, accepts call as minister of music and youth with Kelo Church 6/30p5

Gill, Willis Elmo, of North Little Rock dies 7/28p7

Given, Gordie, pastoring Calton Church 9/1p6

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Glover, Jim, resigns as pastor of Oak Grove Church 10/27p5

Golf tournament winners announced 8/25p9

Golden Gate Seminary faculty signs faith statement 12/8p12

Goodson, Carl, chosen to receive the Life Service Award from Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo. 11/3p6

Gordon, Billy, ordained to ministry by Monroe Church 3/10p7

Gordon, Terrel, is interim pastor of Johnson First Church 9/22p7

Gowdy, Dale, pastoring Oak Grove Church, Van Buren 2/17p6

Gowens, Hugh, pastoring Woodland Church 6/2p5

Gowens, Hugh, resigns as pastor of Botkinburg Church 6/9p5

Graber, Eddie, attends youth evangelism conference 5/12p5

Graham, Billy, clarifies views on alcoholic beverages 2/3p13

Gramling, Marion, to be evangelist for Forrest City Second Church revival 2/3p6

Grant, Dan, delivers address at the state education committee workshop in Mobile, Ala. 9/1p6

Grant, Marian, a Christian activist who gets things done 9/22p24

Grayson, Larry, resigns as music and youth director at Cullendale First Church, Camden 6/9p5

Greer, Amos, pastor of Brown's Chapel in Greene County 3/31p7

Greer, John, is associate pastor of Harlan Park Church, Conway 9/29p10

Grider, Joel, resigns as pastor of Harris Chapel 9/29p10

Griffith, Robin, doing summer mission work in Zambia 6/16p9

Grimes, Carl, ordained as deacon of Clarendon First Church 2/10p6

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Gurganus, Mrs. Alice, honored by Geyer Springs Church, Little Rock 2/17p7

Guthrie, James E., pastor of Pleasant Grove Church near Harrisburg 12/8p8

Gwin, Lee, resigns as pastor of Crumpton Mission 9/1p6

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Hair, Bill, called as summer youth director of Lexa Church 6/2p5

Hair, Bill and Beth, are summer youth directors at Lexa Church 6/30p5

Hairston, T. B., licensed to preach 9/29p10

Halbert, John, ordained as deacon of Lakeshore Drive Church, Little Rock 2/10p6

Hall, Charles E., assumes pastorate of Eastside Church, DeWitt 6/9p5

Haley, Selbert, to pastor Southside Church, Fayetteville, 9/22p7

Haisell, Aubrey, is interim pastor of Crossett First Church 8/18p7

Haltom, Homer, begins fourth year as pastor of Hoxie First Church 7/14p7

Hampton, James E., named field representative for Eastern Africa by SBC Foreign Mission Board 11/24p5

Handbell choirs attend festival 3/24p18

Harbuck, Don B., to be visiting professor at Southern Seminary 5/19p5; Speaks at seminary chapel service 8/25p6; Honored on 15th anniversary by First Church, El Dorado 10/20p11

Hardin, Mrs. Mary Emma, receives 35-year attendance pin 1/13p5

Hardin, Philip Wayne, serving as minister of music and youth at Levy Church, North Little Rock 3/3p6

Hargett, Bert, resigns as pastor of Egypt Church 4/21p5; Called as bus director and children's work coordinator by North Main Church, Jonesboro 10/27p4

Hargett, Terry, honored by North Main Church, Jonesboro 4/21p5

Harper, Don, is pastor of Boxley Church 7/21p5

Harris, Philip B., Secretary of Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, visits Arkansas 5/12p16; Harris, Philip, at retirement plans for future 6/23p24

Harris, James G., dies of heart attack 8/18p19

Harris, Tom L., of Hartford receives master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary 5/19p5

Harvey, J. A., resigns as pastor of Rupert Church 6/9p5

Hatfield, Miss Ancel, to be music director of Johnson Church 1/20p7; Resigns as music director 9/8p5

Hatfield, Lawson Gerald Jr., of Little Rock receives master of church music degree from Southern Seminary 6/9p5; Resigns as minister of music at Lakeshore Drive Church, Little Rock 12/1p5

Hatton, Mrs. Alvin, speaks at Immanuel Church, Warren, 9/8p5

Hatzfield, Bob, observes tenth anniversary as minister of music at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock 3/24p8

Hays, David, is interim music and youth director of Alma First Church 7/21p5

Hefner, A. H., resigns as pastor of Felsenenthal Church, Huttig 6/2p5

Hegarty, Mike, is youth director at Lewisville First Church 6/9p5

Helm, Delbert Neil, of Lincoln receives degree from Southwestern Seminary 1/6p6

Helms, Fred, serving as minister of music for Forty-Seventh Street Church in North Little Rock 3/24p8

Henderson, David, summer youth director for Blytheville First Church 5/26p5; Serving as part-time youth director 11/3p6

Henderson, Larry, named an "Outstanding Young Man of America" 6/2p5

Henderson, Perry, is pastor of Moro Church 6/2p5; Dies with heart attack 9/1p6

Hendrix, Tommy, pastor of El Paso Church 8/18p7

Henson, Frank, pastoring Midway Church 8/18p7

Herring, R. Wilbur, of Jonesboro conducts revivals in Alabama and Georgia 4/7p8; Dr. and Mrs. Herring honored as they begin ninth year of service at Central Church, Jonesboro 10/27p5

Herrington, Jim, observes second anniversary as minister of youth at Fayetteville First Church 9/8p5; Resigns position with Fayetteville First Church 12/8p8

Heskett, Rev. and Mrs. John P., assigned to mission work in Mexico 8/18p6

Hickey, David, serving as pastor of Cabot Second Church 5/5p8

Higginson Church tests plan for Sunday School growth 7/28p10-11

Hill, Mrs. Danny, serving as music director for Caledonia Church 9/22p7

Hill, Gary, pastor of Wildwood Church, El Dorado 6/2p5

Hill, R. A., printer became preacher (F) 6/2p10

Hinkson, Charley, to be ordained as deacon by Old Union Church 2/17p7

Hinkson, Phil, resigns as pastor of Faith Church 11/24p9

Hinson, Gary, pastoring Plainview Church, Dardanelle-Russellville Association 11/17p13

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Hodges, Al, receives Master of Divinity Degree from New Orleans Seminary 5/26p5

Holley, Deborah, featured in November issue of "Event," a leisure-reading magazine for youth 11/17p13

Holloway, Bill, to serve as associate pastor of Life Line Church, Little Rock 5/12p5

Holt, Charles Edward, of England dies 3/3p7

Holt, Paul M., pastor of Third Street Church, Arkadelphia 4/14p9

Home Mission Board releases information on funds to an ordained woman 11/17p4

Home missions 'cut mustard' expert says 2/10p24

Horne, Larry, is pastor of Emmanuel Church, Hot Springs, 6/16p8

Horton, James "Jim", named to 1977-78 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities

and Colleges 12/8p8

Hotard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, assist with Michigan mission revival 5/12p5

Hough, John, joins staff of Little Rock Second Church 6/16p9

House, John, resigns as pastor of Weiner Church 5/26p5

Howell, Carley, family leaves to join staff of Oneida Institute of Eastern Kentucky 11/17p13

Hoyle, Vee, is pastor of Southside Mission, Warren 7/28p7

Hubbard, Danny, serving as interim pastor of Martinville Church 11/24p9

Huff, William, of Rosie dies 4/21p5

Huffman, Alvin 'Bo', elected chairman of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis 1/6p6

Hughes, Jim, ordained as deacon of Watson Chapel, Pine Bluff 3/3p7

Humbard, Mrs. Earl, resigns as secretary of Pulaski County Association 6/2p5

Hume, Kimberly Ann, is summer missionary for Washington-Madison Association 6/16p8

Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. James, to be honored on 50th wedding anniversary 3/24p8; Honored on anniversary 5/5p8

Hunger Crisis - Allen praises SBC efforts 10/13p9

Hunnicut, Dr. and Mrs. Loyd L., to be honored with Appreciation Day by Central Church, Magnolia 3/31p7; Appreciation Day held 4/21p10

Hunt, Gary L., ordained to ministry 5/12p5

Hurt, John J., retiring after 30 years as editor of Texas paper 7/28p20

Hurt, Leland, of Blytheville participates in Tennessee revival 4/7p8; Serving as minister of music and education at First Church, North Little Rock 10/6p7

Hutchens, Jim, speaks at Conway First 1/27p8

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Ivy, Bob, is pastor of Third Avenue Church, Paragould, 12/1p5

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Jackman, Phil, ordained to ministry 3/17p5
 Jackson, Ben, ordained as deacon of Open Door Church at Rogers 3/3p6
 Jackson, Bobby, called as pastor of Oak Grove Church, Pochontas 5/19p7
 Jackson, Johnny, preaches revival in Dallas, Tex., 3/31p7; Observes 11th anniversary with Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock 6/16p9
 Jackson, Johnny, Jr., accepts call to become pastor of Twin Lakes Chapel, Little Rock 7/14p8
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 James, Marvin E., pastoring Harvey's Chapel, Hot Springs 5/5p8
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 Jeans, David, ordained to gospel ministry 7/28p7
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 Jernigan, Barry, to be associate pastor of Calvary Church, Paragould 1/20p6
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 Johnson, C. A., observes eighth anniversary as pastor of Paragould First Church 9/1p6
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 Johnson, Curtis, honored by Harmony Church, El Dorado, 6/23p6
 Johnson, Danny, is pastoring Marsden Church 7/28p7
 Johnson, Herbert, continuing in full time music evangelism 2/17p7
 Johnson, James B., writer for "Encounter" 6/16p8
 Johnson, Loyce Marie, of Cash receives degree from Southwestern Seminary 1/6p6
 Johnson, Mrs. Mildred M., dies in Hot Springs 6/23p6
 Johnson, Pamela J., of Hot Springs receives master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary 6/9p5
 Johnson, Raymond, resigns as pastor of Memorial Church, Blytheville, 5/26p5
 Johnson, Scott, joins staff of Centennial Church, Pine Bluff 7/28p7
 Joiner, W. D. (Dub) Jr., elected associate editor of Christian Index 9/1p8
 Jones, Rev. and Mrs. Doy L., appointed by Foreign Mission Board to serve in Ecuador 10/27p5
 Jones, Harold, Jr., of North Little Rock receives master of music degree from Southwestern Seminary 5/19p5; Appointed to church music teaching staff at Golden Gate Seminary 6/16p9
 Jones, Jack B., of Little Rock dies suddenly 3/3p7
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 Kelley, Steve, is associate pastor of Nalls Memorial Church, Little Rock 6/9p5
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 King, Mitchell, ordained by Woodland Corner Church 1/20p7
 Kinsey, Mike, joins staff of Lavaca First Church 6/16p8
 Kirk, Anita Marie, of Fayetteville receives master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary 5/19p5
 Knighton, Gerald, resigns as pastor of Earle Church 3/31p7
 Knott, Bill, resigns as pastor of Buie Church near Prattsville 11/24p9
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 Lane, Joe, resigns as minister of youth and music at Morrilton 5/5p9
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 Langley, Martha Bingham, dies in Eureka Springs 1/13p5
 Langston, Dr. Bob, of Harrison chosen as BSU Man of Year 12/8p8
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 Lanman, Richard, resigns as pastor of West Hartford Church 10/20p10
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 Lewis, H. Lee, honored by Arkansas House of Representatives in a House Resolution 3/3p6; Serving as associate pastor of Wakefield First Church 7/14p7; Pastor of Woodson Church 8/18p6
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 McCracken, Tammy, is summer youth and recreation director for Central Church, Jonesboro 6/16p8
 McCree, Dave, ordained as deacon of Levy Church, North Little Rock 5/19p6
 McCustion, Debra Ann, approved for training as missionary journeyman 5/5p6; Missionary journeyman to Liberia, Africa 7/28p7
 McDaniels, Paul Dean, called as pastor of Bates Church 5/19p8
 McDonald, Erwin L., named as one of eight regional volunteer directors for volunteer center by Gov. David Pryor 2/17p7; Named to Gov. Pryor's committee to study Arkansas Department of Corrections 5/19p5; Writes study series for SBC 6/16p8; To be included in 4th Edition of Who's Who in the World 8/4p6
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McKee, Dan, resigns as administrator of Fayetteville First Church 6/23p6
 McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. E. O., celebrate 50th wedding anniversary 6/16p8
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 McNeil, John, selected as Teacher of Year at Des Arc High School 6/9p5
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Smith, Butler, is pastor of Ravenden Springs Church 10/13p5
Smith, Curtis, to participate in New Zealand Crusade 1/20p6
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Smith, Jerry Lynn, of Harrison receives degree from Southwestern Seminary 1/6p6
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Hope for a better day

Dec. 25, 1977

Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4

Christmas Day! A day of hope.

It is for most people. But not all. Despair invades the Christmas scene.

A lady in Houston couldn't take life any longer. Her husband called me on Christmas day. He requested that I come as quickly as possible. I knew it was urgent when he said, "She just blew her brains out."

How could one get so down that life was completely hopeless on Christmas Day? Neither time nor reason has provided an answer.

The affairs of men and nations aren't always bright. Micah lived in dark days. His people walked with bowed heads. But the prophet dared to hope. He shared this hope with others.

The times were bad

Politically, the ancient Near East boiled with turmoil, change, and strife. Assyria invaded and destroyed Israel in 722 B.C. The fallen Northern Kingdom no longer provided a buffer for the Southern Kingdom.

Jerusalem lived with foreign threats. Isaiah remained firm in his conviction that the city would stand. Micah felt nothing could prevent its fall.

Socially, Micah's world was a crisis. He pitied his neighbors in small villages who were the victims of the wealthy. Evil thrived in the cities. The people were materialistic, sophisticated, and cruel.

Greed marked the wealthy. They laid awake at night thinking of ways to exploit the poor. With greed, they planned their sins.

Wicked men abused their neighbors and lost a sense of justice. They loved evil, hated righteousness, and scarcely recognized the difference.

Kyle Yates described the moral conditions. "The judges were venal, the priests were immoral and corrupt, the prophets were hirelings, the nobles took peculiar delight in fleecing the poor."

The religious atmosphere reflected political and social conditions. Micah described false prophets who preached what the people wanted to hear. "If a man should go about and utter wind and lies, saying, 'I will preach to you of wine and strong drink,' he would be the preacher for this people" (2:11, RSV).



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They preached to please because they preached for profit. They desired luxury and their mercenary approach to ministry fulfilled their greedy aspirations.

Judah's sins called for judgment. In chapters 1-3, Micah detailed conditions that made judgment necessary.

But he saw more than judgment. Projections of doom were tempered by hope. He didn't hide from the terrible conditions. Nor did he become a cynical prophet without hope for a better age.

A prophet among them

God placed prophets among his people to lift their spirits. Evil conditions did not kill their hopes.

It's the business of a prophet to tell it like it is in order to tell it like God desires it to be. Given Micah's times, some prophets could see nothing but despair.

What did Micah say to give hope? Judah lived on the edge of the Exile. Micah spoke to them of the "last days." The phrase may refer to the hopes they had of returning to their homeland after a period of judgment. Others think the reference applied to a final day of redemption. However it may be interpreted, it was a day of hope. It was Micah's word from God that regardless of circumstances, God had something better for his people.

God moves in and through history. The world isn't out of his control. The universe will ultimately submit to his will. Our faith in God's purpose is more than wishful thinking. It is hope.

Micah's day of hope took shape. He saw the glory of God touching many nations (v. 1-2). His suspicion of the city, as the source of evil, was tempered. He joined Abraham who looked for that city "whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10).

Home projects a day of peace. Verse 3 is quoted frequently and with great longing. This verse has been described as "an oasis in the midst of desolations of wickedness and injustices."

Is it too much to hope for an ultimate day of peace? Not when it is designed by God. Peace loving people hope for the age when war and preparation for it will no longer engage the energies of nations.

Fig trees and vines were symbols of peace for Judah. Micah saw "everyone . . . among his own vineyards and fig trees (v. 4, TEV). John saw peace, just as real but in a different setting. "There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be anymore pain" (Rev. 21:4).

A place and a person

Hope can't remain a theory. It isn't an academic question for discussion only. Hope has geographic and time settings.

Micah did more than build mirages for his people. The visions were not dreams. They had substance in history.

Bethlehem was located a few miles southwest of Jerusalem. Ephrathah referred to the region where it was located. God had already honored the village by calling David from its humble ranks. Israel's greatest king came, not from a city's splendor, but from Bethlehem, one village among the thousands of Israel.

Verse 2 is nothing less than God's address to the ancient village concerning her future destiny.

God put geography into hope. "Joseph went . . . to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David" (Luke 2:4, TEV). He moved silently in history upon the little place.

Hope needs more than a place. It needs a person. Micah incorporated the Messianic hope. He presented a coming ruler whose highest glory harmonized with God's will.

Luke's description of Christ's birth follows Micah's hope. The angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased" (Luke 2:14, TEV).

The Messiah came. He gave hope. On this day of hope we hear him speak to weary people. "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28, TEV).

We anticipate a better day because we look back to that day when God incarnate came to earth. We keep our ears tuned for peace because the angels celebrated his birth in Bethlehem.

Only God can design and bring to pass a better day. It has spiritual foundations not found in political maneuverings nor social upheavals. Hope follows God's movement through history and we who follow him do not despair.

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God knows no foreigners

Ruth 1:1-5; 2:1-3; 4:13-17

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Some things are universal.

I watched a soccer game from my eighth floor hotel room in Cairo, Egypt. Excited fans encouraged their teams. The cheers from the stadium were similar to those that rise from stadiums all across America on Saturday afternoon.

The next day our guide took us through a crowded slum to an ancient church. Along the way, a child cried behind a closed door. It was a familiar sound. The baby's cry could be heard in any city or village.

God knows no tongue or color. He didn't create any foreigners. It's people who design boundaries and build walls.

Scholars debate the purpose of the book of Ruth. It wasn't written for mere entertainment. The author's purpose was universal, not national. The book stresses Ruth's foreignness. The events of Ruth can be chronicled in any daily newspaper.

Tragedies

Tragedies are universal. No race is so favored that it escapes the woes of humanity. The opening lines of Ruth detail the adversities that plague all people.

One of the oldest calamities is famine. Ruth opens with these words: "There was a famine in the land" (v. 1, TEV).

Israel was the land of milk and honey. Bethlehem was the house of bread. Famine struck. People were hungry. The fruitful land turned barren. A marginal soil refused to produce.

The writer did not separate the famine described in Ruth from the disasters described in Judges. God's people forgot him. They disobeyed and one of the judgements for disobedience was a land that would "not produce crops" and trees that would not "bear fruit" (see Lev. 26:19, TEV).

Famine is a modern tragedy. Author Simon in *Bread for the World* points out that 460 million people are victims of hunger.

Elimelech could not stand the famine. Like Abraham when he went to Egypt, and later Jacob who sent his sons in search of grain, Elimelech moved Naomi and their two sons to Moab. They became a part of a mobile generation. They pulled up their roots and settled in a strange land.



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Uprooting may not be a tragedy but it can be damaging to the individuals involved and to society at large. One out of five American families will move this year. Some will never feel accepted. The soul of a nation is often revealed in the restlessness of its people.

Misfortune struck the small Hebrew family again. Elimelech died. Naomi was left with two young sons. They married two Moabite girls. About ten years later both sons died. Running from death by famine, Naomi ran into death from other causes. She could not out-run death.

Death is as common as life. No race has found eternal youth. Though the hope for survival never dies, all people become casualties of the grim reaper.

There's another tragedy that marks humanity. After Naomi lost her husband and two sons, she "was left all alone" (v. 5, TEV). Loneliness added to her afflictions. Hopes for life, born in the search for bread, were dashed.

Loneliness is universal. You can see it in the faces of lonely people who walk lonely streets and stare into the faces of other lonely people. The misadventures of life touch Americans and Africans, Asians and Europeans. God hasn't made any strangers to loneliness.

God did not forget the little family as tragedy took repeated swipes at their fortunes. He was aware of the events that shook the foundations of their existence.

Tasks

Life continued in the face of tragedy. Naomi didn't withdraw. She felt the urge to return to her homeland. Her weeping daughters-in-law expressed a desire to cast their lot with Naomi. She discouraged them thinking life would be better in Moab.

Ruth, with moving words of devotion, would not remain in her country. She and Naomi returned to Bethlehem where the women could not believe the lines sorrow had etched (see v. 19).

The widows returned at the beginning of barley harvest. Ruth joined the workers in gathering grain. She did not let death or sorrow distract from the necessary tasks of living.

God intermingled the bad fortunes of a Moabite woman with the "rich and influential" Boaz. He was a kinsman of Naomi and felt a special attraction toward the widow who gleaned scat-

tered grains.

God provided a law for strangers and foreigners. "When you gather your crops and fail to bring in some of the grain that you have cut, do not go back for it; it is to be left for the foreigners, orphans, and widows" (Deut. 24:19, TEV).

Implementation of the law depended upon Boaz's kindness. He didn't let personal greed overshadow his neighbor's needs.

Nor can Ruth's devotion to duty be over-looked. She didn't consider herself too proud to go to the fields. She didn't accuse God for her condition. She humbly accepted reality and tried to improve on it.

Ruth wasn't turned off by the daily tasks of survival. She didn't mope in her sorrows or become an irresponsible person passing the time of day.

God didn't make any foreigners when it comes to work. The man with a hoe and the solitary thinker have something in common. God gives all of us tasks to perform. Work is one venture where all people find identity.

Triumphs

Boaz's interest in Ruth caused him to make discrete inquiries about the woman who worked from morning to night. He requested his employees to honor her presence. The gleaners were asked to leave extra grain.

This Hebrew fulfilled the law's demands. He was generous to aliens; a friend to strangers. He triumphed over prejudice.

A romance developed between Boaz and Ruth. The community approved of a marriage between a Moabite woman and a Hebrew man.

The story reads like a fairy tale. It had a happy ending. "Boaz took Ruth home as his wife. The Lord blessed her, and she became pregnant and had a son" (4:13, TEV). Triumph came out of tragedy. The toils of the day brought rewards.

Naomi, once a bitter widow, rejoiced that the Lord had given her a grandson. Not just any grandson but Obed who "became the father of Jesse, who was the father of David" (4:17, TEV).

Where are the people who don't have tragedies? Name a race that doesn't toil for daily bread. Every nation can point with pride to the triumphs of its sons and daughters.

God knows no foreigners. We all go through common experiences. And as we go, some discover that God isn't a stranger to our needs, but a Father who loves and provides.

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The Word made flesh

Dec. 25, 1977

John 1:1-5, 9-18

Christmas Day,
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Sunday's lesson is the last in a four session unit entitled "Who is Jesus?"

Since Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year, perhaps the celebration of Christ's birthday will have an even greater significance for Christians.

To most people, birthdays have special meaning. Perhaps you have had occasion recently to participate in the celebration of a birthday. It may have been your own birthday or that of a son, a daughter, or even a grandchild. Such events bring happiness and gladness to many.

It is good to help with the birthday celebration of those we love and cherish. How much more, then, should be our joy today as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Christmas is a time of thanksgiving for the Child of Bethlehem's manger. We echo the words of Isaiah in our rejoicing: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given" (Isa. 9:6a, RSV).

John sought to magnify Jesus throughout the entire Gospel. He described and presented him in an accurate and worthy manner. Let us rejoice that believing faith in the Christ wins life everlasting for every believer.

The Word and God (John 1:1-2)

John showed in a clear and concise way that the "word of the Lord" which came to Israel was wonderfully expressed in Jesus. He was interested in depicting the Word as being fulfilled in a person. As the Word (Logos), Christ is forever the fulfillment of all that God represents.

Verse 1 begins with the same words used in the book of Genesis. Christ was active even in his pre-incarnate state. John states that the Word (Greek term is Logos), meaning or designating Christ, was with God, and was God from the very beginning of existence. Since God had no beginning, this means that he already was. Even as God was always in existence, the Son Jesus is co-eternal with him. John indicates that both God



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and the Word are eternal.

The Jews had a wrong conception of the Word. They thought that the Torah — the law — brought God to them. This law had come to them through Moses and the prophets. Everything represented the past. To them, God was the God of the past and the dead.

John proclaimed the good news that God had not forsaken his people. God sent another Word when he sent his son, Jesus, in the form of a person.

In specifying Christ as the Word, John was emphasizing the truth that Jesus is the personification of God, not some smaller or lesser being than God. Christ is God's Word — his message — to man.

The Word and creation (John 1:3-5)

John continues to assert that God is good. He states that everything came into existence by God through the Logos, the Word.

Verse 3 shows that "things" (creation) had a point of beginning. The Word is forever, eternal, without a beginning.

Verse 4 declares "In him was life." The word "life" indicates both physical and spiritual life. Not only was the Word the agent of the creation of all things, but the Word was also the fount from which all life came.

Verse 5 points up the truth that sinful man is in a terrible darkness. The eternal Christ who came in the flesh to dwell among men — that Word is the only hope of men everywhere. Christ is forever the shining, brilliant light that leads sinful man to experience God's supreme love and redemption from sin.

A light for all men (John 1:9-13)

Man was totally unprepared for the coming of the universal light. The world which God had created was quick to reject him. The Jews could not possibly believe that the Word — Jesus Christ — could be both God and man. To them, he was a man whom God had adopted in a very unique manner. Man was not open to receive the real news. Man closed his eyes to the brilliant Light of life.

While the nation as a whole failed to believe in Jesus, there were some people who did receive him into their

hearts. To those who trusted him, Jesus gave, and continues to give the authority or the right to become the children of God. He also allows his children to be assured of this wonderful relationship.

It is not through physical birth that the transformation takes place. Man can only trust himself to Jesus who has the power over both life and death. John asserts that the act of saving mankind is God's work, not man's. It is because of God's power (not man's goodness) that mankind receives salvation.

Word was made flesh (John 1:14-18)

John is careful to emphasize that this same Word became a human being and lived among us. That person, Jesus Christ, was filled with grace and truth. Men witnessed his glory but failed to receive him. Surely Jesus was and is God; he came from God to remain awhile in the flesh with man. There were those who did receive him and to them he gave the power to become the sons of God. This miraculous event happened because people placed their belief and trust in him. Do we find this message difficult to take in? Christ's deity is truly affirmed in these verses. Jesus is identified as the true Light. He is ready and willing to receive every man who comes to him in faith. Though we may not fully understand the incarnation, faith allows us to accept the truth of God's Word. Faith enables us to believe in the Logos — the Word — Jesus Christ, Son of God, the son of Mary. It is this same Jesus, our Saviour, whose birthday we celebrate today!

Oh, the magnitude of such a message which John relates to the world. We need not grope in darkness because God showed his concern in a marvelous act of self-giving in Jesus. Christ came to rid us of guilt and sin. He continues to assure us of a place with the Father, and with him.

However, man must act. He must seek to live out the full implications of a genuine commitment to Christ. Jesus must be the real hub of man's entire existence. He must become the very center of our being.

Would not this be a worthy resolution for the new year: to make Christ the very hub of my life.

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Self-interest versus self-giving

John 11:45-50; 12:1-8

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For the next three lessons we will study "The Way of the Cross," a unit based on John 11:45 —13:30. The lessons will consider the way of the cross as the life-style (way of living) for the Christian. As the Lord said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). Our first lesson contrasts self-interest and self-giving demonstrated in the lives of three people upon the raising of Lazarus by Jesus.



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Caiaphas: "Let's be expedient." (11:45-50)

Many Jews were present to console the family of Lazarus upon his death. When Jesus raised him from the dead a division occurred among those comforters. Many believed on Jesus when they witnessed his works. Others left to go to the Pharisees to report to them what Jesus was doing. The Pharisees opposed Jesus because he disregarded their interpretations of the law which had become traditional. Their opposition to him had become so intense that his life was in danger (John 11:8).

It was Jesus' purpose in raising Lazarus from the dead to convince the people that he was the Son of God (11:4, 25, 26, 40-42). But the miracle brought more opposition as it aroused the Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. The chief priests and the Pharisees called for a special meeting of the Sanhedrin, the high court of the Jews. The court, made up of chief priests, elders, and scribes, had legislative, judicial, and administrative powers. At the time it reviewed the report on the raising of Lazarus, most of its members were Pharisees. All of the priests, however, were Sadducees, who because of their position and power collaborated with the Romans. The Sanhedrin was faced with the fact that Jesus was a miracle worker. This caused fear in their hearts as they believed many of the Jews would become his followers and cause civil disorder, which the Romans would not tolerate. They knew that Rome would deal harshly with any civil disorder and they might lose nation and personal position as a consequence.

Caiaphas, who occupied the office of chief priest from A.D. 18 to A.D. 36, was a Sadducee. His reply "You foolish" to the distress of the Sanhedrin about Jesus was typical of the arrogance of the Sadducees. He was probably criticizing the Pharisees for their failure to destroy Jesus. Now it was time for the Sadducees to take charge. Caiaphas' solution to their dilemma was to do what was expedient. He would use any means or method without regard for fairness or rightness to gain personal advantage. It was expedient that Jesus die to save the nation. For personal and political needs, Jesus should be put to death.

Verses 51 and 52 amplify the underlying significance of Caiaphas' words and the death of Jesus. While Caiaphas was wanting Jesus to die to save the politico-religious system in which he had a prominent place, it was God's plan for Jesus to die to save men from sin and to establish his eternal kingdom. While Caiaphas was expressing his desire to destroy Jesus for personal gain, God was using him as a channel of communication to prophesy the divine purpose in the death of Jesus. Unconsciously, Caiaphas was the instrument of God to predict the atonement (Acts 2:23). In a similar manner, when Joseph's brothers sought to do him harm by selling him into slavery, God planned to use their act as a means to deliver his people (Gen. 50:20).

Mary: "Let's be extravagant." (12:1-3)

The Jewish leaders were determined to kill Jesus. So he avoided them by going to the wilderness city of Ephraim. As the Passover drew near, the people looked for him in Jerusalem. The chief priests and Pharisees were looking for him also to seize him. Six days before the Passover the Lord came to Bethany and had supper with friends that included Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. We note that Mary and Martha were conducting themselves according to a past pattern. Martha was busy serving the group while Mary was demonstrating her appreciation for the raising of Lazarus and her affection for Jesus by anointing his feet with ointment and drying them with her hair.

Mary's act was both extravagant and

extraordinary. It was extravagant in that the ointment she used had a value of three-hundred pence which was the equivalent of a year's wage. Judas betrayed Jesus for half of what Mary poured on him. It was extraordinary in that she used her hair to dry his feet. In Palestine a respectable woman kept her hair bound. But Mary loved Jesus so much that she was unconscious of her act that defied social custom and unconcerned about the attitude of others. Mary, as was Caiaphas, was probably unaware of the full significance of her act. Verse seven indicates that it foreshadowed the death of Jesus (note Matt. 26:12, 13). Others were blessed by Mary's act as the "house filled with the odor of the ointment."

Judas: "Let's be economical." (12:4-8)

Judas Iscariot and others, according to Matthew 26:8 and Mark 14:4, were disturbed by the extravagance of Mary's act. Judas objected because he was the treasurer of the group of apostles and a thief as well. His motive for wanting her to be thrifty was that he might have access to the funds to pilfer them as he had been doing. His concern for the poor was false; a pretense to justify his objection to Mary's act.

The conclusion

We have looked at the attitudes and acts of three people. Two of the three manifested a life-style that is self-serving, while that of the other is self-giving. Who would you place yourself with today? Would you stand with Caiaphas and say, "Let's be expedient. Let's do what is best for me. Let's do what will provide or protect my position, prestige, possessions, and power." Would you stand with Judas and say, "Let's be economical. Let's not overdo ourselves in giving to the Lord or let's be practical and economical about spending the Lord's money." There isn't anything wrong with being practical or economical, but there may be something wrong with our motives as there was with those of Judas. Would you stand with Mary and say, "Let's be extravagant and extraordinary in our appreciation and affection for the Lord. Let's give our precious and valued possessions to him and do it in such a way that we lose consciousness of ourselves as we humbly serve him." By so doing you will be remembered by those who will be blessed by the fragrance of such adoration.

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A smile or two

Two secretaries sat discussing their bosses during the coffee break. "He's in a bad mood again," one moaned, "and all I asked him was whether he wanted the carbon copies double-spaced, too."

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During the recent blackout, one New Yorker was trapped for several hours — on an escalator.

Attendance report

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Alexander			
First	117	73	
Hilldale	44	47	
Alpena, First	76	31	
Bentonville			
Central Avenue	75	34	
Mason Valley	62	32	
Berryville			
First	179	74	
Freeman Heights	171	71	5
Biscoe, First	94	51	
Booneville			
First	302		
Blue Mountain Mission	21		
South Side	100	51	
Bryant, First Southern	204	107	1
Cabot			
First	482	97	
Zion Hill	156	68	
Camden, Cullendale First	549	131	
Charleston, First	172	64	
Conway			
Pickles Gap	196	91	
Second	477	124	1
Crossett			
First	560	162	2
Mt. Olive	332	155	4
Danville, First	190	57	
Des Arc, First	202	75	
El Dorado, West Side	435	431	
Elliott	383	145	2
Ft. Smith			
First	1483		9
Grand Avenue	1080	202	2
Mission	17		
Trinity	122	39	
Fouke, First	101	42	
Glendale	73	35	1
Grandview	93	72	8
Greenwood, First	356	206	
Hampton, First	163	105	
Hardy, First	118	51	
Harrison, Woodland Heights	144	80	
Hector, First	29	19	
Hope, First	352	124	
Hot Springs			
Harvey's Chapel	128	64	2
Park Place	305	115	
Hughes, First	180		
Jacksonville			
First	442	93	
Second	137	66	
Jonesboro			
Friendly Hope	128	88	
Nettleton	326	106	
Kingston, First	49	37	
Lavaca, First	345	165	1
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	149	51	
Life Line	440	100	1
Martindale	106	48	
Wakefield, First	83	30	3
Magnolia, Central	613	267	
Melbourne, Belview	175	88	
Monticello, Second	314	91	
Mulberry, First	239	138	
Murfreesboro			
First	154	48	
Mt. Moriah	50		
North Little Rock			
Calvary	344	118	
Harmony	47	37	
Levy	423	125	
Park Hill	1020		10
Paragould			
Calvary	299	209	
East Side	338	207	
First	478	117	
Paris, First	375	75	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	159	67	
Central	125	48	
East Side	135	49	
First	632	68	
South Side	578	82	6
Watson Chapel	411	119	5
Rogers			
First	543	150	6
Immanuel	422	120	1
Russellville, First	515		3
Sheridan, First	153	41	1
Sherwood, First	256	61	1
Springdale			
Caudle Avenue	142	66	
Elmdale	321	115	
First	1448		2
Texarkana			
Hickory Street	138		
Shiloh Memorial	196	83	
Van Buren			
First	565	133	3
Mission	23		
Vandervoort, First	80	41	4
Wabash, Immanuel	64		
West Helena, Second	212	136	1
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God's money invested?

by Grady C. Cothen

The more Southern Baptists know about their business, the better off the work will be. From time to time, as various folk discover that certain of the denominational agencies have money invested, they become alarmed, wanting to know why God's money is invested in something and why we do

As a result of these and similar problems, the Southern Baptist Convention in its Business and Financial Plan said, "Each agency of this Convention shall set up as soon as possible a reserve for contingencies to provide for deficits that may occur either through decreased receipts or through emergencies or both. The maximum amount of contingent reserve of any agency shall be determined by the agency, subject to the approval of the Convention."

In keeping with this directive by the Southern Baptist Convention, the Sunday School Board, along with other agencies immediately began to try to conform to the Convention's will. In the case of the Sunday School Board, the Convention authorized a reserve in the amount of three months' operating costs. If the Sunday School Board were able to fund the contingency reserve authorized by the Convention, the sum of money involved for 1977-78 would be between 19 and 20 million dollars. Since we have not yet been able to accumulate that sum of money, the present contingency reserve fund is about \$13,000,000.

Good business practice requires that these funds simply not be left in the bank for the bank to use and make money with, but that they be invested prudently so that the institution may gain as much yield from the funds as possible and in keeping with sound business practice. All the yield that comes from these invested funds reduces the amount of money which must be taken from Sunday School Board income and placed in the reserve fund. This enables us to keep the price of literature, books, etc., as low as possible for the churches, our Baptist constituency, and others who buy from us. If these funds were not invested, it would require a very substantial sum of money annually to be taken from the proceeds of the Board to continue to build this reserve to the level authorized by the Convention.

Again, during certain months of the year the Board receives from the churches for orders of materials, books, etc., large sums of money, only a portion of which may be needed immediately to satisfy financial commitments. However, during about eight months of the year, the cash flowing

into the Board is relatively small. During the times when the surplus is available, it is invested in short-term investments so that there may be a maximum return on these funds thus reducing the requirements insofar as prices to the churches and individuals are concerned.

In the main, our funds are invested by professional money managers who have available informational and research services. They are guided by our guidelines that prohibit investments in morally or ethically questionable concerns. Their activities are complicated when soft drink companies buy wineries or television networks buy book publishers. Care is taken to see that we have no investments in liquor, tobacco and other such activities.

I've gone to some length in explaining the investments of the Sunday School Board in order that our people may know that we're following sound business practice, that we are abiding by the law, and that we are attempting to administer the affairs of the Board in such a fashion that will allow us to keep prices at the absolute minimum to accomplish those things which the Convention has instructed us to do.

Having said all this, one other question remains: Does the Sunday School Board or any other SBC agency have more money than it needs and thus it is playing around with Baptist money that ought to be some place else? The answer categorically, no. All monies beyond these needs which have been described and those that are requisite in running such an enormous operation as this go immediately back into the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in the behalf of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ. While I'm not as familiar with the activities of the other Boards as I am the Sunday School Board, I believe that you will find these answers to be universally correct. The so-called "wealthy church" argument used against Southern Baptist institutions is misplaced and is usually employed by folk who simply do not know the facts. If you have inquiries related to any of these matters, we would welcome them.

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not immediately put it to the purpose for which it was given. The following information will concern the Sunday School Board, but I think much of it is applicable to the other agencies as well.

Many of us remember the terrible hardships and difficulties of the 1930's. During that time many religious institutions and agencies, including some Southern Baptist Convention related groups, had considerable difficulty as the result of the fact that many of the churches could not pay their bills, many of our people were out of work, and a major depression pervaded the earth. It took many years for some Baptist-related groups to finally redeem all of their debts.