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*Arkansas Baptist*  
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## One layman's opinion Who has a monopoly on racism?



Dr. Grant

Until just a few years ago it was not difficult for me to tell the good guys from the bad guys in racial conflict and discussions of race relations.

It was fairly easy to spot the racist who believed that he was superior to other people because of the pigmentation of his skin, or who believed that certain groups of people should be treated differently from others because of their

race, even though claiming to believe that all people are equal in the sight of God.

I never had any trouble spotting Adolph Hitler as a racist whose deeds were evil as illustrated by baking Jews in ovens because of their race. Similarly, old fashioned southern white racists who believed that some people should be required by law to drink at segregated water fountains, eat at segregated restaurants, and attend segregated schools because their skin color was black, held views that I simply could not reconcile with Christ's view to "love thy neighbor as thyself."

Although we still have a long way to go, southerners have made much progress since those dark days of white supremacy and compulsory segregation of the races. It probably would be good for us all, white and black, to look back from time to time and take stock of where we are now in relation to how far back we were just 20 or 30 years ago. We can be thankful that some of the worst features of legal segregation and white supremacy have been eliminated.

Much white racism remains today and we should never let up in our fight against it, but I have become increasingly concerned about what may be a kind of black racism. It is closely related to what some psychologists call a perfectly proper and desirable development of black pride in their race. Some say this kind of pride is absolutely essential before blacks can ever participate equally in an integrated society — otherwise they will only be "assimilated" or "amalgamated" into white society with the total loss of their black culture, black traditions, and black history.

But I honestly have trouble separating the good in this line of thinking from the part that sounds dangerously like just another kind of racism containing the seeds of destruction. How can we work for a society in which color of the skin is *excluded* as a basis for employing people, rewarding people, and accepting people, while at the same time having employment quotas for blacks and whites, having Black Emphasis Week, and making special efforts to recruit students because they are black, and hire teachers because they are black, even at a higher salary, if necessary? I can understand and even support many of these measures as temporary expedients to correct long standing mistakes of the past, but I still have the nagging feeling that we may be teaching a new kind of racism that will be more than just temporary.

I have never forgotten a conversation I had with a Thai professor in Bangkok some years ago. As was so often the case, the first topic in our conversation was the American racial problem in the South, but my friend was gracious enough to talk about the racial problem faced by the Thai people, namely their discrimination against Chinese who live in Thailand. He said he thought this was very wrong and I politely nodded my head in agreement and thought what a fine person he was to be able to rise above this national problem in Thailand. But before I finished nodding my head, he pounded his fist on the desk and said, "But I just hate the Indians!"

Racism rears its ugly head in very strange places and, unfortunately, no particular nationality or race has a monopoly on racism.

Daniel R. Grant

## In this issue

- Featured on the cover this week is Hugh Cantrell, who recently retired after more than 30 years in various places of service, including the staff of the Missions Department of the state convention. See page 7.
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- An Arkansas medical student is one of only four students to be chosen for the Foreign Mission Board's medical receptorship program. The story on Buck Rusher is found on page 7.

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The consensus —

## The gut level

The monarchy has been retained by some kingdoms as a beautiful relic of other days. The nations which do this are careful to have a hard nosed prime minister to run the country. While royalty enjoys the protected life, the prime minister meets with the dissenters, faces the demonstrators, and deals with the real grit of the country. The king and queen, while worthy of much devotion and homage, are kept in the sheltered nook, rarely see the level in which the commoner lives every day.

In a democracy it is difficult to protect a leader from the riots, demonstrations, face to face encounter with militants and the general turmoil of the age. What a leader is, what he stands for, what he believes, and what he is going to do about it becomes community property real soon. This is what the earthy people about us call the "gut level."

On this level all are the same height, have the same size stick, and are onto the same problem. While one may pray that his fair-haired boss would not be required to go out into the street to face the mob, they are nonetheless strengthened when they see the chief in the middle of it.

Dr. Grant has been admired by many who read "One Layman's Opinion" because he walks out in the open with the issues and principles of life. It is a gut level encounter with the facts of his generation. While many would love to see their pastor exempt from certain confrontations they are always edified when the holy man is noticed in the main stream of humanity's problems.

The image of the executive secretary is often protected by the big men of the convention as they wish the chief to be every inch of the figure head of his position. Generals are not paid money to toss hand

grenades but if the GHQ is threatened it is not bad to see the general manning a sub-machine gun.

All enlisted men take notice of the presence of field grade and general officers in the field and quietly are assured others are acquainted with the gut level on which they live every day of their lives.

Perhaps the lot of the people who live on this common level would be easier if those with stations, titles and positions would walk out in front of the masses who have no choice but to be in the middle of the nitty-gritty, inescapable mess of things.

There are times in the lives of all, sheltered or otherwise, when one has to stand up and be counted. Few are exempt from the ordeal of taking a stand on a very controversial and unpopular issue. Some may be in their graves and cannot answer the bell anymore, but those still with us cannot escape it.

Others remain forever followers watching for someone to go to the front of the column. As long as this is true there will have to be generals, governors, presidents, senators, executives, pastors, and people who will walk out into the street onto this gut level where the masses of creation live every hour of every day.

The Christian's warfare (Eph. 6:10-18) is a hand to hand, face to face, level ground encounter. The armour does not include long range artillery, bow and arrows or long spears. Even the sword (verse 17) was a short, close-ranged instrument. There are no ivory towers in the structure of the kingdom of God as it operates on this earth. One may not live so long if he walks into the ground level of life's mean problems but he will die better here and find a more acceptable resurrection beyond. Those who find the topic offensive may rightfully assume they have a few steps yet to go to get to the main current of everyday life.—Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary.

## Alcohol at U of A...are you pro or con?

The present University of Arkansas policy regarding alcoholic beverages as stated in the A-Book is as follows:

"University regulations applicable both to individuals and to groups prohibit the possession and use of intoxicants on the campus, in University residences (including organized houses), and at official functions of student organizations held on campus. Irresponsible behavior while under the influence of intoxicants is not condoned and may be subject to review and/or action by the appropriate judicial bodies."

If you favor this policy, please write Dr. David Mullins, President of the University, to this effect—**right away!**

And, send a copy of your letter to our Governor, to your state legislators, and to the U of A Board of Trustees, Mr. Fred Pickens, Chairman, (Newport, Arkansas).

Why? Because certain persons and/or groups plan to try to force a change in the policy to permit the use of alcoholic beverages at the U of A. They plan to try to win support via U of A alumni, state legislators, and the Board of Trustees.

If you care at all please register your convictions **now!**—Jamie L. Jones, Jr., Director, Baptist Student Union, at the University of Arkansas



I must say it!

## The closer we get



Dr. Ashcraft

Like one standing close to a mirror imperfections are everywhere. To be aware of the imperfections is the first step toward correcting them.

The closer to God we get the more we are aware of the hurt of others. Isaiah was reminded that he was not only one of unclean lips but that he dwelt in a land of people whose lives had much to be desired. Only when we see the Lord high and lifted up do we see how low we and our contemporaries really are.

The closer to God we get the more pressing is the

The closer we get to God the more evident our imperfections become. Likewise, the further away from God we roam the less noticeable are our faults and weaknesses. This is tragic because the further away we get the more we need to be aware we are slipping.

The word of God has been likened to a mirror. When one reads conscientiously God's word he becomes aware of his shortcomings.

need to do something about the state of affairs. One doesn't dwell long in the near presence of God without awareness that God needs errands run so he ventures, "Here am I Lord, send me."

The closer we get to God the more disturbed we become about world needs and the earth's unsolved problems. However the closer to God we get the more confident we become that God is in charge still and plans to win the contest.

Earnest prayer and scripture reading has been recommended to those who wish to draw near to God. I would add to these two therapies that of actual involvement in the human struggle in the form of a Christian witness.

Nothing is needed more by more people than the testimony of a person who is intimately acquainted with Almighty God. This warm testimony operates in two directions. It blesses the one who witnesses as well as the one to whom the witness was directed. No one is too close to God who doesn't venture his witness and no one will ever be much closer to God than he becomes when he tells his story of salvation to another.

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

## Radio and TV Sunday set for May 21

When Baptists in more than 5,600 churches settle into their pews on Sunday, May 21, they'll be part of a vast fellowship observing a very special day—Radio and Television Sunday.

Posters, bulletin inserts and other informative materials are being readied to make these churches, and others, aware of the work and programs of the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission.

"The number of churches that have already requested Radio and Television Sunday materials is greater than ever before," said Dr. Paul M. Stevens, executive director. "We expect, by the end of April, to have heard from at least 6,000 churches. And there are many other churches whose members need to know about their Radio and Television Commission.

"The average Southern Baptist doesn't realize he's a radio and television producer," Dr. Stevens continued. "The average Southern Baptist thinks he's a businessman, or teacher, or homemaker, or student. But he becomes a radio and television producer when he contributes to the Cooperative Program which makes this Commission possible."

Each show produced by the Radio and Television Commission is carefully designed to present the good news and the claims of Jesus Christ in today's world, Dr. Stevens said. A show's success is measured by the letters that pour into Commission offices daily.

"Our mail response has been particularly exciting," he said. "During the first five months of this fiscal year we have already opened as much mail as we received during the entire year last year. We expect to receive 175,000 letters this year from people who will write us for the first time after hearing our programs."

Studies show that only one out of every 1,000 listeners will respond, in writing, to a particular program. Listeners write for program offers ranging from copies of "The Baptist Hour" sermons to Bible study correspondence courses, from brightly-colored posters to JOT fun kits.

"Program offers do two things," said Dr. Stevens. "They help us gauge our audience and they help us minister to listeners as we offer materials for Christian growth."

Dr. Stevens cited a recent mail record for "Powerline", the 30-minute rock music program reaching turned-on teenagers who've turned off traditional church programs. "During the first two weeks of April we had a record number of 93 decisions, just from 'Powerline' alone," he said.

He broke the figures down. "There were 17 young people who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, 51 more who rededicated themselves to a deeper commitment and an additional 25 who sought more information about accepting Jesus."

On Radio and Television Sunday,

Baptists will see dull statistics translated into terms of vital individual needs.

For example, the Radio and Television Commission now distributes 3,075 programs weekly for broadcast all over the world. This totals 186,316 separate broadcasts per year—an all time high. The gospel is heard on 1,846 radio stations all over the United States and on 217 of the 909 television stations in this country.

"Something the average Southern Baptist may not know is that these radio and television stations have donated more than \$5 million in free time to show these programs," continued Dr. Stevens. "That's more than twice the Radio and Television Commission's entire operating budget.

"Estimates based on an actual mail response show that Southern Baptists, through their radio and television programs, reach more than 100 million people per year," said Dr. Stevens.

Highlights of this year's outreach include the introduction of "The Human Dimension," a new television series which consists of 13 half-hour color films. "The Human Dimension" brings fresh perspective to contemporary problems and strongly emphasizes the spiritual point of view in its approach to current issues. First aired in January, it is now on 25 stations—14 of them in the top 100 markets where major

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# More congratulations to the new editor

I couldn't have done a better job than Ashcraft if I had been selecting the new editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* myself. Congratulations! I know you will do an excellent job.—E. Stanley Williamson, Stewardship Commission

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News has just come to me through the *Baptist Press* that you have been elected editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* effective May 8. May I take this means of congratulating you and Arkansas Baptists on this distinct honor. You have a big responsibility and all of us at the Board stand ready to help you in any way we can. Please feel free to call on us at any time.—Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board

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I have just seen the good word that you have been elected as editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. I know that your background and knowledge of Arkansas Baptists equip you in a wonderful way for this new field of service.

Feel free to call on us at any time we can be of help.—Porter Routh, Executive Secretary, Executive Committee, SBC

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I congratulate you upon this new responsibility. You have served well as director of special missions ministries for the past two and a half years, and I am confident that with your experience, plus spiritual and academic equipment, you will make a strong editor of this excellent magazine.—Arthur B. Rutledge, Home Mission Board

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Congratulations to you and to Arkansas Baptists upon your move to the editor's desk.

Your denominational background gives you a running start toward success in this new position. How fortunate for all who are primarily exponents of missions that you have a strong missions orientation.—Mrs. Lee N. Allen, Director, Public Relations WMU of SBC

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Congratulations on the new promotion as Editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. We will be in prayer for you and seek to help you in every way we know how. I pray that God's blessing and His wisdom shall be yours as you undertake the tremendous undertaking.—A. D. Corder, pastor, First Church, Gentry

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I have just read in a *Baptist Press* release that you have been elected editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*

*Newsmagazine*. I want to congratulate them on their choice, and to assure you that I will be praying for you as you carry out the duties of your new position.—H. H. Hobbs

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I want to congratulate you, and tell you that I'm very pleased with the executive board's decision. In fact, I could not be pleased more. I truly believe this is of the Lord.

We will miss you, and the privilege of working with you in your present capacity. However, I feel you will even do us a greater service as editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. —Harold White, Supt. of Missions, Harmony Association

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I am happy to know that you have been elected editor of our *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. As I read about you in the *Arkansas Democrat* and noted your good background and years of preparation I could understand why you had been chosen.—Juanita Straubie, Director of Student Activities, Baptist Medical Center

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I am grateful to the Lord for giving you to Arkansas Baptists and for giving you the new responsibility of the editorship of our paper. I know you will give to the paper as much of yourself and your mental ability as you gave to the Missions Department, therefore, our Baptist paper will be emulated throughout Southern Baptist life.—Milard Bennett, Pastor, Beech Street Church, Texarkana

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Let me add my personal word of congratulations in writing upon your election as the new editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*! I cannot help but feel that your rather remarkable background, including academic preparation which is outstanding, and a rare ability to maintain the common touch with folks as folks, will give you excellent credentials for your task. I thought you fielded the questions in your interview unusually well.—John H. McCalanahan, Pastor, First Church, Pine Bluff

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Congratulations on your election to the editorship of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Actually, my presence at the Executive Board Meeting last week was entirely the result of my interest in your election.—Charles H. Skutt, Pastor, Spradling Church, Ft. Smith

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I am sure you will find the editing of a Baptist state paper to be challenging, rewarding, and frustrating. Those deadlines make you wish for an extra day each week—or at least an extra hour each day. But somehow God always seems to rescue us each week.

You will be receiving a lot of advice in the next few months, so I'll add mine to the list. Trust the Lord, trust yourself, trust your critics, and trust your "friends"—always in that order.—Al Shackleford, Editor, *Indiana Baptist*

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Congratulations to you for having been elected editor of the state Baptist paper in Arkansas. This is a great opportunity and a great challenge. You will find a fraternity of editors one of the most inspiring group of men on the face of the earth. They will help you and you will help them.—Albert McClellan, Program Planning Secretary, SBC Executive Committee.

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Congratulations on the appointment to your new position. I could not have made a better choice if I had been given the responsibility of personally choosing the editor myself. God bless you in this responsibility. My prayers will be with you.—Jimmy A. Millikin, Southern Baptist College

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I was overjoyed to learn that Dr. Sneed had been elected Editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*. I know of no one that I would rather have as our editor.—Daniel E. Threet, Pastor, Glendale, Booneville

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Let me offer my sincere congratulations to you upon being selected as the editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Certainly your qualifications and dedication are unquestioned.—L. H. Coleman, Pastor, Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff.

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I praise God for your election to be editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. I can think of no one else who could better serve the Lord and the Baptists of Arkansas than yourself.—Pat Campbell, Pastor, Oak Cliff Church, Ft. Smith.

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I am tremendously happy that God has chosen to put you into the position as editor of our Baptist magazine. I feel that this is a place that a man of your convictions can be of great service.—Forrest Bynum, Pastor, First Church, Desha.

## Arkansans among new missionaries



Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Coad

Three Arkansas couples were among 16 missionaries appointed April 11 during a meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Jackson, Miss. They are Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Coad, Mr. and Mrs. R. William Hollaway, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Coad hope to be assigned to Nigeria, where he will teach music in a Baptist high school.

They currently live in Ft. Worth, Tex. Coad is studying at Southwestern Seminary there in preparation for missionary service. Before enrolling in the seminary last fall, he taught choral music for a year in the Little Rock public school system. Previously, he was an account manager for a greeting card company in Little Rock.

A native of Maplewood, Mo., Coad received the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, and the master of science degree in education from Arkansas State University, Jonesboro. He has taught public school music in Stamps, and directed music and youth work for Baptist churches in Sheridan, Stamps, and Little Rock and in Jacksboro, Tex.

Mrs. Coad is the former Beverly Gallegly of Little Rock. She holds the bachelor of music and master of arts degrees from Ouachita University. She taught voice and piano in Little Rock for several years and seventh grade music in Mabelvale, for a year.

Currently she is studying voice in Dallas and tutoring first graders on a voluntary basis. In March she directed the music for the Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union convention.

The Coad children are David, 8, and Neva Leigh, 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollaway expect to be assigned to Japan, where Hollaway grew up as the son of Southern Baptist missionaries.

He is prepared to teach English on the college level there. Last year he received the master of arts degree from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, having concentrated on the teaching of English as a secondary language. Earlier he received the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita University, Arkadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollaway are presently studying at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

He has taught English in Flagstaff, Tucson and Ganado, Ariz., and in Hot Springs, Ark. He has also held pastorates in Delight and Pearcy, Ark.

Born in Arkadelphia, Hollaway went to Japan with his parents at the age of 5. He returned to his hometown to finish high school.

Mrs. Hollaway, the former Linda Louton, was born in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and grew up in Arkadelphia. She attended Ouachita University and has done secretarial and stenographic work.

The couple's two children are Shana, 5, and Kyle, 3.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Long expect to be assigned to an English-language pastorate in Belgium.

Long has been pastor of First Church, Mississippi City, Miss., since December, 1971. He expects to receive the specialist in education degree in July from New Orleans Seminary. It will be his third degree from the seminary; he already holds the bachelor of divinity and master of religious education degrees.

Mrs. Long, the former Sandra Young of Parkin, Ark., is a registered nurse. She has worked since early 1970 as a service representative in New Orleans for the Social Security Administration.

She attended Ouachita College (now University), Arkadelphia, and was graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with the bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Mrs. Long has done general duty nursing at Magnolia Hospital and at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in New Orleans, and she taught nursing in a junior college in Poplarville, Miss., for several months.

The Longs' two children are Lisa, 3, and Chuck, nearly 2.



Mr. and Mrs. R. William Hollaway



Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Long

## Revivals

**First Church, Stuttgart, May 5-7:** youth-led, Paul Jackson will be evangelist, Steve Landers will be song leader. David George is pastor.

**First Church, Strong, April 9-16:** Vernon Wickliffe, evangelist, Mrs. Wanda Gunter, music; 12 rededications, 2 by letter. Sardis Bever is pastor.

**Archview Church, Little Rock, April 9-16:** Thomas E. Lindley, Supt. of Missions Dardanelle-Russellville, evangelist, Alton Bush, song director, 3 for baptism, 2 by letter. Allen T. McCurry is pastor.

**West View, Paragould, April 2-9:** J. Russell Duffer, Supt. of Missions Current River and Gainesville Assns., evangelist, Jerry Duffer, song leader; 18 professions of faith for baptism, 3 by letter, 13 rededications. J. R. Hull is pastor.

**Freeman Heights, Berryville, April 3-9:** Garland Morrison, evangelist, Harold Inman, song leader; 8 for baptism, 3 rededications. Keith Hamm is pastor.

**First, Almyra, March 19-26:** Clarence Shell, evangelist, Larry Masters, music; 14 professions of faith, 3 by letter.



## Hugh Cantrell retires after service in varied state posts

Hugh Cantrell entered retirement on April 1, 1972, from the staff of the Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention after more than 35 years as an ordained minister. Since 1970 he had been assisting small churches through the Direct Missions division of the Missions Department.

Cantrell was one of five children born near Jonesboro to James L. and Ela Barrett Cantrell. He attended schools in Craighead County. From 1929-31 he attended Arkansas State College (now University) where he lettered in football, was president of the Press Club and

business manager of the yearbook. In the late '20's and early '30's he farmed and taught in rural schools in that section of the state.

In 1936 "Huge" Cantrell ("he was known as in them days") enrolled in Ouachita Baptist College where he graduated in 1938 with the B.A. degree. That fall he entered Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he was graduated in 1941 with the master of theology degree. He was president of the seminary graduating class.

Mrs. Cantrell is the former Audrie

## The cover



Hugh Cantrell

Reecer of Norman, Ark. They are parents of two daughters, Virginia B. and Amanda Carol, both of whom are graduates of Ouachita University.

Cantrell was pastor of the First Church, Stephens, from 1945-65. Prior to moving to Stephens he served four years as pastor of the Old Union Church, Liberty Association.

His denominational service began with his appointment as Director of the Inservice Training for ministerial students in Ouachita in 1965. The program was enlarged in 1969 to include Southern Baptist College students.

As a pastor, Cantrell served on numerous state convention boards and committees including the Executive Board, Ouachita University, and the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission where he was president two years. He also served one year as first vice-president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell will continue to reside in their home in Arkadelphia where he will be available to supply pulpits and preach revivals.

## Church honors organist

First Church, Des Arc, recently honored Mrs. Carolyn Kennedy for 19 years of service playing the organ. In the morning worship service of the church, Donald DeVore, chairman of the deacons, presented a Bible to Mrs. Kennedy.

She is the wife of Fredrick Kennedy, a licensed minister. They are the parents of Kara Beth, 8, and Eric Ray, 4.

Pastor of the Des Arc church is Billy G. West.

## Under FMB program

### Medical student to work in Gaza

Albert (Buck) Rusher, a junior medical student at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, has been selected by the Foreign Mission Board to a medical receptorship at the Southern Baptist Surgical Hospital in Gaza. His wife, Pam, will accompany him for the ten week period this summer.

Rusher and four other third-year medical students have been chosen for the Foreign Mission Board's medical receptorship program. This is a plan by which carefully selected students assist physicians or dentists for eight to 10 weeks in Baptist medical institutions overseas.

He will be working under the direction of Dr. Merrill Moore Jr., who spent his furlough in Jonesboro year

before last. This is the hospital where Miss Mavis Pate was assigned when she was killed by guerrillas on a trip to Tel Aviv in January of this year.

Rusher is a graduate of Brinkley Senior High School, and Mrs. Rusher of Hall High School, Little Rock. Both attended the University of Arkansas—he at Fayetteville, and she in Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Rusher are members of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Mrs. Rusher will have to care for her own travel expenses to and from Gaza as well as leaving her job for that period. Anyone wishing to help with Pam's expenses can make a contribution through the Baptist Student Union to the Pam Rusher Fund.



Mr. & Mrs. Rusher



## Summer youth worker training

One of several conferences scheduled for morning sessions during all four assemblies at Siloam Springs is a conference designed to help churches conduct a summer youth program through the help of a youth worker. This

conference is not only for paid and volunteer summer youth directors, but also for pastors who want help in finding, training, and leading a summer youth worker in developing a summer program.

## Doctrines of the faith

### The diety of Christ

By Jimmy A. Millikin  
Southern Baptist College



Dr. Millikin

Jesus was a man, but that is not all. Jesus was also God. He was God manifest in the flesh (1 Tim. 3:16). What a thought! "Christ is the eternal Son of God" is how the *Baptist Faith and Message* affirms this truth of the diety of Christ.

In discussing the diety of Christ it is necessary at the outset to explain what is meant by the term "diety of Christ." The Christian meaning is quite clear. Christians believe, in the first place, that there is a personal God, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe, who is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. So when we say that Jesus is God we simply mean that the same historical Jesus of Nazareth existed in eternity, before he became a man, as infinite eternal God, the second person of the Trinity.

In past centuries certain groups within Christianity questioned the humanity of Jesus. Today, no thoughtful person wishes to deny that Jesus was a real man. In our day it is the diety of Christ, as defined above, which is being questioned. Working under rationalistic and anti-supernaturalistic presuppositions, liberal theologians have been denying for a number of years the true Godhood of Jesus. To a great extent, with the help of such popular expressions as the rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar*, they have succeeded in convincing a great number of people that Jesus was only a man, and a frustrated one at that.

To accept the liberal view of Jesus which denies his diety is to reject the plain teaching of the Bible. The biblical evidence is abundant and convincing. It is not possible nor necessary to state all the evidence within the limits of this column. We will thus limit our remarks to the following line of evidence.

First, Jesus himself claimed to be divine. He claimed to have a unique relationship to the Father (Luke 2:49; John 5:17; 10:30). To know Jesus was to know God (John 8:19; 14:9). He made the astounding claim to pre-existence (John 8:51-58). He accepted Thomas' designation, "My Lord and my God!", and permitted him to worship him (John 20:26-29). He claimed several prerogatives which belong only to God: the power to forgive sins (Mark 2:1-12), the power to bestow life (John 6:35), absolute authority and power (Matt. 28:18), and the object of religious faith (John 14:1).

Second, Jesus' followers claimed he was divine. This is the unanimous conclusion of all the biblical writers. Lack of space forbids mentioning all the writers, thus we give only a few as examples. John states he existed in the beginning with God and as God (John 1:1-14). Paul, John, and the writer of Hebrews all affirm that he had part in the creation (Col. 1:16; John 1:2; Heb. 1:2). Paul in addition says he is "the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15), "the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9), and "God manifest in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3:16). Peter equates him with God (II Peter 1:1).

Third, Christ validated his claims to diety by his deeds of divine power. In the mouth of any other person Jesus' claims would appear to be either inexcusable conceit or madness. But in the mouth of Jesus they seem reasonable and fitting. Why? Because he backed them up with his divine power. He demonstrated his power over sickness and disease, over nature, and over life and death itself. Despite the vigorous attempts of liberalism, it has been impossible to eliminate these supernatural elements from Jesus' life.

The one deed which demonstrates finally and conclusively Christ's claim to diety is his resurrection. Death could not hold him. He rose from the dead and showed himself alive by many "infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3). Because of this we may be sure that Jesus was who he said he was, the "I AM" who existed before Abraham was. Amen!

Conference leaders will be Paul Magar, minister of music and youth, First Church, Siloam Springs, first and fourth assemblies, June 19-24 and July 10-15; Walter Bennett, church administration department, Sunday School Board, second assembly, June 26-July 1; and Ernest E. Mosely, also of the church administration department, third assembly, 3-8.

Practical steps for a ten-week summer program will be given in the conference. Orientation and training of the summer youth worker aimed at helping the worker to know the uniqueness of the local church will be included. Working through existing church organizations and training for the unique responsibilities of the summer will also be topics for discussion. A calendar of activities for the summer will be suggested with alternatives for different size and location of churches.

A summer youth program kit prepared by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board will be used as resource material. Conference leaders will interpret the material and demonstrate its use.

These kits are available in the Baptist Book Store and will be available in the assembly book store.—Lawson Hatfield, assembly director

## Arkansas youth to work at convention sessions



Bauman

David Bauman, a 17-year-old Royal Ambassador from Little Rock, will represent Arkansas Royal Ambassadors as one of 20 pages at the Southern Baptist Convention.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Bauman of Little Rock, David will assist Southern Baptist officials June 6-9 at the convention in Philadelphia by delivering messages and helping with convention registration, an emergency message center, and convention information booth.

He is a member of the Senior High Pioneer Royal Ambassador Chapter at Geyer Springs First Church. A former secretary of his chapter, he has completed 100 hours in the Royal Ambassador Service Aide Program.



## Ft. Smith church names Pastor Emeritus

Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, voted recently to appoint C. C. Roberts Pastor Emeritus of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church. The certificate of appointment to Pastor Emeritus was presented to Roberts in the March 19 worship service.

Roberts was called to preach in 1912. The first eight years of his ministry were spent in attending school and preaching in small rural churches. His record of service to Arkansas Baptists is one of developing churches both as a pastor and as associational missionary.

He helped found the Grand Avenue Church and served as its pastor for eight years. Other pastorates in the state include Mt. Ida, Charleston, and Siloam Springs. He gave 14 years of service to the Concord and Clear Creek Associations as their missionary. He also served as a state missionary.

Roberts and his first wife were blessed with two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Maxwell of Alabama and Mrs. P. B. Parrish of Oklahoma. Mrs. Roberts died in 1970. Roberts was married recently to Mrs. Lexia Apple who has joined him in faithful service in the Grand Avenue Church.



PRESENTING the certificate to Pastor Emeritus Roberts (left) was the present pastor, Don Moore. Mrs. Roberts joined in the ceremony.

## Woman's viewpoint

### Now that summer is near

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

We had been having some hot weather out at the store last summer, the grass was growing lush and deep everywhere but on the baseball field, and home owners were having trouble finding boys with the time and inclination to mow yards.

One day a young fellow of about 14 came up to the check-out stand as I was waiting on a customer. As he sheepishly rubbed his head, he opened a conversation with the customer.

"Uh," he said, I just want to tell you why I didn't finish mowing your yard the other day. You see, my grandfather got real sick, and they had to take him to the hospital, and that is the reason."

"Now, that's O. K." the customer replied, "but what I want to know is, did you win the ball game?"

"Well, uh, yes," the boy stammered, "but my grandfather got real sick. . ."

"O. K., then, that's what is important — that you won the ball game. If you hadn't taken off early and rested up you might have lost that ball game."

"Yes sir, but my grandfather. . ."

Then the customer continued, "and don't worry about the yard. It's all taken care of. Another boy came along and finished it, but I'm sure glad you won that ball game!"

I don't think I ever saw a youngster so ably reprimanded in such a kindly manner, but kids are not the only generation to goof off when the weather gets pretty.

Last Friday at the store, I never saw so many fisher-lads and ladies preparing for a great weekend. There must have been ten line-slingers to every dirt-turner passing the check-out stand.

Now and then some lady bought soap and bleach. A little car wax left the store, and I think I sold one broom. Mostly, though, the weekend was for relaxation and most everyone was working hard, getting ready for it.

As for me, I'd rather be a door-keeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in a tent by the lake for the weekend, if you will forgive the paraphrase.

## Deaths

**Mrs. Mary Josephine Waddle Henderson**, 91, England, died April 14. She was a member of Caney Creek Church.

**Virgil L. Landers**, 82, Benton, died April 16. He was a member of First Church.

**Mrs. Alice D. Fisher**, 78, Jonesboro, died April 13. She was a member of Philadelphia Church.

**Jesse D. Strickland**, 68, Monticello, died April 16. He was a member of Northside Church.

**Matthew A. Daniel Jr.**, 64, Little Rock, died April 18. He was a member of Second Church.

**Mrs. Celia Millsapps Gladden**, 72, Benton died April 19. She was a member of First Church.

**George Nester Sherwood**, 78, Little Rock, died April 19. He was a member of Calvary Church.

**Jack C. Wallace**, 20, Batesville, died March 29. He was a member of Emanuel Church.

**Mrs. Nancy Ponder**, 82, Murfreesboro, died April 13. She was a member of Mt. Moriah Church.

**Mrs. Dollie Jane Paul**, 56, Perryville, died April 12. She was a member of First Church.



## Your superintendent of missions at work Trinity Association is rural but progressive in programs



Garner

Jimmie Garner has served as superintendent of missions for Trinity Association for the past five years. The missionary's home and office, built in 1942, is located at 544 Julianne Street in Lepanto. Plans are under way for the building of a new

office and home in a more central location.

Trinity Association was organized in 1937 with seven churches and a membership of 1,271. It is now composed of 30 churches and 1 mission, 28 of the churches located in Poinsett County and 2 in Mississippi County. In 1971 the 30 churches, with a membership of 7,086, reported 314 baptisms, Sunday School enrollment of 3,802, and total receipts of \$385,238. Mission gifts included \$26,000 to the Cooperative Program and \$10,790 to associational missions.

The associational program ministers effectively to the needs of churches, pastors and people of the association.

- Direct service to the churches and pastors of the association by the missionary consists of helping with Vacation Bible Schools, revivals, pulpit supplies, building plans, surveys, Bible study, working with pulpit committees, and many other day-to-day activities.

- Five churches in the association have buses. The First Baptist Church of Lepanto launched the bus ministry in the association, and Calvary Baptist Church of Harrisburg was next to purchase a bus. Both churches now average between 40 and 50 on their buses each Sunday. The bus ministry has increased the average attendance and helped in the winning of people to Christ. The buses are also used to transport church workers to training conferences and young people to the state youth convention.

- A 15-minute radio broadcast, begun in 1970, provides news of associational work and a short devotional.

- The association has two Vacation Bible School clinics each year, one for the churches having Bible School at night, and the other for the day-time schools.

- The Shiloh Baptist Mission, sponsored by Pleasant Grove Church, the oldest church in the association, is win-

ning people who live around Lake Poinsett. Located in a growing community, the mission promises to develop into a thriving church in the future.

- Newest church in the association is Trinity Church, Rt. 1, Marked Tree, organized in 1970. Present membership is 51, with 53 enrolled in Sunday School. Additions last year included 17 by baptism and 20 by letter. The church gives to both the Cooperative Program and

associational missions on the percentage plan.

- Trinity Association owns one-sixth of Ravenden Springs Baptist Camp and sends boys and girls each summer to the full camp program conducted during June and July, as well as to the state camps at Siloam Springs and Paron.

- An excellent youth program is directed by Mrs. C. H. Wixson and the Youth Committee. Attendance at the monthly meetings averaged 250-300 last year. Programs are planned in advance for the year and consist of warm preaching by a young minister, a film, or gospel singing. An invitation is always given, and last month 11 people



Calvary Church, Harrisburg, has the newest building in the association.



The missionary's home and office for Trinity Association is located at Lepanto.



made professions of faith. A new spiritual fire is evident among the youth of Trinity Association, according to Missionary Garner. They are planning a youth-led revival for July, with young people doing the visiting and all of the work among the lost youth of the county.

Garner says that although his association is located in the northeast section of the state and is some distance from the city of Little Rock, "there is nothing 'country' about us. We try to keep up with all of the new materials and stay abreast of the latest developments." He cites as evidence of Trinity's progressive spirit the fact that 17 of the 30 churches have pledged to the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign, with pledges totaling over \$25,000.

## Sunday School

### Share the word now

Goldilocks found one bowl too hot and one too cold before she found one just right.

Sometimes leaders feel program promotion materials are too late, or too early. When "just right" is may be difficult to know.

The following information has "awareness" as its purpose, which means promotion details and project suggestions will follow later.

The major denominational emphasis for 1973-74 in Arkansas has been assigned to the Sunday School department under the theme, "Share the Word Now." Hopefully all our churches will conduct outreach projects every year and particular attention in 1973-74 to a year long emphasis on Sunday School growth.

Advanced planning for this emphasis on a nation-wide basis is being made by Southern Baptist leaders from two denominational agencies. They are A. V. Washburn, Sunday School director of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Kenneth Chafin, evangelism director; and Jack Redford, missions director of the Home Mission Board. These men make up a "Share the Word Now" task force.

In Arkansas, the state leaders are Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School; Jesse Reed, evangelism; and R. H. Dorris, missions.

We encourage every association to start early planning by organizing a task force made up of the superintendent of missions (or moderator); the associational Sunday School director, the associational evangelism chairman, and the associational missions committee chairman.

This group, called the associational

## Between Parson and Pew

### A little dab will do

By Velma Merritt



Mrs. Merritt

Everyone looked expectantly toward the front door. Unanimously the choir smiled as the first nursery worker proudly carried her tiny grandson to the pulpit, held him high, and introduced him. One by one the other bed babies were introduced.

The toddlers and "terrible twos" came next.

Three year olds were big enough to introduce themselves but forgot to do so. A child was heard crying in the background. Suddenly a worker carrying him dashed in, told his name and vanished. Everyone laughed. The Easter Parade was completed.

Parents, grandparents, and friends grinned with pleasure as each child had appeared. They appreciated the recognition which has been an annual affair in our church.

Adults can't modestly walk across the platform, tell their name, and show off new Easter clothes, but adults like recognition as much as small children.

A kind word or expression of thanks for something which an individual accomplishes is always appreciated and can lead him to do even greater things.

A prominent Southwestern Seminary professor is said to be one of the most appreciated men in Ft. Worth. Why? If he sees or hears of a person accomplishing a worthy objective, he sits down and personally writes them a brief note of congratulations.

Expressing gratitude takes little time. Thoughtful gestures can be made personally, be handwritten, made publicly in cases of special or superior service, or appear in church publications.

Perhaps you need to say a word of appreciation to: a faithful Sunday School teacher who never misses a class session; the one who inconspicuously carries on his position in the church without desire for recognition; the deacon who gave up part of his vacation to help with a church function; the youth who has been elected to a high office by his school classmates; the custodian who must be patient and tolerate everyone's desires; your child's Sunday School teacher; your pastor when he's had a rough week and carries on without complaint; the elderly who can't come to all services but support the church in prayer.

Expressing gratitude to those listed above or other deserving folks will add a beam of sunshine to their day.

"Share the Word Now" task force, is actually a leadership work group or performance team. This group should begin to function in the summer of 1972.

The overall emphasis, "Share the Word Now" will be supported by three major projects, People-to-People Now, Sunday school; Witness Now, evangelism; and Extend Now, missions. This brings together three closely related areas of work long loved and supported by Baptist people; Bible study, evangelism and missions.

The association that organizes its task force now will be ready for the upcoming Share the Word guidebook, June 1, 1972, and the "Now" leaflets Oct. 1, 1972.

Does this information seem to be "too early?" File it until it is "just right."

We can begin now to tool up for a great year of growth in 73-74 and pray now for spiritual renewal in our nation prior to its two-hundredth birthday, in 1976. Right on.—Lawson Hatfield

## BSU officers will attend training conference



Chafin

Two hundred and fifty recently elected Baptist Student Union officers will attend Spring Training Conference at Camp Paron, April 28-30. Principal speaker will be Ken Chafin of Atlanta. The theme for the week-end meeting will be "But To Minister."

Presiding at the meeting will be Gary Smith of Arkansas Tech, State BSU President, and Randy Shipman of Ouachita University, State BSU Vice President.

New state officers will be elected and 31 summer missionaries will be presented. The students will also hear reports of Easter projects.



## Deaths stun Arkansas students

Arkansas Baptist students have been stunned again as two of their finest have met sudden death.

Sandra Sawyer of Southern State College and Don Henry of Arkansas State University served as local and state BSU officers and met on the Arkansas BSU migrant team of 1969. They were married soon afterwards, and Don joined the Navy. Recently as they were on an outing in Chesapeake Bay, their sailboat overturned, and Sandra drowned.

Migrant teams become families, and the team of 1969 was no exception. Jim and LaVerne (Gray) Landrum, who also met on the same migrant team and later married and who serve as US-2ers among an Indian tribe in California, Ruth White who serves in the Christian Service Corps in Walton, Indiana, and others have expressed the loss as the loss of a sister. Many have made contributions to the Summer Mission Fund in memory of Sandra.

The other death was that of Gary Jenkins, one of three State College of Arkansas students who compose the "New Light," a BSU singing group that has appeared on many campuses. As the group traveled to Cabot recently for an Associational Youth Rally, Gary's car collided with another car, and he remained in a coma for over a week. Students from many campuses came to pray in the Prayer Chapel of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center.

Since his death, one official in the blood bank at the hospital said she had never seen the response of students



Jenkins



Mrs. Henry

coming to give blood in order to pay the hospital expenses. Those wanting to help in the hospital expenses, the doctor's expense, or in a brother's travel expenses from his mission post in Africa can send a check to the Baptist Student Union of State College of Arkansas, Box 575, SCA, Conway, Arkansas 72032.

Arkansas Baptists will remember reading last fall of the death of Freddie Shirron of Henderson State College who was killed at Cedar Falls on Petit Jean while attending a BSU Convention. A returned missionary recently made a sizeable contribution to the fund for Henderson students to attend retreats and conventions who otherwise might not be able to go, a fund established in memory of Freddie. The source of the money was a repayment by the Foreign Mission Board of personal possessions destroyed in the Nigeria-Biafra conflict.

A poem written by Dick Bumpass of Annapolis concerning Freddie's death expresses sentiment that many feel about Sandra and Gary also:



**BURNING THE MORTGAGE**—Members of West Helena Church have paid debts on their property and were able to burn the mortgage recently. Performing the ceremony were Bob Bailey, Ben Appling, and John Gregory, all trustees, Mrs. Fred Faust, Treasurer, and Pastor Wilson Deese, who now directs chaplaincy ministries for the state convention.

### Autumn came early this year

By Dick Bumpass

Autumn came early this year  
for some reason.

We've not had first frost,  
but the leaves have put on  
their red  
and brown

and yellow vests,

To tell us that they have  
played their part in  
giving shade:

to children left panting  
by hasty chase.

Of giving food  
to the new growth  
of reaching limbs.

And in that gentle rustle  
They clamor for one last brilliant look.

Autumn came early this year  
for some reason.

He'd not even had time  
to let us see what sort of  
man he would come to be.  
But he donned his youth  
and wore it like golden  
chain mail.

It told us that  
he had played his part  
in giving shade

to friends whose hasty chase  
after life had left them —  
gasping.

In giving strength  
to those whose frantic searching  
had left them  
in vacant exhaustion.

And in those gentle moments of  
remembrance

We envisioned one last radiant look.

Autumn came early that year  
for some reason.

It was in the spring  
and few were the blades  
and leaves.

The barren bark boasted  
only thorns  
and nails  
and flesh.

But they told us that He'd  
played his part  
in giving a new shade  
to all the dark hues of life;

Of giving a new bread  
for an ancient hunger.

And in the gentle moments  
We live in the abiding presence  
made brilliant

By both their spirits.

And spring will come  
early and  
surely:

with leaves,  
with Him,  
and with Fred.



## Child Care

# Children learn what they live

- If a child lives with criticism,  
He learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility,  
He learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule,  
He learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame,  
He learns to feel guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance,  
He learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement,  
He learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise,  
He learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness,  
He learns justice.
- If a child lives with security,  
He learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval,  
He learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
He learns to find love in the world.

—Dorothy Law Nolte

The foundations of character are built not by lecture but by bricks of good example laid day by day.—Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director.

## Baptist Foundation Continues to grow

A will involving several hundred thousands of dollars is probated and administered; a portfolio of stocks and bonds is managed and invested, some being sold and reinvested in more profitable holdings; an attorney inquires about some legal matters and receives an immediate reply along with some helpful printed matter; a layman in a distant city wants some help in being a good Christian steward even after death and receives a personal visit with an offer of assistance. These and other duties are all in a day's work for the Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

When the Executive Secretary of the Foundation resigned in January to return to a pastorate, the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation took immediate steps to see that all requests and responsibilities of the Foundation would receive prompt and necessary attention. A denominational agency like the Foundation cannot afford any interruption or lapse in its ministry, even though the organization may be temporarily without an Executive Director.

The Foundation is operated by a Board of Directors elected by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The Board of Directors, made up of nine men, is unique in that it is the only denominational board in Arkansas consisting entirely of laymen. It includes three bankers, two attorneys, two city mayors, a data processing executive, and a minister of music.

The Board of Directors meets regularly to hear reports, review investments, and take specific actions to protect and enhance all matters entrusted to it by persons interested in a continuing stewardship of possessions. Between meetings, an attorney is always available to offer assistance or counsel with any legal matter.

Steps are also being taken to find and select the best qualified man to serve as the new Executive Director of the Foundation. Carbon Sims of Pine Bluff serves as chairman of a subcommittee that is receiving and screening all recommendations. The Board of Directors envisions an enlarged ministry and opportunity to Arkansas Baptists, and is seeking a leader commensurate with the opportunity.

During the interim period while a new Executive Director is being sought, the Foundation's Board of Directors has requested that Charles Ashcraft and his assistant, Roy F. Lewis, handle all administrative duties. Any inquiries or requests concerning the work of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation should be directed to the attention of Lewis.

The Arkansas Baptist Foundation continues to grow. Assets have been increased, investments have been improved, and those who need its services continue to be served. The Foundation performs a specialized ministry, and it will continue to occupy an increasingly vital place in Baptist life.—Roy F. Lewis

# CP the Cooperative Program and ...

Christian Life Commission

By Foy Valentine

Executive Secretary

The Christian Life Commission is supported by Southern Baptists for the purpose of helping create by God's grace and in his power the kind of moral climate in which our total witness for Jesus Christ will be most effective.

Working in family life, race relations, daily work, Christian citizenship, and such special moral concerns as gambling, pornography, smoking, and the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs, the Commission's activities are directed by 30 men and women, pastors and lay people, elected by the Southern Baptist Convention from across the Convention territory.

Last year the Convention channeled \$200,000 of Cooperative Program mission funds into the specialized mission work of the Christian Life Commission. This represented sixty-nine hundredths of one percent of the total \$29,146,883 given to all SBC agencies.

The Christian Life Commission's emphasis on applied Christianity helps the Convention to maintain a balanced presentation of the whole Christian gospel and the claims of Jesus Christ on all of life. The agency's work, though small, is a vital part of the full biblical witness, a necessary ingredient in an authentic Christian witness in missions and evangelism.

The Commission's prophetic voice, its unique emphasis, its prodding presence, and its reconciling mission are Cooperative Program-enabled affirmations of the Convention's basic commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord.

The Cooperative Program is God's instrument which Southern Baptists use to make possible the Christian Life Commission's emphasis on applied Christianity. The agency diligently seeks to maintain a responsible Christian stewardship of the sacred funds that come from the tithes and offerings of committed Southern Baptists.



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## Book reviews

— E. A. Pipkins

### *The Validity of the Christian Mission*

Author: Trueblood, Elton  
Publisher: Harper Row, 1972  
Price: \$2.95

Trueblood's numerous writings have taught us to expect scholarly and readable material, and this work is no

## Nashville youth wins Speakers' tournament



Henry

Donald Wade Henry, member of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Arkansas, was first place winner in the State Speakers' Tournament that was held at the Youth Convention in Hot Springs, March 31. The title of his speech was "Building Walls or Bridges." Don will represent Arkansas, at the expense of the Church Training Department, in the Southern Baptist Speakers' Tournament that will be held at Ridgecrest during church training week, July 13-19. The Speakers' Tournament at Ridgecrest will be conducted on Sunday afternoon, July 16, at 1:30.

It is encouraging to know that young men such as Don Henry have entered the Speakers' Tournament. The following are some of the accomplishments of Don:

- President of the Senior class
- Secretary of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Feature editor of the school newspaper
- Photographer on the annual staff
- Letterman on the football team
- Participant in three Christian folk musicals.

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## Summer youth program kit

"Come to Life" is the theme for a summer youth kit which has been prepared by the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board.

The kit, which has been designed to help churches conduct a summer youth program through the help of a youth worker, is now available at the Baptist Book Store. Two manuals are included in the kit, "Pastor's Manual" and a "Summer Youth Worker's Manual." Also, two identical posters displaying the theme for the summer youth program, "Come to Life!" are included in the kit. — Ralph W. Davis

disappointment. Taking "seriously the doubts of honest and goodhearted people as to the justification of Christian Mission," he deftly strips away every garment of doubt until the Christian stands uncovered before the fact that rather than the periphery, Mission is the focal point and uniting factor of the Christian faith. His final two chapters on "The field is the world," and "The Theology of Mission" are powerful statements of appeal for Mission endeavor that a less mature writer would have started with.

Trueblood is consistent in his emphasis on the laity, saying, "the Christian who is not a missionary is not a Christian at all"; suggesting that as "salt, light and leaven", the Christian is to penetrate what he touches and be lost in accomplishing his purpose, being guided by the "Doctrine of Expendability"; and, declaring that the greatest harvest of mission might be in the Missionary's own homeland.

A prophet, Trueblood thinks there is a "thawing of icy relations so far as China is concerned", and that the bones of missions "may seem to be dried, but they are far from lifeless, and, the miracle of renewal can occur again." And, the way he says it, you really expect it.

### *The Cosmic Drama*

Author: Hobbs, Herschel H.  
Publisher: Word, 1971  
Price: \$5.95

Nearer the "Historical Background School", a clear, readable, subject by subject exposition of a book that has suffered severely from too much exposure; a work that helps Revelation "make sense." Bold face headings and chapter and verse notations tell the reader where he is all the time. The larger passage is exposed and interesting facets are explored. Greek words are handled for the English reader.

The cross-section bibliography and limited footnotes of divergent opinions in popular areas are assets. Easily adaptable to popular Bible study groups or a guide book for formal study, if given a chance, it could speak to the systems and chart people.

### *What Did The Bible Mean*

Author: Frazier, Claude A. (Compiler)  
Publisher: Broadman, 1971  
Price: Paper \$1.95

An allergy specialist in Billy Graham country who conducts a question-answer column in the "Sunday Ashville Citizen-Times", has farmed out 40 questions less one to prominent Bible

scholars across a number of (mostly conservative) denominational lines. The essays they returned form the contents of this little (142 pages) book. Suffering from the type of question such a column attracts (where did Cain get his wife?) and the caution of a scholarship that fears misunderstanding and mis-labeling the more, the material is somewhat limited. However, it is good reading for one who wants an answer for skeptic friends or whose faith is continually bothered by loose ends.

## RAs to hear Bud Fray



Fray

Challenge, inspiration and information are the key words for the State Royal Ambassador Congress. The Congress is scheduled for May 5-6. All sessions will be conducted at Lakeshore Drive Church in Little Rock. The church is located

west of University Avenue at 32nd Street.

Helping provide a challenge and inspiration will be Dr. Marion "Bud" Fray. Dr. Fray is a missionary serving in Rhodesia.

Dr. Fray is not a native of Arkansas but has spent many of his years here. He is an Arkansawyer by adoption. He is no stranger to Arkansas Royal Ambassadors, having served in camp on previous furloughs. Boys who have heard him in the past will certainly want to hear him again. They like his dynamic presentation and his straight-from-the-shoulder approach. Those who have not had the privilege of hearing him will certainly want to take advantage of this opportunity to hear and meet him.

Fray is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary. He has recently earned the Th.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Royal Ambassadors, counselors and other men will want to hear this man of God.

The first session of the Congress will convene at 3 p.m. Friday. A Hot Dog Supper will be served free to all who register by May 2. A special pre-registration badge will be admission to the supper. Others will register on arrival at the church.

Information and registration forms have been mailed to all counselors of record and pastors. Contact them or write to C. H. Seaton, Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. — C. H. Seaton



# Music conference to feature six concerts

PHILADELPHIA (BP) — A half dozen concerts, three messages, an open forum and three other presentations will be featured during the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference here June 9-10.

The world premier of an especially commissioned anthem entitled, "With All that Man Has Done," will also be performed by the Furman University Concert Choir from Greenville, S.C., during the two-day meeting following the Southern Baptist Convention. The anthem was written for the conference

by Buryl Red, composer, arranger, and president of BR Productions in New York City, and Ed Seabough, associate secretary of missionary personnel for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The proposed agenda for the conference, to meet at First Church, 17th and Sansom Streets here, was released by Conference President Carl Perry, minister of music for First Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Sessions are slated from Friday morning, June 9 through noon Saturday, June 10.

Concerts are scheduled throughout the meeting by the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma; the Concert Choir of Furman University; the youth choir of First Church, Huntsville, Ala.; the Hear and Now Singers of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; the instrumental ensemble of First Church of Clarendon, Arlington, Va.; and "The Singing City" choir of Philadelphia.

The concert featuring "The Singing City" choir of Philadelphia will also include a special lecture by Elaine

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## The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference

(Tentative program)

The First Baptist Church of Philadelphia  
Seventeenth and Sansom Streets

June 9-10, 1972

Friday, June 9

Morning session

Carl Perry, Conference President

Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Presiding

9:00 Call to Order and Presentation of Program

9:05 Welcome to Philadelphia! — G. W. Bullard, superintendent of missions, Delaware Valley Association

9:10 Concert — The "Singing Churchmen" of Oklahoma, directed by James Woodward, head of music department, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

9:40 Honorary Membership Presentations

9:50 Message — Kenneth Chafin, director, Division of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta

10:30 Exhibit Break

10:50 "More of the Nashville Sound — Broadman, That Is" — Loren Williams, music sales specialist, Broadman Press, Nashville

11:05 Concert — Furman University Concert Choir, Greenville, S.C., directed by Milburn Price

11:45 Introduction of 1972 Commissioned Anthem — "With All that Man Has Done" — William J. Reynolds, secretary of church music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville

Composer: Buryl Red — Text: Ed Seabough

Performed by the Furman University Concert Choir

11:50 Dismiss for Lunch

Friday, June 9

Afternoon session

Duane Barrett

State Music Secretary for California, Fresno, Presiding

1:10 Organ Prelude — Mrs. George Baker, organist and music associate, Tallowood Baptist Church, Houston

1:30 Congregational Worship — "Birth and Becoming" — Richard E. Myers, pastor, University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Va.

2:00 Concert — Youth Choir, First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., directed by H. Kendell Smith

2:40 Message — "Response-Able Musicians" — Bill O'Brien, Music Missionary to Indonesia

3:00 Exhibit Break

3:20 Presentation on Children's Choirs — "It's Getting Late! Do You Know Where Your Children Are?" — Mrs. A. L. Butler, music faculty, East Central State College, Ada, Okla.

4:00 Departmental Conferences (Local Church, Educational and Denominational Divisions will elect Executive Council for a two-year term):

1. Local Church Division, Frank Stillwell, presiding, minister of music, First Baptist Church, East Point, Ga.

2. Educational Division, Don Brown, presiding, professor of music, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

3. Denominational Division, Duane Barrett, presiding

4. Instrumentalists, Mrs. George Baker, presiding

5. Conference Wives Fellowship, Mrs. Carl Perry, presiding

Dismiss following conferences

Friday, June 9

Evening session

Bob Burroughs

Music Faculty, Samford University, Birmingham, Presiding

7:00 Organ Recital — Mrs. Joan Lippencott, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J.

7:45 Lecture-Concert — Elaine Brown and "The Singing City" choir, Philadelphia

Extended Session to continue in Church Assembly Hall — Elwyn Raymer, church music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, presiding

Presenting — "The Hear and Now Singers" — Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., directed by Bob Burroughs

Saturday, June 10

Morning session

Carl Perry, Presiding

9:00 Demonstration — Instrumental Ensemble, First Baptist Church, Clarendon, Arlington, Va., directed by Paul Welleford

9:30 Open Forum — "Where Do We Go from Here?"

Carl Perry Duane Barrett

Bob Burroughs Don Brown

Frank Stillwell Mary June Tabor, Conference Secretary, assistant to state music secretary for Oklahoma

10:05 Conference Business Session

10:25 Exhibit Break

10:45 "TV Techniques for Religious Telecasts" — Irvin "Shorty" Yeaworth and Buryl Red

11:15 "Celebrate Life" — a new musical by Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red, performed by Elwyn Raymer's "The Broadman Singers," directed by Buryl Red

Adjourn



## Music conference

(From page 17)

Brown, whom Perry described as one of the top women conductors in the world.

Major messages will also be brought by Kenneth Chafin, director of the Evangelism Division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Bill O'Brien, music missionary to Indonesia. Worship will be led by Richard E. Myers, pastor of University Church, Charlottesville, Va.

An "open forum" panel involving six of the conference officers and leaders will discuss "Where Do We Go from Here?" Four departmental conferences will delve into specific areas of emphasis in church music. The four conferences will deal with local church music, education, denominational music work and instrumental music. There will be a concurrent session for conference wives.

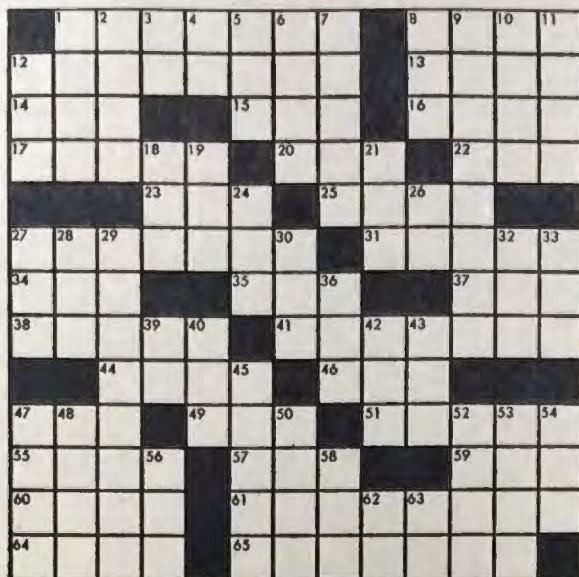
Several other special presentations are scheduled.

A session on "TV Techniques for Religious Telecasts" will be led by Red, a consultant to the SBC Radio and Television Commission, and by Irvin "Shorty" Yeaworth, a New York television producer.

Other presentations will include an emphasis on children's choirs by Mrs. A. L. Butler of the music faculty, East Central State College, Ada, Okla.; and a presentation by Loren Williams, music sales specialist for Broadman Press, Nashville.

The conference will also feature an organ recital by Mrs. Joan Lippencott of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J.; and a presentation of "Celebrate Life," a new musical by Ragan Courtney and Beryl Red, performed by the Broadman Singers.

# Bible puzzle



- 64 Jonathan's son (Ezra 8:6)  
65 It shall sound when the dead rise (1 Cor. 15)

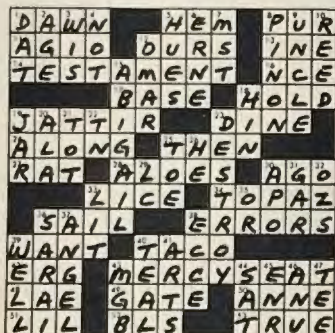
### DOWN

- 1 One who is unskilled in the word (Heb. 5:13)
- 2 One who is in debt
- 3 Described as populous (Nah. 3)
- 4 Damage free (abbr.)
- 5 Earlier than the present
- 6 Terminal point of a race
- 7 Where Moses fought a battle (Num. 21:33)
- 8 Self-esteem
- 9 It cannot separate us from God (Rom. 8:35)
- 10 Charles Lamb
- 11 Government agency (abbr.)
- 12 Fold
- 18 Artificial language
- 19 Baseball's Gehrig
- 21 Contraction
- 24 African antelope
- 26 Suffix meaning small
- 27 Paid notices
- 28 Law enforcement officer (slang)
- 29 He was served more than the Creator (Rom. 1:25)
- 30 Trustees (abbr.)
- 32 The navy brought them to Solomon (1 Kl. 10:22; sing.)
- 33 Used in soapmaking
- 36 "And Jacob ..... pottage" (Gen. 25:29)
- 39 Man's nickname
- 40 New Zealand parrot
- 42 Their trust shall be in a spider's (Job 8:14)
- 43 Cloth measure
- 45 Paul's was tentmaking (Acts 18)
- 47 "Jesus ..... from Nazareth" (Mark 1:9)
- 48 Jewish month of passover (Deut. 16:1)
- 50 God of love
- 52 Girl's name
- 53 Debatable
- 54 He was Prince of Wales (abbr.)
- 56 Spread for drying
- 58 Eiah's brother (1 Chron. 4:15)
- 62 Printer's measure
- 63 Detail for enlisted men (abbr.)

### ACROSS

- 1 Kind of yoke (Gal. 5:1)
- 8 God planted a garden there
- 12 Paul delighted in it (Rom. 7:22; three words)
- 13 Kind of monster
- 14 Famous nickname
- 15 Kind of fish
- 16 Noun suffix denoting condition
- 17 It cannot separate us from the love of God (Rom. 8:35)
- 20 Wreath
- 22 Chinese pagoda
- 23 Lassie, for one
- 25 Roman road
- 27 Paul desired fruit that might abound to theirs (Phil. 4:17)
- 31 We should not do it (Rom. 13:9)
- 34 Biblical place (Josh. 11:2)
- 35 It was of the Chaldees (Gen. 11:28; poss.)
- 37 Joshua or Caleb
- 38 We are to be slow to do this (Jas. 1:19)
- 41 "..... that they could not enter" (Heb. 3:19; three words)
- 44 Fish sauce
- 46 State (abbr.)
- 47 .....-o'-nine-tails
- 49 Constellation
- 51 We should be without it (Eph. 1:4)
- 55 Touch
- 57 Servant of Solomon (Ezra 2:57)
- 59 Biblical land (Gen. 4)
- 60 Deep mud
- 61 "For whom he did ....." (Rom. 8:29)

## Last week's answers



### CRYPTOVERSE

"Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength" (Psa. 54:1).

## Cryptoverse

LTF NY, LOYFZOYC, LY CXF UYEON KC  
UYQQ RXKCD

Today's Cryptoverse clue: O equals R

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.



# Rainy-day fare

By Lois Anne Williams

Tammy was feeling sad. She was even feeling a little bit mad. Tammy had planned to go outside to play with her friend, Cindy. Now it was raining and she had to stay inside.

"You can play with your dolls. Why don't you fix a tea party for them?" Mother said.

"I don't want to play with the dolls," Tammy said with a frown. "I just fixed a tea party for them yesterday."

"How about building something with blocks, then?" asked Mother.

Tammy shook her head. "I don't want to build anything with my blocks, either. I want to go outside and play. I don't see why it had to rain," she said.

Tammy stomped across the room and sat down to look out the window at the drizzling rain.

Mother came over and sat down beside her.

"Well, Tammy, we could not have a beautiful world without the water. The grass would not stay green long if the rain did not fall on it and keep it fresh. The flowers could not bloom if they didn't have water. The trees would not live without rain. We can be thankful for the rain even if it means we have to stay inside today."

Tammy looked at her mother and smiled. "I guess I'm glad it's raining then," she said as she looked up at the pretty trees in her yard. There in the high branches of one of the trees, she saw two squirrels. They were playing and having a good time in spite of the rain.

One squirrel was chasing the other up and down the tree. Tammy could see them jumping from one branch to another. Each branch would swing and sway as the little animals jumped onto them and ran along their merry way.

Tammy burst out laughing as she watched the funny actions of the squirrels. When they stopped to rest on the ground, they sat up on their back legs with their long tails arched behind them.

"Mother, see how pretty the squirrels are," Tammy said.

"Yes, they are pretty. And isn't it fun to watch them as they run about and play?"

"Oh, yes, Mother. I'm so glad they are playing like that today," Tammy said with a smile.

Mother nodded. "But you know, Tammy, the squirrels play in the trees nearly every day. You have just been too busy with your own play to stop

and see them. I think it's a good thing you couldn't go outside today so you could have a chance to see them. Don't you think so?"

"I think so. I don't have to go out and play with Cindy. The squirrels are my friends. I can sit right here and have fun watching them. I've found a new kind of play," said Tammy.

Mother said, "Maybe the next time you can't do what you would like to, you won't get grumpy. There is always something else you can do happily."

"I'll try," Tammy said, as she watched the squirrels hurrying off to another game of chase.

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## Word square

By Margaret Murray Ridenour

1. Black, sticky substance
2. Nickname for Abraham
3. A color

1	2	3
2		
3		

ANSWERS: tar, Abe, red





**SUCCESS GAUGE**—Sharon Garland, a Radio and Television Commission employee, delves through the mountain of mail that arrives at the Commission from individuals who hear the radio programs and see the television productions. Mail is a good indication of the number of listeners a program commands.

denominational effort has been concentrated.

That's not all. This has been a year for a number of major network television specials. "Time and the Cities" was aired over NBC in February, "Sunday in Galilee" on Easter Sunday and ABC's "Directions" series has featured the Radio and Television Commission's "Home" as well as an interview with Tom Landry, head coach of football's Super Bowl winners, the Dallas Cowboys.

In addition, there are other regular programs including "JOT," the animated dot who teaches children moral and spiritual values on nearly 100 television stations across the country; the award-winning "MasterControl"★ which features interviews with exciting people and short, powerful religious messages; "Country Crossroads," a half-hour of country and western entertainment and inspiration, and "The Baptist Hour," the oldest and best known of the Commission's programs.

"Now we have 'The Baptist Hour' in Hungarian and in the Tagalog dialect of the Phillipine Islands," said Dr. Stevens. "Our language programs include Spanish, Portuguese, two Chinese dialects — Mandarin and Cantonese — and Russian."

He explained that the Chinese and Russian broadcasts are being beamed behind the Bamboo and Iron Curtains by a transmitter on Okinawa. When Okinawa reverts to Japanese control a shortwave station being built on the coast of Korea will be used. The station, owned by the Far East Broadcast Company (an interdenominational organization), is expected to be able to transmit up to 250,000 watts and is much more powerful than the one presently in use.

Baptists, through the Radio and Television Commission, minister to servicemen through television programs on 98 American Forces Network television outlets and 350 radio stations

in the Far East, Alaska, Korea, Europe, the Caribbean and Vietnam.

Other ministries include placing a one-minute Bible spot for each day of the year on more than 300 radio stations. "Living Words of Today" are read and many people learn, some for the first time, that God loves them.

Thousands of letters that pour into the Radio and Television Commission from around the world attest to the success of Commission programs. Letters from such diverse areas as Montana, Kansas, Florida, Oklahoma, Alaska. A 14-year-old from New Jersey wrote:

"I've really messed up in the past . . . I looked through the Commandments and realized that I'm far from Miss Perfect. Why would Christ accept me after all the things I've done? I'm so afraid that He'll never forgive me that I cry myself to sleep at night. I'm more than ready to accept Christ. Will He accept me?"

Baptists observing Radio and Television Sunday May 21 dry the tears of that girl and others like her. They help because they are involved—and because Baptists are involved the Radio and Television Commission exists.

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**ZONDERVAN**





# The missionary imperative

By Vester E. Wolber  
Ouachita University

The missionary imperative was inherent in the Christian movement from the beginning. When the Christ child was presented in the temple, Simeon saw in him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32); and when John the Baptist appeared his work was associated with a passage in Isaiah which said that "all flesh shall see the salvation of the Lord" (Luke 3:6).

## In the Old Testament (Luke 24:45-49)

Jesus saw the missionary imperative in the Old Testament and explained it to his disciples before he went away. The text says that before the Lord went to work on the Scriptures he first went to work on the heads of his disciples, and when he got their minds opened up then he opened up the Scriptures.

He showed them from the Scriptures that he should suffer and rise out of death on the third day. He also showed that repentance and forgiveness were to be preached to all nations beginning at Jerusalem; and that they were witnesses. Finally, he directed them to stay in Jerusalem until they were clothed with the necessary spiritual power.

## In the prayer of the Lord (John 17:18-21)

The missionary imperative is also seen in the dedicatory prayer of Jesus just before he went into Gethsemane where his final ordeal began. He prayed for his disciples, that the Father would keep them from the evil one and consecrate them in the word of truth.

1. Jesus saw a parallel relationship between his ministry and theirs: as the Father sent the Son into the world, so also he had sent them into the world. Their ministry was to be thought of as an extension of his ministry, and was to be redemptive in nature with one important distinction: Jesus came to provide redemption and his followers went out to proclaim that redemption. Early Christians moved out in the light of a victory already won.

2. Jesus also saw that they were beginning a long journey that was to continue many centuries; therefore he prayed for them and for the disciples that they would make. Jesus held out the norm for all Christians: all are to witness and help to extend the kingdom enterprise.

A common fallacy held by many Christians is that they are uninvolved in the propagation of the Christian message and therefore uninvolved in the expansion of the kingdom. What

they fail to note is that every believer is a walking witness of the Christian movement.

All of us are demonstration agents who are continually showing our neighbors how much the Lord means to us. We do not have an option of choosing whether or not we shall be witnesses; we do have the freedom to determine whether we shall be good or bad example-witnesses.

## In the call of missionaries (Acts 13:1-3)

It was most appropriate that the church at Antioch was the first to send out missionaries. The church itself had come into existence when Christian refugees, fleeing from persecution in Jerusalem, came to Antioch and preached unto Gentiles as well as Jews. It was there that the Apostle Paul, who had been set apart at his conversion to carry the Gospel to Gentiles (Acts 22:21) was given his first major assignment when Barnabas enlisted his help. It was also at Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians (11:19-26).

1. The new program of sending missionaries into new territories was not developed by the church: it was initiated by God when he called Barnabas and Saul, and was conveyed to the church in a worship service.

The passage makes certain two things: God calls people into certain types of Christian service such as missionary work; and God also impresses the church that these individuals have been called up.

2. It was while the church was in a spiritual service that it heard the voice of the Spirit speaking to it. "Spiritual things must be spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 3:15): for lack of spiritual discernment the voice of God is sometimes unheard, and the will of God is left undone.

3. The church ordained its two great leaders and sent them away—another evidence that the church was open to hear and obey the voice of God and was magnanimous to the point of sharing its greatest members.

## Conclusions

1. The early church took seriously the charge from the risen Lord to evangelize as they went into all the world. There were only 500 of them—and they had

not as yet been empowered by the Spirit at Pentecost—so they must have been made from sheer blocks of courage, welded together by faith.

2. The church believed that it had a message of salvation for all men—the only message of salvation. Early in church history the chief spokesman for the Jerusalem church said "There is no other name under heaven . . . by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

3. There are two dimensions in this mission imperative: we are to "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes" (Isa. 54:2)—we must ever seek to expand into new territories and we must ever seek to occupy and solidify these territories. The mission message of the Book of Judges is that some of the tribes settled for initial victories and failed to drive out the enemy and occupy the land.

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## The church's strength

By L. H. Coleman  
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Life & Work  
April 30, 1972  
Acts 4:1-31

Today's lesson is the second of four lessons from the unit, "A Dynamic Church." Last week we answered the question "What is a church?" and noted that the church had been established prior to Pentecost. Christ established the church. The church operated and handled business before the Pentecost experience. Pentecost was a great experience for the early church and thrust the church out into society with tremendous force. The power of Pentecost was the power of the Holy Spirit.

Last week we noted that through the power of God Peter healed the lame man who was begging at the Gate Beautiful (or Golden Gate). Rather than give the beggar silver or gold Peter offered him the power of God. The beggar leaped with joy, walked and praised God. Peter preached as a crowd assembled. Consequently Peter and John were arrested. Peter and John committed the crime of preaching Jesus.

### The Apostles threatened; their reply (Acts 4:18-21)

The arrest of Peter and John is recorded in Acts 4:1-4. The account of their trial is related in verses 5-22. Please note in verse 5 the three classes that composed the Sanhedrin, the high court of the Jews. They are the rulers, elders and scribes. The same group of Jewish leaders that put Jesus to death are still the trouble-makers for the gospel. Perhaps the most influential group involved in the arrest and trial were the Sadducees, who were the religious liberals of that day. Most of the priests were Sadducees. A cardinal belief of this group was their denial of the doctrine of the resurrection. Therefore the Sadducees were upset on two counts:

1. Because untrained men were teaching the people.
2. Because the apostles taught the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

In verse six several personalities involved in the trial are named: Annas, former high priest; Caiaphas, official high priest (son-in-law of Annas); John and Alexander (probably these two men were sons of Annas).

In verses 8-12 please note the reply, defense and sermon of Peter. Remember the Peter who denied Christ prior to Christ's crucifixion? Isn't it amazing how the Spirit of God can change the witness of believers? (Please restudy

this great sermon of Peter, especially verse 12).

In verses 13-16 please note the effect the boldness of Peter and John had on the council. In verse 13 "they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." In more ways than one they had been with Jesus. People about us will take more knowledge of us if we have been with Jesus.

In verses 17 and 18 the apostles were threatened not to teach or preach in the name of Christ. Ridiculous! How absurd! Is the council so stupid to think that the early church, with such immediate credentials as Christ having been raised from the dead, 3000 conversions in a single evangelistic crusade, and a lame man healed, is going to take the advice of the Sanhedrin and close up shop? Do they for one minute believe these early apostles would walk off their jobs as believers and go back to the hum-drum boredom of Judaism? Not so.

In verses 19 and 20 Peter and John made clear and emphatic reply to the threat. They stated that they "cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard." (v. 20). They could not be silent. They had a message to give the world. Necessary was laid upon them. The gospel inside them was like fire shut up in their bones. They had to release it and share Christ with others.

If your conversion experience is genuine, you have an inward compulsion to share it and unless you share it, you do not have it. If no one ever shared Christ with others the gospel would not have lasted very long past the first century.

In verse 21 the apostles were set free. As they left the jail they were determined to obey and glorify God.

### United prayer of praise and thanksgiving (Acts 4:24-30)

In verse 23 a report of all that had happened was given to their company. Can't you imagine the excitement upon the group as this report was given!

Then in verses 24-30 there was united prayer of praise and thanksgiving as well as a prayer for strength. Please

make a close examination of this prayer and note the following:

1. Notice how they addressed God in prayer: "O Lord." This could also be translated "Master."
2. They prayed to God as creator.
3. There was a spirit of praise in their prayers.
4. There was a spirit of submission to the will of God.
5. Something happened.

The church expected persecution. They were not the least discouraged because of the arrest and trial of Peter and John. They were gripped with strong convictions as a result of what had happened and never for a minute thought of heeding the threat of the Sanhedrin's leaders. A tide of strength swept over these first-century believers. God was with them and they were confident of this great fact. Courage became their portion. Above all they knew they could not face what lay ahead in their own strength. To face a hostile world in their own strength would mean certain failure. Consequently they turned to a power that was not their own — the power of Almighty God!!

### Results of their prayers (Acts 4:31)

A great deal is recorded in this one verse. Previously we noted that something happened as they prayed. What happened?

1. There was a physical manifestation; the place was shaken.
2. They were filled with the Holy Spirit.
3. They spake the word of God boldly.

The Holy Spirit came to them in great measure and this furnished them with strength and power. Through prayer and the infilling of the Spirit of God they found the courage they needed to witness even when such witnessing might result in their death.

### Conclusion

These early Christians had something we sadly lack today — the power of God. We live in an affluent society where Christianity is socially accepted. We are soft. We lack dedication. Sacrifice for Christ is unknown in our vocabulary. We have given up very little for Christ.

This lesson should humble us and cause us to go forth and really give ourselves completely to the cause of Christ. Will we do it?

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# A smile or two

The little church in the suburbs suddenly stopped buying from its regular office supply dealer, so the latter telephoned the deacon to ask why.

"I'll tell you why," replied the deacon with some indignation. "We ordered some pencils from you to be used in the pews for visitors to register."

"Well," interrupted the dealer, "didn't you receive them yet?"

"Oh, we received some pencils, all right," replied the irate deacon. "But you sent us some golf pencils, each stamped with the words: 'Play Golf Next Sunday.'"

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The church member and a visitor were discussing the new pastor just after his first sermon.

"Why did you ask the other preacher to resign?" the visitor asked.

"Oh," said the member, "he always preached that if we didn't mend our ways we would all go to hell."

"But," said the visitor, "that is just what this preacher said today."

"I know," was the reply, "but the other preacher acted as if he were glad of it."

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The elderly lady zoomed past a state trooper who was cruising along at the limit. He gave chase, and when he had brought her to a stop he asked for her driver's license.

The elderly woman looked at him sharply. "Young man," she said, "how can I be expected to show you my drivers license when you people keep taking it away from me?"

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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adms.
Alexander, First	41	36	2
Alicia	67	59	
Alma, First	346		2
Arkadelphia Second	203	183	
Beirne, First	68	21	
Berryville			
First	172	49	1
Freeman Heights	119	38	
Rock Springs	110	59	
Blytheville, Gosnell	234	84	9
Booneville, Glendale	78	37	1
Camden, First	539	106	3
Charleston, North Side	92	57	
Cherokee Village	112	23	
Concord, Mt. Zion	32	13	
Crossett			
First	477	133	
Mt. Olive	262	134	
Dumas, First	272	65	4
El Dorado, Ebenezer	150	55	1
Farmington, First	105	39	
Forrest City			
First	635	156	13
Second	219	86	4
Fort Smith			
First	1159	396	15
Grand Avenue	728	252	4
Moffett Mission	31		
Haven Heights	232	139	
Oak Cliff	141	86	
Trinity	177	68	
Gentry, First	182	87	
Grandview	95	45	1
Greenwood, First	290	118	3
Hampton, First	165	52	
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	221	96	2
Northvale	120	75	1
Helena, First	300	69	
Hope			
Calvary	201	93	2
First	500	144	4
Hot Springs, Park Place	434	136	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	160	65	1
First	403	75	3
Marshall Road	371	118	4
Jonesboro			
Central	467	181	1
Nettleton	276	111	
Lake City, Bethabara	125	120	2
Lake Village, Parkway	62	41	
Lavaca, First	346	149	2
Lepanto, First	252	138	3
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	138	66	
Geyer Springs	741	224	3
Life Line	626	176	8
Magnolia, Central	609	214	4
Marked Tree, First	204	48	
Melbourne			
Belview	162	107	2
First	114	66	1
Horseshoe Bend	27		
Monticello, Northside	104	69	3
Mountain Home, First	303	98	2
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	549	161	3
First	221	117	2
Park Hill	743	129	22
Sylvan Hills	280	125	2
Paris, First	372	117	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	188	70	
Dollarway	151	42	7
East Side	205	101	
First	699	186	6
Green Meadows	72	38	
Second	162	76	
South Side	803	146	2
Rogers, First	637	147	9
Russellville, Second	223	89	4
Springdale			
Berry Street	114	57	
Caudle Avenue	114	50	
Elmdale	329	108	
First	700	163	7
Oak Grove	62	23	
Stephens, First	148	97	1
Vandervoort	42	18	
Warren, Immanuel	290	83	
West Memphis, Calvary	258	109	4

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MATTHEW 11:29

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## Southern Baptists win 11 religious PR awards

FT. WORTH (BP) — Southern Baptists walked away with the largest number of awards during the 1972 Paul M. Hinkhouse national, interfaith honors competition sponsored here by the Religious Public Relations Council (RPRC).

Six Southern Baptists, led by J. Eugene White of Thomasville, N.C., won 11 awards in the competition. Following closely in the number of awards won were representatives of the Church of the Brethren who won 10 awards, and Methodists, with seven.

The awards were presented during the 43rd annual convention of the Religious Public Relations Council, an interfaith organization of religious communicators, at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel here.

White, former editor of *Charity and Children*, publication of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc., collected three awards, including one of four grand prizes given for the best in each class.

His "Cold Turkey Campaign" on drug prevention won White both first place in the public relations campaign category and a plaque and \$125 cash award for best in its class.

A television spot from the Cold Turkey Campaign was second in the television spot category. The same spot

finished second a week earlier in San Antonio in the annual awards competition of the Baptist Public Relations Association.

Other Southern Baptist RPRC winners were Ed Malone and Clarence Duncan of the SBC Radio and Television Commission here; John Earl Seelig of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here; John Boskas of the SBC Annuity Board, Dallas; and Robert O'Brien of the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.

Malone won first place in radio spots and a second place in radio programs ("Powerline"). Seelig won the booklet category and finished second to White in the public relations campaign category.

Duncan had two second places in television series (for "Home") and newsletters (for "The Beam").

Boskas received first in feature writing and O'Brien was second in newswriting.

Southern Baptists were also among speakers, workshop leaders and planners for the three-day meeting. In a major address, Clyde Fant, professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary, chided "insiders" of any denomination who pressure religious public relations practitioners to communicate in inside

terminology at the expense of true communication.

Speaking at a banquet to honor representatives of the secular press, Fant said public relations people should be allowed to "build bridges of communications to the public—the people they are trying to reach."

He characterized the religious public relations worker as one who "stands at the door" between the religious and secular worlds and tries to see enough of both groups to create mutual understanding.

Fant also warned against pressure for a religious communication that is so predictable and distant from the lives of secular man that it fails to produce creative communication.

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, told RPRC delegates who visited the commission that "electronic communications is the best weapon the church has in its struggle for the heart of man. But its potential is such that today's seemingly sophisticated satellite system will be tomorrow's model-T."

In other awards presented, the council honored with "Merit Awards" the Los Angeles Times, Dallas Times Herald, Washington Post, Nashville Tennessean and the Associated Press for "outstanding religion coverage," and honored ABC-TV and its news department for "Religion in America Today," and CBS-TV for a three-part series on the black church.

Named as RPRC fellows were Dan Thrapp and John Dart of the Times, Martha Man of the Times Herald, Betty Medsger and William R. MacKaye of the Post and William A. Reed of the Tennessean and George Cornell of the AP.



**RPRC WINNERS**—These three Southern Baptists are among six who totaled 11 awards, the top number presented to any denomination. Left to right are John Earl Seelig of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth; J. Eugene White of Thomasville, N.C., former editor of *Charity and Children* of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina; and Clarence Duncan of the Radio and Television Commission. White was top Southern Baptist winner with three awards, including \$125 best-in-class award, one of four major grand prizes given by RPRC. (BP Photo by David Clanton)

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