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*Arkansas Baptist*  
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## One layman's opinion

# The dilemmas of letting young people make their own decisions



Dr. Grant

It's a shame that young people don't always appreciate how wise we adults are.

If young people would simply accept adult decisions on blind faith, a major cause of adult frustration would be eliminated. More important, we would save tremendous amounts of time wasted on figuring out ways to get young people to do what we want them to do without their really knowing that's what we are trying to do.

I have never forgotten my painful efforts to avoid imposing my own love of tennis on my son, Ross. It is a simple truth among tennis players that the earlier one starts playing tennis, the better his chances are of becoming a good player in high school, college, and later life.

When Ross was six years old I took him out for a trial effort at tennis but there was utterly no spark of interest at all. Determined as I was to avoid forcing tennis upon him and making him win all the championships I failed to win, I eased off and didn't mention tennis for a whole year. I took him out again at age seven and again there was no spark of interest.

During the years that followed, I became shamefully proud of my restraint in this matter. I did not push the issue of why my son refused to follow his father's example and fall in love with tennis. If I grieved because he did not avail himself of his father's tremendous know-how, coaching talents, and experience in tennis, I tried to grieve in private.

It was not until Ross was 14 that he really became interested in tennis. Our entire family took a ten-day vacation trip to Jamaica and there was nothing to do but swim and play tennis twice a day. Tennis fever finally grabbed him and he continued to play almost daily all spring after returning home to Nashville. I shall never forget his reaction to playing in his first tennis tournament. His first opponent was his own age, but was a boy who had been playing since he was six years old. Ross was defeated so badly that I wondered if he would ever pick up a tennis racket again.

A few days later Ross still had not yet reached the stage of being able to talk about losing the tennis match. As he was riding with Mrs. Grant and me to town, he overheard us discussing whether to let our daughter do a particular thing that we considered to be unwise. I had just delivered myself of a rather eloquent statement of my belief that we need occasionally to let our children make their own decisions and learn from their own mistakes.

Ross had been listening from the back seat of the car more carefully than I realized. He spoke up and said "Daddy, when I get old like you and mother and have a son of my own, I'm going to make him start playing tennis when he's six years old!"

After my initial reaction that sometimes you can't win for losing, I began to consider more deeply the moral of this experience. Some might conclude that (1) parents are too permissive with their children and should more completely plan their lives for them, or (2) young people want freedom for young people only when they are the young people, or (3) we should learn to manipulate young people so that they end up doing what we want them to, but thinking it was their own free decision.

I suspect all three are wrong, and there is still a middle ground between adult tyranny and youthful anarchy. I believe there is a healthy compromise that has a balance of adult wisdom and guidance along with freedom and trial-and-error learning for young people.

Daniel R. Grant

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## Eighty-seven people

For 362 days of the year the Executive Board runs the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Eighty-seven people from over the state make up our board — 58 pastors, 3 superintendents of missions, 18 laymen, and 8 lovely ladies who represent their respective districts.

The Executive Board is chaired by the very able Dillard Miller, president, assisted by Charles Whedbee, vice president, and an executive committee, composed of Loyd Hunnicutt, James Sawyer, John McClanahan, Gerald Trussell, and our convention president, Rheubin L. South. Dr. Hunnicutt is chairman of the Operating Committee. Dr. Sawyer is chairman of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Trussell is chairman of the Finance Committee and Dr. McClanahan is chairman of the Program Committee.

The Executive Board meets normally twice each year as a full board with the various committees meeting throughout the year to do their work.

The Operating Committee, under the direction of Dr. Hunnicutt, is responsible for the operation of the Baptist Building staff and the projected programs. This committee is required to meet four times each year.

The Executive Board is legally constituted to handle convention business ad interim and functions wisely in this regard. The Executive Board has encountered no problems which were impossible to handle under the present arrangement. The system works and Baptists are happy with it.

One of our 356,000 Baptists may ask, "If 87 people are authorized to run the convention ad interim and only a few hours each year are allowed for business sessions at the annual convention, how can Mr. Everyday Baptist, who is not on the board, participate in the life of his convention?"

It can be done, it surely can. Here are some suggestions for anyone, anywhere in our fellowship, who wishes a voice in the affairs of his convention:

(1) Accept the assignment as a messenger to the annual sessions if your church elects you to serve. Attend the sessions and vote your mind. Many are able to get the floor to express themselves and all messengers are able to vote.

(2) Write the executive secretary or the president of the board if you have grievances, complaints, or suggestions you desire considered. They will be brought to the attention of the Executive Board. Our board president, Dillard Miller, is committed to this procedure as have our previous presidents.

(3) Contact directly the chairman of any of the major convention committees and they will hear you gladly. I promise you this.

(4) Submit a letter if you wish to convention president, Rheubin L. South, Box 4064, North Little Rock 72116. I'll assure you that the matter will be placed in the hands of responsible people. No matter from any person will be disregarded. I promise you this.

(5) Contact the board member in your area and open your heart to him. He represents to a degree your area and is at complete freedom to get anything on the agenda of the Executive Board.

(6) If you have ideas for our larger fellowship, the Southern Baptist Convention, you can contact Rheubin L. South or Chief Justice Carleton Harris, who serve on the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and they will give you satisfaction.

(7) If you wish corrections, changes, or services from the staff of the Baptist Building you are free to write to the respective department heads in charge or to the executive secretary. I promise your cause will be considered.

(8) If you hear the complaints of another person who may not wish to run the ball himself you can call the matter to the attention of the executive secretary and he will seek to correct the matter in due administrative procedures.

A widow who needed greatly to have her only son discharged from the service in World War II to run the family farm wrote the chaplain of her son's unit the following letter:

"Dear Chaplain Ashcraft:

I have written for a dependency discharge for my son and have received no help. I have written the president of the United States. I have written the War Department. I have written the U. S. Army. I have written the Secretary of Defense. I have written to the commanding general. I have written to the company commander. I have now written to the chaplain and if I don't get results this time I am going to write direct to Uncle Sam himself."

Don't give up if you have matters you wish to get before the convention. The 87 people are from your ranks and they are there to serve you. I'll write Uncle Sam himself. How about that? The moral of the story — she got results. — Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary.

I must say it!

## A new era



Dr. Ashcraft

A new era begins in the field of communication for Arkansas Baptists. Dr. J. Everett Sneed will bring the richness of his high academic achievements, his excellent rapport with churches both large and small, and his gracious disposition to serve as he assumes direction as editor in chief of our *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. He inherits a fine staff which was assembled by the wise judgment of the retiring editor, Dr. Erwin L. McDonald.

He comes to the office at a wonderful point in Baptist history in Arkansas. He can see Baptists at an all time high involved in an effort to be their best. His fellow Baptists have renewed their determination to support Christian higher education.

His fellow Baptists have dedicated themselves as few religious groups have dared to reach people for our Lord. He sees his fellow Baptists in the greatest giving mood in their long history.

He finds his fellow Baptist loving each other more

and making a greater place in their hearts for those who are different than they.

Well, what of the next editor? How will he do with 356,000 Baptists, all of whom have a mind of their own. Answer — "He will be a great editor because he will ask the brethren to pray for him and they will. He will open his heart to the needs of Arkansas Baptist and will seek to meet the needs of his brethren.

He will gather to himself and his staff the finest counsel that can be found and will produce a magazine each issue of which will be a masterpiece in itself.

If you will pray for your editor as you do the executive secretary and the rest of the staff you will see how much God will use him to draw us closer to one another, help us love each other more, encourage us to give more, make friends for God and Baptist causes, and grow stronger churches.

The superintendents of missions should feel very happy over the election of Dr. Sneed as he has an abiding interest in their work. The special ministries people will delight in his election as he will continue his fine interest in that phase of our work.

Pastors will be happy as Dr. Sneed is an excellent preacher and can grace all our pulpits in Arkansas. Welcome aboard, Dr. Sneed!

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

## Arkansas students share faith with college students on beaches

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — As college students from throughout the nation swarmed into Daytona Beach to soak up the sun, more than 300 students migrated to the beaches with another purpose in mind.

The students from colleges in Tennessee, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Michigan, Mississippi, Louisiana, Illinois and Oklahoma volunteered their spring vacations to share their faith in Jesus Christ with other visitors on the Daytona beaches. Besides talking with students in the afternoons on the beaches, the students operate a "coffeehouse" or "rap room" in the afternoons and evenings in the Beach Rest on Ocean Avenue.

"Through this outreach ministry we hope to develop many new friendships with the students here on the beaches, and that way to share our faith with them," Nathan Porter, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board student evangelism director and one of the coordinators of the project, said.

"There is a real difference between zapping someone for Jesus and a genuine concern you must feel for them," Dan Yearly, Baptist campus minister at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tex., said. "What we need to do is move people from indifference and hostility to a place of searching. You

must be able to give of yourselves to someone, not just give a 'One-Way' sign to them."

Each night in the "Rap Room" students provided musical entertainment, including a presentation of the musical "Life" presented by students from Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La.

Among the more than 300 students working in the project there are almost that many reasons for coming to Daytona. But most of the reasons are centered around sharing their faith in Jesus Christ.

"I had a very renewing religious experience five weeks before I came down here," Gary Dietz, a junior from Ouachita University, said. "Before that my life was lost; I was on drugs and all. I cam down here to Daytona to spread my experience, to tell others that the thing they are searching for is peace of mind. And the only way to obtain this peace of mind is with Jesus Christ.

"The kids here are all searching after something to put cement in every facet of their lives. They are all searching; I can see it in their eyes. They don't realize it's Jesus Christ they need," he said.

Cindy Ritchie, a Ouachita sophomore and recent "Miss Minden, Ark." said at first the project was a "culture shock"

for her. "I was surprised at my naiveness. It was a culture shock for me to even be around people on drugs. At first it was hard for my partner, another girl, to go up and start talking with people, but I found once you start talking you find that young people have a common bond and they are real easy to talk to," she said.

"I'm not really sure why I came," Dana Bunn, a senior social work major from Henderson State College, said. "I do know I came to have a good time, to see the beaches, and to get a tan. In the meantime, through a process of searching for a more complete 'witness' ministry, I found I could minister but still be me and not put 'on the dog' for my religious friends.

"The college students here are extremely easy to talk to because they share the same loneliness that I have shared. It appears that whatever or whoever you were on campus, that doesn't matter, because you're equal to the next guy on the beach," Bunn said. A Texarkana Tex., native, he will go in September to a Baptist center in Phenix City, Ala. under the US-2 two-year missionary program under Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointment.

The 300 students working in the project are divided into groups of 10, with team leaders serving in a counselor capacity. Team leaders from Ouachita were Ron Griffin, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Dickens. About 40 students from Ouachita and Henderson participated in the beach project.

Breaking ground for the Fine Arts Building and auditorium at Southern Baptist College on March 30 were Charles Ashcraft, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; David Humble, SBC student; H. E. Williams, president of the college; Padgett Cope, president of the SBC board of trustees; Rheubin South, state convention president; Alvin "Bo" Huffman Jr., director of the OBU-SBC Advancement Campaign; and Judge and Mrs. Edward Maddox of Harrisburg.

## Southern breaks ground for fine arts unit



Rheubin L. South, President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and Vice-chairman of the OBU-SBC Advancement Campaign, spoke at the ground-breaking ceremony. Left to right: Glen T. Cox and Richard J. Bowen, Architect for the new building; Bo Huffman, Campaign Director; Padgett Cope, Dr. South and H. E. Williams.



Judge Edward Maddox turns the ground for the beginning of construction of the new Fine Arts Building and Auditorium. To his left is Mrs. Maddox and to his right is Marty Sewald, choral director and Professor of Voice at SBC. The Fine Arts unit is to be named the "H. P. Maddox Sr. Fine Arts Building" in honor of the father of Judge Maddox.

### Mooney to Blytheville



Mooney

Danny M. Mooney has been called as director of music at Calvary Church, Blytheville. He is a native of Ft. Smith, where he graduated from North Side High School. He is a Sergeant in the United States Air Force, having served 5 years, including

one year in Thailand. He is an active member of the Blytheville CB Emergency Squad.

He and Mrs. Mooney, the former Charlotte Haggard of Cedarville, Ark., have one child, Charlia who is one month old.

### Ft. Smith pastor does chaplain work

Charles H. Skutt, pastor of the Ft. Smith Spradling Church, was presented the Award of Merit by Holiday Inns, Inc., at a luncheon in the Downtown Holiday Inn of Fort Smith recently. The award was presented by Associate Chaplain Charles Woodall of Memphis.

The award was presented to Dr. Skutt in recognition of his work with guests and staff members of the inn as Chaplain-on-call. The Chaplain-on-Call program of Holiday Inns, Inc., now includes nearly 800 ministers of all faiths all over the world. Dr. Skutt is only the third person to receive the Award of Merit.

### Available to preach



Stark

D. W. Stark, after serving more than five years as Interim Pastor of the Manning Church in Carey Association, has resigned. He is now serving as clerk-treasurer and part time missionary of Carey. This work leaves him free to preach revivals and supply for any church within or outside the association.

His address is P. O. Box 305, Bearden, Ark. 71720, and his telephone number is 687-2433.

# Congratulations to the new editor

My regret in losing you from the Missions Department staff is completely overshadowed by the personal satisfaction I have derived from your election as editor of the *Newsmagazine* and by the assurance in my mind that you will do an excellent job in providing a credible news medium for Arkansas Baptists.—R. H. Dorris, Director, Missions Department

Best wishes, Everett Sneed, as you enter a broader sphere of missionary endeavor as editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine!*—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Arkansas WMU

Welcome to the important desk of editor of the *Newsmagazine*. I'll enjoy working with you in every possible way.—Lawson Hatfield

As a part of Baptist Building staff we welcome Dr. Sneed to his new office as editor.—Don Cooper

Congratulations on your new assignment as Editor of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. My cooperation and prayers will go with you.—Mary Emma Humphrey

Best wishes to you as you enter a new place of service.—Pat Rattou

Hearty congratulations and best wishes upon your call to the editorship of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Be assured of my continued prayers and fullest support for you and your staff in your strategic place of service.—Erwin L. McDonald, Former editor, *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

May God richly bless you in your new ministry as editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Your rich and varied background of experience and training prepared you well for this strategic place of leadership in our state.—Robert Holley

May your experiences as editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* be as outstanding and rewarding as your service as Associational Missionary and Director of Special Missions Ministries.—Tom J. Logue

Arkansas Baptists have exercised good stewardship of personnel by electing Dr. Sneed to the position of editor, and good stewardship always produces good results.—Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of

Stewardship-Cooperative Program.

Dear Dr. Sneed: Praise God for your election as Editor of the powerful *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism.

My best wishes to Dr. Sneed on his new assignment!—Julia Keitner

Congratulations, Dr. Sneed, in your new position!—Sara Wisdom

My congratulations to you Dr. Sneed as the new chief of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.—Lera Stokes

May God richly bless you as your many talents, extensive education, rich experience in Baptist work, and compassionate spirit are all applied to this new opportunity of service.—Ural C. Clayton

It is a genuine joy to welcome Dr. Sneed to his new office as editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.—T. K. Rucker

Your commitment to God plus your outstanding personal abilities will serve as a great combination for your service as Editor of our *Newsmagazine*. Congratulations!—Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services

It is a pleasure indeed to welcome Dr. J. Everett Sneed as Editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. The staff of the Higher Education Development Department joins me in congratulating Dr. Sneed and extending Christian good wishes to him as he begins this very strategic assignment in Arkansas Baptist State Convention life!—Alvin Huffman, Jr.

I want to register my signal pleasure with the decision to employ Dr. J. Everett Sneed as Editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. I believe that a wise decision was made. I have the utmost confidence in Dr. Sneed. I feel that he is well qualified for the new assignment and that Arkansas Baptists are indeed fortunate to have a man like him as our Editor.—Ross O. Ward

Believing that you are the "man for the job," we of the Church Training Department welcome you to your new position as Editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.—Ralph W. Davis

Congratulations, Dr. Sneed, on your election as editor of the *Baptist Newsmagazine*, and best wishes as you begin utilizing your tremendous abilities in this area of Christian journalism.—C. H. Seaton, Brotherhood Department

Congratulations to Dr. J. Everett Sneed upon being chosen as editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Dr. Sneed is truly a consecrated Christian and a gentle genius, worthy of the high post to which he is called.—Wilson C. Deese

As Everett Sneed comes to his new task at a time in his life when the years of training and experience resolve into conviction and enterprise, it is my opinion that he will serve with distinction and become widely recognized as the Christian statesman he is.—Robert U. Ferguson

Dr. J. Everett Sneed is one of the most capable men in my acquaintance. He is uniquely and exceptionally trained. He has a splendid rapport with others. His experience in the local church, in the association, and in the state give him an understanding of our scope of work. His dedication has deep roots in personal experience.—Gerald Martin, pastor, Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

He represents the very height of denominational loyalty, a fine theologian, of course, and he has a dedication to the Lord and his task which is not exceeded by anyone I know.

I believe Dr. Sneed will bring to Arkansas Baptists the kind of leadership they want as editor of the paper. In my experience he has been sensitive to the needs of people and open to suggestions of any reasonable nature. I am trying to say that I believe he would be the type of editor people would respect. I know he will give it everything he has.—J. T. Elliff, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Capital Baptist Association, Oklahoma City, Okla. (formerly Secretary, Missions Dept., Arkansas Baptist State Convention)

He is a man who respects the notions of others and commends those whose efforts magnify Christ.

He has always promoted the denominational structure and program and encouraged the leadership who are responsible for maintaining motivation in these areas.

He was a fine associational missionary, also serving one term as president of the Arkansas Missionary's Fellowship.

He has proven himself in the State Missions Department to be capable of developing a program and challenging Baptists with it.

He is in great demand as a speaker in World Mission Conferences and associational meetings and I believe would represent Arkansas Baptists well in the field of journalism.

Dr. Sneed has a broad area of interests and a great desire for attaining excellence in any endeavor he undertakes.—S. D. Hacker, Supt. of Missions, Independence Assn.

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I have had the privilege of serving as Dr. Sneed's pastor plus the privilege of his serving as our Associational Superintendent of Missions. He is a man of God, dedicated in his heart in finding and doing the will of God. We will never be ashamed of his work.—R. A. Bone, pastor, Calvary Church, Batesville

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I have known Dr. Sneed for a number of years and deem him a Christian gentleman of the highest order.

I had the privilege some time ago of working with Dr. Sneed in one of the small churches in Independence County Association while he was missionary there. I came to appreciate his deep sense of dedication to the Lord and his genuine love for people. He knows how to work with people in a winning way. I have been with him on other occasions and out of these relations I have developed a strong admiration for him.

It is my judgment Dr. Sneed, in the position of editor, will give it his best, his all, and he is a man of great ability.—S. A. Whitlow, Hope (former executive secretary-treasurer, Arkansas Baptist State Convention)

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That was a delightful bit of news which I saw in the *Gazette* and the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* concerning the selection of a new editor for our state paper. This confirms my growing conviction that the leadership of Arkansas Baptists shows increasing good judgment in selection of its workers. Your training and experience will prove to be genuine assets as you assume your new duties in the will of the Lord.—V. E. Wolber, Chairman, Department of Religion, Ouachita University

## Doctrines of the faith

# The humanity of Christ

By Jimmy A. Millikin  
Southern Baptist College



Dr. Millikin

It was stated last week that the doctrine of Christ is usually divided into two areas of study — the person of Christ and the work of Christ. The person of Christ deals with the question, Who is Jesus? This week's study deals with a part of the answer to that question.

Who is Jesus? To answer this question fully would require a lengthy volume. Most everything that needs to be said in answer to this question, however, may be discussed under two statements: (1) Jesus was a man, and (2) Jesus was God.

Jesus was a man. This is the logical beginning place in a study of Christ. It is the natural order. Jesus' immediate disciples first knew him as a man, then later as more than a man (John 1:45-51; 4:29). This is how we are introduced to him in the New Testament.

In considering Jesus as a man two features need emphasis:

First, Christ's humanity was real. The *Baptist Faith and Message* seeks to emphasize this truth when it states that Christ took "upon himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying himself completely with mankind." This truth is so evident in the New Testament that it hardly needs proving. Yet, since this truth in past centuries has been denied, and Christ's humanity is of such importance, some statements of proof seem justified.

The evidence for Jesus' humanity in the New Testament is abundant. He experienced mental, physical, religious, and social growth as a man (Luke 2:52). The New Testament describes him as showing the physical reactions of a man, such as, fatigue (John 4:6), sleep (Matt. 8:24), hunger (Matt. 21:18), thirst (John 19:28), and suffering (Matt. 27:19).

Christ also experienced the emotional reactions of a man. He was moved with compassion (Luke 7:13) and wept (Luke 19:41). He grieved and expressed indignation and anger (Mark 3:5). He knew both joy and sorrow (John 15:11; Matt. 26:37). These and other human traits ascribed to him demonstrate that the New Testament everywhere assumes that Jesus was a real man.

The second thing to be said about Jesus' humanity concerns its uniqueness. Though real, Christ's humanity is set apart from all other men. As a man he differed from all others in at least two respects.

First, Christ's humanity had a unique origin. According to both of the only two accounts of Christ's birth, there was something supernatural surrounding it. His conception was not according to the ordinary laws of heredity. He had no human father. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit into the womb of the virgin Mary who had never known a man sexually. He was virgin born (see Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38).

Second, Christ's humanity differed from all other men in that he was sinless. Jesus himself claimed to be sinless. He challenged others to convince him of sin (John 8:46). He taught others to confess their sins and pray for forgiveness (Matt. 6:12; Luke 11:4), but he himself never confessed sin or asked for forgiveness.

Others recognized his sinlessness. Paul states that he became sin for us but he himself knew no sin (2 Cor. 5:21). The Book of Hebrews states that he was tempted, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15). Peter called him the righteous dying for the unrighteous (1 Peter 3:18). John also says he is the righteous one whose blood cleans from all sin (1 John 1:7; 2:1). The *Baptist Faith and Message* simply affirms the New Testament witness by stating that Christ identified "himself completely with mankind yet without sin."

### New subscribers:

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## Praises editorial

I was blessed greatly by your editorial, "New life in old structures—the church." Thank you for it. It seemed to speak to my heart in an unusual way.—Dillard S. Miller, pastor, First Church, Mena



# Welcome aboard

## An interview with the new editor



Executive Secretary Charles Ashcraft talks with J. Everett Sneed, new editor of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE. (ABN Photos)

**Ashcraft:** Dr. Sneed, you have been elected to one of the highest posts in our Baptist fellowship by the executive board of our convention. Welcome aboard! Do you wish to state your philosophy about the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine?"

**Sneed:** It is my feeling that our *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* should have as its main objective the edification and encouragement of the Baptist people of Arkansas. A continual effort should be made to maintain a balance between national, international, an local Baptist news as well as a variety of emphases designed to appeal to various groups. It will be my objective to communicate exciting events that take place in our churches, especially those which will assist in greater outreach and training.

**Ashcraft:** Do you plan to face up to the issues point blank in your paper?

**Sneed:** Definitely.

**Ashcraft:** Do you anticipate great difficulty at this point?

**Sneed:** No, none.

**Ashcraft:** How will you handle divergent views which will come to your desk?

**Sneed:** It is my plan to encourage all of our people, regardless of point of view, to contribute to this publication. I will print materials which differ from my own view as quickly as those which agree. The more formal presentations will be carried under Open Forum-Equal Space. Less formal will be under Letters to the Editor.

**Ashcraft:** Are you satisfied with your job description?

**Sneed:** Yes, I feel it is excellent.

**Ashcraft:** Can you live with it?

**Sneed:** Yes.

**Ashcraft:** Do you feel you can be the direct agent of the Holy Spirit in this structure?

**Sneed:** I'm sure that I can.

**Ashcraft:** You are granted great breathing room in editorial freedom. Do you plan to extend such freedom to others?

**Sneed:** Naturally.

**Ashcraft:** All editors get into trouble. When you get into trouble will you allow your friends to help you?

**Sneed:** Yes, certainly.

**Ashcraft:** You are working under an arrangement which makes you report directly to the executive secretary. If you feel you are right and he is wrong will you stand up to him?

**Sneed:** Yes, of course.

**Ashcraft:** You are known as a conservative in the field of theology. Do you have room in your heart and in your paper for those of a different theological stance?

**Sneed:** Yes. I believe that all our people have the right to be heard.

**Ashcraft:** You will have many decisions to make such as the type of advertising you will accept and also certain levels to which you hope to hold the publication. How will you handle this?

**Sneed:** I will ask the executive board to assist me in developing guidelines which will fairly give guidance in these areas.

**Ashcraft:** You are aware of the recent surveys conducted by the executive secretary. Do you feel these will be helpful to you?

**Sneed:** Yes. The information con-

tained in these will be of significant benefit in determining the materials desired by our readers.

**Ashcraft:** Do you feel the survey was conducted with an acceptable degree of thoroughness and fairness?

**Sneed:** Yes.

**Ashcraft:** How do you feel about Christian higher education?

**Sneed:** It would be difficult to over-emphasize the value of our educational institutions.

**Ashcraft:** Will you continue your fine encouragement for special ministries?

**Sneed:** Yes. I am deeply committed to the belief that our churches must relate to the whole man and give guidance to people in our contemporary society.

**Ashcraft:** You have served in the State Missions Department for two and a half years. How do you evaluate the work of that department?

**Sneed:** It is my feeling that Arkansas Baptists have one of the greatest state mission programs in the Southern Baptist Convention. Each staff member is exceedingly capable and dedicated. R. H. Dorris is giving excellent leadership to the total department. It is my belief that under God's leadership these important areas of work will reach new and greater heights.

**Ashcraft:** Will you continue to accept revival engagements, Bible teaching assignments, and continue your preaching ministry?

**Sneed:** Yes. I'm looking forward to such opportunities as time permits.

**Ashcraft:** You reach about 250,000 readers each week. Will you have a weekly editorial for your fellow Baptists?

**Sneed:** I consider this one of the greatest opportunities afforded me through this periodical.

**Ashcraft:** The "Arkansas Baptist News-magazine" is a 24 page publication. Do you have plans to lessen the number of pages?

**Sneed:** Definitely not!

**Ashcraft:** You have quite a staff to assist you. Will you continue the employ of these people?

**Sneed:** Yes. I feel that Dr. McDonald has acquired a staff of the highest professional quality. I am delighted with the excellent services of these dedicated people.

**Ashcraft:** Is the "Baptist Faith and Message" adequate as guidelines for your interpretation of the Baptist faith?

**Sneed:** Yes. It would be most difficult to improve on these excellent statements of our doctrines.

**Ashcraft:** Are you comfortable within the guidelines of this statement?

**Sneed:** Yes.

**Ashcraft:** Do you share the executive secretary's desire to keep our family of churches together?

**Sneed:** I certainly do.

**Ashcraft:** Do you have some plan whereby you can continue your training in the field of journalism?

**Sneed:** I will be attending seminars, workshops, writer's conferences, and night classes. It is my feeling that an editor must continually acquire journalistic training and techniques.

**Ashcraft:** You have great identity and rapport with smaller churches. Will you be just as zealous to assist our large churches as our smaller ones?

**Sneed:** Yes. I will give my all to any situation without regard to size.

**Ashcraft:** Do you feel God's leadership in bringing you into this strategic post of responsibility?

**Sneed:** Yes. I consider it the greatest opportunity that God has ever given me.

**Ashcraft:** Do you have a message for your fellow Baptists?

**Sneed:** I wish to express my deep appreciation to you, Dr. Ashcraft, to the operating committee, and to the executive board for this opportunity. I realize that with this job comes great responsibility; so I earnestly desire the prayers of all of our people. I also will pledge to maintain an open door so that anyone may discuss any matter with me freely.



The new editor shows some of the equipment in the mailing room to his family—Chere, wife Mary Ellen, and Cathy. (Photos by Bill Kennedy)



Dr. Sneed and his former supervisor, R. H. Dorris, director of the Missions Department, discuss Sneed's new position.

Dr. Sneed will continue with the present staff who are —



Ann Taylor, bookkeeper, who also oversees circulation



Betty Kennedy, managing editor



Mary Gibson, secretary to the editor

## Your superintendent of missions at work — Boone-Newton Association becomes self-supporting



Finn

John T. Finn has served Boone-Newton Association as Superintendent of Missions since January, 1967. The association provides rented office space on East Rush in downtown Harrison. The pastors and churches of the association are kept

informed of the activities in the association through the office of the missionary.

Boone-Newton Association is now composed of 31 churches, 23 located in Boone County, five in Newton County, two in Searcy County, and one in Carroll County. Three of these churches have come into the association during the past year. In 1971, these 31 churches reported a membership of 5,241, and all but two have services twice each Sunday. More than half of the churches are pastored by men who are also engaged in secular work. The association became self-supporting last year.

Three churches are now conducting a bus ministry with a total of four buses, enlarging their outreach and making regular attendance possible for many who would otherwise be unable to attend church.

• As he coordinates the work of the churches of the association, Missionary Finn's foremost concern is evangelism. Opportunities for evangelism are presented by many areas of his work:

Revivals are conducted in as many churches each year as the missionary can include in his schedule, and this ministry has resulted in more than 300 professions of faith.

An evangelism conference is held annually under the leadership of outstanding personnel.

The association holds a summer camp for one week each year at Baptist Vista with an average attendance of 150-200. The program includes an approved study course, missionary speakers, and evangelistic services each evening.

The missionary is available to conduct Vacation Bible Schools in churches requesting help.

Evangelism is emphasized in youth rallies and youth retreats.

• Another important emphasis is Bible study. The missionary assists many churches in January Bible Study, and associational Bible conferences are held with such speakers as Dr. Vance

Havner, who will be leading a conference May 8-12 this year.

• The superintendent of missions promotes and directs the activities of the associational organizations. The WMU holds annual prayer retreats for WMS and Acteen members. A recent project of the Baptist Men was the providing of a Braille Bible for a 12-year-old blind boy. The association actively supports the BSU program, including it in the annual budget.

• Assistance to pastorless churches is an important phase of the missionary's work. This includes pulpit supply, meeting with pulpit committees, and assisting them in obtaining information about prospective pastors upon request.

In December, 1971, John Finn was appointed Chaplain of Boone County. This ministry includes work with juveniles in trouble, work with prisoners in local jails and state institutions, acting as liaison between prisoners and their families, and providing personal items and Bibles for prisoners. The work is supported on contributions from individuals, organizations, and other denominations, as well as the Baptist association. While this is not a part of his responsibility as superintendent of missions, it provides a wonderful opportunity to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of people in trouble and has resulted in a number of professions of faith.

Missionary Finn supports and assists the pastors of his association in every way possible, recognizing the pastor's God-called position of leadership, but willing to give help and guidance wherever it is needed and desired, depending always on the promise found in Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

### Attends conference

Mrs. Fred Love of Norphlet attended a recent conference at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville for writers of curriculum materials for older preschoolers. The conference included participants from nine states and was directed by Miss Marie Hedgecoth and Miss Jo Alice Haigh, editors of older preschool materials. The writers accepted assignments and studied outlines for 1973-1974 issues of *Guide C for Preschool Teachers*.

## E. E. Boone accepts Wynne pastorate



Boone

E. E. Boone has accepted the call of the Wynne Church to serve as pastor.

For the past eight years Boone has served as Superintendent of Missions of Tri-County Association. Prior to this he served in this same capacity in Calvary Association, Searcy.

He has served as pastor of churches in Arkadelphia and Emmett, Segoville and Hillsboro, Tex. He is currently a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and has served the last two years as a member of the Operating Committee.

A native of Hot Springs, Boone is a graduate of Ouachita University and holds two degrees from Southwestern seminary.

During World War II and the Korean Conflict he served as pilot in the Air Force flying combat missions, and is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff School.

Mrs. Boone is also a native of Hot Springs and a graduate of the School of Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary.

## OBU senior gets grad assistantship



Miss Rice

ARKADELPHIA — Ramona Rice of Texarkana, a senior at Ouachita University, has been awarded a graduate assistantship in the department of botany and bacteriology at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Miss Rice will graduate from Ouachita in May with a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry.

At Ouachita, Miss Rice is a member of Alpha Chi honor fraternity, Gamma Sigma Epsilon chemistry fraternity, Beta Beta Beta biology fraternity, Sigma Gamma Sigma math club, the American Chemical Society Student Affiliate and the Arkansas Collegiate Academy.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Rice of Line Ferry Road in Texarkana.

## Telephone: nuisance and blessing

By Velma Merritt



Mrs. Merritt

Mr. Bell's invention is one of the most convenient devices man has developed, but many pastors' wives also find it extremely annoying. This is especially true in the small church where the pastor's wife does not work outside the home and there is no church secretary. When the pastor cannot be located at church and information is wanted, the pastor's home phone number is dialed. His wife must answer many calls which go through the church office in larger congregations.

Most pastors and their wives want to be as helpful as possible and try to be with their members. The majority of the calls received at the pastor's home are important and are gladly received. However, there are some exceptions and these are the calls which are annoying.

Occasionally someone will call and want to gossip about another member of the congregation.

Sometimes a member is striving for attention and will try to win special favor with the pastor's family by talking with his wife over the phone.

At times a person will call just to "visit". The pastor's wife may be busy and not have time to chat but finds it difficult to tactfully hang up.

There are a few members who call to ask what time something starts, what room it is meeting in, etc. This same information could be looked up in the bulletin or church paper.

Another group may want to ask something of little importance but instead of waiting to ask the pastor at church they will call his home while he is getting dressed for the services.

Despite the occasional annoying calls, the telephone also brings an outlet for ministry. Some women hesitate to go for formal counseling with the pastor but willingly pour out their problems to his wife over the phone. The wife who realizes that she too can have a ministry can train herself to be sensitive to the feelings of others and will recognize the chance to be of service to them in her Lord's name.

In cases of emergency only those who have been helped realize the role the telephone played in notifying their pastor. Other things not listed in the emergency category have been handled more conveniently because of the phone.

When the telephone is used properly it is a tremendous asset to a pastor, but when it is used improperly, it is a terrible nuisance.



First Church, Imboden, broke ground recently for a new auditorium. In addition to the auditorium, which will seat 280, the building will contain nurseries, church office, study, and classrooms. Completion is expected by May 1. Members of the building committee are (l to r) Junior House, Bob Dowing, K. D. McLeon, Octavius Smith, Frank Beauchamp, Marvin Woodson, Ottis Clark, and James Whitlock, pastor.

## Arkansans join home's new unit at Shreveport

MONROE, La. — Mr. and Mrs. Norville N. Marshall have been named as supervisors of the Shreveport unit of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. They joined the staff April 1, coming from Little Rock, where he was serving as minister of education at Immanuel Church.

Supt. Wade B. East said that the Home expects to have its cottage in operation in Shreveport in the very near future. A search is being conducted for an adequate house which can be rented or leased for this purpose.

Marshall attended Oklahoma Baptist University and graduated with a B.S. degree from East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce, Tex. He received the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary. He has served as minister of education and music at First Church, Commerce, Texas; Trinity Church, Lake Charles, La.; North Ft. Worth Church; and at the first churches in Irving, Tex., Minden, La., Arlington, Tex., and Mansfield, La. He has been education minister at Queensborough Church in Shreveport and at First Church in Monroe.

Mrs. Marshall is a graduate of East Texas State Teachers College with a major in Home Economics. She attended Southwestern Seminary. The Marshalls have three children: Rosemary, who is married to Layton Rogers of McMinnville, Oregon; Philip, a student at Southwestern Seminary; and David, a student at Ouachita University, Arkadelphia.

## Two are licensed

Bill Fish and David Poole were recently licensed to preach by the South Side Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Bill Fish is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fish. He is a senior at Pine Bluff High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society, the Symphonic and Laboratory Bands. Fish is an Eagle Scout and holds the God and Country Award. He is Assistant Scout Master for Troop #89 of the South Side Baptist Church.

David Poole is the son of Mrs. Hattie Ellen Poole and the late Mr. Poole. He is also a senior at Pine Bluff High School. Poole is interim pastor of Tucker Baptist Chapel, which is a mission of South Side. He served as a counselor for the city-wide Spireno Crusade and is very active in witnessing among the young people of the area.

Both young men are pre-enrolled at Ouachita University and will begin their studies in September.

## Foreign Mission Board to meet here in 1974

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in the semi-annual session in Jackson, Mississippi, voted unanimously to hold their spring meeting, April 8-10, 1974, in Little Rock. The appointment service for new missionaries will be in the Robinson Auditorium on Tuesday night, April 9, 1974.



Kelly



West



Miss Blankenship



Miss Whitlow

## Revivals

**Bethany, North Little Rock**, April 2-9; Bill Philliber, evangelist, Bill Hill, music; 30 professions of faith with 29 for baptism, 2 by statement, 1 by letter, 9 rededications. T. J. Richardson is pastor.

**First, Mountain View**, March 27-31; preaching and music by New Life Singers, First Church, Hurst, Tex.; 31 professions of faith with 16 for baptism, 1 by letter. Amos Greer is pastor.

**White Oak Church, Walnut Ridge**, March 5-12; Billy Walker, evangelist; 12 professions of faith, 2 by letter. Frank Shell is pastor.

**Amboy, North Little Rock**, March 27-April 2; Dennis Baw, evangelist, Minister of Music John Baw, song leader; 38 professions of faith, 10 for baptism. Arnold Tell is pastor.

**Nodena Memorial, Wilson**, March 26-April 1; Ken Freemeyer, evangelist, Jean Smith, music director; 20 rededications, 6 by letter, 7 professions of faith. Roy C. Johnson is pastor.

**Forrest City, First**, March 19-24; Jerry Spencer, evangelist, David and Carol Tyson, music; 82 professions of faith, 2 by letter.

**First Almyra**, March 19-26; Clarence Shell, evangelist, Larry Masters, music; 14 professions of faith, 3 by letter, more than 75 other commitments. Delton J. Cooper is pastor.

**Southside Mission, Warren**, March 26-April 1; Glenn Riggs, evangelist, Glenn Lewis, song leader; 6 for baptism, 1 by letter. H. Lee Lewis is pastor.

## 20 years attendance

Nolan Lewis has been awarded a pen for 20 years perfect attendance in Sunday School, by the Watt Moore Bible Class of the West Helena Church. Jesse Porter, is the teacher of the class.

April 20, 1972

## Regional mission action workshop slated for Ouachita University

Arkansas residents will have intensive mission action training delivered to their doorstep May 17-19.

This, the ninth of 15 regional mission action workshops, will be held at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia.

The workshop, part of the first large-scale mission action training project ever fielded, is sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union and the Home Mission Board.

All kinds of mission action workers are invited. Pastors, church staff members, WMU officers and leaders, and mission action group members are most likely to benefit from the program.

People from all states touching Arkansas will be participating in the conference.

The Ouachita workshop will give nine hours of specific training in work with a mission action target. A person can choose to attend any one of ten target conferences. These will be conducted by Home Mission Board and Christian Life Commission representatives.

WMU personnel will lead general sessions on mission action organization and administration, group processes, and mission action projects.

Dr. Clyde R. Walker, professor of psychology and counseling at New Orleans Seminary, will speak in the general sessions.

WMU staffers leading general sessions will be Miss June Whitlow, promotion division director for WMU; Miss Margaret Bruce, WMU field services department; and Miss Aline Fuselier, WMU field services department.

The target conferences and leaders are:

Resort—Emery Smith, special mission ministries department, HMB.

Language—L. D. Wood, language missions department, HMB.

Internationals—Robert Haskins, director of language missions, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Nonreaders—Mildred Blankenship, HMB literacy specialist.

Economically disadvantaged—Beverly Hammack, HMB social work specialist.

The aging—Paul Adkins, secretary of Christian social ministries department, HMB.

The sick—Charles McCullin, HMB specialist on church weekday ministries.

Combating moral problems—Elmer S. West, director of program development, Christian Life Commission.

Prisoner rehabilitation and alcohol and drug abusers—Warren Rawles, Christian social ministries department, HMB.

Juvenile rehabilitation—Gene Thompson, weekday ministries specialist, Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.

All these conferences will draw on three resource persons: James W. Kelly, HMB director of division of chaplaincy; William B. Mitchell, assistant secretary in department of interfaith witness, HMB; and Victor Glass, secretary of department of work with National Baptists, HMB.

The workshop begins at 1 p.m. on the opening afternoon, runs all day and evening on the middle day, and ends at noon on the third day.

Reservations for room and board should be sent to: Dean B. Aldon Dixon, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923. For reservations, send \$2 fee per person.

Cost will be \$10.50 per person for room and board, plus \$1 for linens.

No fees will be charged other than those related to room and board.

## Townsend is licensed

John Townsend has been licensed to the ministry by First Church, Warren. John is a member of the Southside Mission of the First Baptist Church.

Townsend is married, and the father of two daughters Vickie age 12, and Dee, age 9.

## BSU workshop to aid summer youth directors

A workshop for summer youth directors, sponsored by the Baptist Student Union of Arkansas, will be held the weekend of May 5-6 at the Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, 323 S. Elm in Little Rock.

Arliss Dickerson, Baptist Student Director at Henderson State College, will be the leader for the weekend.

Designed especially for college students who will be serving as youth directors this summer, the laboratory will give helps and materials for training high school students to share their faith, will provide helps in youth week plans, and provide materials and training for leading Bible study groups. It will also provide retreat guides, theme suggestions, and ideas for youth council, summer newsletter, etc.

The total cost for this weekend will be \$2.50. Participants may register in advance with Arliss Dickerson, 713 N. 12th Street, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923. The lab will begin at 7 on Friday night and end Saturday afternoon. Breakfast and lunch Saturday will be provided and if lodging is needed it can be obtained upon request in advance.

## Church placement aid offered by Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA — Churches needing ministers of youth, education or music, either on a summer or year-round basis, may now contact the Ouachita University placement office for a list of student applicants in these areas.

According to Mike Beaty, OBU admissions counselor, the placement office is providing this service not only to help fulfill needs of Southern Baptist churches around the state but also to aid Ouachita students seeking employment in church-related work.

Beaty said that the office, in addition to providing a list of applicants, will also make recommendations on specific students to the churches.

Churches interested in student employment are asked to contact either Beaty or Mrs. Raymond Coppenger, placement director, at Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923.

## Correction

An obituary in the April 13 issue of the Newsmagazine stated that Gary Lynn Jenkins died March 5. He died April 5 after being injured in an accident March 25.

## Woman's viewpoint O Zion, Haste

By Iris O'Neal Bowen

We have been observing the week of prayer for home missions in the women's groups and throughout the whole church. As I think of our small efforts at promoting missions, both here and over all the earth, I am reminded of my mother and the life she dedicated to

"Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release."

How many of us would take the last of our butter and egg money and catch the mail truck, or the train or bus, or even a grocery truck, and go into the smallest of churches to further the work of missions?

She wanted no pay, demanded no recognition, encouraged her co-laborers and was thankful she could serve.

Her ultimate happiness would have been, I think, to see one of her children carry the good news to some foreign land.

I know a couple whose son felt called to go into full time service and these fine people considered they were blessed in his calling. They set about to see that he got the education he needed. For many years they gave up, cheerfully, the extras they could have had. They drove the same old car year after year to pay his college and even higher education expenses.

This dedicated mother says some of her friends thought her foolish to forego her own pleasures, and to give up her child was unthinkable!

"Now that my son is busy in his chosen field, we seldom see him," she says, "but we are happy that the Lord is using him. Every sacrifice has been a joy and we do not regret the sacrifices nor the efforts we had to make."

Would we be willing, as we slip our small token into a missions envelope, to cheerfully give up a child for the Lord to use?

And yet, Paul says, in Romans 10:13-15, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

"Behold how many thousands still are lying, Bound in the darksome prison house of sin, With none to tell them of the Savior's dying, Or of the life He died for them to win."

"Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious. . ."



Mrs. Bowen



Robert Bauman (left), manager of the Baptist Book Store, receives a national award for the Best Sales Promotion Event in 1970-71 during the Baptist Book Stores' recent Awards Banquet. The Little Rock store is one of the 55 retail book stores owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Each of these stores is eligible to enter the annual awards competition. Odell Crowe, manager of the Book Store Division's Operations Department, makes the presentation to Bauman.

## Church Training attendance grows



Davis

with the new enrollment being the attendance for that day. We do not advocate this, but some churches practice this plan.

What about enrollment and average attendance? According to Southern Baptist reports for Arkansas, in 1970 we had 85,494 enrolled in Church Training in Arkansas, and in 1971 we had 84,326, a decrease of 1,168. This started us wondering about the figures since we had as many churches with Training Union in 1971 as we had in 1970.

We then studied the record of nearly 700 churches (687) that reported both average attendance and enrollment in 1970 and 1971 on their annual church letters. These 687 churches reported Church Training enrollment in 1970 of 71,314 and 1971 of 70,221, a decrease of 1,093. The average attendance in 1970

If you want to discover the number of people attending Church Training, average attendance rather than enrollment will give you the exact figures. Some enrollments are padded. Some churches clear the roll and begin on the first of October

was 34,729 and the average attendance in 1971 was 35,065, an increase of 336! These 687 churches represent a cross section of Arkansas, including rural, town, and city churches. These churches represent about 73 percent of the total number of churches with Church Training. It is encouraging to know that we are increasing in attendance.

Since average attendance is about 50 percent of enrollment, and since total enrollment is 84,326, we know that an average of over 42,000 Arkansas Baptists attend their church training program every Sunday. This is the second largest attendance of any organization of our Baptist churches. In order to reach more people, we need to go after them and as we do, let them know the content of our study areas that we present each Sunday. (See the March 30 *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*)

All of these figures are for the on-going, regular Sunday Church Training Program. The cumulative report including new member orientation, leader training, etc. for 1970 was 91,911 while the on-going enrollment was 85,494.

We would urge all churches to give their average attendance as well as enrollment when they fill out the Church Training page of their annual letter to the association each fall. — Ralph W. Davis



Bob Burroughs

## Reading clinic to be held

A Reading Session to present new music for youth and Adult choirs is to be held April 29 in the choir Room at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Two sessions, 9:30 a.m. — 12 noon and 1 p.m. until 2, are designed for interested ministers of music and part time directors.

This event is to be directed by Mr. Bob Burroughs, School of Music, Samford University, well known composer of youth music.

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## Plan a cooperative mission venture in your hometown

Most of us naturally like the glamorous side of life. We respond to new experiences and different sights. Who among us would turn down a free trip to London or Paris in the spring? Recently churches have been sponsoring mission trips that have a glamorous as well as useful appeal. This is fine and the work accomplished is commendable. My object in this article is to suggest a sequel to the glamorous mission trip, a local cooperative mission venture.

In most areas, and especially in the medium to large size towns, there are those eyesores of physical and spiritual need. People many times are trapped in their problems and cannot free themselves. Usually there is a Baptist church in the depressed areas. Why not contact the membership of that church and set up a meeting with the pastor and deacons outlining what your mission group did on their last trip and suggest the same program on a cooperative basis? I believe our hometown folks will respond to a sincere Christian ministry.

Possibly the church you select will be a National Baptist church (Negro), but it may be of another denomina-

tion. The report from Texarkana, Tex., (*Home Mission* magazine, April '72), tells us that when Christians lead in righting the wrongs of life, better racial relations result. In Texarkana, Tex., two Negro Baptist churches were burned to the ground, and Larry Rose, superintendent of missions for Bowie Association, offered to lead the project and help rebuild the churches. Texas Baptists are assisting and the work is making progress.

One pastor said to me recently, "If we do any local mission work outside of our church activities it must be with the Negro people. They are the only opportunity we have."

Could it be that such opportunities are placed before us to lead us to grow into Christ-likeness?

The qualities of life essential to mission activities are the qualities of the New Life of the New Testament. Compassion, humility, forgiveness, kindness, and subservience to the rule of God in Christ are but a few. Prayerful consideration of local opportunities plus courageous initiative could make this coming summertime a blessing to remember. — Robert U. Ferguson, Director, Work with National Baptists



Floyd Tidsworth

Baptist Student Union meant a great deal to me while I attended the University of Arkansas. It helped me to establish a strong church relationship. BSU Director Jamie Jones guided me through many times of doubt and helped me to grow in Christian understanding. Friends at the BSU Center filled social and fellowship needs. Times of vocational emphasis assisted me in deciding that God was calling me to be a missionary. Perhaps the greatest blessing of BSU to me was that I first became acquainted with the girl who is now my wife through BSU.

(Floyd Tidsworth serves with the Home Mission Board as an Area Missionary for 20 counties in West Virginia.)

## Who's Who in the bus ministry

We are sharing information about the bus outreach being used now by more and more of our churches.

The following is a partial list of churches involved in busing:

Church	No. of Buses	Riders	No. of Baptisms among Riders
First, Rogers	4	128	19
Oak Grove, Van Buren	4	182	120
Calvary, Texarkana	1	28	
First, Sparkman	1	29	13

There are dozens of known churches using the bus ministry. We want to list them. Drop a card to Lawson Hatfield, 525 W. Capitol.

Include the name of the church, number of buses, number of riders and the number of riders baptized during this church year. This information will help other churches to evaluate the opportunity.

In one association there are a dozen or more churches using buses. May we hear from you on this? Perhaps in some associations the Superintendent of Missions may want to compile this information. Send it in . . . these testimonies are helpful.

We publish not because we know not. We don't want to guess at your ministry. Write me. — Lawson Hatfield

## God's Gardener

When I turn the pages of my Bible and read  
Its golden promises, of love, mercy and pardon  
By faith I just seem to be gathering seed  
From the flowers of a beautiful garden

As a sower going forth about the Earth  
I will scatter them along the way-side sod  
Some will wither or die in re-birth  
Some will bloom . . . in the garden of God.

—Stella Eubanks, Piggott, Ark.

## Lamont to Waldron



Lamont

Cannon Lamont, a junior voice major at Ouachita University, has accepted a call to First Church, Waldron, as minister of music. Lamont is a native of Pine Bluff. For the past several months he has been interim minister of music at the First Church, Warren. He is 20, single, and plans on doing graduate work after finishing at Ouachita.

## Brotherhood consultant to be congress speaker



Gilbert

Boys and counselors attending the state Royal Ambassador Congress will hear Clayton A. Gilbert, Consultant in the Royal Ambassador Department of the Brotherhood Commission. The Congress is scheduled for May 5-6 at the Lakeshore Drive

Church in Little Rock.

Gilbert assumed his duties as Consultant with the Brotherhood Commission on June 1, 1971.

Before coming to his present position, he served for 13 years as Royal Ambassador secretary for the State of Alabama. He brings to his present position a store of knowledge and know-how gleaned from his years of experience.

Previous to his employment by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, Gilbert was pastor of Hopewell Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 1950-58; and Maplesville Church, Maplesville, Ala., 1948-1950. From 1944-1948 he served as Student Pastor of Guston Church, Guston, Kentucky.

Gilbert is a native of Walker County, Ala., graduating from Samford University, Birmingham, in 1944 with a bachelor of arts degree. He graduated from Southern Seminary where he earned the bachelor of divinity degree in 1947 and the master of theology degree in 1948.

Gilbert will speak and lead conferences at the congress.

The congress will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday and close at noon on Saturday. A Hot Dog Supper will be held from 5-6 p.m., free for all who register before May 2. A packet of information and registration material has been mailed to all counselors, Brotherhood officers, pastors and educational ministers.

Make plans now to attend every session of the Congress. — C. H. Seaton

## A better start for child is goal of Child Care

It's been about four years now. Mr. B.'s wife had deserted him and their four children, ages 4, 5, 11 and 13. Although physically disabled, he was trying hard to keep the family together. However, he found it "hard to manage everything" and expressed concern that he had been unable even to wash his little girl's hair in two months. Their small frame house was poorly furnished and two of the

children slept on a mattress on the floor. Heat was inadequate and the children drew their water from a near-by well.

Mr. B. was at the end of his rope. His doctor had recommended that he move out of state for health reasons if he wanted to remain alive. He could not take his children, had no family, but wanted to make adequate plans for their care.

Our office received this referral from a pastor and it was our privilege to become involved with this father and his children in working out appropriate plans for them. One truth seemed evident; the children were a close knit

group and would continue to need each other. After all, they were all that each other had. We began to pray about and plan with this family and were impressed that their individual needs could best be met living together in a Christian foster home. The children wanted this, also.

After making this decision and selecting the foster home, we involved the father, who would soon be leaving, and the children in meeting the foster parents. The children lived there for a few days. After the pre-placement visit, we decided, together, that the children would return to live with these foster

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# Bible puzzle

Last week's answers



- ACROSS**
- 1 Time of day when the women came to the sepulchre (Matt. 28:1)
  - 5 A vocalized pause in speaking
  - 8 What Purim was called after (Esth. 9:26)
  - 11 Exchange premium
  - 12 "Christ our Lord, both theirs and \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Cor. 1:2)
  - 13 Noun suffix denoting chemical substance
  - 14 Jesus made sure of a better one (Heb. 7:22)
  - 16 New Catholic Edition
  - 17 Kind of things of the world (1 Cor. 1:28)
  - 18 "\_\_\_\_\_ fast that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21)
  - 19 David sent a present to the people here (1 Sam. 30:26-27)
  - 23 Feed

- 24 Forward, as used with move
- 25 That time
- 27 Kind of race
- 28 Brought by Nicodemus for Jesus' burial (John 19:39)
- 30 Time past
- 33 Plague sent on the Egyptians (Ex. 8)
- 34 The ninth (Rev. 21:20)
- 36 Yacht
- 38 The high priest offered blood for them (Heb. 9:7)
- 39 Kind of ad
- 40 Mexican food
- 42 Unit of work
- 43 The cherubim shadowed it (Heb. 9:5; two words)
- 48 New Guinea port
- 49 The wide one leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13)
- 50 Wife of Henry VIII

- 51 Girl's nickname
- 52 Bales (abbr.)
- 53 Kind of saying (1 Tim. 3:1)

**DOWN**

- 1 Dative (abbr.)
- 2 "she was of a great \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 2:36)
- 3 State (abbr.)
- 4 Negative
- 5 Aspects
- 6 Sea eagle
- 7 Time zone (abbr.)
- 8 Edomite duke (Gen. 36:41)
- 9 Relation of Abner to Saul (1 Sam. 14:50)
- 10 He measured the city with it (Rev. 21:16)
- 12 Son of Eliphaz (1 Chron. 1:36)
- 15 She was both good and beautiful (1 Sam. 25:3)
- 18 Biblical measure
- 19 Harsh grating sound
- 20 Wing
- 21 Small child
- 22 Unit of weight (abbr.)
- 23 What Jesus said he would do with the temple (Mark 14:58)
- 25 Terminal digit
- 26 Pronoun
- 29 Lower case (abbr.)
- 30 Serviceman's mailing address
- 31 Needlefish
- 32 Unit of measure (abbr.; pl.)
- 33 Kindled
- 35 Heraldic color gold
- 36 The Lord plagued Pharaoh because of her (Gen. 12:17)
- 37 Zacharias spoke to one (Luke 1:18)
- 38 Behold (L.)
- 39 "by patient continuance in \_\_\_\_\_ doing" (Rom. 2:7)
- 40 River duck
- 41 Crafts
- 43 Russian Ministry of State Security (abbr.)
- 44 Day of the week (abbr.)
- 45 Enrolled (abbr.)
- 46 Mythical Hindu character
- 47 Letter



**CRYPTOVERSE**

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches" (Prov. 22:1).

## Deaths

Mrs. Grace Davis Warmack, 86, died April 8. She was a member of First Church.

Lonnie F. Hardwick, 77, Dalark, died April 11. He was a member of the Dalark Church.

Mrs. Seminola Jernigan Howton, 74, North Little Rock, died March 23. She was a member of First Church.

Nathaniel J. Hart, 74, Jacksonville, died April 10. He was a member of North Little Rock Central Church.

Christopher Cook, 52, Little Rock, died April 9. He was a member of Nalls Memorial Church.

Mrs. Arrie Beard Colclasure, 85, Lonoke, died April 8. She was a member of Wattensaw Church.

## Child care

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parents. Our worker would continue to work with them.

It's been almost four years now. The oldest child, an attractive young lady, will finish high school this year. What an accomplishment! She has developed responsible attitudes toward herself, respect for others, and a belief in God. Although these characteristics are not always visible in her personality, they are implanted there and will take on more meaning as she faces life. Arkansas Baptists are promoting and supporting a child care ministry to help children get a better start in life.—Johnny G. Biggs

## Cryptoverse

KCIW QW, V BVP, JL DXL ACQW, CAP YRPBW  
QW JL DXL KDMWABDX

Today's Cryptoverse clue: W equals E

**Instructions for working CRYPTOVERSE**

One letter simply stands for another. Here's how it works: N X O H X O K L is S H E P H E R D. In this example, X is used for H, O for E, N for S, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, and length and formation of the words are all hints.

*Free To Be Me*, by Bill G. West, Word, 1971, \$3.95

Mr. West suggests that hang-ups come in different shapes and sizes — a pattern of conduct that grabs us, a fear that holds us back from a fuller enjoyment of life, an inner compulsion that drives us in directions where we really do not want to go. A personal relationship with Jesus gives one the power to deal with hang-ups, Mr. West emphasizes.

*The Jesus Story*, by William A. Emerson Jr., Harper & Row, 1971, \$4.95

The author, a publisher and former editor-in-chief of *The Saturday Evening Post*, presents Jesus as a self-possessed, unmanageable man, cool in the face of enemies, warmly casual with both the rich and the poor, progressively self-aware of his power, continually immersed in the swift schedule of teaching and healing.

*When the Music Stops*, by Tom Morse, with Bobbie Lauster, Revell, \$3.95

This is the dramatic report of runaways, ex-cons, prostitutes and addicts who met God through the ministry of Surfside Challenge in Miami.

*The Hiding Place*, by Corrie ten Boom with John and Elizabeth Sherrill, Chosen Books, 1971, \$5.95

Gentle, suspenseful, humorous, terrible, this is the true story of what war does to the innocent bystanders in the war areas. It is the account of Corrie ten Boom, the Dutch watchmaker, and her observations and emotions in prison camp.

*Rural Ministry & the Changing Community*, by Rockwell C. Smith, Abingdon, 1971, \$4.75

Based on a study of more than 200 rural sociologists and over 300 town and country pastors, this book presents the thesis that "knowledge is power," and that a sociologically informed rural pastor makes a decided difference in the community in which he does his work.

*How to Follow Jesus*, by Herschel H. Hobbs, Broadman, 1971, \$4.50

This is not a collection of easy lessons on how to be religious. Rather, the book deals with the continuing challenge to follow Jesus—beyond one's initial commitment—by getting involved in the Lord's mission of redemption for all men. It is a depth study of the book of

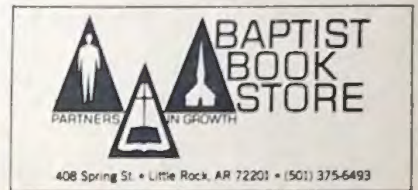
Hebrews by a well-known Bible expositor.

*How to Build an Evangelistic Church*, by John R. Bisagno, Broadman, 1971, \$3.95

The author has had phenomenal success in building an evangelistic church. In this book he shares the things he has done in his church, things which really work, in a condensed, simple, and easy-to-understand style.

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By Ben C. Fisher  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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*The Christian's Handbook of Psychiatry*, by O. Quentin Hyder, M.D., Revell, 1971, \$4.95

Dr. Hyder draws upon his medical training, professional experience, and personal belief in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the writing of this book. He shows how anxiety, guilt, hostility, stress, paranoia, schizophrenia and melancholia can be overcome through personal Christian faith.

*The Jesus Revolution*, by William S. Cannon, Broadman, 1971, \$4.95

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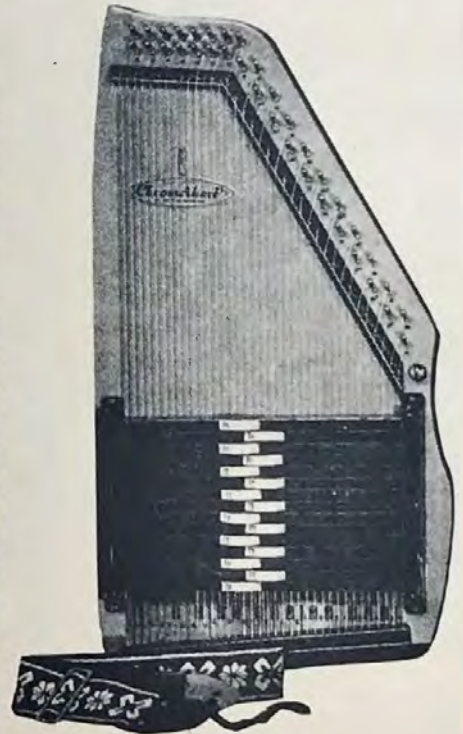
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# The witnessing fellowship

By Vester E. Wolber  
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Mark 5:1-20  
Acts 8:4-8; 18:24-28  
April 23, 1972

After several fruitless attempts at writing this lesson I have settled on the plan to trace in these scriptures the theme of witnessing on three levels. In studying these passages we must keep in mind that they are not reporting on the work of apostles and ministers: they tell us what Christian laymen did by way of bearing Christian witness.

**Subjective witnessing (Mark 5:18-20)**

The Gerasene wanted to follow him, but Jesus denied the request and sent him back to bear witness to his family and neighbors. He followed the Lord's directive and in doing so bore witness for Christ on the simplest and most meaningful level.

1. The Christian witness is one who tells what he had experienced with Christ. His witness is therefore subjective in nature: it calls for one to examine his own inner experience and communicate that to another person or group. Therefore the initial step in becoming a Christian witness — the essential step—is to have a meaningful Christian experience.

2. The Christian witness, especially the layman, will be most effective in witnessing to those who know him best. Those who witness best for Christ are those who concentrate most on finding the mind of Christ. One should try to identify with Christ in character more than he tries to imitate him in conduct.

**Objective witnessing (Acts 8:4-8)**

After the martyrdom of Stephen, the lay members of the church in Jerusalem fled from the city; and wherever they went they preached the word. Philip, one of the seven "deacons", was among those who left the city: he went down to Samaria and preached Christ to them.

Here is objective preaching: the general statement says that all of them preached the "word" and the specific statement says that Philip preached "Christ". In this manner Luke makes clear that to preach the word is to preach Christ who is the objective revelation of God and the object of christian faith.

1. Christ must be proclaimed as the object of human faith if men are to find God. In a critical situation when a Gentile jailor requested instruction in salvation, Paul said "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 16:31).

2. Laymen are most effective in witnessing unto Christ. The great revival which broke out in Antioch, Syria—the church that sent out the first missionaries—was started by laymen (Acts 11:19-22); and it seems that all

modern outbreaks of genuine revival are either preceded by or carried forward by lay witnessing.

3. Philip was very effective in Samaria. It might be argued that he was no longer a layman since he had been ordained as "deacon"; and after his work in Samaria, was sent on a witnessing assignment to Gaza, after which he was known as an evangelist (Acts 8:26-40; 21:8). Even so, when he first went to Samaria he was not considered to be an approved or "ordained" minister of the Gospel, because the Jerusalem church sent Peter and John into Samaria to investigate the spiritual movement which Philip had been instrumental in starting.

**Corrective witnessing (Acts 18:24-28)**

Aquila and his wife Priscilla are first mentioned in connection with Paul's first visit to Corinth (18:1-4). They had been expelled from Rome by Clandius along with other Jews. A Roman historian said that there had been rioting in the city between two factions of Jews regarding Christ, and it was for this reason that the emperor expelled all of them. A fair assumption is that Aquila and his wife were already Christians when Paul first met them. Since they were tentmakers, Paul stayed in their home.

When Paul left Corinth on his return to Syria he took Aquila and Priscilla with him and left them at Ephesus where he had planned his next crusade. Apparently they were to do the necessary groundwork for Paul's campaign there, and right away they heard a man named Apollos preaching in the synagogue. They discovered at once that they needed to do some corrective witnessing to the minister. They were not the last level headed and big hearted laymen to help their minister to find his way in preaching.

1. Apollos was an able man. A Jew from Alexandria, Egypt, he had a thorough knowledge of the Old Testament. He was an eloquent speaker, an efficient teacher; and possessed a fervent spirit.

2. Apollos was handicapped by an immature theology. He had been instructed "in the way of the Lord", and he fervently preached Jesus; but he "knew only the baptism of John." There was a "John party" which continued into the second century—its adherents

sometimes defied John the Baptist—and apparently Apollos was a product of the movement. Luke seems to be suggesting that Apollos was not only handicapped by a half-way theology, but also by an ungentle experience. When Paul arrived he found some men who held a similar theology and had not known of Jesus. He led them into the Christian faith and rebaptized them (19:1-6).

3. Priscilla and Aquila (note the order) explained to Apollos "the way of the Lord more accurately." Mature laymen are capable of evaluating the accuracy of their minister's theology and the normalcy of his faith; provided they themselves have a good store of Bible knowledge, a solid and genuine Christian experience plus a good understanding of that experience, and if they themselves are spiritually-minded and Spirit-led people.

One of the great needs in our churches is for someone to turn aside on a continuing basis with a group of the most genuine and sincere men and women in the church for in-depth study of the Bible. The evidence of this is that other groups are ministering in this manner to some of our people.

4. The revised version of Apollos' preaching in Corinth where he went to build on the foundation that Paul had laid was much better: in Ephesus Paul had to redo the work of Apollos, but of the work done in Corinth he could write that Paul planted and Apollos watered, and God made it grow (1 Cor. 3:5-15).



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## What is the church?

By L. H. Coleman, Pastor, Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff

Today's lesson begins a new unit of four studies entitled "A Dynamic Church". Today's study deals with the answer to the question, "What Is The Church?" At first glance this question may appear trite and unimportant but it definitely is not.

We need to rethink the doctrine of the church (ecclesiology is the theological term) today as never before. For example the "Jesus movement" does not give enough stress and emphasis to the local church. So many young people today are "turning on" to Jesus while turning off the institutional church. The local church today has come under the heaviest criticism of any period in the history of American Christianity. Some have called this the "post-Christian era" and have declared that the institutional church is a lost cause. I strongly disagree.

The church even with all its faults, mistakes and shortcomings is still God's institution which He established and the greatest force for extending the kingdom of God. Nothing in God's plan and purpose will replace it. We need to strengthen the work of the church, get many of our local churches back to the church's main tasks, evangelism and missions, and call upon God's people for renewed dedication to Christ. Perhaps the greatest days of the church are out there in the future.

One error in theology related to today's lesson which should be corrected is the fallacy of calling Pentecost the birthday of the church. The church was in business prior to Pentecost. Without laboring the point please take a look at one passage—Matthew 18:15-20. Christ was discussing church discipline. In the right treatment of a brother, first go to him and try to work out the disagreement. If this is unsuccessful, take "one or two more" (v. 16) with you in a return visit. If this does not accomplish reconciliation, then bring the matter to the church, Christ insisted. How can you bring the matter before the church unless there is a church? Certainly the church had been established prior to Pentecost.

### And the Lord added (Acts 2:41-43)

Last week we noted conviction, conversion and confession as definite results of Pentecost. In these verses further note:

1. Baptismal service; three thousand added to the church v. 41. (The church was already organized and in existence. You add only to something which already exists.)

2. They continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. v. 42.

3. The apostles did many signs and wonders. v. 43.

Verse 42 is a summary description of the experiences of the early Christians. Also this has been a formula through the years for conserving the results of evangelism. After a person is won to faith in Christ, he should be taught. The person should not be dropped and neglected, but taught how to win others to Christ. For sake of emphasis, please underscore the importance of the place of teaching by the apostles. Is not this a vital part of the Great Commission of our Lord? Did not Jesus state, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:20).

### Voluntary Community of Goods (Acts. 2: 44-45)

Perhaps the greatest evidence of Pentecostal power is the living of ordinary daily life of the Christians. They applied themselves to the teachings of the apostles. Furthermore their fellowship was so unusual that they voluntarily had all things in common in daily living. They shared completely. This communal living is not what is commonly referred to as "communism." Someone has said that Marxist Communism is a leaf torn from the pages of Christianity and misread. In the situation following Pentecost, please note:

1. This was a temporary experience.
2. It was spontaneous.
3. They met a particular need.
4. The sharing was totally voluntary.

Thus this was a short-lived experience in the early church. The emphasis should be placed on the Christian love they had for each other. They loved to the extent that they shared. They practiced self-denial which has almost become a lost Christian art in the church today.

### Daily Evangelism (Acts 2:46-47)

Here we note the believers' daily walk. They enjoyed the favor of others and the blessings of God upon their daily lives. These disciples had something to share with a lost world. Not only did they share food with each other; they shared Jesus Christ with the lost around and about them. Evangelism was a day-by-day house-to-house event for them. Is there anything abnormal about daily witnessing? What was

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Acts 2:41 — 3:36

perfectly normal for believers is totally abnormal for believers today. No one can prove these statistics, but some have stated that 95 percent of today's church members have never tried to win a person faith members have never tried to win a person to faith in Christ. Just plain ordinary observation would convince us that not enough of us are actively engaged in daily witnessing for Christ.

### Healing of the lame man (Acts 3:1-6)

Acts 2:43 made reference to many signs and wonders that were being done by the Lord through the apostles. The miracle of the healing of the lame man was a case in point. The Beautiful Gate was situated east of Herod's temple and was the same gate through which Christ made his triumphal entry on "Palm Sunday." A lame man was near the gate begging alms. Peter replied that he did not possess silver or gold, but he had something far better to offer the beggar. Today we have the silver and gold, but lack the power of God. Peter offered the lame man the power of God and the gift of healing. In the name of Christ Peter ordered the lame man to walk. He stood up, walked, and praised God.

Peter and John were on their way to the temple to pray. On this particular day they prayed before they entered the temple and a crowd gathered. This afforded Peter an opportunity to preach. Peter would not dare pass up such a great opportunity to witness to God's power and salvation. Peter's sermon was mainly about the resurrection of Christ (see v. 15). He also preached repentance. (see v. 19).

### Conclusion

Next week's lesson will deal with the arrest of Peter and John and the account of their trial.

The book of Acts is a thrilling account of the history of the early church. We thrill at the triumph of the unhindered gospel. The early church even amid persecution went from victory to victory. Today with the power of God we can do the same.

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Centennial	205	62	1
Dollarway	137	70	13
East Side	195	96	1
First	702	193	3
Green Meadows	61	33	
Second	173	70	7
Rogers, First	727	148	40
Russellville, Second	236	102	
Springdale			
Berry Street	128	57	
Caudle Avenue	110	43	2
Elmdale	369	97	4
First	729	192	9
Oak Grove	62	31	
Stephens, First	142	101	4
Strong, First	158	80	
Van Buren, First	469	170	
Mission	52		
Warren, Immanuel	290	100	
West Memphis			
Calvary	247	89	
Vanderbilt	103	65	4

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# Louisiana Baptist paper names contributing editors

PINEVILLE, La. (BP) — In an effort to minimize polarization and increase communication, the Baptist Message, weekly newspaper of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, has named 20 contributing editors who will write editorials expressing "grass roots" opinions about "matters of current interest and spiritual significance for Baptists."

The Baptist Message is the first of the 33 Baptist state papers to establish a system of contributing editors who will write on current issues.

Appointment of the contributing editors was announced in an editorial in the March 30 issue of the publication, by Editor James F. Cole.

The group includes 11 pastors, eight professors and administrative officials of universities and a Baptist seminary; and one editor of a daily newspaper, all from Louisiana.

Editor Cole, in an interview concerning their appointment, called the new approach a "break-through" in Baptist journalism.

He added there is so much polarization of thought among Baptists, that diversification of editorial perspective in the state paper would help bring about better communication.

In the editorial announcing the new approach, Cole wrote that "at times the strongest advocates of free speech among us are the first to castigate those who disagree with their stated position. It is a strange paradox," the editorial continued, "for we as Baptists maintain on scriptural grounds that a man is individually responsible to God and then we refuse to allow him the right and privilege of self-determination.

There are many in the Southern Baptist fellowship who are capable writers, but who perish the thought of submitting anything for publication," the editorial stated. "They are fearful that their motives will be impugned. Consequently, they refuse to be sacked and labelled."

Under guidelines published in the editorial, each contributing editor will serve for one year, submitting at least one but no more than six 450 word editorials. Each editorial would be signed, with the writer assuming full responsibility for its contents. The writers are free to choose the subject on which they will write.

Stated purpose of the new feature "is basically to improve communication among Baptists," and to encourage "diversity of expression" and avoid polarization.

Although the editorial pointed out this is not a new concept, it is the first time in recent years that a Baptist state

paper has used such an approach. Most Baptist state papers give sole responsibility for writing editorials to the editor.

In the editorial, Cole wrote that "the editor of the Baptist Message lays no claim to being a complete answer man and is most fearful of any man who claims that he is . . . None of the contributing editors lay claim to infallibility of thought. They are fellow Baptists who are in quest of truth."

Pastors named as contributing editors were Ronald Prince of Minden, Larry Baker of Monroe, Scott Tatum of Shreveport, Glen Edwards and Don C. Brown of Baton Rouge, J. D. Grey of New Orleans, Leon Hyatt Jr. of Houma, Clifton Tennyson of West Monroe, Damon Vaughn of Bossier City, Perry Sanders of Lafayette, and Robert McGee of Ruston, La.

Others appointed are Tom Kelly, editor, the Ruston (La.) Leader; Mary D. Bowman and Sara Frances Anders, both professors at Louisiana College here; L. R. Simmons, dean of the School of Education at Southeastern University, Hammond; William Greenlee, professor at McNees University, Lake Charles;



**NEW KENTUCKY EXECUTIVE:** Franklin Owen, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., has been elected executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, succeeding Harold G. Sanders, who retires Aug. 31. Owen becomes executive secretary-elect on June 1, and assumes the position Sept. 1. He was pastor of churches in Georgia and Alabama before going to Kentucky.

(BP) Photo

Harry Richardson, professor at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; Leon Beasley, professor at Southwestern University, Lafayette; Clayton Waddell, professor, and Grady C. Cothen, president, both of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

At the same time the paper announced appointment of the contributing editors, it also published a new policy on publication of letters to the editor. The policy limits letters to 300 words, publication of only one letter by a writer per quarter, rejection of form letters and unsigned letters, and restrictions against personal attacks.

## Bible-reading police officer reinstated

SPENCER, Ia. (EP) — Kenneth Trevithick, a policeman suspended by Chief Donald Wolford who charged that Bible reading interfered with duty, was reinstated here by the city's Civil Service Commission.

However, the commission also ordered a new suspension of Patrolman Trevithick, 25, and a new Christian, for "disobeying a lawful order of a superior officer."

The suspension was terminated yesterday.

The commission also ruled that the city of Spencer had obtained records on Trevithick's mental and physical condition improperly. Members said since "there was no legal basis for obtaining these reports . . . they were inadmissible."

Chief Wolford indicated that he was pleased by the order since he maintained the suspension was "nothing personal."

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