

Ouachita Baptist University

Scholarly Commons @ Ouachita

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, 1985-1989

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

7-28-1988

July 28, 1988

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarlycommons.obu.edu/arbn_85-89



Part of the [Christian Denominations and Sects Commons](#), and the [Mass Communication Commons](#)

Wrapped Up In Christ

Arkansas Baptist

July 28, 1988

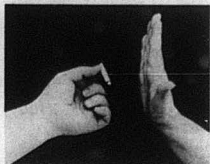
NEWSMAGAZINE

Help Kids Say No



In This Issue

Cover Story



ABN photo / Millie Gill

Help Kids Say No 7

Here are some positive suggestions about how concerned parents can help their kids say no to drugs.

Editor's Page 3

Speak Up

Early Reflections 4

Letters to the Editor 4

Today's Issues 4

Local & State

Arkansas All Over 5

D.C. McAtee Honored 6

June CP Report 6

A Special Camp 6

Junior High Jamboree 6

Helpline

Critical Environment 8

ABSC Updates 8-11

Next Month in Arkansas 12

Nation

Wrapped Up With Christ 19

Prayer Is The Key 20

Controversial Film 21

Lessons For Living 22

World

'No Purge Ahead' 23

Missouri Board Responds 23

Change of Citizenship 24

1,200-Plus Respond 24

IT'S UPLIFTING

Great-Grandfather Gets Degree

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—James Woods became a great grandfather and received his degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary the same month.

Formerly a salesman, Woods felt God calling him into the ministry when he became semi-retired. "It was a slow process of him (God) convincing me that there was a place for me in his ministry," said the pastor of Belle River Baptist Church in Pierre Part, La.

"When you're 51 years old and sit your children down to tell them that you're going into the ministry, it can really raise some eyebrows," said Woods, 60. "I sometimes (felt) like Moses wandering out there in that desert for 40 years until I finally started going in the right direction.

"I have people say to me, 'How can you have the commitment to do this at your age?' But age is no barrier when it comes to working for the Lord."

Woods received his associate of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary this spring. He and his wife, Jean Brown Woods, have four children, 11 grand-

children, and one great grandchild, born May 31.

Woods supplied as a preacher in churches for a year before he and his wife packed their bags to go to seminary in 1985. When he was called as pastor a year later, he moved to Pierre Part and commuted to and from his classes.

"I put 58,000 miles on my van in two years," driving more than 180 miles per day, he said.

Woods said that without his seminary experience, he would not be able to function as well in the pastorate.

"God has blessed me and given me physical strength to be able to do what I've been doing at this age," he said. "It is not easy, but the rewards are great.

"I've found that for every heartache, . . . God has given me joy to offset it."

He plans to remain a pastor "as long as God permits." The ministry is "a very demanding field. The responsibilities are great, but you work for a great Employer and the benefits are the greatest," he said.

"Even though we complain about the long hours and the labor, these last three years have been the happiest years of my life."

GOOD NEWS!

A Worthy Christian Life

Philippians 2:19-30

This passage allows consideration of the lives of three men in whom are found significant attributes of a worthy Christian life.

A worthy Christian exhibits a genuine interest (vv. 19-21)—Timothy unselfishly manifested a genuine interest in others (vv. 20-21). Genuine interest is sympathetic, creative, appropriate. It is saying to a grief-stricken young widow, "I have come to help you with the children," instead of echoing the glib and often meaningless, "If there is anything I can do." In Paul's words, this is naturally caring for the state of another. It issues from a concern for the work of Christ; it cares about the things for which God cares (v. 21).

A worthy Christian exemplifies a true humility (vv. 22, 25)—Timothy's willingness to hold a subordinate position "as a son with the father" (v. 22) exemplified humility. He did not have to run the show to have high visibility. Reward is not based on the magnitude of the task but on one's faithfulness to the task, however small or great.

Paul's willingness to acclaim others as equals indicated true humility. He called Epaphroditus "my brother, . . . companion, . . . and fellowsoldier" (v. 25). The word "brother" means common origin.

A worthy Christian engages in active service (v. 30)—Epaphroditus was active as a helper and willing sufferer (v. 30). He had labored with Paul in Rome even to the point of risking his life. During the great plague in Alexandria, members of a large guild, called the *Parabolani*—a word akin to the word "hazarding"—daily risked their lives in ministering to the sick and burying the dead. From the days of the early church to the present, there have been those who have "missed the martyr's death but deserved the martyr's crown."

A worthy Christian displays a proved character (v. 22)—Timothy learned at the knees of a godly mother and grandmother the moral and spiritual standards which molded his character and brought honor to God. A popular proverb reads, "What you are speaks so loudly I cannot hear what you say." But Paul said of Timothy, "Ye know the proof of him" (v. 22).

Adapted from "Proclaim," April-June 1980. Copyright 1980 The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. All rights reserved. Used by permission. For subscription information, write to Material Services Dept., 127 Ninth Ave. North, Nashville, TN 37234.

Oppose This Film!

J. EVERETT SNEED

Universal Pictures is in the process of producing a film entitled "The Last Temptation of Christ" which reportedly depicts Christ as a mentally deranged and lust driven individual. We have gathered information from several sources, but at the time of this writing have been unable to contact Universal Pictures. The primary source of our information has been Donald E. Wildmon, executive director of the American Family Association, Tupelo, Miss. (See related article, p. 21)

Universal Pictures says they are changing some of the scenes in the movie. But even if only a small percentage of the filthy and ungodly portrayal of Christ remains in the film, Christians should do everything possible to prevent this film from being released and shown.

Universal Pictures said the movie, based on a book by Nikos Kazantzakis, is scheduled for release this fall. Some sources believe Universal will rush to release the film earlier to avoid the heat of public pressure.

Wildmon received a copy of the original script of the movie and was scheduled to attend a screening in mid-June. The screening was postponed because Universal said the film was not complete. It was at this point that Wildmon decided to go public with the information he had in hand.

Wildmon's release shares some of the grotesque, immoral and totally non-biblical events set forth in the script. One scene pictures the disciples at the Last Supper vomiting up the bloody flesh of Christ.

In another scene, Jesus says to Judas, "No I don't have any pride. I don't go to the synagogue. I disobey the commandments. I work on the Sabbath day." In response, Judas says, "And who will pay for your sins?" Jesus replies, "I don't know, I'm struggling."

In still another scene, Mary says to the crowd, "Forgive my son! He's crazy! He doesn't know what he's doing. He has problems. Ever since he was a baby. He's not well in the head."

A segment of the film deals with Jesus teaching about discipleship. It portrays Jesus as reaching into his chest and pulling out his own heart. He offers it at arm's length to the disciples. With blood dripping from the organ, Jesus says, "This is my heart. Please take it. I lead the way. If you have sheep, give them away. If you have nets, let them rot; family, children,



leave them behind. We're on the march." Then Jesus places his heart back in his chest.

The story portrays Jesus as married to Mary Magdalene, and on one occasion he allows his guardian angel to watch while the two of them engage in sex. According to the script, the guardian angel says to Jesus, "It's me. I wonder if I could watch? I'm lonely too." Jesus laughs and responds, "Yes, yes, watch."

In another conversation, Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Now I know, a woman is God's greatest work. And I worship you. God sleeps between your legs."

After Magdalene dies, Jesus moves in with Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus and has children by them. In a brief description at the very end of the film, the sexual relations with Mary Magdalene,

Mary and Martha are identified as a dream.

The most important question is, "What can committed Christians do to protect immature and unbelieving individuals from coming in contact with filth such as 'The Last Temptation of Christ?'" First, we should make every effort to keep Universal Pictures from releasing the film. The repeated unsuccessful attempts of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* to contact the public relations division of Universal Pictures leads us to believe that there is absolutely no need to attempt to call Universal Pictures. But we would urge our readers to write to Lew Wasserman, Chairman, MCA Inc., 100 Universal Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608.

Second, if Christians should fail to stop Universal Pictures from releasing the film, then Christians should immediately contact local theaters to request that they not show the movie entitled "The Last Temptation of Christ" in their local viewing area. An initial contact with owners and managers of theaters should be done in a courteous tactful manner. Many of these individuals will share the same concerns that Christians have regarding this film.

Finally, in the event that a local theater owner or manager refuses to hear the concerns of Christian people regarding this filthy and ungodly film, then stronger measures must be taken. It is in order for Christians to organize boycotts or to picket such theaters. When all else fails, economic pressure works best.

When something as potentially devastating as "The Last Temptation of Christ" is on the horizon, it demands the attention of all Christians. We believe that committed Christians in Arkansas will respond appropriately to this threat.

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

VOLUME 87 NUMBER 27

J. Everett Sneed, Ph.D. Editor

Mark Kelly Managing Editor

Erwin L. McDonald, Litt. D. Editor Emeritus

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine Board of Directors:
Lyndon Finney, Little Rock, president; Jimmy Anderson,
Leachville; Joanne Caldwell, Texarkana; Nelson Wilhelm,
Waldron; Bert Thomas, Searcy; Lane Strother, Mountain Home;
Phelan Boone, El Dorado; Harold Gately, Fayetteville; and Don
Heuer, Batesville.

Letters to the editor are invited. Letters should be typed
double-space and may not contain more than 350 words. Let-
ters must be signed and marked "for publication." A complete
policy statement is available on request.

Photos submitted for publication will be returned only when
accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Only
black and white photos can be used.

Copies by mail 50 cents each.

Deaths of members of Arkansas churches will be reported
in brief form when information is received not later than 14
days after the date of death.

Advertising accepted in writing only. Rates on request.

Opinions expressed in signed articles are those of the writer.

Member of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

The Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine (ISSN 0004-1734) is
published weekly, except Easter, Independence Day, the first
week of October, and Christmas, by the Arkansas Baptist
Newsmagazine, Inc., 601-A W. Capitol, Little Rock, AR
72201. Subscription rates are \$6.48 per year (individual),
\$5.52 per year (Every Resident Family Plan), \$6.12 per year
(Group Plan). Foreign address rates on request. Second class
postage paid at Little Rock, Ark.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Arkansas Baptist
Newsmagazine, P. O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR
72203. (376-4791)

BEN EARLY

Early Reflections



Salute To Our DOMs

In Arkansas we can be proud of many things. Southern Baptist College and

Ouachita Baptist University are second to none. We have one of the finest state staffs I've encountered anywhere.

Another group which has impressed me is our associational directors of missions. Their leadership and hard work many times are not applauded, only expected.

The association is a key part of our Baptist life today and the DOM's leadership is invaluable.

One of the programs I've worked closely with our associational directors of missions is the annual junior/senior banquets.

The association banquet is a time when the high school junior/senior and their parents are invited for a time of fellowship, food, and information.

Many associations this year added a nice touch by letting the freshmen and sophomores wait tables.

Southern and Ouachita are invited to: (1) set up a display prior to the meal and to have individuals available throughout the entire evening to talk with students about the prospective schools, (2) provide 20-30 minutes of entertainment and inspiration from their student body, and (3) have a representative talk for five minutes about Christian higher education and the advantages of attending and learning at their school. Time is allowed at the close of the program to visit the displays and talk with students, administration, and faculty attending from our two institutions.

Many high school students and their parents who attend this year's banquets need to be given an opportunity to share a testimony in their local churches about the insights and direction received during this encounter with SBC and OBU.

DOMs are to be congratulated for this outstanding program and the numerous other planning, direction, and deeds of love they have shown.

Let me urge you to contact your associational office today and volunteer to help plan next year's junior/senior banquet and while you are talking to your DOM, don't forget to say, "Thanks, we do love and appreciate you."

Ben Early is director of public relations for Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge.

Letters to the Editor

Liberty of Conscience

The doctrine of the priesthood of each believer arose during the Reformation as an antidote to the medieval view of a special priesthood between God and individual Christians. It means, at least, (1) that Christ is the sole mediator between God the Father and believers; (2) that each Christian has direct access to God and therefore needs no other mediator; (3) that, because of love's demands, each Christian has some responsibility for others' spiritual well-being; (4) that the Holy Spirit deals directly with each Christian, not exclusively with a priestly or ministerial class; (5) that each Christian, with the Spirit's aid, can interpret the Scriptures for himself or herself; and (6) that all Christians are equal under Christ.

Baptists' view of congregational government derives from the principle of Christians' equality under Christ. The doctrine of congregational government means, at least, (1) that Christ alone is head of the church; (2) that no human being—neither pope nor bishop nor pastor—may usurp

is headship; (3) that each local church exercises full authority, subject only to Christ; (4) that church officers, including pastors and deacons, are subordinate to the church; and (5) that any distinction between officers and members pertains to function, not to status before Christ.

The doctrine of liberty of conscience, first developed by Baptists as an antidote to King James I's view of the "divine right of kings," denies that civil authority stands in God's place and can determine what people are to believe and practice with respect to religion. It means, at least, (1) that God alone is lord of the conscience; (2) that it violates God's lordship over conscience for one person, even a king, to impose religion on another person; (3) that persuasion, not coercion, is the proper way for one to deal with others in religious matters; (4) that each person—not just each Christian—is ultimately responsible for what he or she believes and does with respect to religion; and (5) that each person must be faithful to his or her conscience.—**G. Hugh Wamble, Kansas City, Mo.**

BOB PARKER

Today's Issues

Ignorance and Watchfulness

In his first letter to Timothy, Paul stated, "I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance. . . ." (1 Ti. 1:13). Later he wrote that what God has created should be received with thanksgiving by those "who know the truth" (4:3). He expressed to the church at Ephesus a desire that they be enlightened or that they understand how God works in the world (Ep. 1:18-19). Titus was urged to be alert to do good (Ti. 3:1). Exhortations to be watchful are found throughout the Bible. A few examples are as follows: Matthew 24:4, 26:41, Mark 13:33 and Luke 11:35.

The *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* deserves to be in the home of every Arkansas Baptist family. If your church doesn't subscribe to it for you, you should do so as you would a secular newspaper or magazine. As Christians, we should not be ignorant about what is going on in our state, nation and world regarding Southern Baptists and Christianity. One of the best ways to keep up

with the work of your Baptist friends, acquaintances and churches in the state is to regularly read the *Newsmagazine*.

When Paul wrote of giving diligence to be a good workman for God (2Ti. 2:15), he most likely was referring to the need to know not only God's word, but also about what is happening in today's constantly changing world. The *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* is also to be highly commended for its keeping us informed of moral issues in our society and how they seriously affect us all. We should seek for knowledge and understanding. We must be watchful and alert to what is happening.

The *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* is not perfect, but the editor and staff make prayerful efforts to also encourage and uplift the cause of Christ beginning with Arkansas Baptist churches, staff members and families.

Robert A. Parker is director of the Christian Life Council.



Arkansas All Over

MILLIE GILL

People

C.A. Johnson began serving Aug. 1 as director of missions for Greene County Association, going there from Walnut Street Church in Jonesboro where he had served as pastor since Oct. 1981. Johnson previously served as director of missions for Pulaski Association for three years.

Winfred P. Bridges observed 10 years of service as pastor of First Church, Paragould, July 17 when the church honored him with an afternoon reception in the church's fellowship hall.

Luke Flesher is observing 15 years of service this month as minister of youth at Park Hill Church in North Little Rock.

Tom Logue of Little Rock, retired director of Arkansas Baptist Student Union, was honored at the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers at the SBC in San Antonio, Texas. The presentation cited innovations Logue developed in Arkansas that are now used throughout the United States.

Freddie Gay began serving July 17 as pastor of Gardner Church, Hamburg.

John Noble of Hamburg, a retired Baptist minister, died July 14 at age 73. His funeral services were held July 16 at First Church, Hamburg, where he was a member. Survivors are his wife, Lucille Ray Noble; a



Johnson

Bridges

Flesher

brother, Charles Noble of San Antonio, Texas; and three sisters, Mary Sue Hayden of Hamburg, Nellie Wade of Arlington, Texas, and Alene Womack of Mexia, Texas.

Ernest Brown of Batesville is serving as pastor of New Bethel Church, Florala.

Keith Davis is serving South Side Church, Heber Springs, as summer youth director. He is a student at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Robert Harvey Tingle has accepted a call to serve as pastor of Crystal Valley Church, North Little Rock. A native of Memphis, he has 37 years of pastoral experience, having served churches in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Luther Rice Seminary. He and his wife, Charlotte, have two adult sons, Robert Harvey and Karl Dean, who serve as pastors.

Perry Bridges has resigned as pastor of First Church, Coal Hill.

Orville Haley is serving as pastor of Graphic Church, Alma. He also has served as pastor of Northside Church, Fort Smith, and Immanuel Church, Coffeyville, Kans.

Photo / Glendon Grober

He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and the University of Arkansas. Haley and his wife, June, have three adult children.

Briefly

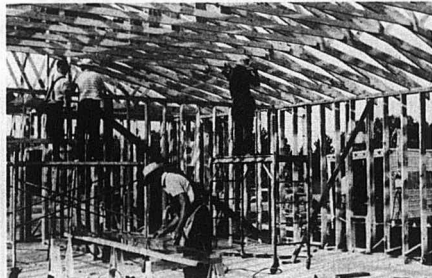
Rover Church observed its 100th anniversary July 17 with activities which included Sunday School, morning worship, a potluck meal, and a 1:30 p.m. service. Billy O. Kite, director of missions for Ashley County Association and a former pastor, and Jeff Cheatham, director of missions for Arkansas River Valley Association, were speakers. John Silvey serves as pastor of the church, which was founded April 10, 1888.

Central Church in North Little Rock 15-member mission team was in New Haven, Ind., June 24-July 2 to assist the Werling Road Church, sponsored by North Pulaski Association, with a vacation Bible school in which 67 were enrolled and five professions of faith were made.

Little Rock Second Church youth mission team is in New Orleans, La., July 30-Aug. 6 to lead a vacation Bible school, backyard Bible clubs, and concerts.

Claud Road Church at Pine Bluff recently honored Pastor Bill Passmore and family in recognition of his third anniversary of service.

ABN photo / Millie Gill



Fifty volunteers raised a 6,000 square foot building from the slab in one day last month for Gosben Baptist Mission, east of Fayetteville. The volunteers, all from churches in Washington-Madison Association, left the building "in the dry." Farrell Ard is mission pastor. Elmdale Church, Springdale, is sponsor.



A car was presented to Gerry Odom of Norphlet July 6 by Glendon Grober, director of Arkansas Brotherhood. Odom, a furloughing missionary to Taiwan, will use the vehicle for speaking engagements prior to her return to the field in February 1989. Grober indicated other such cars are needed.

D.C. McAtee Honored

First Church, Nashville, recently recognized D.C. McAtee of Forrest City on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of gospel ministry.

McAtee was licensed by the congregation on June 8, 1938, and he preached an anniversary sermon for the congregation June 12. The church presented a commemorative plaque to him in honor of the occasion.



Born at Brownstown and raised at Paraloma and Mineral Springs, McAtee is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served 40 years as a pastor before accepting a position with the student department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He retired in 1982.

McAtee currently serves as director of the Baptist Student Union at East Arkansas Community College. He recently has completed his 11th interim pastorate, during which he served McGehee First Church.

McAtee and his wife, the former Clyta Agee of Texarkana, are members of Forrest City First Church.

A Special Camp

Central Association and the Garland County Human Services Department joined forces this summer to provide a special kind of summer camp.

Charles Holcomb, director of Central Association's Spring Lake Baptist Assembly near Lonsdale, learned from Human Services that a need existed among underprivileged children who would be unable to attend a summer camp because of lack of finances. Working with the department, Holcomb planned a camp for July 6-8 which drew 23 children.

Several churches from Central Association contributed financial support and counseling staff to the project, and Central Association provided personal hygiene kits for each child, according to James Swedenburg, associational director of missions. Saint Vincent's Infirmary of Little Rock provided linens for the campers, and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Hot Springs provided refreshments.

Plans are already underway for a similar camp in 1989, which Swedenburg believes will attract more children from the counties of Central Association.

Junior High Jamboree

WALNUT RIDGE—Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge will host Arkansas' first-ever Junior High Jamboree Aug. 4-6 on the college's campus north of Walnut Ridge.

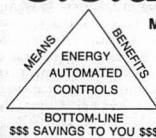
The three-day event will feature workshops, worship experiences, a "Crazy Olympics," a Bible trivia game show, and an hour-long student variety show. A "God of Rock II" seminar also is planned.

The main speaker for the event, which is directed toward youth in grades six through nine, will be Rick Stanley, and Jamie Page will be the worship leader.

Registration for the event closed at the maximum 370 participants.

e.c.a. energy consultants of Arkansas, inc.

9800 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock, AR 72116



- Means:**
- Automatic night setback
 - Sequencing of loads to decrease power demands
 - Programmed comfort control

Member:
Assn. of
Energy
Engineers

- Benefits:**
- Reduce utility cost 10-20%
 - Full return on your investment in 1-3 years
 - Positive cash flow from savings

For further information, call: Debra Triplett at 501-834-0052

June Cooperative Program Report

Received \$990,761.76
Budget \$1,072,525.00
Under \$81,763.24

Year-to-date
Under \$128,458.38

Same time last year
Under \$71,652.03

Can you believe that one-half of 1988 is already gone? That means we have only six months left to reach our budget of \$12,870,300. Our best projections at this time indicate that we are going to receive between 96 percent and 98 percent of our budget.

I believe we can do better. In fact, the possibility of going over the budget is real. Join in prayer that God will bless our churches with unusual giving during the last half of 1988.—**Jimmie Sheffield**, associate executive director

GROWTH SPIRAL CONFERENCE

Monday, August 15

Eastside Church, Paragould
Second Church, Conway

Tuesday, August 16

First Church, Alma
Eagle Heights Church, Harrison

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. No Charge

Age Group Conferences

General Officers • Adults
Youth • Children • Preschool

A limited number of conference notebooks will be available for \$10 each.

Help Kids Say No

Concerned Parents Offered Suggestions

by Shari Schubert
Missouri Baptist Convention

BOONVILLE, Mo. (BP)—An unexplainable change in personality or behavior, withdrawal from others, inattentiveness or irresponsibility at home and school—all could be warning signs that a young person is abusing drugs, a Southern Baptist chaplain who works with patients at a Boonville, Mo., drug and alcohol treatment center, said.

James Tsapelas, director of chaplains at Valley Hope Association's Boonville inpatient facility, offered advice for parents who are concerned their children may be using drugs.

Parents need to realize alcohol and other drugs are readily accessible to young people and take seriously the possibility that their children could become users, Tsapelas cautioned.

Alcohol and marijuana generally are the most easily available drugs, he said. Although more expensive, "crack"—a smoked form of cocaine—also is available and presents a special danger because it is "instantly addictive," he added. A host of other drugs, including PCP, or Phencyclidine, amphetamines and inhalants can disrupt and endanger young lives.

Parents need to tell their kids, "no drugs," the chaplain insisted. He added dialogue about the dangers of drugs needs to start as soon as children are old enough to be "aware of what you're talking about."

"Know the facts," Tsapelas admonished. "Read up on drugs, and discuss what you learn with your kids."

He cautioned parents to be sure the information they have is accurate, noting, "The problem with information is getting the right information."

For example, he said, 10 years ago cocaine was widely viewed as a relatively harmless recreational drug. In contrast, he recalled seeing materials depicting marijuana users exhibiting wildly erratic behavior that does not actually characterize users of that drug. Materials that either understate or overstate the effects and potential dangers of a substance are not helpful, he added.

"Set an example," Tsapelas urged. "The way you behave does have an effect on your children's behavior. You can't say, 'no drugs,' to your kids and then use alcohol and tranquilizers to cope with your own stress."

He pointed out, "Sitting there with a Budweiser in your hand telling your kid he can't drink" won't go very far toward discouraging a teen from using alcohol.

Tsapelas also stressed the importance of rational, rather than emotionally charged, communication with teens. "Talking with kids, not shouting at them, is the way to handle a drug situation," he insisted.

"Don't confront your kids when they're high," he advised. He explained when a person is high on drugs, he is not in control, and not able to have a rational dialogue.

When a parent is upset is not the best time to confront a young person about a drug-related problem, he said. At a time of pressure, it may be difficult for the parent to remember and effectively communicate all that he or she intends to say.

Before confronting the child, the parent should sit down and list his concerns, and then find a time to calmly share those concerns with the child, he suggested.

An appropriate way to start such a conversation might be, "Bobby, I'm concerned that you might be drinking. You come in without speaking to us. . . . You tend not to be as responsible as you used to be," he noted.

"Spend more time with your children and their friends," he urged. "Talk about all of their problems of adolescence."

One of adolescents' strongest pressures, he pointed out, is the need to be accepted by others. Because the tendency to want to go along with the group can lead to alcohol and drug use, Tsapelas stressed the importance of encouraging young people to value their individuality.

Other ways in which parents can reduce

the risk of their children abusing drugs include setting reasonable curfews and knowing who their children's friends are, Tsapelas said.

He encouraged parents to find positive activities for their children. "Whenever possible, do them together," he urged. As examples, he listed sports, theater, camping, cooking, gardening, music or part-time jobs.

In addition to his advice for parents, Tsapelas offered some advice for young people who are pressured to drink or experiment with drugs. "Remember, you have the right to say no," he said.

He also shared specific ways in which a young person can respond to the temptation to use drugs:

— "Give a reason. Be prepared with facts about why drugs are not good for you."

— "Have something else to do. Suggest an alternative activity, like playing sports."

— "Be prepared for different kinds of pressure. There are different levels of peer pressure. It can start out friendly or teasing; if so, you can respond the same way. If the pressure seems threatening, you may just need to walk away."

— "Be direct. You don't have to explain why you don't want to use drugs if you don't want to. You can just say, 'No thanks.'"

— "Avoid the situation. If you see or know about places where people often use drugs, don't go there. If you hear people will be using drugs at a party, just don't go."

— "Hang out with friends who don't do drugs. Sometimes, your friends may have already decided to use drugs. If they're your real friends, they'll like you whether you do or not. And maybe, by saying no, you might make them think twice about using drugs themselves. That's how peer pressure can be positive, too."

ABN photo / Millie Gill



Critical Environment

by Don Moore
ABSC Executive Director

Five things matter as much as environment. Environment is critical to the well-being of a newborn. Environment is critical to successful surgical procedures. Environment is critical to the successful production of flowers and fruits. Environment is critical to the operation and maintenance of sensitive electronic equipment. How important is environment to the growth and ministry of a church? It is equally as critical as in any of the other areas mentioned. In fact, if the environment of a church or unit in the church is not conducive to the full and free operation of the Holy Spirit, not much can happen of real lasting spiritual value.

In the other areas mentioned, cleanliness, temperature, and other physical factors are paramount. In the church, it takes more than fresh paint, a well groomed lawn, and recarpeted floors to make the Holy Spirit comfortable. If he isn't comfortable (grieved or quenched), it is likely that anyone else will be. Is it likely that God will really meet needs and that people will want to return to that place on a regular basis? Not likely. The environment isn't right.

The chief influence or environment in the church is relationships. The reason is that we are "one in the Spirit." If that is not actually happening, God and everyone else knows it. If we are not "one in the Spirit" we are not relating to each other according to the scriptures.

No amount of organizational accommodations can make a church productive whose environment is not right. Our training church leaders in the latest and best methods cannot turn a church around. No amount of conference or seminar time, however well spent, can offset a poor spiritual environment.

The early church that started so well was threatened with serious failure when the environment soured. Special actions were necessary to correct the environment (see Ac. 4-6). When the environment was corrected the work of the Lord began prospering again (Ac. 6:7). How is it with your church? What part should you play in improving the environment?

Let us help you through the opportunities we will provide for you in August. But, remember, the knowledge and skills



need to be used in a good environment. So, work on that as well.

Small Sunday School Workshop—Improvement of teaching skills in Sunday Schools with less than 150 enrolled is our objective. This meeting held Aug. 19-20 at Siloam Springs Assembly is committed to dealing with the problems unique to small Sunday Schools. While it is not uncommon to find the key finest leaders in small Sunday Schools, they usually have a small leadership pool from which to draw. They usually have no one, such as minister of education, to help develop their leadership. This makes this opportunity special. This will provide age-group training for your teachers.

Small Sunday School leadership update—Five of these will be conducted on Aug. 11: Cedar Grove Church, Arkadelphia; South Side Church, Heber Springs; Mt. Vernon Church, Benton; Wilmar Church; and First Church, Flippin. One of these should be in reach of your pastor, Sunday School director and other key leaders in your church. This will acquaint the general officers of the Sunday School with the latest and best products and ideas for helping you improve your Sunday School.

Area Growth Spiral workshops—For Sunday School directors, pastors and age-group workers, these workshops will help you understand how to use the Growth Spiral as a tool for planning and inspiring growth in your church. East Side Church, Paragould and Second Church, Conway will host the meetings on Aug. 15. First Church, Alma and Eagle Heights Church, Harrison will host the meetings on Aug. 16. Many of our churches could benefit from this tool. Most church leadership should explore the possibilities.

While most church organizations declined in 1987, WMU had an increase of 1.4 percent. Sure they have been celebrating their 100th Birthday, but the reason for their growth has not been their celebration. It is the training, planning, and preparation they are doing. Two such opportunities are theirs in August.

Associational officer training will take place at their retreat Aug. 19-20 at Camp Paron. Age-level training for each organization will be provided, as well as a choice of special interest conferences and meaningful worship experiences.

Local church leadership training (Impact '88) will be provided on Aug. 29 at Central Church, Magnolia and on Aug. 30-31 at First Church, Fordyce. Ten conferences will be provided in each of nine areas including the two new offices, WMU

Mission Study Director and WMU Mission Support Director. See information elsewhere for more details.

Keep up the good work in your church. Bring all of your new leadership and rekindle those who have been serving.

Area Brotherhood Conferences—These meetings are being held in conjunction with the WMU Church Leadership Training meetings at Magnolia and Fordyce, as mentioned in the article above. Brotherhood is having a renewed ministry as construction projects, mission teams, lay teams, medical teams, etc. are coming alive to what men can do in missions. Bring some men from your church. They will be inspired to bold new efforts in great commission activity.

A call to Baptist basics—Aug. 5-6 will give the pastor and Church Training director an opportunity to explore the tremendous potential of this new training emphasis. If we ever needed to get back to the basics, we do now. Most pastors realize their church folk need more than they can give them through their preaching ministry. With a little excitement and effort from the pastor and Church Training director, you can use this emphasis to make Sunday night a very exciting time. Come and see the possibilities.

Conference on aging—A very special opportunity for those who minister or desire to minister to the senior adults in our communities. Excellent resource people have been enlisted to help in this conference. More details are found elsewhere about this opportunity. Arkansas churches have to address this great challenge. Only Florida has more senior adults, percentage wise, than we do.

Volunteer part-time music leaders—A retreat for you is planned for Aug. 19-20 at Southern Baptist College. Every area of your music ministry can be strengthened by this retreat opportunity. Those in northeast Arkansas should put forth a special effort to get to this retreat.

Church Training State Conference On Discipleship

The State Conference on Discipleship scheduled for Oct. 17-18 will be postponed and is rescheduled for 1989. This conference was originally scheduled for Oct. 24-25 but was moved up a week because of the State Convention meeting the following week. However, we have discovered that quite a number of our associations will have their annual Association Meetings the week of Oct. 17. To

avoid conflicting with these important meetings and in order to have the best possible response to this conference, we have rescheduled it for Oct. 23-24, 1989.

This conference is to be a very significant event that will help equip our churches to make an impact in discipleship training. Watch for additional information about this event in 1989.

"A Call to Baptist Basics"

It is our objective to help churches to lead their members to commit themselves afresh to the Baptist basics of discipleship and evangelism. This is the purpose of the "Call to Baptist Basics" emphasis for the coming year. It begins with Dynamic Doctrine Studies in October-November for adults, youth and children. It will continue through the year with special emphasis on other discipleship training strategies.

Look for your "Call to Baptist Basics" brochure and other resources you will receive. Read the March issue of *Church Training Magazine*. Let's make the most of "A Call to Baptist Basics" to undergird our efforts in discipleship and evangelism.—Robert Holley, director

Family Ministry Single Adult Day 1988

Sept. 11, 1988, is the date Southern Baptists have designated to recognize single adults in the church, community and society. "Single Adults: Committed and Free" is the theme for the 1988 Single Adult Day emphasis.

Single adults are a significant segment of every part of today's society, including the church. Celebrating Single Adult Day by involving single adults in church-related activities will recognize their resource to the church and emphasize the importance of the church to the single adult.

The *Family Ministry Plan Book 1988-89* provides church leaders information about scheduling, planning and conducting Single Adult Day. Pastors received the 1988-89 plan book as an insert in the May issue of *Baptist Program*. A planning brochure is available to assist church leaders plan an effective observance of Single Adult Day. The brochure is available from the Family Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board or the Church



Jackson

Training Department of your state convention (P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203).

A special book has been prepared to help enrich the church's ministry with single adults: *Single Adults: Committed and Free*. This resource will also be the primary resource for the 1988 Labor Day Weekend for Single Adults at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. An Arkansas single adult, Dr. Robert Spray, is the author. Spray is a clinical psychologist in Fort Smith and a member of the East Side Church.

Contact Gerald Jackson at the Church Training Department for additional information about Single Adult Day and other Family Ministry emphases.—Gerald Jackson, associate

Evangelism

Youth Evangelism Conference Slated

Arkansas' Youth Evangelism Conference "Joy Explo '88" is just around the corner. The date this year is Dec. 29-30 at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

This year's program will be highlighted by evangelist Jaime Mayorga and youth communicator Buster Soares. Music and our worship will be led by Al Denson. Of course, the All-State Band and All-State Choir will perform, and there will be a multi-media event plus other exciting new features. Make your plans to join over 3,000 young people as we gather this December and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Broadman has just published a *Handbook for Youth Evangelism*, compiled by Dean Finley, National Evangelism Consultant with the Home Mission Board. The book contains work organized in 13 different chapters on every aspect of youth in evangelism. It contains everything from building an evangelistic youth ministry to how to win your local school campus. We have a limited number of copies at a discounted price available through the Evangelism Department. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please let me know by calling the Baptist Building or writing to P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203. The book is designed to give the youth minister, especially the first time youth minister, a basis to lay a solid foundation for youth ministry. I highly recommend it.—James Lagrone, associate



Lagrone

Annuity/Stewardship Eight Churches Top \$1 Million

Eight Arkansas Baptist churches topped \$1 million in undesignated gifts last year. Total undesignated receipts of the eight churches, \$12,066,842, exceeded the Cooperative Program gifts of \$12,008,823 given through the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in 1987.

One hundred and eight churches received \$7,500 or less in undesignated receipts in 1987. The 108 churches averaged \$4,466 in undesignated gifts.

Forty percent of our churches had undesignated budget receipts of \$35,000 or less last year; 6.5 percent of our churches received \$250,000 or more.

Million dollar budgets are produced by larger membership churches. The per capita giving may or may not be higher in the larger church. A smaller membership church with budget gifts under \$50,000 reached \$670 in per capita gifts. A larger membership church with gifts of over \$1 million had per capita gifts of \$495. Members in another larger membership church gave \$458.38, while a smaller membership neighbor church received \$62.02 in per capita gifts.

While our dollars have multiplied, church leaders agree that our churches have not reached their potential. Baptists still give far below the scriptural title.

Budget promotion programs encourage growth in Christian stewardship. Churches with a stewardship emphasis will reflect higher per capita gifts from growing Christian stewards. Budget promotion guidebooks are available from your Stewardship/Annuity Department.—James A. Walker, director

Church Extension New Work Probes

Ferrell Morgan, director of missions for Concord Association, described the reporting session of their probe as being "almost like a revival service." It was expected that the six probe teams would find 4 or 5 places to start new work in the Fort Smith area. Much to everybody's surprise when the teams came back from their observation survey they had located 21 places where new churches are needed.

Clear Creek Association also experienced excitement as a Home Mission Board director and four outside consultants led five probe teams. DOM George Domeresse says that the five places that need new churches will be an exciting challenge for

HELPLINE

the churches of their Association. AMDP Director Mike Taylor sees the results of the probe as giving their association purpose and challenge. It will foster unity and vitality.

Ashley Association had Boyd Rayburn from Texas to do a probe in their territory. Four target fields were discovered where new churches are needed. DOM Billy Kite reports that one mission is underway for 1988.

Twelve places for new churches were identified from a probe in Central Association. DOM Jim Swedenburg feels that it is highly possible for four missions to start in the association this year.

Chapel Purchased

The Dixie Jackson Missions Offering of 1987 made possible the purchase of another mobile chapel. The offering that is all used for missions in Arkansas exceeded the goal by \$13,000.

Mobile chapels are used for new missions to have a meeting place before they can construct a building. There is a waiting list for chapels in Arkansas.

The mobile unit like one above will be used to start a new church at Wye Mountain in Perry County. The mission need was identified by Conway-Perry Association. This will be four new starts in four years in Conway-Perry. The primary sponsor is First Church of Perryville.—Floyd Tidsworth Jr., director

Senior Adults

State Conference On Aging

The State Conference on Aging, to be held August 29-31, will be an in-depth seminar on ministry to older persons in Arkansas. Horace Kerr, Director of Senior Adult Ministry in the Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department, will be the principal conference leader. He is author of *How to Minister to Senior Adults in the Church and Coming of Age*.

Before assuming this present position he was director of the Governor's Council on Aging for the State of Mississippi and minister of education at First Church, Jackson, Miss.

Dr. Maurice Hurley, retired chairman of the psychology department at Ouachita, will speak on "The Bible and Aging",



Kerr

presenting a theology of aging. Dr. Perry Thompson, chairman of the department of gerontology at UALR, will speak on "The Physical, Psychological and Social Aspects of Aging." Herb Sanderson, deputy director of the Division of Aging for the State of Arkansas, will speak on "Aging: The Arkansas Scene," presenting resources for ministry to older persons in our state.

The conference is open to any persons who minister to and with senior adults including pastors, staff, senior adult coordinators and volunteers. The conference, to be held at the Riverfront Hilton Hotel in North Little Rock, will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Monday and conclude at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday. Registration is \$40.

Registration and room reservations at the Hilton should be addressed to State Conference on Aging, c/o Church Training Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203.—Robert Holley, director

Evangelism

Why Rebuild Evangelism?

Due to the fact that Baptists have used the mathematics of baptisms as a spiritual thermometer of the health of our denomination, many leaders have begun to search for causes and cures to the drop in baptisms. Some observers feel there is a definite relationship between decline in baptisms and the controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention. These will say that Southern Baptists have spent their energies confront-



Shel

Brotherhood

Nailbenders Alive and Well

The Nailbenders for Jesus are alive and well. We continue our recruiting of retirees and their wives. The Nailbenders are sure that God gave them this wonderful opportunity to help fulfill the Great Commission. They will supply the laborers for new church/mission buildings as he provides the harvest.

We are now in the process of gathering our tool and equipment requirements. If you have tools you would like to give, contact the Brotherhood Department. Church Arkansas is calling and perhaps "you can help make a difference" by helping the Nailbenders with their tool and equipment requirements.

Assume that in 1988, the Nailbenders reach their goal of eight new churches, say the average size is 4,000 sq. ft., further, the cost per square foot is \$35, this is a cost of \$140,000. With the Nailbenders furnishing the labor, we reduce this cost by at least half or in the words of

Frank Allen, "a real cool \$70,000." This figure multiplied by eight (the goal) is \$560,000.

The first year's work could present Jesus with eight new temples and enough money saved to start eight more. In time the Nailbenders will be building at the rate of two a month. This is not utopic for the Texas Baptist Men's construction groups are nearing three a month. If we build two a month, working nine months a year that is 18 churches. Using our above figures, that is a savings of \$1,260,000 to Arkansas Baptist during 1989.

The cars for furloughing missionaries ministry is growing. There are now four cars available. This ministry is most helpful to missionaries who come home for two, four and six month furloughs. One missionary commented that it had "saved our shirt."

We need more cars. Do you have or know someone who has an older car in good mechanical

condition? If so, they might prefer to give it to us rather than sale or trade it for little value. Lower mileage older cars are very acceptable to our furloughing missionaries. Please advise the Brotherhood office of any available car as soon as possible. This is just another way "you can make a difference" in the life of a foreign missionary.

The Year of the Laity centers on evangelism events. One very effective evangelism event for a local church is the Lay Evangelism School. Laymen must lead some of these if a significant proportion of Arkansas churches are to have a LES. Could you take a week to train and be equipped to lead Lay Evangelism Schools? Would you be willing to give two or more weeks in 1988-89 to help prepare Baptist lay people to witness effectively? If your answer is yes, write Glendon Grober, Brotherhood Department, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203.—Glendon Grober, director

ting each other with charges of heresy instead of confronting the world with the claims of Christ. Others will say liberal theology that prompted the controversy has been dragging down Baptist evangelism for years. This goes back to one of our original statements concerning building from the right foundation and using the Bible as the blueprint for our structure of evangelism.

Oren Morris, Home Mission Board director of research, says, "Generalizations about theological causes for the baptism decline are impossible to prove and convincing only to those who want to agree." Morris states, "The decade long slide in baptisms in due primarily in shifts in population that have deprived Southern Baptists of the traditionally fertile ground for the gospel." He states that two-thirds or even three-quarters of the drop in bap-

tisms is because of demographics. Morris said this referring to fluctuations in population, age, location, and race as predominant factor. It overshadows everything else.

According to Morris and other researchers, America is more adult, more urban and more ethnic than it was in the 1950s and 60s when Southern Baptists became accustomed to almost unlimited growth.

We need to be aware in Arkansas that we are fast becoming a state of senior adults. There is a definite decline in the baby boom. According to our best statistics, Arkansas ranks second to Florida in the rank of age 60 and above. Our churches must have an ongoing strategy to reach adults.

Evangelism consultant, Tom Lee, points out, "Pre-schoolers, children and youth used to make up two-thirds of Southern Baptist Sunday School rolls providing a steady

stream of candidates for baptism. In recent years, however, those enrollments have shifted with the population and now two-thirds are adults. Churches need to realize that their situation has changed in the past 10 years, but the evangelism strategies have not." Lee, who is an evangelism consultant for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, told this in a seminar last July.

We must rebuild the structure of evangelism to reach the lost in the twentieth century. The ground may not be as fertile, but when seed is planted, it will spring forth.—Clarence Shell, director

Church Music Worship

Worship. An event? An activity? A program? An observation? A superstition? A habit. . . . Make it a reality!

More than how we worship is why we worship. "He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the mire bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God (worship response). Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord (evangelism)" (Ps. 40:2-3).

Take the time to make a list of your worship responses, the doing of worship. Consider who is "seeing" our worship and if the results is as David assumed it to be.

What information do we as worship leaders, pastor and music director, work from as we fulfill this role? The responsibility to lead people into the presence of God to worship is awesome.

The Worship Planning Seminar, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m., First Church, Little Rock, with Dr. Bruce Leafblad, associate professor of church music and worship and chair of prayer and spiritual formation at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will challenge and inspire us as we, pastors and staff, consider the worship experience.

Both pastors and music directors should be present, as well as others who have worship leadership responsibilities, in order for you to consider the priority of worship planning as a team. In preparation for the seminar I would strongly urge you to do a good biblical background study on the subject and to read *Desiring God* by John Piper, Multnomah Press.—Glen E. Ennes, associate



Ennes

Woman's Missionary Union

IMPACT '88

"Happy Birthday WMU" has been sung, cakes have been eaten, inspiring challenges have been given, but wait! Missions education is not to be boxed up and put away on the shelf just because the centennial celebration of Woman's Missionary Union is over. WMU leaders, we have an exciting future to fulfill. Launching Century 2, the 1988-89 WMU emphasis, reminds us that missions education has not only been somewhere, but is headed into an exciting second 100 years.

August and September are filled with training opportunities for WMU leadership. A retreat for associational WMU officers has been planned for Aug. 19-20. WMU and age-level directors conferences plus interest conferences will be offered. Associational officers, make an extra effort to be at this weekend training event as we launch our second century.

Since training is not just a one time experience, IMPACT 88 will help equip church WMU leadership

for the second century. Ten training conferences will be offered during Aug. 29-Sept. 29; WMU Directors/Secretaries/Enlistment & Enlargement Directors/Mission Action Directors, WMU Mission Study Directors/WMU Mission Support Directors, Baptist Women Presidents/Secretaries, Baptist Women Mission Study Chairmen/Group Leaders, Baptist Women Mission Support Chairmen/Prayer Group Leaders, Baptist Women Mission Action Chairmen/Group Leaders, Baptist Young Women Officers and Members, Actess Leaders, Girls in Action Leaders, and Mission Friends Leaders.

IMPACT 88 will be held as follows: Aug. 29 (a.m./p.m.), Central Church, Magnolia; Aug. 30 (p.m.), 31 (a.m.), First Church, Fordyce; Sept. 1 (a.m./p.m.), Second Church, Hot Springs; Sept. 12 (a.m./p.m.), First Church, Forrest City; Sept. 13 (p.m.), 14 (a.m.), First Church, Paragould; Sept. 15 (a.m./p.m.), Markham Street Church, Little Rock;

Sept. 26 (a.m./p.m.), East Side Church, Fort Smith; Sept. 27 (p.m.), 28 (a.m.), First Church, Rogers; and Sept. 29 (a.m./p.m.), First Church, Mountain Home. Put the date of the IMPACT 88 nearest you on your calendar now. The day sessions will be from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Be sure and bring a sack lunch with you for the day session. The evening session will be from 7-9 p.m. A nursery will be provided for pre-school children during the day and evening sessions. Baptist Book Store materials will be available.

The celebration of where we have been is over, the future is now. What we do this year as missions educators will set the pace for the next 99 years. Our churches and associations need to be informed about mission opportunities in our state, nation and world. An informed, trained WMU leader can fulfill the future of missions education. Are you willing to be a trained missions educator?—Angela Lowe, Actess directors

Next Month in Arkansas: August

August 5-6, Pastor-Director Retreat, Camp Paron (CT)
August 7, On To College Day (Stu)
August 9, Director of Missions Planning Meeting, Little Rock First Church (Ad)
August 11, Small Sunday School Leadership Updates, Arkadelphia Cedar Grove Church, Heber Springs South Side Church, Benton Mt. Vernon Church, Wilmar Church, Flippin First Church (SS)
August 12-13, DiscipleYouth Workshop, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia (CT)
August 12-13, Children's Choir

Leader Workshop, Little Rock Immanuel Church (M)
August 15, Area Growth Spiral Workshops, Paragould East Side Church, Conway Second Church (SS)
August 16, Area Growth Spiral Workshops, Alma First Church, Harrison Eagle Heights Church (SS)
August 19-20, Small Sunday School Workshop, Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs (SS)
August 19-20, Associational WMU Officers Retreat, Camp Paron (WMU)
August 19-20, Volunteer/Part-Time Music Leader Retreat, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge (M)

August 26-27, Associational Church Training Leadership Training, North Little Rock Park Hill Church (CT)
August 29, IMPACT 88, Magnolia Central Church (WMU)
August 29, Area Brotherhood Conference, Magnolia Central Church (Bbd)
August 29-31, State Conference on Aging, Riverfront Hilton, North Little Rock (CT)
August 30-31, IMPACT 88, Fordyce First Church (WMU)
August 30, Area Brotherhood Conference, Fordyce First Church (Bbd)

September

September 1, IMPACT 88, Hot Springs Second Church (WMU)
September 1, Area Brotherhood Conference, Hot Springs Second Church (Bbd)
September 9, Furloughing Missionaries Orientation, Baptist Building (SA)
September 9-11, Campers on Mission Rally, Heber Springs (Mn)
September 10, Baptist Youth Day, Magic Springs, Hot Springs (CT)
September 12, IMPACT 88, Forrest City First Church (WMU)
September 12, Area Brotherhood Conference, Forrest City First Church (Bbd)
September 12, Music in Evangelism Workshop, Batesville Calvary Church (M)
September 13-14, IMPACT 88, Paragould First Church (WMU)

September 13, Area Brotherhood Conference, Paragould First Church (Bbd)
September 15, IMPACT 88, Little Rock Markham Street Church (WMU)
September 15, Area Brotherhood Conference, Little Rock Markham Street Church (Bbd)
September 16-17, CPA Pastors/Wives Retreat, Petit Jean State Park (Mn)
September 17-24, Senior Adult Chautauqua, Glorieta (N.M.) Conference Center (CT)
September 18-25, Season of Prayer for State Missions and Dixie Jackson Offering (WMU)
September 19, Worship Seminar, Little Rock First Church (M)
September 19, Small Church Evangelism Conference, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge (Ev)
September 20, Small Church

Evangelism Conference, Harrison Northvale Church (Ev)
September 22, Small Church Evangelism Conference, Hot Springs Grand Avenue Church (Ev)
September 23-24, State Sunday School Conference, Little Rock Geyer Springs First (SS)
September 26, IMPACT 88, Fort Smith East Side Church (WMU)
September 26, Area Brotherhood Conference, Fort Smith East Side Church (Bbd)
September 27-28, IMPACT 88, Rogers First Church (WMU)
September 27, Area Brotherhood Conference, Rogers First Church (Bbd)
September 29, IMPACT 88, Mountain Home First Church (WMU)
September 29, Area Brotherhood Conference, Mountain Home First Church (Bbd)

October

October 1, Northeast Arkansas Small Sunday School Workshop, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge (SS)
October 1, Volunteer/Part Time Music Leader Workshop, Smackover First Church (M)
October 1-8, Senior Adult Chautauqua, Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center (CT)

October 3-6, National CWT Seminar, Little Rock Geyer Springs Church (Ev)
October 7-8, Bivocational Pastors' Conference (CT)
October 7-8, Recreators' Retreat (CT)
October 7-9, Baptist Student Union Convention, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Stu)
October 10-14, Church Building Tour (SS)

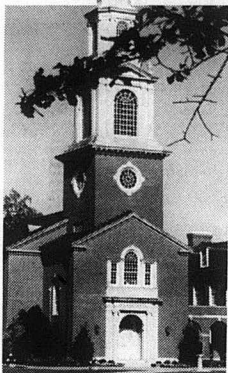
October 15, Volunteer/Part Time Music Leader Workshop, Ozark First Church (M)
October 20-21, Baptist Women Retreat, Camp Paron (WMU)
October 20-21, Music Men/Singing Women Retreat, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia (M)
October 21-22, Baptist Women Retreat, Camp Paron (WMU)

Abbreviations: Ad - Administration; Bbd - Brotherhood; CLC - Christian Life Council; CT - Church Training; Ev - Evangelism; M - Music; Mn - Missions; SS - Sunday School; SA - Stewardship/Annuity; Stu - Student; WMU - Woman's Missionary Union

Toward the High Calling

This fall, Samford University takes an innovative approach to ministerial education in Baptist life. In offering its Master of Divinity degree, the Samford Divinity School will focus on:

- **Academic Excellence.** Today's churches need disciplined, informed leaders. Samford will demand thorough preparation in the biblical, historical and theological aspects of the faith.
- **Pastoral Competence.** The emphasis is on the local church and its needs — preaching, pastoral care, evangelism, worship, church growth. Birmingham has 700-plus congregations where students can learn ministry under experienced supervisors. Students will also gain insights from the university's other professional schools: law, business, music, education, nursing, pharmacy.
- **Spiritual Formation.** Students will be led to develop their personal commitment to the Scriptures, the life of prayer, and the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.



The Samford School of Divinity will occupy modern classroom facilities in the Reid Chapel complex on the university's Birmingham campus. Included are new language, computer, and videotape laboratories for developing pastoral and missionary skills.



Dr. Timothy George, Harvard-trained church historian with a variety of pastoral experience, became the first dean of the Samford Divinity School on June 1.

■ **Missionary Vision.** Samford, with more "missionary kids" than any other college or university, plus overseas study programs in Europe, Asia and Latin America, is ready to help expand the vision of divinity students for God's world and its need for the Gospel.

■ **Evangelical Identity.** The Samford Divinity School is guided by the Baptist Faith and Message, welcomes students from all denominations, and seeks to be a meeting place for Baptists and the wider world of evangelical thought and life.

If you're interested in study for the Christian ministry in the context of a vibrant university committed to Christian values, in one of the Sunbelt's growing cities and a diverse community of churches . . . then consider the School of Divinity at Samford University.

Samford University



Birmingham, Alabama 35229

Serving 4,000 students from 43 states and 30 foreign countries

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

CONTRIBUTIONS

Total cash contributions through the Cooperative Program received in the office of the Executive Director of the Executive Board, from January 1, 1988, through June 30, 1988. If any errors are found in this report, please notify Don Moore, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203.

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
STATE AT LARGE			BARTHOLOMEW			BANKS		
INDIVIDUAL RECEIPTS	524.75	7,943.82	BARTHOLOMEW ASSN			BRACK	104.55	433.00
ARK BAPTIST FUND	20,456.29	77,934.33	ANTIOCH	249.08	230.51	CAMPBELL STATION	1,527.56	360.00
S A WHITLOW, MEM			CONVENT	555.00		CLEAR SPRINGS		
HUBER L DRAWMIGHT,			CORINTH	637.17	93.75	COLLEGE CITY	238.53	309.00
WMU CONTRIBUTIONS	3.00	2,704.16	EAGLE LAKE	477.38	61.33	DIRAZ	1,440.00	470.00
BSU CONTRIBUTIONS		503.41	ESENEKER	1,093.13	501.78	GRUBBS 1ST	1,056.62	495.55
BROTHERHOOD		887.00	ENDON	1,634.50	556.10	HORSESHOE		34.00
UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	101.78		FLORENCE	80.50	86.00	HOKIE 1ST	1,449.85	1,604.66
CLARKVILLE 1ST	18,310.83	8,254.51	HERITAGE	2,329.08	88.70	IMBROEN 1ST	3,064.13	2,260.87
MT OLIVE, DISBANDED			IMMUEL, WARREN	15,398.25	10,375.70	IMMUEL, NEWPORT	2,192.00	1,622.00
MT PLEASANT, INACTIV			LADELLE	747.27		JACKSONPORT	1,180.62	
JERICHO, INACTIV			MACEDONIA	887.23	165.00	MURPHY'S CORNER	203.07	140.00
VANDERBILT AVE, INAC			MARSDEN			NEW HOPE #1, SPITTW		
ROLLING HILLS	2,576.50	1,117.73	MONTICELLO 1ST	22,846.18	7,925.45	NEW HOPE 2ND, HARDY	860.69	326.05
TEMPLE, M. MEMPHIS-			MONTICELLO 2ND	6,372.97	4,242.84	OLD WALNUT 1ST	28,146.96	10,981.17
NEW LIFE	100.00	250.00	NO RIDGE, MONTICELLO	1,110.49	373.00	PITTS	158.00	30.00
CALVARY, ASDOWAN-DIS			OLD UNION	332.89	50.00	RAVENEN 1ST	580.00	410.00
GRACE FELLOWSHIP 18			PLEASANT GROVE			SEBASTIAN	478.57	395.00
OPEN DOOR RSNB-INAC			PRAIRIE GROVE	1,150.00		SMITHVILLE	1,976.96	1,817.04
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL			SALINE	1,114.40		SPRING LAKE	1,615.92	961.57
NEW LIBERTY SO-DISB			SELMA	655.42		SWIFTON	1,861.38	815.50
COMMUNITY CHAPEL	500.00		UNION HILL	1,341.97	1,500.00	TUCKERMAN 1ST	1,222.13	1,193.20
TEAR & COUNTRY MELO			WARREN 1ST	26,338.95	13,381.67	WALNUT RIDGE 1ST	16,334.16	7,898.96
APPLEWOOD BAPTIST C	100.00		WEST SIDE, WARREN	979.83	656.90	WHITE OAK		100.00
CITY BAPTIST CHURCH	100.00		WILMAR	1,547.80	1,862.10	CALVARY, WAL RIDGE	641.44	616.90
WYVENEN FIRST BAPT	100.00		SOUTHSHORE	462.61		SOUTHSIDE	503.00	178.00
ROCKPORT 1ST MISSIO	100.00		SPANISH FELLOWSHIP	156.53		WIRTH EVANGELISTIC		
ST MARKS BAPTIST CH	250.00		CALVARY SOUTHERN	2,802.74	1,418.00			
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	42,073.15	100,644.96	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	89,208.87	43,970.88	BUCKNER	68,279.44	32,760.97
ARKANSAS VALLEY			BENTON COUNTY			BUCKNER		
ARKANSAS VALLEY ASN			BENTON COUNTY			BUCKNER ASN		
BARTON	1,087.20	142.00	BENTON ASSN			ABBOTT	195.89	100.00
BRANLEY 1ST	23,170.89	23,113.28	BELLA VISTA	30,677.57	16,983.08	BATON	352.61	
CLARENDON 1ST	3,560.85	930.22	BENTONVILLE 1ST	25,073.52	19,990.27	CALVARY, BONEVILLE	310.79	192.22
ELAINE	9,568.35	600.00	CENTERON 1ST	6,640.08	2,729.79	CAUTION		
FELLOWSHIP	831.36		CALVARY BAPTIST MIS	1,049.18	1,779.00	CELESTIAL CREEK	232.49	25.00
HELENA 1ST	11,001.48	3,440.56	DECATUR 1ST	3,351.54	3,979.20	CLARKS CHAPEL	120.00	
HUGHES 1ST	5,749.98	5,295.00	DEARBOLT 1ST	1,600.00	1,256.99	DAYTON	1,210.00	219.20
LAMBROOK 1ST	90.00		GENTRY 1ST	10,744.92	4,487.53	BENTON		
LEXA	2,846.33	3,476.28	GRAVETTE 1ST	1,637.25	1,287.00	EVENING SHADE	197.28	25.00
MARIANNA 1ST	8,620.49	7,709.04	GUN SPRINGS	785.41	640.15	FELLOWSHIP 1ST	1,912.10	1,524.20
MARSHALL 1ST	7,036.21	1,150.00	HARVARD AVE, SILOAM	5,341.36	3,609.37	FRIENDSHIP	121.85	
MONROE	90.00	240.00	HIGHLIFF 1ST	2,880.50	2,916.26	HARTFORD 1ST	6,611.59	1,921.00
MORO	1,800.00	445.54	IMMUEL, ROGERS	4,252.00	8,835.81	HAW CREEK	953.32	
NORTH SIDE, HELENA	485.81		LAKEVIEW	1,423.17	708.33	HON	356.31	
PETTYS CHAPEL	268.29		LOHREL	4,824.00	2,129.07	HUNTINGTON 1ST	177.96	36.25
SNOW LAKE	940.91	360.00	MOON VALLEY	1,274.79	570.65	LORE	2,313.14	900.00
WEST HELENA	10,374.01	6,101.56	MONTE NE	1,362.71	660.63	LONG RIDGE	1,251.05	476.12
WEST HELENA 2ND	5,140.98	447.94	OPEN DOOR	1,200.00	680.78	MARSHALL 1ST	10,502.43	4,950.90
WYBROOK	2,132.00	3,266.43	PER RIDGE 1ST	7,949.49	1,729.70	NEW PROVIDENCE	398.15	300.00
IMMUEL, ELAINE	844.99	424.32	PLEASANT HILL	183.69	128.00	PARKS	1,197.61	995.11
CALVARY, WEST SOLEA	390.00		ROGERS 1ST	45,705.06	10,010.97	PLEASANT GROVE #2	718.11	44.00
HELENA 1ST	266.03	25.00	SILOAM SPRINGS 1ST	29,130.83	19,421.60	PLEASANT GROVE #3	623.78	200.00
BETHEL	80.72		SULPHUR SPRINGS 1ST	368.10	355.78	SHILOH, INACTIV		
WEST ACRES BAPTIST	985.57	144.75	SUNNY SIDE	600.00		TEMPLE, WALDRON	677.89	151.11
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	97,390.65	58,552.42	TRINITY, ROGERS	204.10		UNITY HOPE	170.16	
ASHLEY COUNTY			THELVE CORNERS			WALDRON 1ST		
ASHLEY CO ASSN			THELVE CORNERS	699.13	505.58	WALDRON 1ST	15,385.42	3,774.94
CALVARY, CROSSETT	82.10	463.61	FAITH	753.83	100.00	WEST HARTFORD	207.72	550.00
CORINTH	1,704.25	474.70	LAKESIDE	3,780.67	1,037.25	WHELFIELD 1ST	643.73	177.54
CROSSETT 1ST	80,700.47	15,076.14	CHARITY SOUTHERN BA	1,650.77	188.00	SOUTHSIDE, WALDRON	614.88	
CROSSETT 2ND	454.49	210.80	HIWASSE 1ST BAPTIST	350.26		BOLES CHURCH	244.45	
EDEN	991.02	300.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	213,394.37	106,228.79	BUCKVILLE	46,265.12	17,212.59
FELLOWSHIP	300.00	180.00	BIG CREEK ASSN			BUCKVILLE		
FOUNTAIN HILL 1ST	350.00	1,427.10	COUNTY LINE	20.00	345.19	BUCKVILLE ASN	781.62	
GARDNER	2,000.00	667.50	ELIZABETH	180.00		ROCK SPRINGS		
HAMBURG 1ST	16,991.13	6,957.85	ENTERBEE	150.00		ASSOCIATION TOTALS	781.62	
HARVIS CHAPEL	613.24		FLORA	60.00	144.00			
MAGNOLIA	8,617.64	1,920.25	HARPOTH SPRING	120.00	100.00	CADDO RIVER		
MARTINVILLE	1,394.00	378.42	MT. Zion	45.00	100.00	CONCORD		40.00
MERIDIAN	4,078.00	420.00	SPRING RIVER	225.00	348.75	CADDO RIVER ASN		
MT OLIVE	21,196.08	2,800.35	VIOLA	900.00	1,246.43	BLACK SPRINGS	1,114.01	
MT PLEASANT	1,202.46	355.17	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	1,700.00	2,278.37	BLACK SPRINGS		80.00
NORTH CROSSETT 1ST	5,024.08	3,569.63	BLACK RIVER			BLENNWOOD 1ST	8,798.86	1,940.71
SARDIS	380.75	126.93	BLACK RIVER BAPTIST			HILL SIDE		
SHILOH	1,540.65	2,284.73	ALICIA RAYNIST CHUR	674.50	594.50	LAKE BUCKNITA	1,510.09	3,831.00
TEMPLE	379.38	319.29	AMMON	120.00		LIBERTY		
PLEASANT LAKE						LITTLE HOPE	200.00	235.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	147,580.44	37,400.82						

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
PIGNOTT 1ST	21,465.34	7,537.83	PLEASANT GROVE	4,133.81	2,590.05	FLORAL	2,206.49	1,033.00
POCANTON 1ST	8,709.49	6,322.88	SOUTH SIDE, DARCUS	4,267.56	2,913.63	MARCELLA	3,668.31	1,000.00
POCANTON SPOS 1ST	864.00	359.00	WOOSTER 1ST	4,829.59	1,592.19	MAINVIEW VIST 1ST	4,170.54	1,901.47
REAR 1ST	5,864.77	6,865.77	MOLD CREEK			MT CANTON 1ST	1,674.21	1,500.00
RENO 1ST	1,698.38	33.34	SACILLO HEIGHTS	615.63	153.90	NORTHIDE, BATESVILLE	802.66	189.89
SHANNON	913.05	232.60	GREENBRIER FIRST	1,849.25	886.72	PILGRIMS REST	469.20	1,118.00
SIMON CO. CORNING	216.00	165.84	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CH	1,488.58	596.01	PLEASANT PLAINS	1,277.54	367.71
ST FRANCIS	1,999.58	709.86	MURRAY HILL BAPTIST	82.20	50.00	REDBETH	2,979.71	604.00
SUCCESS 1ST	1,645.33	1,265.50	SWAYNE	37.10		RODIE	2,072.73	942.00
WITTS B CHAPEL	2,282.99	947.06	VICTORY, CONARY	395.24	953.96	RODNEY HILL	1,267.78	767.84
PINE GROVE	624.08	197.51	WOODLAND HEIGHTS BA	11,476.14	2,319.22	SALADO	1,055.00	330.25
ARTICH, RAMON SP-D			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	125,096.81	56,654.25	SALPAUR ROCK	995.30	682.97
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	62,385.39	36,354.63	GREENE COUNTY			SHILOH, BATESVILLE	11,370.97	816.00
ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY			ALEXANDER	2,563.11	524.73	WHITE RIVER	966.24	283.36
RUSSELLVILLE 1ST	47,825.12	20,079.13	BEECH GROVE	172.00	313.00	ARRABONA	231.48	896.00
SCRANTON 1ST	1,365.61	702.60	BETHEL STATION			NEARBY SOUTHERN	2,333.75	496.00
DELMARE	2,196.61	374.91	BIG CREEK	60.00	160.00	FELLOWSHIP	1,046.44	6,370.00
ARK. RIVER VALLEY AS	1,502.90	165.84	BRIGHTON, DISBANED			STRAWBERRY RD	384.66	50.00
ATKINS 1ST	3,843.98	1,875.06	BROWN'S CHAPEL	5,111.67	4,042.40	FOTHILLS	1,022.68	3,437.75
BRIBERS CREEK	420.00	429.00	CALVARY, PARAGOULD	2,689.14	14.43	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	102,387.11	54,518.75
BUJETTON	217.47	45.00	CENTER HILL 1ST	1,080.26	981.83	LIBERTY		
CENTERVILLE	236.30		CLARKS CHAPEL	470.00	550.00	LIBERTY ASN		160.00
DRAVILLE 1ST	10,326.41	11,440.12	DELAPEINE	376.26	587.38	CALEDONIA		300.00
DONNEMARLE 1ST	16,294.37	9,335.47	EAST SIDE, PARAGOULD	15,885.74	8,296.91	CALDON 1ST		2,494.55
DOVER	4,868.95	2,387.95	FAIRVIEW	55.30		CAMDEN 1ST	27,774.40	800.00
EVER POINT	1,103.34	304.76	FINCH	1,246.26	401.00	CRIMMIST		355.32
FARM, FARM	808.34	110.00	FONTAINE			CHIDESTER		1,460.00
GRACE MEMORIAL	150.00	21.00	IMMANUEL, PARAGOULD	4,300.46	1,089.00	CROSBY		
HARRIS	1,070.24	1,776.34	LAPE	24.00	100.00	CULLDALE 1ST	20,589.44	9,188.02
HICKORY 1ST	287.13	94.24	LARGE ST, PARAGOULD	804.26	644.26	EAST MAIN, EL DORADO	19,427.70	7,300.66
HOPEWELL	414.62		LIGHT	1,131.51	380.70	CAMDEN 1ST	6,046.53	3,175.85
IMMUEL, RUSSEL-DIB			MARSHAKE 1ST	5,992.39	1,387.78	EL DORADO 1ST	39,757.35	76,834.11
KELLEY HEIGHTS	955.68	454.25	NEW FRIENDSHIP	2,009.25	325.80	EL DORADO 2ND	31,199.10	15,076.00
KNOXVILLE	1,189.09	142.00	NEW LIBERTY	45.43	207.51	ELLIOTT	1,084.50	809.47
LONDON 1ST	1,369.98	607.75	NUTTS CHAPEL	298.04	180.00	FELENTAL		493.54
MIDLAND 1ST	119.00	60.00	NEW HOPE	2,009.25	333.21	GALLIEE		716.00
NEW HOPE	878.91	199.50	PARAGOULD 1ST	15,000.00	9,715.14	GARDNER	3,408.72	1,634.13
OLA 1ST	3,692.97	1,626.27	PLEASANT VALLEY	280.80	423.19	HARMONY	2,439.58	1,942.98
PITTSBURG			ROSEWOOD, DISBANED	1,088.77	615.00	HAYDEN	9,237.00	3,916.65
PLAINVIEW 1ST	984.28	1,434.14	STANFORD	813.74	299.54	MUTT 1ST	3,476.51	2,366.24
PLEASANT VIEW	208.72	40.00	STONELAND			IMMANUEL, EL DORADO	42,723.60	83,376.36
POTTVILLE	1,090.59	775.00	THIRD AVE, PARAGOULD			JOYCE CITY	5,707.01	2,255.10
ROVER	723.05	222.00	UNITY	360.00	719.65	JUNCTION CITY 1ST	3,160.72	2,248.66
RUSSELLVILLE 2ND	21,000.42	6,890.07	VINES CHAPEL	28.00	100.00	KNOLDES		536.88
SHILOH, DANVILLE			WELLS	1,800.00	848.50	LAPLIE		634.39
CALVARY, GARDNELL-D	652.44	191.25	WEST VIEW	8,959.24	1,992.15	LIBERTY		317.00
DRAVILLE, DANVILLE			HARMONY, PARAGOULD			LOAFER	1,299.21	234.30
DARDANELLE 2ND BAPT			ASSOCIATION TOTALS	72,599.37	35,362.61	MARRABLE HILL	10,516.64	1,831.45
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	123,846.46	55,733.65	HARMONY			MIDWAY	741.00	1,920.00
DELTA			HARMONY ASN			NEW LONDON	1,262.86	5,637.09
DELTA ASN			ALTHEIMER 1ST	2,092.20	5,000.00	NORFOLK 1ST	10,432.76	1,123.60
ARKANSAS CITY	4,812.98	2,427.28	ANDERSON CHAPEL	1,451.49	2,388.10	PARKEVIEW	1,282.00	532.25
ALDS			BETHEL			PHILADELPHIA	4,478.00	1,269.29
BOYD HACON	2,710.20	843.60	CENTRAL			SHROCKOVER 1ST	21,998.02	7,144.13
BELLAIRIE	5,654.02	3,175.00	CENTRAL, PINE BLUFF	5,943.44	1,156.61	SOUTH SIDE, EL DORADO	1,613.71	947.90
BOYDELL	296.94	95.00	DOLLARAY	31,119.96	500.00	STEPHENS 1ST	6,634.90	5,275.00
BRIDGEMAN	1,413.00	400.00	DOUGLAS	571.70	360.00	STRONG 1ST		480.00
COLLINS			DUMAS 1ST	18,140.00	9,201.58	SYLVAN HILLS		138.00
DANIEL CHAPEL	6,993.27	1,921.58	EAST SIDE, PINE BLUF	5,930.56	1,671.15	TEMPLE, EL DORADO		719.16
DEWITT	1,400.00	182.80	EVERBROOK	5,472.23	4,433.25	THREE CREEKS		4,847.94
EURODA	12,479.00	3,650.27	GOLD 1ST	416.65	427.87	TRINITY, EL DORADO		3,219.18
GAINE	201.60		GRADY 1ST	387.05	860.00	UNION		1,445.91
JENNIE	1,256.03	181.60	GREENLEE	5,010.01	3,188.42	URBANA 1ST		625.30
JEROME	256.03	181.60	GREEN MEADOWS	6,619.39	3,104.47	VICTORY 1ST		1,699.33
KELBO	1,025.74	1,390.35	HICKORY GROVE	450.00	845.03	VILLAGE		1,992.79
LAKE VILLAGE	6,551.13	2,858.83	HUMPHREY	1,737.15	413.11	WESSON		837.74
MARTHUR			IMMANUEL, PINE BLUFF	28,078.25	14,627.32	WEST SIDE, EL DORADO	17,116.32	9,646.93
MCBEEHE	18,435.86	6,321.85	KINGSLAND	1,758.70	1,231.00	WHITE CITY		70.00
MCNARD	1,447.09	380.50	MATHE HALL 1ST	23,401.68	4,477.99	TRINITY MD BAPTIST		
NEW HOPE	1,812.00	441.00	WATKINS MEMORIAL	15,248.72	6,292.66	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	331,987.40	221,739.79
NORTH SIDE, EUODRA	900.00	40.00	NORTHIDE, STAR CITY	83.00	76.00	LITTLE RED RIVER		
ODRA	250.00	259.68	OSAGE 1ST	7,749.21	3,900.00	LITTLE RED RIVER ASN		
PARADOLE	285.00	109.00	CLAUD ROAD CHAPEL	2,012.97	518.74	BROWNSVILLE	429.83	372.32
PARHAY	450.00	109.00	PINE BLUFF 1ST	35,382.25	23,675.26	SUGAR LOAF		1,798.26
PARSONS	3,074.10	648.00	PINE BLUFF 2ND	2,476.96	1,860.00	CONCORD 1ST	1,079.94	2,784.00
RICHARD	82.62	119.28	PLUM BAYOU	608.63	324.04	HARRIS CHAPEL		1,055.89
SHILOH	87.18	894.17	RISKIN CHAPEL	3,866.24	5,170.17	HEBER SPRINGS 1ST	30,873.82	9,391.60
SOUTH MCBEEHE	1,996.37	463.84	SHANNON ROAD	3,540.42	803.46	LIFE LINE		94.00
TEMPLE, DERMOTT	2,286.16	463.84	SOUTH SIDE, PINE BLF	19,046.73	7,680.28	LONE STAR		50.00
TILLAR 1ST	1,462.63	490.00	HABABEKA, INACTIVE	14,368.08	7,274.66	MT. Zion		75.00
TRINITY	1,000.00	259.68	WATSON CHAPEL	38,885.60	6,570.69	NEW BETHEL		81.88
WILMOT	4,129.47	2,791.30	CALVARY SPRINGS	3,624.00	3,624.00	PALESTINE		906.44
WILMOT	716.81	150.00	YORKTOWN 1ST	1,216.00	285.00	PINES		1,302.52
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	82,260.12	32,653.08	REDFIELD FIRST SOUT	1,933.57	149.35	PLEASANT RIDGE		60.00
FAULKNER COUNTY			SHENOD HILL	875.16	993.38	PLEASANT VALLEY		1,058.64
FAULKNER CO ASN			TEMPLE			POPE OAK		89.45
BEVLY	3,008.08	598.07	VICTORY BAPTIST CHU	889.59		QUITMAN		2,187.77
BOND	272.59	151.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	262,703.64	125,035.71	SOUTH SIDE, HEBER SP		3,373.65
BURLEY	6,265.94	856.09	INDEPENDENCE			WESTSIDE 1ST		3,259.46
CHORON RIDGE	2,629.59	1,942.69	INDEPENDENCE ASN			WOODS		304.00
CONWAY 1ST	32,164.69	25,774.06	BATESVILLE 1ST	33,454.12	17,841.30	BREMER MTN MGN, IN		
CONWAY 2ND	20,126.67	2,572.66	BATESVILLE 2ND	16,764.96	6,095.07	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	47,430.55	19,365.44
EMERALD, CONWAY	1,022.98	406.76	CALVARY, BATESVILLE	706.01	987.00	LITTLE RIVER		
MT ZION	284.61	873.06	CALVARY, TIMBO	3,536.36	1,571.00	LITTLE RIVER ASN		
FRIENDSHIP	3,218.76	205.91	CUMBER	60.00	50.00	CONCORD 1ST	25,272.70	8,913.99
HARRY HOLLOW	544.00		DESHA 1ST	2,223.00	380.51	BEN LOMOND 1ST		1,920.00
HARLAN PARK	10,531.82	3,005.47	BATESVILLE CAVE CITY	2,091.35	1,673.30	BINGEN 1ST		130.00
HARMONY	831.19	55.00	EMMANUEL, BATESVILLE	300.00	410.14	BROOKS		2,916.62
HOLLAND	2,151.81	1,477.89	ASSOCIATION TOTALS			CENTRAL, MINERAL SPD		2,190.00
MYFLOREN 1ST	3,241.01	1,003.79	INDEPENDENCE					
MT VERNON	1,272.41	519.65	INDEPENDENCE ASN					
NEWTON	353.00		BATESVILLE 1ST	33,454.12	17,841.30			
NEW BETHEL	393.32		BATESVILLE 2ND	16,764.96	6,095.07			
OK BOWERY	2,135.93		CALVARY, TIMBO	706.01	987.00			
TIGLES BWP	12,141.93	5,412.47	CUMBER	60.00	50.00			

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS	CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	DESIGNATED GIFTS
COLUMBUS	243.04	841.75	NORTH ARKANAS			GRANITE	780.30	161.38
DIEMIS 1ST	1,418.18	344.01	BLUE EYE	589.39	1,039.44	HITTON	3,486.46	1,422.25
FOREMAN 1ST	1,423.49	1,256.24	CURRAN SPRINGS 1ST	4,435.37	906.41	LOUIS BIG FOK	778.78	
HEART 1ST	2,150.16	244.46	NORTH ARKANAS ASSN			MENH 1ST	24,425.49	12,113.67
KEARN HEIGHTS	982.00	1,387.00	ALPENA	1,553.72	1,580.65	NEW HOPE	335.80	158.00
LITCHFORD			BATON ROUGE	860.78	614.24	HOLEN	482.85	11
LOCKESBURG	3,328.55	1,790.23	BEAR CREEK SPRINGS	3,583.40	614.24	TWO MILE		
LONG OAK	210.00	275.00	NELLERFONTE	1,050.00	811.00	VANDERHOE	2,354.52	804.00
MT. PISGAH			NEWVILLE 1ST	12,929.35	4,776.10	WICKER 1ST	482.85	176.38
MURFREESBORO 1ST	5,669.91	4,818.52	NOBLEY	1,535.12	635.46	YOCNRA	132.67	10.00
NSHVILLE 1ST	24,413.83	12,196.88	BURLINGTON	1,539.18	321.00			
NEW HOPE INACTIVE			CHRYSLER	414.00	874.00	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	66,132.98	29,053.69
OK GROVE	1,136.21	382.36	DEER					
ODDEN	786.26	331.00	EARLE HEIGHTS	23,143.01	6,079.21	PLASKI COUNTY		
RIDGEWAY	5,110.24	1,505.00	EMMUEL	583.24	150.68			
ROCK HILL			EMMANUEL	700.71	725.80	BRYANT 1ST SOUTHERN	8,928.06	5,185.66
STATE LINE	143.25		EVERTON	853.66	446.88	INDIAN SPRINGS	8,879.14	5,959.61
WINDHOLM	240.00	160.00	PRESTON HEIGHTS	7,142.75	1,175.15	PLASKI CO		
WILSON 1ST	876.00	1,447.26	GATHER	434.27	89.25	ALEXANDER 1ST	3,771.35	1,589.75
LAKESIDE	984.97	419.40	GRANDVIEW 1ST	3,348.05	1,049.50	ARCHVIEW	8,491.47	5,288.71
CROSS ROADS 1ST	954.99	276.00	GREEN FOREST 1ST	6,259.22	1,708.31	PARHAY PLACE	7,228.80	10,465.41
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	78,903.85	40,137.25	GRUBB SPRINGS	6,314.16	380.00	BARNETT MEMORIAL	1,831.03	1,494.00
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY			HARRIS 1ST	36,216.15	17,195.05	BROADMOOT 1ST	4,080.81	400.00
ANDREW	2,164.58	1,484.79	HOPKELL	363.24	150.68	CALVARY/LITTLE ROCK	50,895.81	29,482.44
BETHANY, BLYTHEVILLE	687.25	53.24	JASPER 1ST	4,978.70	2,120.35	CHICOT ROAD, MARBLEV.	514.20	275.00
BLACKBASTER	210.00	149,95.90	LEAD HILL 1ST	1,927.93	2,332.49	CHICAGO	1,943.23	1,246.24
BRIMLEY CHAPEL	210.00	1,305.00	MARSHON 1ST	4,532.63	1,175.75	CIVETS HILL	10,164.94	2,110.12
BROAD CHAPEL	354.00		NEW HOPE	985.46	765.00	COUSAR	6,692.90	257.84
CALVARY, OSCEOLA	2,480.68	1,474.51	NORTHVALE	9,302.47	4,114.71	DOUGLASSVILLE 1ST	6,692.90	257.84
CENTRAL, BYSS	1,018.39	1,569.66	ORRHA	454.77		EARST END, HENLEY	7,688.53	5,075.64
CLEAR CREEK	1,333.84	512.00	ORRHA FLAT	4,707.37	191.00	ELMER LEAHMAN	4,808.32	10,334.93
COLE RIDGE	240.50	100.00	ORRHA	2,823.70	1,022.97	FOREST TOWER	2,692.63	1,052.83
CROSSROADS	1,691.46	440.00	ORRHA	1,394.67	690.39	WOODHARVEY-DISBRAND	149,662.53	53,020.74
EAST SIDE, OSCEOLA	933.77	406.25	PARDUN	11,718.73	3,900.39	GREEN MEMORIAL	6,300.84	6,736.39
EMMANUEL, BLYTHEVILLE	525.21	72.00	PT. JESUS 1ST	1,080.54	2,826.25	HEBRON	1,964.46	120.00
ETOWAH	135.77		ROCK SPRINGS	684.00	361.00	LEWIS SPRINGS	3,089.19	2,488.82
GOSNELL	8,272.21	2,354.61	ROCK SIDE, LEAD HILL	1,080.54	2,826.25	IMMANUEL, LR	171,167.39	102,411.73
HOOPER	484.43	230.71	TRINITY	328.63	361.00	IRONTON	4,127.00	2,010.12
JONES	2,802.24	79.60	UNION	3,170.64	2,795.30	LEWIS DRIVE	4,388.19	2,488.82
LEACHVILLE 1ST	8,090.00	1,841.50	VALLEY SPRINGS	4,090.57	1,454.45	LIFE LINE	26,031.14	7,973.53
LEACHVILLE 2ND	1,619.68	259.32	WOODLAND HEIGHTS	6,076.12	2,755.30	LITTLE ROCK 1ST	100,598.67	103,548.24
LUXON 1ST	878.25	478.00	WOODLAND	6,076.12	2,755.30	LITTLE ROCK 2ND	30,052.13	16,164.97
MANILA 1ST	6,675.55	4,779.92	WORLD FALLS	193.08	189.00	MARSHALL STREET, LR	14,977.43	10,457.70
MARYS CHAPEL	444.30	61.21	WORLD FALLS CHURCH	127.89	340.00	MARTINDALE	5,621.83	1,250.00
MEMORIA	496.75	156.00	SNOWBALL	127.89	340.00	MILLS MEMORIAL	3,100.00	2,415.75
NEW LIBERTY	2,589.00	1,420.00	LAKELAND	300.00	392.00	NORTH POINT	204.84	150.50
NEW IDENTITY	416.00	131.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	PINE GROVE	26,390.00	22,283.24
NOBENA	1,117.02	109.07	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	PLAINVIEW	1,132.23	270.10
NUMBER NINE	336.91	107.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	PLESSING HILLS 1ST	10,120.00	4,111.00
OSCEOLA 1ST	22,653.23	6,560.75	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	PLASKI HEIGHTS	53,053.00	11,193.16
RIDGECREST	952.00	109.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	REYNOLDS MEMORIAL	1,432.14	1,497.18
ROSA	11,412.26	1,814.60	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	ROSEDALE	3,564.63	1,319.17
ROSA TRINITY, BLYTHEVILLE	600.00	3,281.69	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	SHADY GROVE, DISBRAND	1,206.15	300.00
WESTSIDE, MANILA	1,780.70	342.15	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	SHERIDAN 1ST	10,459.56	4,972.50
WHITTO	6,374.20	2,237.53	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	SOUTH HIGHLAND	15,543.57	5,000.00
WILSON CORNER	399.64	502.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	SUNSET	2,194.86	66.00
YAROLD	1,870.34	185.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	TYLER STREET, LR	3,181.71	2,858.50
BETHANY, MANILA	529.32	185.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	VINE RIDGE IMPANUEL	2,329.36	1,985.39
FRIENDSHIP	529.32	185.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	WAGNER ROAD	1,373.00	1,435.00
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	190,122.53	48,059.28	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	WEST SIDE, LR	1,373.00	1,435.00
MT. ZION			LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	WOODLAND	6,076.62	2,129.45
MT ZION ASSN	324.00		LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	WOODSON	474.85	527.44
ALBAP	4,317.13	3,298.99	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	SPANISH MISSION	510.20	143.16
BETHABRA	1,192.18	300.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	OTTER CREEK	5,316.42	1,917.55
BLACK OAK	2,634.16	1,892.52	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	WHISPERING HILLS CH	305.32	100.00
BOND 1ST	423.63	89.80	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	GREATER GROC BAPT		
BOWMAN	3,196.29	1,171.49	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	CHARITY BAPTIST MIB	2,300.73	1,591.00
BROADLAND	280.00	363.77	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	PINEBARK BAPTIST CH		
BUFFALO CHAPEL			LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	ASSOCIATION TOTALS	805,281.92	447,206.42
CARRAWAY	2,725.00		LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	RED RIVER		
CASH 1ST	1,087.83	995.93	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	MULVERN 1ST	11,035.94	6,230.35
CENTRAL, JONESBORO	69.00	37.91	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	RED RIVER ASSN	538.18	20.00
CHILDRESS	320.25	1,320.65	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	ANCHOR	781.96	1,013.32
DIXIE	130.00	25.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	ARKADELPHIA 1ST	27,839.43	23,336.96
EDWY	100.00	290.73	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	ARKADELPHIA 2ND	15,644.65	9,974.36
FISHER ST, JONESBORO	6,954.40	1,764.04	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	BEECH STREET, BURDON	8,307.91	4,735.77
FRIENDLY HOPE	1,120.52	979.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	BEIRNE ST		150.00
JONESBORO 1ST	37.15	10.10	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	BETHLEHEM	645.18	738.00
LAKE CITY 1ST	2,675.00	1,886.81	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	BOUGHTON BAPTIST CH	134.59	1,331.82
LUNSFORD			LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	CADDO VALLEY 1ST	2,881.51	30.00
MARTE 1ST	8,051.74	963.41	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	CENDELA 1ST	200.00	335.00
MT. PISGAH	3,075.21	814.15	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	CENTRAL POINT	2,276.83	1,814.27
MT. ZION	948.90	460.73	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	CURTIS	1,132.76	2,606.00
NETTLETON	21,129.95	5,429.50	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	DEBBY		
NEW ANTIPOH	2,148.45	368.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	EAST WHELEN	581.02	55.00
NEW HOPE, BLACK OAK	1,209.81	350.22	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	HARDING HILL	450.00	335.87
NEW HOPE, JONESBORO	566.33	97.70	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	HOLLYWOOD	203.19	203.21
NORTH MAIN, JONESBORO	4,171.12	947.67	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	LAKELINE		114.87
PHILADELPHIA	5,900.25	3,751.93	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	MARLBROOK		
PROVIDENCE	587.44	125.00	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	MT BETHEL	268.34	324.00
ROME'S CHAPEL	323.39		LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	MT ZION	732.48	
ROSA	2,925.70	802.57	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	OKMONTA	189.00	5,382.25
UNIVERSITY	2,266.00	557.58	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	PARR HILL	6,691.96	2,111.56
WALNUT ST, JONESBORO	14,316.17	6,632.82	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	PARR HILL	8,007.05	2,111.56
WESTVIEW	378.00		LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	RICHMOND	4,427.07	1,271.17
WOODRINGS	378.00		LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	SHADY GROVE		
ASSOCIATION TOTALS	203,755.24	115,659.19	LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	SHILOH	719.00	872.00
			LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	SOUTH FOK	699.87	451.36
			LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	SYCAMORE GROVE	300.00	450.00
			LEWIS DRIVE CHUR	582.11	137.50	THIRD ST, ARKADELPHI		

Wrapped Up With Christ

by Jim Burton
Brotherhood Commission

PIPPA PASSES, Ky. (BP)—Danny Kimball pulls out of the gravel parking lot of Caney Baptist Church in Pippa Passes, Ky., and drives through the campus of Alice Lloyd College. He is alone as the 15-passenger van heads down state highway 899.

Kimball won't stay on this road long. Soon he will veer off and snake through the creeks and hollers of eastern Kentucky. By 9:30 a.m., he returns to the church with 43 screaming kids and two adults.

"Abigail, don't pull my hair."
"Danny, Pee Wee hit me."

Kimball doesn't even flinch. The noise and swarm of kids is worth the trouble. Before these 43 children and two adults load up to return home, seven will make professions of faith in Christ.

From an affluent family in South Carolina, Kimball finds himself ministering as a layman in Appalachia. Much of what Kimball sees today existed 100 years ago. But Baptist Brotherhood participation has given him a vision for ministry.

Kimball says he was searching for a place of ministry. He attended seminary briefly,



Danny Kimball unloads a vanful of youngsters

then joined several organizations, including the Gideons. He also was a volunteer prison chaplain in Aiken, S.C., and helped form the Habitat for Humanity chapter in Greenville, S.C. Still, he didn't feel these were the ministries God had for him.

Four years ago, the director of missions for North Greenville Baptist Association asked Kimball to become the associational Brotherhood director. Kimball told him Brotherhood was dead.

"But I found that Brotherhood is not dead," says Kimball. "Brotherhood is a very live organization. Brotherhood is actually involving men and boys in missions, and that the mission is Jesus Christ."

Through the years, Kimball learned the heating and air conditioning trade. When

Jerry Davis, president of Alice Lloyd College, offered him a job, Kimball saw the potential for ministry in the area.

"I have dreams in this area of doing a lot of things," says Kimball. "But you just have to start in some place and do one thing good."

Kimball hopes to lead Baptist men of Caney Baptist Church to begin active ministry. Among the first projects was purchasing a trailer home for a single mother with eight children. With "sweat-equity" and help from the South Carolina Baptist Men organization, the family lives in a restored trailer.

Kimball would like to design programs for area residents to help themselves. That might include setting up a sawmill so people could build each other new homes.

"We've got a lot of young people in this area that are good workers," says Kimball. "They just don't have jobs."

Joy in the Christian life comes from helping others, Kimball believes. He recalls a volunteer church-building mission trip to Puerto Rico and watching rich people board cruise ships in San Juan.

"I enjoyed seeing people get on board, but I really felt better about what I was doing," he says, "slopping in the concrete... making the sweat pour off of me."

He compares Christ to putting on coveralls: "I think that when I became a Christian, I just sort of wrapped up with Christ. It's not just me driving me, it's Christ in me driving me."

Classifieds

Wanted—Secretary. 17½ hours per week, \$5.00 per hour. Forty-Seventh Street Baptist Church, 753-4827. B/4

Staff Position Open—Minister of Music and Education, First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Ark. Resumes and inquiries may be sent to: Search Committee, P.O. Box 525, Clarksville, AR 72830. B/11

Classified ads must be submitted in writing to the ABN office no less than 10 days prior to the date of publication desired. A check or money order in the proper amount, figured at 85 cents per word, must be included. Multiple insertions of the same ad must be paid for in advance. The ABN reserves the right to reject any ad because of unsuitable subject matter. Classified ads will be inserted on a space-available basis. No endorsement by the ABN is implied.



Quality
VAN Sales

Used 12 and 15 passenger vans, special prices to churches, (501) 268-4490, 1500 E. Race, Searcy 72143. Larry Carson, owner

THE ANNUAL PASTORS CONFERENCE

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
OCTOBER 19-21, 1988

January Bible Study:
The Gospel of John

Exegesis of John—Lacoste Munn
Preaching from John—James Heflin
Teaching John in the Local Church—Wm. B. Tolar

**Drumwright Lectures
in New Testament:**
I. Howard Marshall

The renowned Scottish New Testament scholar will be the inaugural speaker for the Huber L. Drumwright Lectures in New Testament. Marshall will be lecturing on the Pastoral Epistles.

Call or write for free brochure:

David Fite, P.O. Box 22207, Fort Worth, Tx 76122; (817)923-1921 ext.244

Prayer Is The Key

by Mary Knox
Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP)—Prayer provides the key to sustaining Christ's church in today's world, Minnette Drumwright told participants at two national evangelism and stewardship seminars.

"Prayer is absolutely essential," said Drumwright, director of international prayer strategy for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. "Again and again, we confront the fact that God does his work in the world in response to the prayers of his people."

Drumwright addressed about 800 Southern Baptists at Witnessing-Giving Life seminars at Ridgecrest, N.C., and Glorieta, N.M. Witnessing-Giving Life, a Southern Baptist emphasis for 1991-95, will be the middle phase of Planned Growth in Giving, a 15-year stewardship/spiritual growth campaign targeted to climax at the dawn of the next century.

Southern Baptists need to adopt "lifestyle prayer," she said: "Prayer is basically and foremost a relationship that exists at all times between a person and God. Now we tend to think that prayer is a time of communication and words, and it is. But it is more, much more.

"Just as our relationship with anyone to whom we are close continues whether we are actually in communication with that person or not, so it is with God. Our relationship with him exists at all times. Communication happens because of that relationship."

Prayer is the gauge of that relationship, she noted, explaining lifestyle praying involves spending time alone with God, joining with fellow Christians in prayer, listening to God and speaking to God spontaneously throughout the day.

But lifestyle prayer is not exclusively for the individual believer, Drumwright added: "Prayer must be interwoven throughout the fabric of the church. In fact, prayer is the church's main business.

"What if our churches called us to pray and taught us to pray as the body of Christ, in agreement with him about his purposes?" she asked. "It is remarkable how much God gets done with our small amount of praying. How much could he do if we really prayed?"

Focusing specifically on the seminar's theme, Drumwright stressed prayer empowers Christians to be stronger witnesses for Christ and more generous givers to his kingdom. She pointed to early Christians, whose prayers led them to lead thousands of people to faith in Christ and to give of their means to carry out a joint ministry. "Look again at our people and churches

today," she said. "Does our praying lead to witnessing and giving? Almost daily, I hear of seemingly ordinary folks whom God is using in extraordinary ways. They bear testimony that God, through prayer, instilled within them a desire to witness and to give in ways that call for sacrifice.

"We have scores of stories from missionaries and volunteers who are witnessing here and overseas and are doing remarkable giving—and it all started with some prayer emphases. Many of us testify that our witnessing and giving patterns were revolutionized after a renewal of

prayer's meaning in our lives.

"It is a dependable premise of the Christian life: Earnest prayer causes the kingdom citizen to seek out witnessing opportunities in everyday life. It causes spiritual growth that makes that person generous, and even sacrificial, in giving. Prayer creates witnesses and givers."

That is caused by prayer's basic effect on the person who prays, she said: "Biblical prayer changes our perspective so that we begin to think God's thoughts after him. . . . Authentic, biblical prayer is a means God uses to give us what he wants us to have and grow us into becoming what he wants us to be."

Nationwide Conferences on SOUL WINNING

Dynamic Conferences Featuring Some of America's Great Preachers and Musicians. Presented by Bailey Smith.



Oct. 5-7

Host Church:

First Baptist Church
310 North Industrial Blvd.
Euless, Texas 76039
Pastor Jimmy Draper

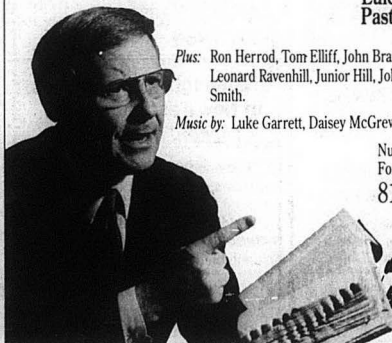
Plus: Ron Herrod, Tom Elliff, John Bramlett, Nelson Price, Sam Cathey, Leonard Ravenhill, Junior Hill, Johnny Hunt, Bobby Boyles, Bailey Smith.

Music by: Luke Garrett, Daisey McGrew, NewSong, & the Sites Sisters

Nursery Provided

For more information call:

817/267-3313



Controversial Film

Leaders Oppose 'Last Temptation'

by Dan Martin
Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP)—In increasing numbers, Southern Baptists are expressing concern over a controversial yet-to-be-released film called "The Last Temptation of Christ."

The movie, by filmmaker Martin Scorsese and based on a novel by Nikos Kazantzakis, is scheduled to be released this fall by Universal Pictures and Ceneplex Odeon Films.

The film has been criticized by such organizations as Donald Wildmon American Family Association and James Dobson's Focus on the Family. Wildmon said he has sent copies of the script to 200 denominational leaders and has contacted 170,000 pastors. He said he is planning a mailing on the movie to 2.5 million people.

Dobson has featured the movie on his broadcast on several occasions. Complaints about the movie also have surfaced on several other national broadcasts. Some religious leaders reportedly have called for the film to be destroyed.

Editor Presnall Wood of the *Baptist Standard*, newjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, told Baptist Press Southern Baptists in increasing numbers are calling and writing about the controversial film. "We have had a number of calls and letters, and this is one of those things which is going to continue to provoke controversy," he said, adding he has devoted his editorial page to the matter in the July 20 issue.

Editor Jack E. Brymer Sr. of the *Florida Baptist Witness*, newjournal of the Florida Baptist Convention, said material on the film is circulating in Florida, including a copy of what purports to be excerpts from the script.

"We already are receiving calls, which is a good indication Southern Baptists are becoming very concerned," he said. "My concern is that we have accurate facts before mobilizing the troops."

Wildmon told Baptist Press he has not seen the film but has a copy of an earlier script. "I also have talked with people who reviewed a later script, and they are very similar," he said.

The film, he said, "presents Jesus as a mentally unstable person who fights being the Son of God, a sinner who doesn't know who will pay for his sins, a person who lashes out at the sick and poor, a traitor to the Jews, one who lusts after Mary Magdalene and a bigamist." The movie also reportedly features nudity and sexual scenes.

"Specific instances (in the script) are irrelevant," Wildmon said. "The general thrust of the movie is blasphemous. We are asking people to call Universal and ask them not to release the film. Then we are asking people to call their local theaters and out of respect for Christians in the local community not to show the film."

He said he began protesting the film in December 1987 but "backed off when they said they would let us screen it. They (Universal) told us it would honor our Lord, but when they put off the screening time, I backed off and did not attend the screening" held in New York July 12.

Wildmon maintained Universal has two versions of the movie and charged what religious leaders saw at the screening is a "work in progress" with the more objectionable scenes deleted.

The movie was screened as a "rough cut," to 40 to 50 religious leaders in New York. No press representatives were allowed to participate.

Evelyn Dukovic, executive vice president of Morality in Media, told Baptist Press she attended the screening: "I found it extremely offensive. It pictures Christ as a sort of fearful, apprehensive, weak person. This is not the historical figure of Christ, and that really offended me."

"There was nudity, and in a dream sequence presenting Jesus as marrying Mary Magdalene, there is a sex scene," said Dukovic, a Catholic. "The film is not only objectionable but extremely offensive to any believing Christian. What I saw was a rough cut, but I don't see how they could ever make this palatable for believing Christians."

A spokesman for Universal Studios in Hollywood declined to answer specific questions about the movie, particularly if two versions exist. Instead, he read a statement from Universal Pictures and Ceneplex Odeon Films.

The statement says filmmaker Scorsese "expects to deliver the finished film... in mid-August" and adds the movie will be released in the fall.

The statement also says: "In the last few days, some fundamentalist leaders have attacked the film, stating clearly that their goal is to have the film destroyed. These individuals declined an invitation to see the film and consequently what they are saying is inaccurate and exaggerated."

"The filmmaker deeply believes that this film is a religious affirmation of faith."

The statement adds: "In America, we have a long tradition of freedom of the press, speech and religion. Each individual has a right to express his own religious beliefs through books, film and art. The opponents of this film are calling for its destruction. This is censorship."

"People have a right to choose for themselves whether or not to see this movie and to form their own opinions about it. Universal Pictures and Ceneplex Odeon Films stand behind the principle of freedom of expression and hope that the American public will give the film and the filmmaker a fair chance."



Mystic Caverns

Excellent rates for churches
Save up to 50%

Guided tours every 30 minutes through two beautiful caverns. Gift and craft shop on grounds. Open daily, Memorial Day through October. Located 9½ miles north of Jasper on Scenic Hwy. 7 near Dogpatch U.S.A.

501-743-1739 Call collect



J&H Custom Furniture, Inc.

Pews • Chancel Furniture • Cushions

The pride and skill of
Ozark Mountain Craftsmen
combined with modern technology
to produce for you
furniture of lasting beauty.

Call for information: 501-439-2224
P.O. Box 196, Pindall, AR 72669

A SMILE OR TWO

"Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have."

—Edward Everett Hale

"We learn from our mistakes—and most of us never lack for study materials."

—Robert Orben

"Most of us seem determined not to be content with our lot until it's a lot more."

—Charley Willey

Convention Uniform

Encounter With the Lord

by Randal Everett, First Church, Benton

Basic passage: Exodus 19:1-25; 20:18-21

Focal passage: Exodus 19:16-25; 20:18-21

Central truth: Our response to God should be reverence and obedience.

The twentieth century church of our nation appears to have become careless with its faith. Where is the reverence due a holy and righteous God? Why is the average believer so unconcerned about sin and its ramifications? Can compassion for the lost, the hurting, and the neglected be found? Has the survival of the organization taken precedence over obedience to Christ?

We need a fresh encounter with the Lord himself, not with the god of our own creation. The Hebrews made an idol out of the jewelry of the Egyptians. We have constructed one from the desires of our own selfishness. Our god doesn't look like a cow. He resembles greed, prejudice, arrogance. The deity fashioned by our imagination winks at sin, loves a big show, and feeds off the emotions. What he reveals to us through our experiences seldom translates into sacrifice or ministry. After all he wants us to be happy, healthy, and prosperous.

However, when we see God himself, things will change. Perhaps in the midst of our human celebration, he will come to us as he came to the Israelites at Sinai. Maybe we will once again recognize Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Possibly we will know his holiness until we tremble with reverence. I pray that we will stay before him long enough to hear his commands.

God's presence was demonstrated to the Hebrews through thunder, lightning flashes, and smoke. He validated that he was there, and Moses was his man, through external signs. Today he reveals himself through his word, and it is made real through the confirmation of his Spirit, and the regeneration of his people.

We, too, need to be reminded that we are to be his own possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (19:5-6). We must be comforted by the Lord and yet continue to hold him in reverence and awe (20:20). Once again we must be warned of the awful consequences of sin and through his grace and mercy avoid it.

This lesson treatment is based on the International Bible Lesson for Christian Teaching, Uniform Series. Copyright International Council of Education. Used by permission.

Life and Work

God Is At Work

by Tom Harris, Park Place Church, Hot Springs

Basic passage: Ezra 1:1-4; 3:2,11 (12,13)

Focal passage: Ezra 1:1-4; 3:2,11

Central truth: God is at work in our world as sovereign leader.

The book of Ezra covers a tremendously important time of the Jewish history. It was 70 years after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Jews were taken captive to Babylon (v. 1) God stirred Cyrus, the king of Persia, to let God's people go and rebuild the Jewish temple. Jeremiah had predicted that it would happen (ck. Jr. 25:12; 29:10). Notice:

I. God is at work through men. God stirred up the polytheistic King Cyrus to do three things. (1) issue a proclamation authorizing all Jews to return to their native land; (2) be neighborly and give gold and silver, cattle and other valuable gifts; (3) restore what Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem, that is the sacred vessels from the temple. Through this study one sees how God works through men; sometimes a Moses, sometimes a Pharaoh, sometimes a John the Baptist. Notice also how God works through a man called Ezra (ck. 7:6). Ezra was a priest, a descendant of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, and was a scribe or teacher of the law of Moses.

II. God is also at work through a nation. Behind the scenes, God sovereignly works in the lives of those he has created. In chapter 3:2, the first group of Jewish captives have returned to Jerusalem and, led by Jeshua, the Levite, built an altar of worship. Chapter 3:11 records the exciting event of the placing and building of the foundation of the new temple. There is a sense of togetherness. Together they have traveled from cozy homes in Babylon to desolate ruins in Jerusalem. Together they have labored to lay the foundation for the House of God. Together they sing praises to their great God for his mercies.

From our lesson one will conclude that God is all-powerful. Whether or not the kings or presidents or pharaohs acknowledge it, God stirs and controls their actions. Also, we must note God needs "vessels fit for the Master's use." God needs an Ezra, a Paul, and a Lydia. It just may be you that God is preparing to work through. When we feel we are working in God's will like these Jews, we will experience song, praise, hope, and happiness.

This lesson is based on the Life and Work Curriculum for Southern Baptist Churches, copyright by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Bible Book

Jesus Is A Servant King

by David McLemore, Second Church, Russellville

Basic passage: Matthew 21:1-22

Focal passage: Matthew 21:1-9,17-22

Central truth: Jesus claims his kingdom of servants and insists on fruitful following.

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on this occasion is usually called the "triumphant entry." We often think of his going into the city that day amidst the quiet and peace of our Sunday or Sabbath. The Jewish Sabbath, however, was the day before and the day of his entry would correspond to our Monday. The city was not quiet. It was densely crowded with the noise of the multitude that filled all available space. People were excited and everybody was talking about Jesus. The question everyone was asking was, "Would Jesus dare to confront his enemies?" A price was on Jesus' head, so it required real courage for him to come.

Jesus as king is seen in the attitude of each of those by the road on the day he enters Jerusalem. They herald him as being a saving victor. They cry "Hosanna" (save now) to this one who is king. King Jesus has the power and the authority to save each one who calls upon him. Their worship and recognition he receives. He there acknowledges that he is the king of Israel.

However, notice his steed is not a white stallion. He is riding a servant animal and not a battle animal. He insists on the affirmation that he came to serve. He is servant of all. He, therefore, adds drama to his teaching of the least being the greatest. The first in the kingdom is the servant of us all.

The other clear lesson from this very important segment of Jesus' life is the illustration of the fig tree. Jesus is in the city of fig trees. He comes to a fig tree that from all outward signs indicates it can provide for his hunger needs. Yet, upon closer scrutiny he becomes aware that there is no fruit. His curse and judgment are final. The tree withers. It was full of leaves, but now withered as though it was dead for months. He tells his disciples that they need faith to be able to accomplish the will of God.

Now look at this great picture. Our Lord is certainly King of Kings. However, he arrives for his death freely riding a servant animal. We must be willing to serve before we can be his disciples.

This lesson treatment is based on the Bible Book Study for Southern Baptist Churches, copyright by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

PARKS SAYS

'No Purge Ahead'

by Art Toalston
SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—No purge is under way of Southern Baptist missionaries. Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks has told the denomination's 3,800-plus overseas personnel.

Parks wrote to the missionaries after the board requested the resignation of missionary Michael E. Willett. The mission leader addressed questions and rumors beginning to arise as a result of the action in light of "suspicion and lack of trust" in the strife-weary Southern Baptist Convention.

Willett has been asked to resign by board administrators because they are not satisfied with the clarity of his views on the deity, miracles and resurrection of Christ.

Willett, from Liberty, Mo., has been in language study in Costa Rica and was scheduled to become a seminary teacher in Venezuela in August. Foreign Mission Board trustees will act on his status as a missionary during their July 18-21 meeting in Glorietta, N.M.

"This decision was made carefully and prayerfully in accordance with convictions of those of us who had to make it," Parks wrote to the missionaries. In Willett's case, he noted, board administrators' actions are "consistent with the guiding principles we have valued through the years."

One question being asked is whether the action is a result of pressure by "conservative" trustees, who now represent a ma-

majority of the Foreign Mission Board. Another question is whether Willett's expression of his views supporting women in ministry is the underlying issue. Willett wrote an article, "Opposition to women is unforgivable sin," in the April issue of *SBC Today*, an independent newspaper affiliated with Southern Baptist "moderates."

"We must never get to the point where any group or individual is trying to pressure decisions for reasons other than the stated reasons," Parks said in an interview. "I would not be comfortable working that way, stating a secondary reason as the primary reason."

"We're working consistently with the way we've always worked. If that ever changes, I am publicly saying to the missionaries: 'I'll tell you.' If we ever get to the place where decisions are being made under pressure, I would tell the missionaries that."

He said his stance is "a matter of personal integrity."

Parks insisted Willett's theology is at issue. He said the missionary, in questioning some of the miracles of Christ recorded in the New Testament, falls short of a view of biblical authority necessary for teaching in a mission seminary.

Willett submitted a resignation letter June 18 but rescinded it July 7 after board officials reiterated that his theology was at issue. The missionary said he believes his theology is acceptable to Southern Baptists and he is being martyred by "conserva-

tives" for his views on women in ministry.

Willett was asked to resign after a review of concerns about his theology expressed by fellow missionaries in Costa Rica. The first missionary to voice concern, Michael McGinnis, from Birmingham, Ala., did so by writing to a minister in his home church. The letter received some circulation before another minister forwarded it to Parks.

In writing to the missionaries, Parks noted, "The way concerns were expressed initially was improper and regrettable." McGinnis has "apologized for not going directly to the area director with his concerns," he added.

"The way we respond to questions regarding a missionary's doctrine, morality or integrity has not changed," Parks wrote. "When questions are raised, we go directly to the missionary involved. The decision we reach is based on discussions with the person involved and not on hearsay. The decision involves several staff. The staff then shapes a recommendation to the board if a change in status of the missionary seems necessary."

Controversy arising from a missionary's theology, Parks wrote, is rare. The Willett case "is not the beginning of a 'purge' of the missionary force," he said, but it "does indicate that decisions made in relationship to candidates and to missionaries are sometimes controversial."

"My hope," Parks said in the interview, "is that we can avoid as much as possible the distraction and debilitation that comes from rumors and suspicions about motives—and that the missionaries can get on with their God-given task."

Missouri Board Responds

by Trennis Henderson
Missouri Word and Way

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—The recent call for the resignation of Missouri Southern Baptist foreign missionary Michael E. Willett has prompted a response by the Missouri Baptist Convention executive board.

The issue surfaced during the board's July 12 meeting when George Steincross, the pastor of Willett's home church, presented an appeal for fellow board members to express "prayerful support" of Willett's "sense of call and training for missions ministry in teaching."

The motion by Steincross, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Liberty, also called for expressing to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board "our grave concern about the implications of requesting Dr. Michael Willett to resign."

After discussion, the board adopted

without opposition a substitute motion from Steincross which expressed "prayerful support to Dr. Willett as a person in these difficult circumstances." The action also voiced "concern to the Foreign Mission Board about the way the charges were brought (against Willett), especially in light of his recent appointment in an increasingly tight appointive process."

Reiterating concern over the circumstances surrounding initial charges against Willett, the motion concluded by expressing "profound concern" about the implications for future Southern Baptist foreign missions efforts if such actions are repeated.

Specific concerns centered on the fact that Michael McGinnis, one of Willett's fellow missionaries, wrote to friends in Tennessee with complaints about Willett's beliefs.

**BUILDING . . .
BUILDING . . .
BUILDING . . .**

**Church Pews & Pulpit
Furniture, Cushions,
Refinishing
and
Fiberglass Specialties**
Stocking Distributor

BAPTISTRIES
& BAPTISTRY
HEATERS

STEEPLES

CENTRAL
Manufacturing Co.
P.O. Box 495 - Fifth and Vine
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72115
(501) 374-6008

Subscriber Services

The *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* offers subscription plans at three rates:

Every Resident Family Plan gives churches a premium rate when they send the *Newsmagazine* to all their resident households. Resident families are calculated to be at least one-fourth of the church's Sunday School enrollment. Churches who send only to members who request a subscription do not qualify for this lower rate of \$5.52 per year for each subscription.

A Group Plan (formerly called the Club Plan) allows church members to get a better than individual rate when 10 or more of them send their subscriptions together through their church.

Are you moving?

Please give us two weeks advance notice. Clip this portion with your old address label, supply new address below and send to Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, P. O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Subscribers through the group plan pay \$6.12 per year.

Individual subscriptions may be purchased by anyone at the rate of \$6.48 per year. These subscriptions are more costly because they require individual attention for address changes and renewal notices.

Changes of address by individuals may be made with the above form.

When inquiring about your subscription by mail, please include the address label. Or call us at (501) 376-4791, ext. 5156. Be prepared to give us your code line information.

A Change Of Citizenship

by Marty Croll
SBC Foreign Mission Board

SEMARANG, Indonesia (BP)—Southern Baptist missionary Clarence Griffin has begun to seek citizenship in Indonesia so he and his wife, Ruth, can continue their work in the absence of a permanent visa.

Griffin of Greenwood, S.C., said he will ask the Indonesian government's Religion Department to recommend to the Justice Department that he be allowed to become a full citizen of Indonesia. The process could take several years and eventually would cost him his U.S. citizenship.

At his retirement the 56-year-old Griffin runs a remote risk of not being able to regain his American citizenship. But he said he is willing to take that risk to gain the opportunity of the present. Working under the Evangelism Department of the Indonesian Baptist convention, the Griffins believe their primary concern now is helping Indonesians start new churches across the midsection of Java Island.

"We feel like the Lord wants us to stay here, and this seems to be the only way to stay," Griffin said.

Indonesia has informed missionaries who have been working there under Religion Department approval for 10 years or more that their visas will not be extended again. About 30 Southern Baptist missionary families, with some exceptions, could be affected during the next year.

The Griffins' visa extension runs out Aug. 12. Only if they are involved in applying for permanent citizenship might government authorities waive the restriction, Griffin said.

Last December the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved a policy allowing missionaries voluntarily to become citizens of certain countries where access is restricted. Indonesian immigration officials encouraged missionaries to make such a move. Missionaries to Indonesia first proposed the policy to the mission board last October.

The board's vice president for Asia and the Pacific, William R. Wakefield, said he expects some other Southern Baptist missionaries in Indonesia may make the same choice as the Griffins when faced with no other option to stay in the country.

The Indonesian Baptist convention set a goal in 1985 to start 500 new churches and develop 100 new pastors by the end of 1990. So far, 250 new churches have been started. In the responsive Semarang area where the Griffins live, they work with Baptists in about 100 churches, chapels and preaching points.

For 26 years the Griffins have made Indonesia their home. They know the language, understand the culture, have a good working relationship with Baptist leaders and live in one of the areas of Indonesia most open to the gospel, Griffin said.

Mrs. Griffin of Cherryville, N.C., will remain an American citizen. This will allow Griffin to live in the United States with her when they are not in Indonesia.

Three of their four grown sons, who live in the United States, favor Griffin making such a move, he said, but the fourth had reservations. A brother of Griffin said he did not think the change is a good idea, but if God is leading Griffin that way, he could understand and would support him.

"The main thing is, it will allow me to stay in the country," Griffin stressed. "Then again, we don't have to make the final decision until later. The whole process could take several years. But this seems like the right thing to do now."

1,200-Plus Respond

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Some of the 1,200-plus people who signed commitment cards for foreign missions at June's Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, could become missionaries as soon as early 1989.

More than 1,200 people signed commitment cards after the June 15 evening convention session, during which 35 new missionaries were appointed and Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks delivered a missions challenge.

A breakdown of the cards showed 166 people will explore a career in missions, 43 are willing to serve between four months and two years overseas and 51 are willing to volunteer up to four months. Another 688 said they will pray regularly for missions, 390 promised to increase financial support of missions and 717 will influence their churches toward greater missions support.

This is an excellent response, said Bill Morgan, director of the board's missionary enlistment department.

"We'll continue to work with all of them as long as they show an interest," Morgan said, adding commitment cards still are coming in by mail. Staff members are getting information about the potential missionaries' education, experience, number and age of children and other data.

"It's remotely possible some of these could be appointed missionaries by December," he said. Others could be appointed in early 1989.