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HMB photo by Sherri Anthony Brown

"Who will win America?" is the searching question Southern Baptists must consider during the March 1-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions. We must reach across all barriers to all people, regardless of the circumstances. Join in the work being done by more than 3,700 home missionaries by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and praying during the March 1-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions (see pp. 11-13).

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### 8-9 God's goal for us

Farmers suffering in the present agricultural crisis need to be reminded God's goal for them is Christlike virtue, not wealth and pleasure, a speaker said at a recent meeting in Forrest City.

### 14-17 contributions recap

Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services presents its annual list of churches which contributed to its ministry during the past year.

## Missionaries in Lebanon weep over order to leave

by Art Toalston  
 SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—If the U.S. Department of State refuses to soften its stance that Americans must leave Lebanon, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board expects its personnel to obey the order.

"We intend to abide by the laws and restrictions of our government," said Isam Ballenger, director of Southern Baptist work in Europe and the Middle East.

However, Ballenger said, "We are uncertain whether this (order) means that all Foreign Mission Board personnel will have to leave. On the surface, that appears to be the case. But we're still seeking clarification. It could be that some exceptions might be made."

The Jan. 28 order bars Americans from entering or traveling within Lebanon, according to State Department spokesperson Dona Sherman in Washington. She said a 30-day "grace period" has been extended to Americans currently in Lebanon. Those remaining beyond 30 days face prosecution by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Sherman said exceptions will be considered on an individual application basis.

Southern Baptist representatives have worked in Lebanon, now a country of 2.7 million people, since 1948.

Among missionaries in Lebanon, "the mood has been one of shock and sadness," said Frances Fuller in a telephone interview from Beirut. "We've done a lot of crying today," upon hearing of the State Department order. "It's like a nightmare come true for us. We never imagined... that our government would tell us to leave.

"None of us wants to go," said Fuller, who has worked in Lebanon 16 years. "We all want to stay." Two cables to that effect from missionaries in Beirut have been sent to the Foreign Mission Board's home office in Richmond, Va.

Three Lebanese co-workers "collapsed in my arms and cried," Fuller said. "Our departure is going to be demoralizing to a lot of people. I think (Lebanese Christians) feel very hurt, very bewildered, that they somehow are being punished for something they didn't do. They seem to be asking, 'Is the rest of the world deserting us?'"

Fuller and other missionaries are urging that a distinction be made between West Beirut, which has been the scene of much chaos during Lebanon's 12-year-old civil war, and East Beirut, which is predominantly Christian and relatively peaceful.

The Baptist sector of Lebanon's Christian community encompasses seven churches in the Beirut area and four in other locales.

Well over 100,000 people have died since 1975 in warring between militias of Maronite Catholics, Shiite and Druse Muslims and Palestinians. Troops from Syria and Israel also have occupied Lebanese territory and engaged in fighting.

"The fact that our missionaries have remained thus far has been applauded by Baptists in Lebanon and by Lebanese dignitaries," Ballenger said.

"The masses of Lebanese are not the types of people who are publicized by the media. The terrorists, the kidnapers, the warring factions are a small minority. The masses of Lebanese people—Muslim and Christian—are suffering people."

## Top churches in FCCS gifts listed

The churches listed below are the top 20 in direct gifts to Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services in 1986.

Church	Association	Amount
1. Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	Concord	\$11,180.39
2. El Dorado, First	Liberty	10,374.70
3. Little Rock, Geyer Springs First	Pulaski	7,788.64
4. Pine Bluff, First	Harmony	7,059.70
5. Little Rock, Immanuel	Pulaski	3,801.00
6. Russellville, First	Dardanelle-Russellville	3,755.00
7. Searcy, First	Calvary	3,498.72
8. Paragould, Brown's Chapel	Greene County	3,289.87
9. Mountain Home, First	White River	2,918.85
10. Magnolia, Central	Southwest	2,903.00
11. Paragould, First	Greene County	2,774.95
12. Benton, First	Central	2,699.01
13. North Little Rock, Highway	North Pulaski	2,673.74
14. El Dorado, Immanuel	Liberty	2,653.26
15. Mount Ida, Lake Ouachita	Caddo River	2,501.84
16. Paragould, Center Hill	Greene County	2,433.72
17. Sparkman, First	Carey	2,425.00
18. Cabot, First	Caroline	2,360.01
19. Arkadelphia, Unity	Red River	2,329.00
20. Blytheville, First	Mississippi	2,239.48



Church polity determines how a church is to be governed. Some churches govern themselves while others have even their daily activities determined by an outside ruling body. We believe that congregational church polity is best for three reasons. These are: (1) it is biblical in nature, (2) it makes possible the involvement of all church members, and (3) it makes each church directly responsible to Christ for its activities.

Polity is important in a church. The lack of government may result in confusion or chaos. It has been estimated that 90 percent of the cults have been created by the violation of organizational principles. Often division has developed as a few members strive to dominate others. The end result usually is division.

There are basically four types of church organizational structures. First, there is the monarchical polity, in which there is one supreme head of the denomination. This type of polity results in a dictatorship. The authority is centered in a pope and is channeled downward through a bishop and other appointed church leaders. In this organization, all governing power belongs to the clergy, and little or none is delegated to the laity.

There is no doubt that the monarchical polity is extremely effective. It, however, reverses the New Testament principle of the individual priesthood of the believer, which recognizes that every Christian is competent and has free access to God.

Dr. E.Y. Mullin in *Axioms of Religion* says that, if infant baptism and sacramentalism had been kept out and the doctrine of a regenerated church membership had been maintained, then the centralized ecclesiastical authority would not have arisen.

A second type is episcopal church polity, in which the bishops oversee the affairs of the churches. Churches are grouped into episcopates, with a bishop having authority over each. In the church, a board of officers called a "vestry" manages the temporal affairs of the congregation. There is a system of rank among the clergy with a definite distinction between the clergy and the laity. As in the monarchical system, authority is centralized at the top. No decisions are made by members which are not ordained by the bishop. In this system, the leader of the congregation is the rector or priest, who is responsible to the bishop of the diocese.

The third type is presbyterian polity, which provides for the governing of the church by a session or board of elders who have delegated responsibility. These delegates make up the presbytery, which usually has legal and judicial authority over the churches. The presbyteries are composed of all of the ministers within a certain district and one or two elders from each congregation. The synod includes a number of presbyteries, and the general assembly

is composed of all of the synods. Thus, there is a graduation of courts. The general assembly ultimately makes the major decisions. Appeals are made upward to the general assembly, and the authority flows downward from the general assembly.

Finally, there is the congregational polity, in which the congregation or church governs itself under the Lordship of Christ. Southern Baptists feel that this is New Testament in structure. In its ideal state it is a "theodemocracy." The people within the congregation itself determine the activities in which the church will be engaged.

The chief characteristic of this type of polity is autonomy or self-governance. Final decisions are with the church, and each church is independent of every other church. No denominational body has any control over any individual church.

In congregational-type polity, all members have equal rights. This does not assume that one person is as well-fitted as another for leadership in a church. Diversity of gifts, offices, and administrations are clearly taught in the New Testament. But each individual has an equal vote. Since all Christians have an equal right to direct access to God, they are entitled to equal privileges in the church. During the New Testament era, the apostles were not lords of the congregations but brothers and co-workers.

In Southern Baptist denominational structure, there are three denominational bodies. These are the association, the state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist churches have control over all of these entities. Each entity, however, is independent in its own sphere of activity. This means that each entity in Baptist life makes its own decisions. There are no "levels" in the denominational structure of Baptists because each body is autonomous.

Trust and cooperation are essential both at the denominational and the local church level. No church, for example, can dictate to any individual or compel him to give a certain amount of money, time or talent, because each individual is free and responsible to God. The same principle applies on the denominational level. No denominational agency can coerce a church in giving, because each church is an autonomous body.

In Southern Baptist structure, the church is primary. It is responsible to Jesus Christ and is obligated to do his will. To accomplish the will of Christ, churches must work together and yet be autonomous. Cooperation is not compromise, and churches can be free to work together, as well as free to refuse to work together. We have discovered that there can be cooperation without coercion. "We are laborers together with God."

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### 'Mid-course corrections'

In my 40 years as a Southern Baptist minister, I have never heard anyone, at any time, propose "a dismantling of the Cooperative Program." Yet, that is the threat John McClanahan sees on the horizon (see Letter to the Editor, Jan. 29).

I must humbly disagree with my Christian brother and friend on this issue. Some of the cases cited by McClanahan to prove his point are not attempts at "dismantling" of our agencies but are simply "mid-course corrections." Other examples he cites are sincere expressions of individual conscience in matters pertaining to the Lord's work. Nobody is deliberately or inadvertently on a course to destroy or cripple the Cooperative Program. The direction, policies, and scope of the Cooperative Program ministries may change, but the Cooperative Program is here to stay.—C.A. Johnson, Jonesboro

### The inconspicuous enemy

Recently, in letters I have read about the need to return to basics. What basics? The

same doctrines propagated the last 50 or so years that have no historical Baptist roots except in the traditions of men whom church fathers called heretics? Basics that propagate a God too ignorant to know the future, and if he knows, too impotent to act? Whatever happened to the old true "doctrines of grace" that once were held high among Southern Baptists and were the catalyst for the early missionary movement? Some would say, "We've progressed past them" or "We have a better understanding."

Let's face reality—the real enemy is the flesh that so many want to glorify by teaching doctrines that enhance human attainment instead of the glory of God. The enemy is not the Genesis Commission or the Cooperative Program or the Sunday School Board or the annual conventions or the liberals or the fundamentalists, just men of flesh with depraved minds seeking self-glory!

Personally, I am tired of the mud-slinging of "brothers" attempting to pit one arm of the SBC against another. How about a return to the basic biblical doctrines on which we were founded over 140 years ago? So they're old and some say "out-dated." So what! I

believe the early Baptists, such as Boyce, Kerfoot, Carroll, Strong, Dagg, Johnson, Fuller, Mercer, and early missionaries, such as Judson, Taylor and Rice were right, along with multitudes of others—they and I all have one thing in common—we believe those good old doctrines called the "Doctrines of Grace." Some still call it "Calvinism"—call it what you may, Paul called it "my gospel!"

What's wrong in the SBC? Nothing that couldn't be corrected by a return to sound doctrine. Perhaps the real enemy isn't so inconspicuous as he seems. After all, Scripture does declare that, "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to those who are lost, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving that they may not see the glorious light of the gospel. . . ."—M. Steven Munson, Fort Smith

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### The Southern accent

William P. Oakley

### Joy in service

During the reign of King Frederick William III of Prussia, he found himself in deep trouble. Woeful wars had been catastrophic and costly, and in trying to build the nation, he was seriously short on finances. He absolutely couldn't disappoint his people, and to capitulate to the enemy was unthinkable.

After long and careful reflection, he decided to ask the women of Prussia to bring their jewelry of gold and silver to be melted down and used for their country. For each ornament received, the king determined to exchange a decoration of bronze or iron as a symbol of his deep gratitude. Each dainty decoration would be inscribed, "I gave gold for iron—1813!"

The response was overwhelming. Even more important, these women prized their gifts from the king more highly than their former jewelry. The reason of course, is crystal clear. The decorations were proof that they had sacrificed for the king.

Among Baptists, as well as others, Christian higher education stands tall today because of the thousands upon thousands who have made joyous sacrifice.

The crucial contribution that our institutions, such as colleges and seminaries, have

made to the advancement of the kingdom is, in my opinion, indisputable. And, in a day when we are being battered on all sides with secular humanism, what a tremendous opportunity these institutions have to minister to students and channel them into commitment to Christ.

I have the precious privilege of associating with many students here at SBC. Like students from other institutions, they are bright, creative, inquisitive, searching, hungry to learn, and most are deeply committed to Christ. What an opportunity that presents. What a responsibility that produces.

For many, the cost has been high. Many have given their gold, their silver, their possessions, their prayers, and their commitment. For them it has been a joyful sacrifice. But I have a deep belief that these sacrificial servants prize more highly the gift from the King than they prize their possessions. The reason being, of course, is that the King's gifts are proof that they have sacrificed joyfully for the King.

William P. Oakley is the development officer at Southern Baptist College.

### Christian Civic Foundation annual meeting slated

The annual meeting of the Christian Civic Foundation will be Monday, March 2, at the Days Inn on I-30, Ninth Street Exit, Little Rock. Arkansas Baptists contribute to the Foundation through the state convention, associations, local churches, and individuals.

Many Arkansas Baptists throughout the states are on the board and advisory committee. Pray for them especially as they come for this important meeting. The featured speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth (Bibba) Hollard, pediatrician from Memphis, Tenn. She will be addressing the harm pornography is doing to the children of our nation.

John Finn, director of the Christian Civic Foundation, is doing outstanding work dealing with the problems of alcohol and other dangerous drugs, gambling, and pornography. Continue to pray for him, the Foundation and especially this annual event as Baptists and other denominational representatives meet together.

The director of the Christian Life Council is liaison between the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Christian Civic Foundation.—Robert A. Parker, director, Christian Life Council



Parker

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

God really blessed the Evangelism Conference. We are grateful for the renewed commitment that came, particularly in the area of personal evangelism. We really regret that many were iced in and could not attend. It was one of the best we have had. Our thanks to Clarence Shell, Glendon Grober and Jim Lagrone for a well planned and well executed conference.

### Help is on its way.

One of the big problems for urban churches is locating prospects. Many of the services that would provide churches with newcomer lists are no longer available. By the fall of 1988, the names and addresses of new homeowners of given zip code areas will be available on a weekly basis. This is being developed by the Sunday School Board and will be available through the Broadman Prospect Service. This is the first phase of a comprehensive outreach communications plan. Its great to have our denomination working for us on the cutting edge.

The AMAR teams for the Manaus Crusades in October need to be taking shape. We are looking for 250 lay people, pastors, and staff to go. Pastors may decide to go within the last month or two, without a real problem. Musicians who are to make up the Singing Men's choir for the big soccer stadium crusade need to be enlisted now. They will have to participate in rehearsals over the next months. Much of their music will be done in Portuguese. It will take time to learn this. All of our music men need to be enlisted and committed by March 1. Lay people may participate in the singing men if they have some singing skills and can read music. They would have to make rehearsals along with the others. All of these will become a part of individual revival teams the week following the central crusade. Some church or individuals should surprise their minister of music with this special mission opportunity.

**Baptist Men, Brotherhood,** or whatever you call your men's group. I would like to encourage you to attend the Baptist Men's Fellowship Rally and Workshop, March 13-14, at Camp Paron. The cost is \$20. You will need to bring your own linens and bedding. You'll have a great time rubbing shoulders with other sincere Christian men like yourself.

Don Moore is executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

## Second of a four-part series How much is your life worth?

by William A. Willis

Life and death. They are both very personal issues with each of us. The length of one and the date of the other are almost impossible to predict for an individual.

But the law of averages determines with amazing accuracy the number of deaths that will occur each year in a given age group. We know how many, we just don't know who.

The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention knows statistically about how many ministers will die in 1987. Those statistics are very personal.

But when death comes, and a representative of the Annuity Board delivers a benefit check or arranges a monthly income for a grateful widow, the cold statistic comes to life.

The personal ministry of death benefits is made possible by purchase of life insurance.

Every minister who participates in the Church Annuity Plan receives limited life insurance under the Protection Section of the plan. The premium for that insurance is paid by the Baptist state convention.

Recognizing the needs of persons in young family age groups, the highest benefit (\$45,000) goes to the survivors of the

youngest ministers.

Beyond the Protection Section in the Church Annuity Plan, the Church Insurance Program of the Annuity Board offers up to \$100,000 term life insurance for church employees. Every eligible person should consider this program of insurance. Additional protection may be needed. A good guide is found on page 59 of *Personal Finances for Ministers*, (Broadman Press, 1985), by Darold H. Morgan, president of the Annuity Board. Any competent life insurance agent will also be glad to assist in determining needs.

How much is your life worth? For insurance purposes, your life is worth the difference between your current income and what you family will need if they lose your income through death.

Nothing is more uncertain than life and the only way to turn the uncertainty of life into certainty of family protection is through life insurance. If you are not protecting your family with insurance on your life, you are gambling with one of the greatest values of life. And that is particularly cruel; because if you lose, it is your family, not you, who will suffer.

In my next article, I will address the dangers of disability.

**William A. Willis, CLU,** is the Arkansas representative on the board of trustees of the SBC Annuity Board and a member of Forest Highlands Church in Little Rock.

## Task Force of 100: history repeats itself

by Bernes K. Selph

When the Task Force of 100 and its services were approved by the messengers of the last annual meeting in Little Rock, I said to myself: "History is repeating itself." In a very real sense they are doing on a small scale what churches across the Southern Baptist Convention did in the 75 Million Campaign. The past year I gave to our Baptist Historical Commission a book outlining in detail the promotion of this earlier work. The campaign of seven months ran from June to December 1979. Each month was designed for a special phase of promoting the campaign as follows: July, preparation; August, information; September, intercessions; October, enlistment; and November, stewardship. It was planned that the campaign would climax during the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 7.

An intensive campaign of information, inspiration and enlistment was set up by the campaign headquarters, Nashville, Tenn., to reach as many churches and individuals as possible with the aim of the movement of increased support for missions, education

and benevolent work of Southern Baptists. To carry out this, secular and Baptist newspapers were employed as well as millions of tracts, letters, posters, pamphlets and charts. Along with these, posters, denominational leaders, laymen, and women went everywhere addressing conventions, associations, rallies, and churches to arouse interest and support of this cause. Many churches on foreign fields assumed a share in this undertaking.

The account of this effort and the Cooperative Program which followed, too long to recount here, is thrilling in its progress and results which have followed. But the heart of the story is "They Informed the People." In the light of this, I believe that much good can come of the work of this Task Force, if pastors will use it and rekindle interest in the Cooperative Program. It has been a mighty factor in our missionary program, a unifying factor.

**Bernes K. Selph** is director of the Arkansas Baptist Historical Commission.

by Millie Gill / ABN staff writer

## people



O'Brien

**Randall O'Brien** has accepted the call to serve as pastor of Calvary Church, Little Rock. He will begin serving in that position June 7 following his graduation in May from Yale University Divinity School with a master of sacred theology degree.

O'Brien, a native of McComb, Miss., received an undergraduate degree from Mississippi College and has a master of divinity and a doctor of theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He currently is on leave from Ouachita Baptist University where he has served as an assistant professor in the religion department for six years. He is married to the former Kay Donahoe, a graduate of both Mississippi College and the University of Southern Mississippi. They have two children, Alyson, six, and Shannon, three.

**David Allen Sweat** was named Middel Systematic Theological Award winner at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's recent Spring convocation. This award is given annual to the student having the most outstanding research paper. Sweat, a native of Jacksonville, is a first year master of divinity student at the seminary.

**Irby W. Bryan Sr.** has resigned as pastor of Altus First Church to enter full-time evangelism.

**Vester Carter** of Blytheville died Jan. 29 at age 56 in Baptist Central Hospital in Memphis. He had been serving as pastor of Yarbro Church for two years and was a member of the mission and personnel committees in Mississippi County Association. He had been in the preaching ministry for 38 years, serving in Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Indiana and Illinois. His funeral services were conducted Feb. 1 in Corinth, Miss., by Kara Blackard and Henry West, director of missions for Mississippi County Association. A memorial service, by way of telephone hook-up, was held at the same time at the Yarbro Church. Survivors include his wife, Nell N. Carter of Blytheville; his mother, Georgia J. Carter of Corinth; two daughters, Peggy C. McCulley of Trenton, Tenn., and Dianne C. Williams of Jackson, Tenn.; a sister; a brother; and four grandchildren.



Sweat

**Leonard W. Goss** died Feb. 1 in Kingsport, Tenn., at age 87. He was a member of North Little Rock Baring Cross Church. His funeral services were held Feb. 3 at North Broad Church in Rome, Ga. Survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Trulove of Little Rock, Frances Raines of Indianapolis, Ind., and Charlotte Thweatt of Kingsport; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

**Jacque Jones** recently celebrated 35 years of service at Little Rock Second Church where she has served as secretary to four pastors.

**Sarah Lee** recently observed 10 years of service as administrative secretary at Little Rock Second Church.

**Susan Gilbert** recently observed 11 years of service as church organist for Sylvan Hills First Church, North Little Rock.

**Rick Smith** recently observed five years of service as minister of music and education at Sylvan Hills First Church, North Little Rock.

**Ted Richardson** is serving as pastor of North Side Church at Charleston.

**Don Bradford** is serving as pastor of Palestine Church, Greenwood. He was a member of Haven Heights Church, Fort Smith.

**George McGraw** is serving as pastor of New Hope Church, Greenwood.

**Jim Miller** of Bryant has joined the staff of Newark Church as youth director. He and his wife, Marcy, are students at Southern Baptist College.

**Rick Bunch** is serving as interim music director at Desha Church.

**Audrey Taylor** has joined the staff of Hope First Church as hostess.



Bryan

## briefly

**DeQueen First Church** will conduct a lay renewal weekend March 20-22. It will be led by lay people from Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

**Immanuel Church** in Little Rock will observe renewal weekend March 6-8 with D.L. Lowrie of Texas as leader.

**Cross Road Church** in Little Rock will celebrate its debt-free status with a noteburning service Feb. 22, according to Pastor Bill Fleming. Don Moore, executive director of Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be speaker.

**Marked Tree First Church** youth are sponsoring a Valentine Banquet Feb. 14 for adults of the church.

**England First Church** has completed an improvement project which included installation of both carpet and pew cushions in the auditorium and purchase of choir robes. The church has enlarged its missions awareness education program with the organization of Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action.

**Redfield First Southern Church** ordained Lynn Sanders, Jerry Sutton, and Roger Wood to the deacon ministry Jan. 25. Participating in the service were Jack Ramsey, the deacon body of Whitehall First Church, J.W. Whitley, Carl Koen, and Max Halbert. Aaron C. Thompson is pastor.

**Barcelona Road Church** in Hot Springs Village ordained George Radford to the deacon ministry Feb. 1, according to Pastor Tim Reddin. James Swedenburg, director of missions for Central Association, preached the ordination message.

**Wynne Church** mission team will be in Argentina April 25-May 1 to establish a church in the city of Buenos Aires.

**Augusta First Church** recently purchased new stoles for choir members. Pastor J.R. DeBusk reported in 1986 members gave sacrificially to programs that included painting the fellowship hall; remodeling the sanctuary; installing a baptistry; purchasing hymnals, a television, and VCR; stocking a crisis closet; and providing funds for a youth mission trip.

**Searcy Temple Church** ordained Michael Anthony Johnson to the ministry Feb. 1. Johnson, a former staff member, has accepted the call to serve as associate pastor of music and youth at First Church

of Ellery, S.C., effective Feb. 15. He recently graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a master's degree in music.

**Russellville First Church** mission team will work in Macapa, Brazil July 12-22.

**New Life Church** will observe its annual homecoming Feb. 15 at 6 Whipoorwill Lane in Little Rock. Morning services and a luncheon will launch the day's activities. Afternoon services will begin at 1:30 p.m., according to Pastor Les Aldridge. Jim Miller of Muskogee, Okla., will be guest speaker. Special music will be by the Eddie Hodges Family Ministry of Quitman.

**Strawberry Church** will ordain Pastor Mike Newberry to the ministry Feb. 22 in services at East Side Church, Cave City.

ABN photo / Mark Kelly



**Legislators honored**—Members of the new Arkansas General Assembly were honored Jan. 25 at a banquet sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and held at First Church, Benton. Legislators were presented pocket New Testaments by ABSC Executive Director Don Moore.

### *a smile or two*

#### **Sure signs**

A doctor's office: The doctor is very busy—please have your symptoms ready.

In a laundry: We don't tear your clothes with machinery—we do it carefully by hand.



## Food and fellowship

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle

### Churches cooperating

In planning activities for the church year, consider some cooperative efforts with other churches. Last year in Independence County, several congregations enjoyed some joint worship/fellowship experiences.

In the summer, West Church and First Church combined their congregations on two Sundays evenings. Pastor, choir, and congregation from First went to West Church. The pastor of First Church preached, the choir sang, and everyone enjoyed fellowship-ping. The evening was warm; and after service, the host church served cold Cave City watermelons, punch, and cookies.

On another Sunday evening, West Church's pastor, choir, and congregation reversed the procedure and came to First Church. Refreshments after service were homemade ice cream and cookies. During the fellowship hour, name tags helped in connecting familiar faces with unknown names.

On a Wednesday night during the Christmas season, Calvary Church presented their Christmas cantata to Pilgrim's Rest Church. Pilgrim's Rest is a small rural church, 125-years-old. Everyone enjoyed the lovely Christmas music and a social period after services with punch and Christmas goodies.

Our recipe this month is unique—an old-fashioned egg noodle recipe. It is economical, easy to prepare, and loved by children. We are giving it just as our very elderly friend gave it to us.

#### Noodles

Break an egg in a measuring cup or glass. Measure as much milk as egg (before beating). Beat egg by itself and then add milk and scant teaspoonful of salt. Mix thick with flour. Roll out on a floured board. Then roll up dough in a long roll. Cut noodles with a sharp knife into very small slices. Keep knife clean; it gets gummy. Shake up the noodles with flour to keep them from getting sticky. Drop a few into boiling broth. Keep stirred up. If no chicken broth is available, use salted water. When noodles are done, drain and then add a lump of margarine or butter.

Virginia Kirk, professor emeritus at Arkansas College, is a member of Batesville First Church. Jan Purtle teaches at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas. They have enjoyed cooking together for several years.

## OBU drama department to present play

ARKADELPHIA—The Ouachita Baptist University drama department will present the production "Mountain Light" in OBU's Verser Theater on Feb. 26-27 and March 2-3. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

In addition to these performances, there will be morning performances on Feb. 28 and March 7 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. These performances will be closed to the public because they are set aside for church groups throughout Arkansas and surrounding states which will be on campus for the fourth an-

nual "Day of Play." "The Day of Play" is designed to expose the participants to Christian drama coupled with a period of recreation on the Ouachita campus. The performances also will precede Christian Focus Week held on the OBU campus March 2-7, with the theme "Renewed by His Strength".

There will be advance ticket sales of 200 for each performance. For ticket information contact Scott Holsclaw at OBU Box 3662, Arkadelphia, AR 71923; or call 246-4531 ext. 560. Admission price is \$2 per ticket.

## National clowning seminar announced

NASHVILLE—A national seminar on clowning will be held March 23-27 at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Program Training Center.

Sponsored by the church recreation department, sessions will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday and conclude at noon Friday.

Beginning, intermediate, and advanced

classes will be offered each day with optional evening classes provided. Class sessions will include training in illusion, mime, and make-up.

The cost of the seminar is \$55. Reservations should be sent to Church Program Training Center, P. O. Box 24001, Nashville, TN 37203.



## Farmers' plight woeful, USDA official observes

by Joe Westbury  
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—Things may have stopped getting worse for the American farmer, but they are not likely to get much better anytime soon, observed a spokesman for the United States Department of Agriculture.

Fred Woods, public policy specialist for the government agency, updated the plight of rural America during a rural-urban leadership conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"We need to stop kidding ourselves that government programs intentionally designed to help volume production, symbolized by the large farmer, are also going to benefit the struggling mid-size farmer. The programs were never designed to aid the farmer caught in the current financial crisis," Woods insisted.

The crisis has centered around one-third of American farmers who built up high debts relative to their income in the 1970s and then were victims of high interest rates and low farm prices in the 1980s, he explained. Results of the expansion became even more severe when portions of the nation were hit with repeated drought in an already slow market.

Legislation that supported farmers in the past has been dismantled, and their safety net no longer exists. The commodities program now under fire never was intended to help farmers in their current predicament, he noted.

Although the nation continues to lose about 65,000 farms a year due to bankruptcy or consolidation, Woods said the loss is not a threat to national production. "We lost a much greater number of farms from 1940 to 1960, but the farming community did not have the organized voice that it has today," he said.

Woods debunked the myth that loss of farms translates into a loss of national production. Actually, America has an excess of crop land due to higher yields, and the government is seeking to remove 65 million acres of land from production, he said. The nation is not losing production, but it is losing rural jobs, he added.

"Seventy percent of the nation's farms produce less than 10 percent of America's food and fiber products, yet it is those farms that are caught in the financial crises. Those farms account for 1.6 million of the nation's 2.3 million farms and basically satisfy local market needs," he said. "The local farmer characterizes rural America and symbolizes the rich values and traditions of country living. But there are too many myths attached to family farms and the rural life which distort the picture of the current crisis."

"The problem these farmers face is that they have just enough income to prevent them from seeking employment off the farm but not enough to produce a satisfactory standard of living. Their only option is to

grow larger and increase their income or seek full employment in a non-farm job and reduce the size of their operation.

"We are grossly naive or unfair if we want to preserve, through government aid, a mid-size farmer whose operation cannot provide a decent standard of living," he said. "A more sensible solution would be to respond with rural development programs that entice industry to smaller towns to create a larger job market."

Don Evans, state rural-urban missions director for the Missouri Baptist Convention, told conference participants that Southern Baptists in his state are continuing to view the crisis as an opportunity for new and creative types of ministry.

Evans, whose state has the highest farm bankruptcy rate in the nation, said he could attend four or five farm auctions a week. "In many instances the loss of a farm is as great emotionally as the loss of a family member," he noted.

Evans encouraged churches to aid such families by paying utility bills or providing breakfasts for schoolchildren. Missouri Baptists also have compiled a booklet on free counseling and dental and medical care currently available through federal programs.

"The farm family which suddenly cannot support itself can take advantage of numerous social programs which many of them do not know exist. Simply informing them of what is available is a tremendous ministry," he said.

Allan and Delores Baugh, co-directors of missions for Severns Valley Baptist Association in Elizabethtown, Ky., discussed their approach to ministry in the crisis. After assessing the needs in their area, the couple founded Friends of Agriculture, a nonprofit organization that mobilizes community support around struggling farmers. Although partially funded by the association, Kentucky Baptist Convention and Home Mission Board, the Baughs sought to broaden the venture's appeal by soliciting help from local agribusiness, banks and farmers.

The group offers practical seminars such as "How to Locate Off-Farm Employment," "Better Farm Management," "Low-Cost, High-Yield Farming" and "Stress Management." The joint venture between the denomination and secular business community has grown to include 37 supporters and a six-member steering committee.

Baugh, a career farmer who has served the association in a bivocational capacity for 12 years, credits the organization's success with its low-key approach to the denomination. Although he views it as ministry, it is not promoted from that perspective, he said.

"We're not as concerned with who gets the credit as we are with the ministry that's accomplished. We're trying to build a fence at the top of the hill so we don't have to send an ambulance to the bottom of the hill," he explained.

## 'Hard times may be finest

by Mark

FORREST CITY—Even though an end to hard times seems nowhere near, Southern Baptists may be approaching their finest hour in rural America, a group of Arkansas farmers and their pastors were told recently.

"Baptists are a ministering people. They know how to give food and clothing and help with jobs," said Gary Farley, of the SBC Home Mission Board. "But it's one thing to minister to the poor, uprooted, needy, and humbled and another to minister to those who, until recently, have been strong and self-sufficient, the fifth or sixth generation on a piece of land."

The American farm family, long the bulwark of the Southern Baptist Convention, now stands in need of ministry from others in the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination, Farley added. "They have financed our home and foreign mission efforts. Now we need to learn to minister to them. We can pray for them and cry with them, but we need to learn more about how to minister to them. I believe this can be the church's finest hour in rural America."

Farley was one of six persons addressing the Arkansas Delta Farm Crisis Meeting, an "economic/ministry conference" jointly sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Approximately 60 persons, one-third of them farmers from eastern Arkansas' Mississippi Delta, gathered at First Church, Forrest City, Jan. 20 to share their concerns and ideas about the area's economic difficulties.

Ed Jordan, a soybean specialist with Arkansas' Cooperative Extension Service, sketched an overview of the dynamics currently affecting the U.S. farm scene and outlined a dozen ways farmers could restore profitability to individual farming operations.

Jordan told the farmers and pastors that Arkansas ranks among the states with the lowest percentage of farmers quitting each year. He also noted surveys which indicate Arkansas farmers over age 65 and those with the smallest farms are feeling the crisis worst.

"All of the Arkansas economy depends on the farm economy," Jordan warned. "When Arkansas farmers suffer, all suffer. We just can't divorce ourselves and say, 'I'm not a farmer. It's not my problem.'"

Ronnie Bauman, a farmer and deacon at First Church, Stuttgart, shared with participants his experiences of two decades of farming: rising production costs and interest rates, combined with falling crop prices and land values.

Bauman voiced the sentiment of many in attendance when he joked that, while many small farmers are being squeezed out of farming, "some larger farmers don't know but what they want to be squeezed out."

"But what would I do?" he asked. "Retrain? For what?"

He explained how he had tightened and

# hour,' farmers told

Kelly

improved his management techniques, computerizing his operation and involving his wife as a managing partner. Bauman also related efforts made by his county's Farm Bureau organization to help local farmer's deal with stress.

Bauman's pastor, Jerre Hassell, pastor at First Church, shared his perspective as a pastor of farmers. Hassell, a former chaplain, told his fellow pastors they can help farmers in crisis by helping them deal with their grief.

"A person who is looking at the possibility of losing his farm is experiencing deep grief and shock," Hassell said. "They are feeling guilt, anger, and resentment." A pastor can help such a farmer assess his own responsibility for his problems and move him to deal with the situation by retraining and reinvesting himself in something meaningful, he said.

"When one has lost his life-long identity as a farmer, he needs to work through who he is and what he has lost," Hassell pointed out. And although most pastors are not qualified professional counselors, they can help the farmer "deal with where he is in relationship to God."

"If you don't do anything else, spend the time it takes to help them overcome their isolation and loneliness, to deal with their stress, work through their grief, and handle some of the difficulties," he advised. "That let's them know God loves them."

Dorothy Hall, another representative of the Cooperative Extension Service, acquainted participants with the agency's services, including seminars on stress management, videotapes on farm crisis topics, a workshop for farm lenders, and home-based business seminars designed to help farmers identify skills which can produce additional income.

Hall cited an Iowa study which identified tight money as the most common farm family stress, followed by problems with family and community relationships. She also listed nine coping strategies used by farmers: faith in God, encouraging each other, being flexible, participation in social groups, learning to analyze problems, relaxation, physical activities, accepting the unchangeable, and sharing problems with family members.

The Home Mission Board's Farley related several resources which he knew to be helpful: the "Farm Family Weekend," based on the Lay Renewal Weekend model; two farm crisis videotapes developed by the Missouri Baptist Convention; a rising interest in farm family ministries conducted by agricultural missions fellowships; new possibilities in rural industrial development; and Home Mission Board hunger relief funds.

ABSC Executive Director Don Moore closed the day-long workshop with a sermon entitled, "Getting A Grip On What Grips Us." Moore explained that people gripped by



Elmer Seidenschwarz of Stuttgart was among the farmers who came looking for answers.

fear and grief often respond with denial, anger, frustration, and blaming. He laid down three principles for those under stress.

The "pivotal fact" Moore shared was, "Hard times are not an indication of God's displeasure." And, "if all we've lived and worked for can be taken from us by hard times, then we've been living for the wrong things," he declared.

Farmers also need to understand the "vital truth" that "hard times are always designed to work for us, not against," Moore asserted. "God can teach us things through hard times that he can't teach us any other way," he said. "Holiness is God's ultimate for us, not health, wealth, and happiness."

Finally, Moore noted that "how we respond to hard times" constitutes the "fatal

test" for the Christian. In such times, farmers might easily become bitter against God, when in fact he is the only one who can help them, he said. Such "roots of bitterness" can spread and take over a life, bringing tragedy to a family.

"Be careful to receive God's grace and not become bitter," Moore counseled. "Prosperity, comforts, and ease breed softness, but, almost always, hard times breed character, strength, and virtue."

In that respect, Moore concluded, this may be the best time Arkansas farmers have ever had to raise up godly virtues in themselves and their children.

Mark Kelly is managing editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

## missionary notes

**James Alexander**, father of **Max Alexander**, missionary to Thailand, died Dec. 9 in Jonesboro. Missionary Alexander and his wife, the former Betty Nickell, are natives of Arkansas. He was born in Lake City and grew up in Jonesboro. She was born in Hazel Valley and also lived in Fayetteville. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961, they may be addressed at Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand 10501.

**Tommy and Beverly Amos**, missionaries to Uruguay, have completed language study and arrived on their field of service (address: Av. Agraciado, 3452, Montevideo, Uruguay). He was born in Keiser. She is the former Beverly Compton of Oklahoma. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1985.

**Bruce and Gloria Carlton**, missionaries to Hong Kong, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong). He is from Kentucky and she is the former Gloria Carpenter of Elkins. They were appointed by Foreign Mission Board in 1986.

**Earl and Joan Goatcher**, missionaries to

Thailand, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand 10501). He is a native of Formosa. She is the former Joann Horton of Texas. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962, resigned in 1971, and reappointed in 1980.

**Larry and Mary Hendricks**, missionaries to Costa Rica, have completed language study and may be addressed at Apartado 1883, San Jose, Costa Rica. He is from Mississippi. The former Mary White, she was born in Fort Smith and considers Hartford her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1985.

**Annie Hoover**, missionary to Japan, reports a change of furlough address (601 S. Hughes, Little Rock, AR 72205). A native of North Little Rock, she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1949.

**Ben and Berdie Hope**, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa Postal 3003, Agencia Coxipo, 78100 Cuiaba, MT, Brazil. He was born in Grant County and grew up in North Little Rock. She is the former Berdie Moose of Oklahoma. They

were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.

**David and Martha Miller**, missionaries to Peru, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, 2350 San Francisco, de Dos Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). He is from Little Rock. The former Martha Savage, she was born in DeQueen and considers Walnut Ridge her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1986.

**Mark and Barbara Terry**, missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 99, Davao City, Philippines 9501). He was born in Siloam Springs and lived in Decatur while growing up. She is the former Barbara Whitfield of Texas. They were appointed in 1975.

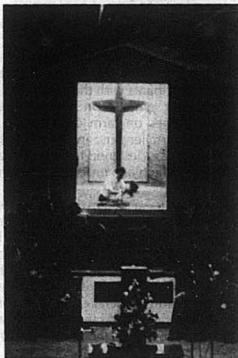
**Randall and Kittie Trail**, missionaries to Rwanda, have completed language study in France and arrived on their field of service (address: BP 1184, Kigali, Rwanda). He is from Georgia. The former Kittie Colvin, she was born in Jonesboro. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1985.

ABN photo / Mark Kelly



**New building dedicated**—Second Church, Camden, dedicated its new facilities in services held Feb. 7. The congregation, organized in 1948, lost much of its previous building in a December 1985 fire. The church used insurance proceeds to purchase property and construct the new facility in another area of town. Pastor Gene Hodges reported the new sanctuary and educational building will handle approximately 125 persons. The 3,544-square-foot facility was built at a cost of \$75,000. The new property and building are debt-free. Liberty Association Director of Missions Tommy Robertson preached the dedicatory sermon. Taking Acts 8:1-8 as his text, Robertson told church members the secret to their church's growth is sharing Christ everywhere they go. He encouraged them to keep on witnessing, regardless of the circumstances.

ABN photo / Millie Gill



**Sanctuary dedicated**—East Church in Wynne dedicated a \$100,000 sanctuary Feb. 1 that has a seating capacity of 350. The addition of two members by letter and the baptism of nine candidates highlighted the day which featured a traditional morning worship service, a dedication service, a baptismal service, covered dish luncheon and afternoon musical program. Pastor Gary Akers reported the building program was necessitated through a Sunday School enrollment that has doubled under his leadership the past two years with average attendance now at 120. Baptisms also have increased.

Who will win America?

## Message is clear: black or white, all need Christ

by Barbara Denman

Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Home missionary Tom Kelly has a burden deep within his heart—a burden for winning the people of California to Jesus Christ.

And even though Kelly is the director of Black Church Relations for the California state convention, his vision goes beyond colors, to all races and all people.

"If we are to win our land for Jesus Christ, we must zero in on the 27 million people in this state. Twenty-two million of those are unchurched and unsaved. That is a tragedy," he said.

Kelly is quick to list the populations of some of California's counties—Los Angeles, 7.5 million; Orange County, 2 million; San Diego, 2 million.

"We have wall-to-wall people here, and if we don't win this state, we will never win our nation," he said.

Kelly discovered his missions calling as a 50-year-old layleader in fast-growing Emmanuel Church in San Jose, Calif. He

enrolled at Golden Gate Seminary, and almost before graduation was picked as Black Church consultant for the greater Los Angeles area.

After only two years in that position, Kelly was tapped when California Baptists created the position of black church development missionary.

In his new assignment, Kelly helps orient black Southern Baptist churches and make the state convention sensitive to the needs of the black constituency.

Where Southern Baptists once relied on dual alignment of National Baptist churches, Kelly is leading the convention in the area of starting new work in black communities.

Kelly believes there is better denominational participation by black churches built from the ground floor than from dually-aligned churches.

"If we can start a Bible study in the home and nurture it, we will soon have a participating, thriving Southern Baptist church," he said.

With 200 predominantly black churches,

California now leads the states in the number of black Southern Baptist churches. To communicate with all 200 churches, Kelly has created a network of liaisons within the black churches.

An exercise in the effectiveness of the network came during the completion of the Uniform Church letter. Normally, only about 30 percent of the black churches complete the form. In the two associations where the network was put to use, 100 percent of the churches submitted the church letter.

The concept of church growing is both black and white to Kelly. "Once we find keys to doors or barriers that hurt our church growth, the keys will fit doors across ethnic and race."

Kelly is counting on Southern Baptists to support him in his efforts to win all of California, black and white, to Christ. He believes they all can have a part in his ministry by supporting the March 1-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

HMB photo by Paul Obregon



As director of black church relations for the state of California, home missionary Tom Kelly has a burden for the 22 million unchurched and unsaved Californians, regardless of race and ethnic origin. Support Kelly and the 3,700 other home missionaries through the March 1-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

# Who Will Win America?

**Week of Prayer  
for  
Home Missions  
March 1-8, 1987**



**(Above)** "If we are to win America, we must be willing to go to the cities where the majority of the people live and minister to them—where they are," says home missionary Art Bingham. Bingham is pastor/director of Stowe Memorial Baptist Center in Columbus, Ohio.



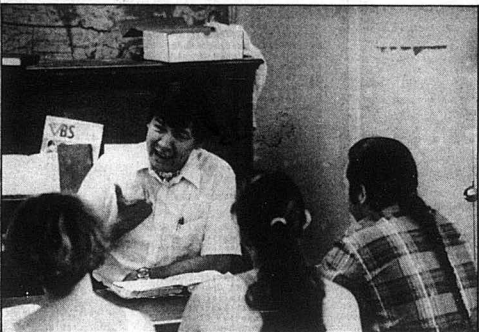
**(Left)** "If we're going to win America, we're going to have to learn how to live and minister in the city. We're going to have to demonstrate a greater priority in winning the city," says home missionary George Russ. As associate director of evangelism for the Baptist Convention of New York, Russ works in a mission field of more than a million people.

*(Home Mission Board Photos)*

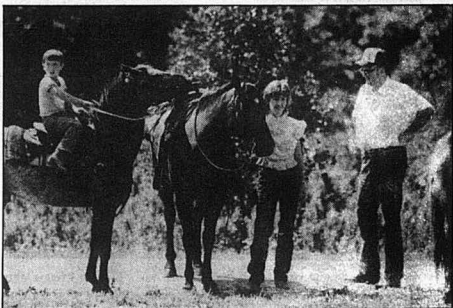


**(Left)** "If we are to win our land for Jesus Christ, we must zero in on the 27 million people in this state. Twenty-two million of those are unchurched and unsaved. That is a tragedy," says California's Tom Kelly, a home missionary working in black church relations.

**(Below)** "If we are to win our nation for Jesus Christ, we must reach people who are like us as well as people who are unlike us. We can't limit ourselves to any particular group of people," says Norm Langston, a Home Mission Board appointed interfaith witness missionary who works throughout the South and Southeast.



**(Above)** "If we are to win America, Southern Baptists will need to focus a major thrust toward evangelizing and starting new churches for language-culture persons," says Jimmy Anderson, a Home Mission Board appointed Indian church developer for the Oklahoma Baptist Convention.



**(Above)** "If we are to win America, we must reach and train local leadership in sparsely populated and isolated areas of the Midwest. That is the only way we can saturate the area with the gospel," says Dennis Hampton, a home missionary who starts churches in Nebraska.

# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal: \$37,500,000

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## Thank you, Arkansas Baptists!

<b>ARKANSAS VALLEY BAPTIST ASSN</b>		Elizabeth Baptist Church	55.00	Beeba First Baptist Church	1,000.00
Barton Baptist Church	132.00	Enterprise Baptist Church	30.00	Bethany Baptist Church	414.00
Briarhaze Baptist Church	26.50	Flora Baptist Church	25.00	Central Baptist Church	1,197.75
Brookley First Baptist Church	177.08	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	105.00	Cotton Plant First Baptist Church	203.71
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Maen Valley Baptist Church	48.00	Rock Creek Baptist Church	300.00	North Hazle Baptist Church	33.00
Monte Ne Baptist Church	114.83	Southside Baptist Church	100.00	Reynolds Baptist Church	488.00
Park Street Baptist Church	31.00	Temple Baptist Church	100.00	South Side Baptist Church	66.00
Ridge First Baptist Church	325.83	Union Hope Baptist Church	50.00	Stuttard First Baptist Church	-1,095.10
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	32.08	Unity Baptist Church	127.00	Tichner Baptist Church	80.00
Pre-Lynn Hill Baptist Church	793.00	Waldron First Baptist Church	2,066.95		6,308.53
Reese Springs First Baptist Church	1,502.03	West Harford Baptist Church	181.00	<b>CENTENNIAL BAPTIST ASSN</b>	
Solapur Springs First Baptist Church	84.17	Winfield Baptist Church	100.00	Abdenn First Baptist Church	145.00
Sunny Side Baptist Church	185.84		1,158.37	Alma First Baptist Church	1,054.00
Trinity Baptist Church	100.00	<b>CADDO RIVER BAPTIST ASSN</b>		East Side Baptist Church	135.00
Twelve Corners Baptist Church	120.00	Analy Second Baptist Church	80.00	Hamlet Baptist Church	180.43
	12,005.33	Big Fork Baptist Church	172.00	Harold Baptist Church	25.00
<b>BIG CORKER BAPTIST ASSN</b>		Black Springs Baptist Church	33.65	North Hazle Baptist Church	33.00
County Line Baptist Church	25.00	Caddo Gap Baptist Church	819.00	Reynolds Baptist Church	488.00
		Glennwood First Baptist Church	819.00	South Side Baptist Church	66.00
		Lake Ouachita Baptist Church	2,501.84	Stuttard First Baptist Church	-1,095.10
		Little Hope Baptist Church	130.00	Tichner Baptist Church	80.00
		Mt. Ida First Baptist Church	158.37		
		Oden First Baptist Church	249.00		
		Pencil Bluff First Baptist Church	230.32		
		Refuge Baptist Church	1,288.00		
			1,846.51		
		<b>CALVARY BAPTIST ASSN</b>			
		Antisach Baptist Church	277.00		
		Augusta First Baptist Church	810.00		

# Female and Child Contributions

## CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSN

Barcelona Road Baptist Church	260.00
Benton First Baptist Church	2,690.01
Calvary Baptist Church	400.00
Central Baptist Church	985.00
Crawell Hill Baptist Church	150.00
Highland Heights Baptist Church	438.00
Hot Springs First Baptist Church	425.00
Hurricane Lake Baptist Church	100.00
Lake Hamilton Baptist Church	100.00
Lakeshore Heights Baptist Church	256.50
Lakeville Baptist Church	431.00
Lee Chapel Baptist Church	622.50
Magnet Cove Baptist Church	414.77
Galvers Third Baptist Church	280.53
Meadowview Baptist Church	93.30
Memorial Baptist Church	236.25
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church	185.00
North Main Baptist Church	107.37
Old Union Baptist Church	24.93
Oreenville Baptist Church	435.00
Peary Baptist Church	267.08
Piney Baptist Church	207.97
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	151.00
Ridgecrest Baptist Church	57.00
Riverside Baptist Church	125.11
Royal Baptist Church	435.00
Salem Baptist Church	135.00
Temple Baptist Church	11.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Benton	477.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Malvern	455.88
Walnut Valley Baptist Church	10,593.67

## CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSN

Alma First Baptist Church	818.00
Barlow Baptist Church	58.00
Cabin Creek Church	274.71
Cedarville Baptist Church	308.67
Clarksburg First Baptist Church	1,010.00
Clarksville Second Baptist Church	197.32
Coal Hill First Baptist Church	283.73
Concord Baptist Church	315.83
Over First Baptist Church	364.48
East Mt. Zion Baptist Church	148.70
Graphic Southern Baptist Church	76.00
Hammer Baptist Church	414.18
Lamar Baptist Church	754.51
Mountainburg First Baptist Church	1,510.00
Oldenberry First Baptist Church	200.70
Oak Grove Baptist Church	507.95
Ozark First Baptist Church	658.23
Ozark Baptist Church	214.60
Shady Grove Baptist Church	50.00
Shibley Baptist Church	264.70
Snyder Baptist Church	25.00
Trinity Baptist Church	30.00
Union Grove Baptist Church	1,232.70
Van Buren First Baptist Church	484.00
Vine Prairie Baptist Church	24.28
Webb City Baptist Church	53.29
Woodland Baptist Church	158.00
	9,075.48

## CONCORD BAPTIST ASSN

Barling First Baptist Church	207.17
Bethel Baptist Church	174.81
Bowling Baptist Church	139.22
Boneville First Baptist Church	325.75
Branch Baptist Church	292.07
Burnsville Baptist Church	92.00
Byrd Baptist Church	200.00
Cherokee First Baptist Church	10.00
East Side Baptist Church	160.00
Excelstar Baptist Church	100.00
Faith Baptist Church	536.79
Fort Smith First Baptist Church	1,009.96
Gilboa Baptist Church	100.00
Grand Avenue Baptist Church	11,180.39
Grayson Baptist Church	50.00
Greenwood First Baptist Church	392.00
Hackett First Baptist Church	44.31
Haven Heights Baptist Church	848.03
Immanuel Baptist Church	200.00
Jenny Lind Baptist Church	158.12
Lavaca First Baptist Church	505.13
Messiah First Baptist Church	458.81
Memorial Baptist Church	280.35
Nixon Baptist Church	85.00
North Harmony Baptist Church	185.16
New Hope Baptist Church	1,213.88
Northside Baptist Church, Charleston	91.76
Northside Baptist Church, FortSmith	185.16
Oak Cliff Baptist Church	1,093.09
Palestine Baptist Church	257.68
Park First Baptist Church	186.22
Phenix Village Baptist Church	115.20
Pine Log Baptist Church	353.21
Reform First Baptist Church	392.00
Roseville Baptist Church	124.00
Row Hill Baptist Church	510.50

South Side Baptist Church, Booneville	192.44
South Side Baptist Church, FortSmith	229.00
Southside Baptist Church	30.00
Spreading Baptist Church	137.25
Temple Baptist Church	232.25
Trinity Baptist Church	148.42
Union Hill Baptist Church	100.00
Westside Baptist Church	325.82
Windsor Park Baptist Church	120.00
	9,358.87

## CONWAY-PERRY BAPTIST ASSN

Bigelow Baptist Church	125.00
Casa First Baptist Church	253.09
Harmony Baptist Church	26.00
Houston Baptist Church	100.00
Morrilton First Baptist Church	395.00
Nimrod Baptist Church	240.00
Opello Baptist Church	114.00
Perry Baptist Church	300.00
Perryville First Baptist Church	531.20
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	105.13
Plumerville First Baptist Church	57.50
Stony Point Baptist Church	74.50
Thorsburg Baptist Church	28.00
Union Valley Baptist Church	248.42
	2,780.46

## CURRENT-GAINS BAPTIST ASSN

Biggers Baptist Church	209.76
Calvary Baptist Church	251.82
Columbia Jarrett Baptist Church	209.28
Cornins First Baptist Church	1,021.38
Emanuel Baptist Church	100.00
Greenway First Baptist Church	100.00
Harmony Baptist Church	35.00
Holly Island Baptist Church	230.75
Immanuel Baptist Church	189.83
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	273.07
New Hope Baptist Church	269.00
Nimmons First Baptist Church	48.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	186.00
Peak Orchard Baptist Church	100.00
Piggsett First Baptist Church	852.48
Pine Grove Baptist Church	61.83
Pocahontas First Baptist Church	105.10
Ravenscroft Baptist Church	100.00
Rector First Baptist Church	530.00
Reyno First Baptist Church	81.00
Shannon Baptist Church	100.00
Shiloh Baptist Church	119.66
St. Francis Baptist Church	448.18
Succumb First Baptist Church	200.40
Witt's Chapel Baptist Church	286.00
	9,720.99

## DARD-RUSS BAPTIST ASSN

Atkins First Baptist Church	330.00
Bluffton Baptist Church	128.00
Calvary Baptist Church	241.00
Danville First Baptist Church	632.43
Dardanelle First Baptist Church	108.00
Delaware Baptist Church	183.00
Dover Baptist Church	725.11
East Point Baptist Church	142.58
Grace Memorial Baptist Church	50.00
Havana Baptist Church	1,000.00
Reactor First Baptist Church	71.25
Hopewell Baptist Church	100.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Russellville	80.00
Kollias Baptist Church	148.00
Knoxville First Baptist Church	300.00
London First Baptist Church	43.00
Morrilton Baptist Church	198.00
New Hope Baptist Church	354.00
Ola First Baptist Church	183.00
Pine Grove Baptist Church	100.00
Plainview First Baptist Church	247.30
Pleasant View Baptist Church	31.45
Roseville Baptist Church	100.00
Rover Baptist Church	87.00
Russellville First Baptist Church	3,755.00
Russellville Second Baptist Church	512.22
	9,630.62

## DELTA BAPTIST ASSN

Arkansas City Baptist Church	1,000.00
Acia Baptist Church	30.26
Bayou Mason Baptist Church	100.00
Bellaire Baptist Church	745.00
Chickasaw Baptist Church	53.34
Collins Baptist Church	24.00
Daniel Chapel Baptist Church	25.00
Dermott First Baptist Church	531.00
Sudera Baptist Church	200.00
Gaines Baptist Church	100.00
Halley Baptist Church	121.00

Jannia Baptist Church	25.00
Jerome Baptist Church	73.00
Kelso Baptist Church	759.67
Lake View Baptist Church	280.00
McGhee First Baptist Church	1,331.00
Montross Baptist Church	86.28
New Hope Baptist Church	176.18
North Side Baptist Church	31.00
Omaha Baptist Church	110.00
Parsons Baptist Church	110.00
Portland Baptist Church	177.50
Richland Baptist Church	280.14
Shiloh Baptist Church	48.00
South McGhee Baptist Church	42.22
Tillar First Baptist Church	49.53
Watson Baptist Church	227.48
	7,582.38

## FAULKNER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSN

Beryl Baptist Church	286.53
Blaney Hill Baptist Church	310.52
Bono Baptist Church	24.00
Brunley Baptist Church	77.00
Cadron Ridge Baptist Church	192.88
Conway First Baptist Church	1,585.75
Conway Second Baptist Church	684.88
Darwin Baptist Church	110.00
Greenbrier First Baptist Church	170.62
Harlan Park Baptist Church	166.30
Holland Baptist Church	100.00
Hayflow First Baptist Church	623.92
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church	180.98
Mt. Zion Baptist Church	120.00
Naylor Baptist Church	40.50
New Hope Baptist Church	150.00
Oak Bossey Baptist Church	1,362.28
Pickles Gap Baptist Church	396.54
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	1,695.00
Sallito Heights Baptist Church	338.57
South Side Baptist Church	200.00
Victory Baptist Church	51.00
Wootter First Baptist Church	608.18
	9,080.67

## GARLAND COUNTY BAPTIST ASSN

Amly First Baptist Church	190.47
Antioch Baptist Church	177.08
Cedar Glades Baptist Church	225.00
Grand Grove Baptist Church	25.00
Harveys Chapel Baptist Church	58.81
Jessieville Baptist Church	226.83
Leonard First Baptist Church	492.23
Mountain Pine First Baptist Church	176.00
Mountain Valley Baptist Church	500.00
Park Place Baptist Church	456.00
Rector Heights Baptist Church	83.89
Vista Heights Baptist Church	62.60
	2,328.00

## GREENE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSN

Alexander Baptist Church	289.13
Beach Grove Baptist Church	100.00
Big Creek Baptist Church	75.00
Brown's Chapel Baptist Church	3,289.87
Clayton Baptist Church	25.00
Center Hill Baptist Church	2,433.72
Clarks Chapel Baptist Church	301.34
Delaware Baptist Church	100.00
Finch Baptist Church	119.62
Immanuel Baptist Church	133.00
Life Baptist Church	100.00
Light Baptist Church	292.35
Marmaduke First Baptist Church	192.88
New Friendship Baptist Church	26.00
New Liberty Baptist Church	50.00
Nutts Chapel Baptist Church	215.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	100.00
Paragould Baptist Church	2,774.95
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	407.72
Roses Chapel Baptist Church	200.00
Rosebud Baptist Church	100.00
Stanford Baptist Church	300.00
Unity Baptist Church	1,867.75
Vines Chapel Baptist Church	581.45
West View Baptist Church	381.29
	14,122.09

## HARMONY BAPTIST ASSN

Altheimer First Baptist Church	157.00
Centennial Baptist Church	10.03
Central Baptist Church	30.00
Claud Road Baptist Church	100.00
Gollarway Baptist Church	398.43
Douglas Baptist Church	88.50
Dumas First Baptist Church	100.00
White Hall First Baptist Church	292.14
First Southern Baptist Church	192.63



# Families and Child Care contributions

Forrest Park Baptist Church	186.00
Goold First Baptist Church	1,514.20
Grady First Baptist Church	85.00
Green Meadows Baptist Church	1,859.74
Greenlee Baptist Church	1,207.00
Hardin Baptist Church	868.00
Hickory Grove Baptist Church	553.72
Humphrey Baptist Church	409.35
Immanuel Baptist Church	1,120.04
Linwood First Baptist Church	255.00
Linwood Baptist Church	149.83
Matthews Memorial Baptist Church	900.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	81.00
Pine Bluff First Baptist Church	7,059.70
Pine Bluff Second Baptist Church	439.00
Pison Baptist Church	115.45
Rion Baptist Church	1,000.00
Shannon Road Baptist Church	350.00
Shepherd Hill Baptist Church	85.00
South Side Baptist Church	467.00
Star City First Baptist Church	765.59
Stouffer Springs Baptist Church	235.00
Yorktown Baptist Church	85.00
<b>\$ 21,670.18</b>	

## INDEPENDENCE BAPTIST ASSN

Arbanna Baptist Church	\$ 562.00
Beeville First Baptist Church	261.64
Calvary Baptist Church, Batesville	681.77
Calvary Baptist Church, Timbo	112.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Timbo	435.00
Eastside Baptist Church	150.00
Emanuel Baptist Church	158.89
Finnell Baptist Church	323.17
Marcella Baptist Church	112.00
MT Zion Baptist Church	250.00
Neared Southern Baptist Church	235.00
Northwest Baptist Church	120.89
Pilgrimage Rest Baptist Church	144.26
Plains Baptist Church	162.00
Rhobeth Baptist Church	167.00
Rosedale Baptist Church	338.56
Shelburn Hill Baptist Church	325.14
Sulphur Rock Baptist Church	569.80
West Baptist Church	603.28
<b>\$ 5,312.06</b>	

## LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSN

Caladonia Baptist Church	\$ 200.00
Calson Baptist Church	175.26
Canden First Baptist Church	833.36
Chilaster Baptist Church	150.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	306.00
Dulandale Baptist Church	1,375.00
East Main Baptist Church	383.50
Ebenzer Baptist Church	267.05
El Dorado First Baptist Church	10,374.70
El Dorado Second Baptist Church	683.04
Elliot Baptist Church	135.00
Fairview Road Baptist Church	70.00
Fleming Baptist Church	683.04
Galilee Baptist Church	667.39
Grace Baptist Church	258.07
Hamble Baptist Church	787.16
Huttis First Baptist Church	801.99
Immanuel Baptist Church	2,853.26
Junotia City First Baptist Church	428.00
Knoeloe Baptist Church	579.74
Ladole Baptist Church	510.00
Lawson Baptist Church	328.84
Liberty Baptist Church	330.00
Louvann Baptist Church	124.50
Maple Avenue Baptist Church	248.00
Marable Hill Baptist Church	288.00
Midway Baptist Church	325.00
New London Baptist Church	408.94
Norfolk First Baptist Church	579.00
Philadelphia Baptist Church	220.50
Salom Baptist Church	368.81
Seawater First Baptist Church	1,184.35
Stephens First Baptist Church	1,241.00
Strong First Baptist Church	600.00
Sylvan Baptist Church	288.00
Temple Baptist Church, Canden	50.00
Temple Baptist Church, El Dorado	298.35
Three Crosses Baptist Church	288.00
Trinity Baptist Church	147.51
Union Baptist Church	922.00
Urbana Baptist Church	252.00
Victory Baptist Church	165.00
Village Baptist Church	448.00
Weason Baptist Church	485.00
West Side Baptist Church	310.00
<b>\$ 13,489.75</b>	

## LITTLE RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSN

Brownsville Baptist Church	\$ 278.88
Concord First Baptist Church	169.48

Harris Chapel Baptist Church	15.81
Heber Springs First Baptist Church	1,652.00
Lifeline Baptist Church	58.15
Lone Star Baptist Church	350.18
MT Zion Baptist Church	68.81
New Bethel Baptist Church	50.00
Palestine Baptist Church	385.53
Pines Baptist Church	89.27
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	11.25
Post Oak Baptist Church	202.28
Outback Baptist Church	248.00
South Side Baptist Church	324.00
Sugar Leaf Baptist Church	120.00
West Side Baptist Church	801.96
Woodrow Baptist Church	5,260.11
<b>\$ 5,260.11</b>	

## LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST ASSN

Ashdon First Baptist Church	\$ 927.85
Ben Lomond First Baptist Church	80.00
Brownstown Baptist Church	75.00
Central Baptist Church	219.00
Columbus Baptist Church	235.00
Cross Roads First Baptist Church	274.78
Foreman First Baptist Church	486.00
Green Springs Baptist Church	200.00
Horatio First Baptist Church	135.48
Kern Heights Baptist Church	468.50
Lakeside Baptist Church	120.00
Lockesburg First Baptist Church	484.39
Lone Oak Baptist Church	75.00
Murfreesboro Baptist Church	421.00
Nashville First Baptist Church	240.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	484.89
Ogden Baptist Church	100.00
Rock Hill Baptist Church	231.15
State Line Baptist Church	169.00
Washington Baptist Church	100.00
Wilton First Baptist Church	82.20
<b>\$ 5,791.05</b>	

## MISSISSIPPI CO. BAPTIST ASSN

Arnold Baptist Church	\$ 153.14
Bethany Baptist Church, Glytheville	230.36
Glytheville First Baptist Church	210.00
Brinkley Baptist Church	2,219.88
Brown Chapel Baptist Church	155.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Osceola	251.83
Calvary Baptist Church, Glytheville	251.83
Central Baptist Church	69.00
Cole First Baptist Church	83.00
Crossroads Baptist Church	100.00
Dell Baptist Church	203.25
East Side Baptist Church	100.00
Emanuel Baptist Church	120.00
Etowah Baptist Church	50.00
Friendship Baptist Church	11.00
Gonnell Baptist Church	22.50
Joiner Baptist Church	263.13
Kaiser First Baptist Church	19.08
Leachville First Baptist Church	339.35
Leachville Second Baptist Church	998.67
Martha First Baptist Church	157.88
Memorial Baptist Church	71.35
New Harmony Baptist Church	110.00
New Providence Baptist Church	90.00
Number Nine Baptist Church	340.08
Osceola First Baptist Church	794.38
Ridgecrest Baptist Church	100.00
Trinity Baptist Church	382.42
Hardall Baptist Church	268.00
Healds Baptist Church	170.00
Whitten Baptist Church	100.00
Hilson First Baptist Church	253.00
Hoodland Corner Baptist Church	42.44
Yarbrough Baptist Church	510.00
<b>\$ 9,167.86</b>	

## MT ZION BAPTIST ASSN

Bay First Baptist Church	\$ 121.80
Bethabara Baptist Church	394.75
Black Oak Baptist Church	358.71
Bono First Baptist Church	18.36
Bowman Baptist Church	140.78
Brookside Baptist Church	177.00
Caraway Baptist Church	72.12
Cash First Baptist Church	68.50
Central Baptist Church	375.83
Chilgrass Baptist Church	100.35
Egypt Baptist Church	25.00
Leakeville Baptist Church	83.38
Johnesboro First Baptist Church	186.18
Lake City First Baptist Church	118.00
Monetta First Baptist Church	71.88
MT. Pisgah Baptist Church	115.00
MT. Zion Baptist Church	416.00
Nettleton Baptist Church	340.00

New Antioch Baptist Church	225.02
New Hope Baptist Church, Caraway	177.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Jonesboro	58.15
North Main Baptist Church	86.50
Providence Baptist Church	37.00
Strawberry Baptist Church	32.32
Walnut Street Baptist Church	80.85
<b>\$ 4,128.58</b>	

## NORTH ARKANSAS BAPTIST ASSN

Albena First Baptist Church	\$ 1,020.71
Bark Spring Baptist Church	581.89
Bellefonte Baptist Church	372.00
Berryville First Baptist Church	512.00
Blue Eye First Baptist Church	38.82
Burlington Baptist Church	235.46
Cassville Baptist Church	300.80
Deer Baptist Church	150.20
East Heights Baptist Church	1,266.75
Elmwood Baptist Church	100.42
Emanuel Baptist Church	193.94
Eureka Springs First Baptist Church	325.76
Everton Baptist Church	334.05
Freeman Heights Baptist Church	110.82
Gaither Baptist Church	75.00
Grandview First Baptist Church	397.14
Green Forest First Baptist Church	368.24
Green Springs Baptist Church	136.15
Harrison First Baptist Church	1,015.81
Howell Baptist Church	100.00
Jasper Baptist Church	100.00
Lead Hill First Baptist Church	318.89
Marble Falls Baptist Church	85.00
Marion Baptist Church	421.96
New Hope Baptist Church	217.00
Northville Baptist Church	280.10
Oaaha First Baptist Church	46.28
Oregon Flat Baptist Church	852.82
Osage Baptist Church	435.14
Parthenon Baptist Church	30.83
Rock Spring Baptist Church	824.44
Rudd Baptist Church	140.00
Snowball Baptist Church	82.00
South Side Baptist Church	261.00
Trinity Baptist Church	58.18
Union Baptist Church	486.80
Valley Springs First Baptist Church	1,166.15
Western Grove Baptist Church	72.25
Hoodland Heights Baptist Church	258.00
<b>\$ 15,083.75</b>	

## NORTH CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSN

Bay Branch Baptist Church	\$ 222.50
Bethlehem Baptist Church	80.75
Clinton First Baptist Church	1,048.05
Fairfield Baptist Church	172.00
Fermosa Baptist Church	938.35
Friendship Baptist Church	949.32
Hamlet Baptist Church	1,000.00
Lealie First Baptist Church	867.14
Lexington Baptist Church	250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	400.00
Plant Baptist Church	86.77
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	404.41
Rosser Baptist Church	325.00
Scotland Baptist Church	881.81
Shady Grove Baptist Church	773.32
Shirley Baptist Church	1,000.00
<b>\$ 7,869.70</b>	

## NORTH PULASKI BAPTIST ASSN

Amboy Baptist Church	\$ 483.00
Bay Branch Baptist Church	1,877.75
Bethany Baptist Church	456.51
Calvary Baptist Church	1,203.00
Carroll Baptist Church	325.00
Chapel Hill Baptist Church	682.41
Crestval Valley Baptist Church	111.00
East Side Baptist Church	613.68
Gethsemane Baptist Church	103.00
Grace Baptist Church	72.00
Hamlet Memorial Baptist Church	40.00
Highway Baptist Church	2,677.74
Indian Hills Baptist Church	30.00
Indian Lake Baptist Church	78.80
Jacksonville First Baptist Church	1,022.00
Jacksonville Second Baptist Church	928.00
Levy Baptist Church	736.37
Marble Road Baptist Church	119.25
Military Road Baptist Church	32.00
Morrison Chapel Baptist Church	520.85
N. Little Rock Baptist Church	724.23
Oakwood Baptist Church	242.20
Park Hill Baptist Church	1,189.39
Pike Avenue Baptist Church	483.25
Recount Baptist Church	208.00
Ruvann First Baptist Church	75.88
Shaded Grove First Baptist Church	1,478.96
Sixteenth Street Baptist Church	118.00
Steffill Baptist Church	100.00

# Family and Child Care contributions

Sylvan Hill Baptist Church 1,275.00  
Zion Hill Baptist Church 1,033.51  
# 19,670.41

Third Street Baptist Church 57.00  
Unity Baptist Church 2,329.00  
Whelan Springs Baptist Church 50.00  
# 10,321.00

Eastside Baptist Church 120.00  
Faith Baptist Church 175.00  
Fisher First Baptist Church 219.00  
Frear Baptist Church 17.42  
Greenfield Baptist Church 57.00  
Harrisburg First Baptist Church 5.00  
Lebanon Baptist Church 4.10  
Lepanto Baptist Baptist Church 88.90  
Meadow Grove Baptist Church 100.00  
Marked Tree First Baptist Church 381.00  
McCormick Baptist Church 80.00  
Neal's Chapel Baptist Church 119.30  
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church 250.00  
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church 179.50  
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church 100.00  
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church 100.00  
Providence Baptist Church 101.00  
Red Oak Baptist Church 370.37  
Riverside Baptist Church 183.74  
Shiloh Baptist Church 120.00  
Trinity Baptist Church 84.73  
Tyronza First Baptist Church 191.00  
Valley View Baptist Church 129.58  
Walden Baptist Church 50.00  
Weiner First Baptist Church 78.55  
West Ridge Baptist Church 28.80  
# 4,312.00

## QUACHITA BAPTIST ASSN

Board Camp Baptist Church 70.00  
Calvary Baptist Church 100.00  
Chapel Hill Baptist Church 818.23  
Cherry Hill Baptist Church 70.00  
Concord Baptist Church 524.00  
Cove First Baptist Church 180.28  
Dallas Avenue Baptist Church 21.00  
DeQueen First Baptist Church 1,225.00  
Gillham Baptist Church 200.00  
Grimes Baptist Church 101.00  
Hatfield First Baptist Church 299.26  
Hutton Baptist Church 431.37  
Lower Big Fork 60.00  
Mena First Baptist Church 42.05  
Salem Baptist Church 50.00  
Two Mile Baptist Church 127.31  
Vanderwort First Baptist Church 333.55  
Yocane Baptist Church 200.00  
# 8,144.73

## ROCKY-BAYOU BAPTIST ASSN

Ash Flat Baptist Church 48.75  
Beview Baptist Church 1,331.95  
Boswell Baptist Church 25.00  
Calico Rock First Baptist Church 80.82  
Cherokee Village Baptist Church 1,040.00  
Dolph Baptist Church 686.57  
Evensing Shade First Baptist Church 683.73  
Finlay Creek Baptist Church 50.00  
Hardy First Baptist Church 582.70  
Horsehoe Bend Baptist Church 123.80  
Immanuel Baptist Church 125.85  
Milbourne First Baptist Church 180.30  
Midway Baptist Church 62.20  
Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church 100.00  
Northside Baptist Church 81.00  
Oxford Baptist Church 53.00  
Saddle First Baptist Church 14.00  
Sage Baptist Church 111.55  
Salem First Baptist Church 143.00  
Sidney Baptist Church 129.78  
Sylamore First Baptist Church 120.54  
Union Hill Baptist Church 27.52  
Zion Hill Baptist Church 81.22  
# 6,553.48

## WASH-MADISON BAPTIST ASSN.

Berry Street Baptist Church 138.00  
Black Oak Baptist Church 150.00  
Bruch Creek Baptist Church 324.33  
Calvary Baptist Church 150.00  
Cauld Ave Baptist Church 741.15  
Elkins Baptist Church 150.00  
Elkins First Baptist Church 163.76  
Eldada Baptist Church 752.00  
Farmington First Baptist Church 271.75  
Fayetteville First Baptist Church 800.25  
Greenland First Baptist Church 45.47  
Hindewville Baptist Church 118.10  
Huntville First Baptist Church 183.74  
Immanuel Baptist Church 203.00  
Johnson Baptist Church 154.00  
Kingsport First Baptist Church 153.72  
Liberty Baptist Church 270.73  
Lincoln First Baptist Church 243.00  
Llewellyn First Baptist Church 161.00  
Prairie Grove Baptist Church 1,203.13  
Providence Baptist Church 458.85  
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## SBK president says prayer can open door to world ministry

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—The president of the Southern Baptist Convention promised the church he leads will be "united in heart with brothers and sisters across America" in prayer for world evangelization.

Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church in Memphis, Tenn., noted he sees "monumental significance" in the SBK Foreign Mission Board trustees' call for "concerts of prayer" for advancing the gospel.

In December, the trustees urged Southern Baptist churches to initiate special prayer for world evangelization during all worship services, Sunday school classes, church training programs and other activities on the first Sunday of every month.

A toll-free "PrayerLine," 1-800-ALL-SEEK (1-800-255-7335), at the Foreign Mission Board relays the latest prayer concerns from across the world. The number can be dialed from every state except Virginia, Alaska

and Hawaii, where regular toll calls will be needed to 1-804-355-6581.

"We may be on the brink of the greatest missionary advance the world has ever known," Rogers said in a telephone interview. "The world is ripe for judgment and ripe for evangelism. Sin has reached tidal wave proportions. On the other hand, there's a generation that, in a sense, has tried everything and found that nothing works.

Many people are turning anew to the Lord.

"If God has given us an open door, we need to energize ourselves by prayer and step through it."

Rogers, who has been preaching from the New Testament book of Acts at Bellevue, noted, "If we prayed as the early church prayed, we might see more of the miraculous expansion of the missionary effort that they saw so long ago."

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# Georgia Baptists help defeat pari-mutuel gambling bill

ATLANTA (BP)—Georgia Baptists and Methodists played key roles in defeating a proposed constitutional amendment which would have legalized pari-mutuel gambling on horse races in Georgia.

The House Industry Committee of the Georgia General Assembly voted 18-6 against the bill, in effect killing it for the 1987

legislative session.

Thousands of Baptists and Methodists wrote letters opposing the legislation to their representatives and senators and to members of the House Industry Committee.

Opposition to the bill was led by the Georgia Council on Moral and Civic Concerns, an organization of Baptists and

Methodists in Georgia established in 1943 by the late Louie D. Newton and Bishop Arthur Moore.

Emmett Henderson, executive director of the council, attributed defeat of the bill to an outpouring of letters, phone calls and public outcry from concerned Christian citizens in Georgia opposed to legalized gambling.

"To my knowledge, at no time in recent history has there been a greater public response in Georgia that changed the course of legislation so quickly," said Henderson, a former Georgia Baptist pastor for 25 years.

The chairman of the House Industry Committee, Rep. Sonny Watson of Warner-Robins received almost 1,000 letters against the bill, including at least 200 from his home district. Most of the letters were hand-written messages "from truly concerned people."

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# Witnesses laud, censure Baptist Joint Committee

by Dan Martin  
Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Witnesses lauded and censured the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs during hearings by a special fact-finding committee in late January.

The committee was appointed after an effort was made during the 1986 annual meeting of the SBC to sever the ties between the two organizations and establish "an exclusive Southern Baptist presence" in the nation's capital.

The man who made the motion, M.G. (Dan) Daniels of Mobile, Ala., was one of the 22 persons who offered testimony during the two-day meeting.

Daniels' criticism of the BJCPA centered around its opposition to the Prayer Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which Daniels said "is a matter which determines whether the nation stands or falls. I will give them (the BJCPA) full credit for the good they have done, but these things (the Prayer Amendment) can make or break America."

Daniels also said Southern Baptists "are sending the wrong message through the Baptist Joint Committee."

In addition to Daniels, 21 people gave testimony, 15 in support of the work of the Baptist Joint Committee and six in opposition to it.

Some who testified say they wish to keep the relationship and the funding intact and praised the BJCPA for its work in such matters as Equal Access legislation, opposition to an ambassador to the Holy See, clarifying Internal Revenue Service interpretations of "integrated auxiliaries" of churches, ministerial housing, double taxing missionaries and other matters.

Bill O'Brien, executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, commended the BJCPA for helping more than 3,700 foreign missionaries in reference to the overseas earned income tax matter.

During the two days of hearings, committee members heard discussion about the "accountability" of the Baptist Joint Committee to the SBC and listened as witnesses talked about both what they perceived to be the responsiveness and non-responsiveness of the organization to the wishes of Southern Baptists.

The study committee heard four basic plans suggested for the relationship of the two organizations:

—Retaining the current relationship, which stresses the advantages of coalition with groups representing 27 million Baptists across the nation rather than 14 million Southern Baptists. Some who favor this approach also favored creation of a Christian Life Commission office in the capital to deal with moral and social issues.

—Continuing to participate, but in a modified fashion. Suggestions included

changing the membership of the SBC's Public Affairs Committee to include more at-large members.

—Continuing to participate, but in a reduced fashion, while, at the same time, establishing an exclusive Southern Baptist presence, perhaps through placement of a Christian Life Commission staffer in Washington.

—Severing all relationships with the BJCPA and establishing an organization which will "better represent" the views of Southern Baptists to government leaders.

The committee also heard three major criticisms of the BJCPA:

—The style of the executive director (James Dunn), particularly in political rhetoric related to the controversy over the Reagan Prayer Amendment.

—The group's opposition to the Prayer Amendment.

—Dunn's past participation in People for the American Way and what some perceive as a penchant to invite "liberal" speakers to BJCPA conferences.

Of those who testified, nine are employees of SBC or state convention agencies, four are pastors, four are homemakers, one is a seminary student, three are laymen and one is affiliated with an independent college.

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**Bible to be focus of  
inerrancy conference**

by Mark Wingfield  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—For the first time in their seven-year-old controversy, Southern Baptists will have a chance to talk together about the scholarly aspects of biblical inerrancy May 4-7.

Presidents of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries are sponsoring the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in Ridgecrest, N.C. It is the first of three national conferences the seminary presidents will host in an attempt to resolve the denomination's ongoing political and theological controversy.

Keynote speaker will be J.I. Packer, professor of historical and systematic theology at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia. Packer is a charter member of the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy and a noted author on the subject. His books include "Fundamentalism and the Word of God," "Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God" and "Knowing God."

Other scholars scheduled to speak include Kenneth Kantzer, dean of the Christianity Today Institute; Clark Pinnock, professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario; Millard Erickson, dean at Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.; Mark Noll, history professor at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill.; and Robert Preus of Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The conference will include six general sessions of worship, with addresses by key speakers. In Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon sessions, participants will discuss specific topics in smaller groups.

Professors from the six SBC seminaries will lead these discussion sessions. Topics will include "The Relationship of the Bible to Natural Science," "The Strengths and Weaknesses of Fundamentalism," "The Relationship Between Views of the Bible and Missions" and "Biblical Teaching on Inspiration and Inerrancy."

The opening worship session will feature Joel Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and vocalist Russell Newport of Springfield, Mo.

Fundamental-conservatives and moderate-conservatives within the convention have been in disagreement since 1979. Much of that debate has centered on the six seminaries and the authority of the Bible.

Because the presidents expect a capacity crowd for this first conference, reservations should be made soon. Individual conference rates are \$148.75/single, \$110.50/double, \$101.80/triple, and \$97.45/four. Cost includes all lodging, meals and conference fees.

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## Survey respondents support greater evangelism efforts

by Linda Lawson  
Baptist Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Stepped-up efforts at winning lost persons to Jesus Christ should be the number one priority of Southern Baptist churches, according to a recent survey in which evangelism led by 10 percentage points over all other concerns needing greater emphasis.

In the study conducted for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, NFO Research Inc. of Toledo, Ohio, sent a mail survey to about 1,500 Southern Baptists 18 years of age and older. A total of 1,072 responded to the four-page questionnaire.

Asked to rank a list of 13 items according to the emphasis needed in Southern Baptist churches—ranging from greatly increased to greatly decreased emphasis—57 percent of those responding called for greatly increased emphasis on winning the world to Christ.

In other areas rated high in the need for greatly increased emphasis, strengthening marriage was cited by 47 percent; reclaiming inactive members, 44 percent; training in Christian parenthood, 43 percent; and worship, 40 percent.

With a desire expressed for more emphasis on evangelism, 40 percent of the respondents said they had talked with an un-saved person about becoming a Christian during the last 12 months while 11 percent said they had led someone to make a commitment to Christ.

In another area, from a list of 23 moral or economic problems, respondents said drug use (51 percent) and child abuse (50 percent) concern them most.

Other issues which rated among the top ten were: divorce rate, 30 percent; abortion and drinking of alcoholic beverages, 28 percent each; terrorism and parental neglect of children, 27 percent each; homosexuality, 26 percent; immorality in sexual relationships, 25 percent; and hunger/poverty, 23 percent.

Issues receiving the lowest responses were: capital punishment, 2 percent; women's rights/opportunities, 4 percent; spouse abuse, 6 percent; and racial discrimination and nuclear disarmament, 7 percent each.

From a list of four possible theories of inspiration of the Bible, respondents divided equally (38 percent each) on two of the theories.

"God inspired writers in such a way that even though they used their own words, they were so completely enlightened, guided and empowered that the whole of what they wrote was without any error," was the choice of one group of 38 percent of respondents.

Also chosen by 38 percent was the statement, "God worked in the lives and minds of writers to give them inspired ideas so that what they wrote expresses the revealed truth of God in words drawn from the writers' own backgrounds and experiences."

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## Convention Uniform

### Christian relationships

by Andrew M. Hall, Fayetteville

Basic passage: Colossians 3:5-21

Focal passage: Colossians 3:5-21

Central truth: Walk the walk; then talk the talk.

A father overheard his five-year-old daughter talking to her playmate—"Don't worry, my Daddy can fix anything!" He knew this was not quite true, but felt good about her great confidence in him.

It is a higher ground ("If ye have been raised with Christ") to which Paul takes his readers. Now that salvation had come to the Colossians, they were challenged to positively live out their new-found beliefs. We are faced endlessly with a choice—to set out affections on things above, or to be continually wrapped up in earth-bound things. Of course there is a mystery in all of this—how God indwells and transforms our personalities in Christ. We just know he does it.

I was called away from a revival in my church because of a death in the family. I tried to assure my people in the church that they were mature enough to support the evangelist and singer and have a good crusade without my presence. Later when I asked how things had gone in the meeting I received this answer: "Not much happened—one fellow came for baptism." That assessment proved to be a shallow one. The convert had been a hopeless alcoholic; he had abused his family, and frequently had been in fights at the local bars. Not only was he saved, but he has since responded to a call to the ministry and today is head chaplain of a large hospital. The revival took a higher road than they dreamed. His wife testifies that their once chaotic home is now peaceful.

Archimedes once said that if he had a place to stand, he would move the universe. When a believer "stands on Christ" he is able to make good things happen. He can ride his life to covetousness, idolatry, evil affections, and walk instead in a productive path.

My seminary Greek professor once defined righteousness as "lifting up that which is good while pressing down that which is evil." In Christian growth we put on a new person. In one sentence Paul neutralizes Jews, Greeks, barbarians, and slaves by declaring that "Christ is all and in all" (Col. 3:10). Let each child of God follow this mode and an impact will be felt world-wide.

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## Life and Work

### Following Jesus

by Harry T. Kennedy, Calvary Church, Hope

Basic passage: Luke 9:23-26,57-62

Focal passage: Luke 9:23-26

Central truth: If you chose to follow Jesus, you must be willing to place him first over everything and everyone else.

When Jesus gives us the opportunity to become a disciple, he does not try and paint a beautiful picture. Jesus is open and candidly clear in what is required in being one of his followers. These verses of scripture reveal to us that being a Christian is not a way of convenience, nor is it for those who want to be selective in their service to Jesus.

Jesus expects us to understand that we will face rejection, misunderstanding and alienation at times. That is why the disciple is a person whose life is literally 'separate from the world.'


Jesus reminds us in our passages that this separation can only come to be as we go through a 'daily' experience of denial. In otherwords, it simply means that whatever Jesus wants us to do; where he wants us to go; how he wants us to act, even to the matters that comprise our conversation, are to come before oneself. This is a tremendous challenge to anyone who chooses to follow Christ. Are we not confronted by family, friends, personal interests, and a host of other things that tempt us to compromise our convictions and loyalty to Jesus? Yet, Jesus does not hesitate to tell us "I must have all of your life if I am to be your master!"

Our personal cross of commitment is where we come to experience victory over the world of our senses and discover what only comes through self-denial. This is when we are set free from the "what's in this for me" mentality and learn that freedom found in serving Jesus with no regrets.

The price of denial will seem to be very high, but it is better to accept Jesus' way than loose everything in the end. As to how close one is to such a tragedy may be clearly seen in how willing we are to testifying Jesus as our Lord when the world in which we live seems to close in upon us with its demands.

This is a call to total commitment without reservations.

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## Bible Book

### The work of the Holy Spirit

by Tim Reddin, Barcelona Road Church Hot Springs Village

Basic passage: John 15:18-16:15

Focal passage: John 15:18-21,26-27; 16:7-15

Central truth: The Holy Spirit is to us what Jesus was to his disciples—the presence and power of God enabling us to perform the work we must do and to endure the trials we must face.

In Ephesus, Paul encountered some believers who had never so much as heard of the Holy Spirit (Acts 19). Most of us have at least heard of him, but have a woeful ignorance of his person and work.

There are two extremes in our day with regard to the Holy Spirit, both of which we must avoid. Some give to him a preeminence which rightfully belongs to Christ Jesus alone. Some, perhaps in reaction to the excesses of others, ignore him altogether. Both extremes will lead us to error. We must strive to be biblical and balanced in our doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

This passage is certainly the place to start! In these verses Christ gives the most significant systematic treatment of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit we find in our Bibles.

Who is the Holy Spirit? He is God's personal, powerful presence in and among believers today. He is God's manifestation of himself in our hearts. There is but one God, not three. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not different deities but differing manifestations of the only true God.

In today's text he is called the Comforter. This translates a Greek term meaning "helper" or "counselor." It was employed to denote an advocate in court—not a professional attorney but a friend who stood beside the defendant and help him. It was also used occasionally of a prompter in the Greek theatre.

From these usages came a commonly understood meaning which perfectly describes the ministry of the Holy Spirit. He is a companion who stands at our side to render aid in time of need. He is our friend who is with us to help us.

How does the Holy Spirit do his work? Our text suggests three ways. First, he leads us to Jesus (15:26). Next, he leads us from sin (16:8-11). And third, he leads us to truth (16:13-15).

Before our Lord's birth he was given the name "Immanuel." That beautiful name could now well be applied to the Holy Spirit. Indeed, he is "Immanuel—God with us!"

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## Drunk driving report calls for diligence

By David Wilkinson  
SBC Christian Life Commission

WASHINGTON (BP)—Fortified legal sanctions are making a difference, but a new report contends the battle against drunk driving never will be won without fundamental changes in America's social attitudes.

That conclusion dominates the 1986 progress report of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, established in 1983 to monitor nationwide efforts to combat drunk driving.

"The laws that have made a difference in saving lives are in place as never before," the report says. "However, the unfulfilled need is the most difficult, and that is to change behavior patterns and social attitudes."

The commission's report underscores some encouraging changes in the continuing campaign against drunk driving. For example, in 1980 an estimated 28,000 of the 51,091 people killed on America's highways were involved in alcohol-related accidents. By contrast, in 1985 an estimated 22,360 alcohol-related victims were among the year's 43,795 fatalities.

The report notes the substantial reduction in deaths as well as in the percentage of alcohol-related fatalities occurred during a period when both highway travel and the number of drivers increased.

Another sign of progress cited in the report is that fewer teenagers are driving while intoxicated. From 1982 to 1985, the greatest rate of decline among all age groups in the percentage of intoxicated drivers involved in fatal crashes was among teenagers. In fact, the decline among 15- to 17-year-olds exceeded that of any other age group.

Nevertheless, alcohol-related crashes re-

main the No. 1 cause of death for U.S. teenagers.

The report also gave a mixed review on law enforcement and other "countermeasures" against drunk driving. On the positive side, it pointed out 44 states now have age 21 minimum drinking age-laws. On the other hand:

— Only 17 states have enacted "open container" laws prohibiting possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage in the passenger compartment of an automobile.

— Only 28 states have "dram shop" laws relating to some form of servers' liability.

— Only 22 states provide for administrative suspension or revocation of the driver's license for driving with an illegal blood-alcohol content.

— Only 13 states exclude plea bargaining from driving under the influence offenses.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission, welcomed the report as "a call to persistence."

"The tide of public opinion is turning, thanks to the faithful efforts of committed individuals, families, churches and community groups," Valentine said. He noted a recent Harris survey showed that 72 percent of drivers say they never drink and drive, a dramatic turnaround compared to a 1983 Gallup study which found that 80 percent of American motorists would not hesitate to drive after drinking.

"If public attitudes are to be translated into changed behavior, then churches must redouble their efforts to provide intervention and education, especially among young people," Valentine added. "The best way to end the problem of drunk driving is to end the problem of alcohol abuse."

## John Allen resigns as Alaska executive

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)—John H. Allen has resigned effective Feb. 28 as executive director of the Alaska Baptist Convention, to become director of cooperative missions and stewardship for the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

Allen, 55, has been with the Alaska convention since 1976, serving first as director of missions and since 1982 as the chief executive officer.

Bill Duncan, director of evangelism, Brotherhood and stewardship for the convention, will be interim executive director.

Allen, a native of Texas, told Baptist Press: "I have been in direct missions all of ministry, and, in fact, came to Alaska as director of missions. My first love is missions. I felt I wanted to return to the 'lower 48' and thought that at my age, I have one move left. I believe I would rather spend the remainder of my career doing missions than administration, budgets, working with real estate agents

and attorneys."

Allen added: "I have always seen the ministry of the Lord to be opportunities for service more than stairsteps up and down."

Prior to going to Alaska, Allen was associate director of church extension for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He also was an area director of missions in South Dakota and a pastor in California, Texas and Virginia.

He is a native of Fort Worth, Texas, and a graduate of Wayland Baptist University; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.; Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.; and the Medical College of Virginia.

Duncan, a native of Stuttgart, Ark., has been in Alaska since 1967 after serving as pastor of churches in Nevada and Arizona. In Alaska, he has been pastor, director of missions, convention president and now state staff member.

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