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Mothers'  
Day  
May 13

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## One layman's opinion

# Wanting a college education badly enough



Dr. Grant

Working one's way through college may not be what it used to be. At least I get that impression from an old yellowed newspaper clipping sent me recently by C. E. Bryant Jr. It was an article he wrote for the *Arkansas Gazette* some thirty-seven years ago describing an unusual way at least a dozen students had of working their way through Ouachita College.

Morris Daniels of Sparkman brought a cow with him to college in 1931, and a boardinghouse offered to give him his room and board in exchange for milk. His idea grew in the next few years and provided work not only for his younger brothers Winston and Wallace, but for Bill Woodson from Ola, Winfred Key, Bernes Selph, and Lewis Goza from Sparkman, and J. W. Sanges from Bauxite. Arising at 4:30 each morning, the boys fed and milked the cows before daylight. The milk was strained, bottled, taken to town and delivered before breakfast. They ate breakfast at the college dining hall at 7 and remained at the college for classes throughout the day. They returned to the farm north of the campus at 4 p.m., milked and delivered, and returned to the campus for the evening meal at 6. After supper they returned to the farm and studied until bedtime.

This 1936 clipping quotes my father as praising this kind of work at college, saying education should not be limited to what goes on in the classroom. "One's attitude toward labor, money, government, self, others, and God is far more important than a head full of isolated facts."

As I marked the old clipping for filing under "Ouachita History," I found myself wondering how badly young people today really want a college education. Is it possible that life is so easy for us today that we are raising a generation of soft people? I have never been one of those who is always wanting to "go back to the good old days," but I do wonder if we do not need to work harder to build natural, normal work experiences into the life of our young people. It is probably unfair to blame our young people, because we parents spend so much time talking about wanting our children to avoid all of the problems, hardships, and misfortunes that faced us in "the olden days."

Even the new community junior colleges within easy reach of our young people can be a mixed blessing. It is entirely possible that we can make it too easy for a young person to receive a college education. What does it profit a person if he gain a college education and lose his appreciation for it, and for the hard work of others that made it possible? — Daniel R. Grant, President, Ouachita Baptist University

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## What will you give your children?



Editor Snæed

Most of us desire to give the best to our children. We work ardently to provide lovely homes, fine automobiles, beautiful television sets, and all the latest gadgetry from the world of technology. But is this good enough? An ancient philosopher said "If one is confronted with two goods and chooses the lesser good, he has sinned." Could it be that sometimes we have chosen the lesser good?

A young friend of ours from a very wealthy family during his college days had money for everything he desired but received only two or three letters annually from his parents. He once remarked that he would gladly trade most of his money for a closer relationship with his parents. They had, apparently, given him second best.

In our world of affluence it is easy to give our

children houses and not homes. The old saying is still true "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the nation." We owe a great debt to our mothers who have given us life and who have shaped us as the potter molds the vessel.

A real question that each new generation of mothers must ask is "What will I give my children?"

First, they should prepare the way for faith in God. Paul reminded Timothy of his heritage "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and in thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." (II Tim. 1:5.) We, also, need to give discipline to our children. If one is to succeed in life he must learn to control himself.

Every generation of children start from scratch. So, as we honor our mothers, let us thank God for the gifts which they have given to us and pray that the mothers of today's children will give them the gift that lasts — a spiritual culture which will endure forever.

## The importance of revival preparation

In life we normally receive the things for which we have worked. Revivals are no exception to that rule. In recent days our hearts have been thrilled by the numerous evangelistic efforts in which large numbers of people have accepted Christ as their Saviour.

We must hasten to agree that salvation is the work of the Holy Spirit. And that true evangelistic outreach can not be manipulated or contrived. Jesus said "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him. . ." (John 6:44.) The Scripture is equally clear that we have a responsibility in carrying the message. The Great Commission clearly instructs us "Go then, and make disciples of all nations. . ." (Williams' translation, Matt. 28:19.) Again, Jesus told his disciples "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt. 4:19.)

Since we have a responsibility in reaching the lost in our community, it becomes evident that there are some things which we can do to improve our effectiveness.

Every great servant of the Lord has been a person who immersed his whole life in prayer. It has been said "Prayer is a burden until you have a burden." In like manner a revival should be preceded by prayer. Many of our recent great evangelistic successes have been prepared by what we call "cottage prayer meetings," or all-night prayer vigils. Whenever possible, too, it is good to pray in the homes of inactive church

members or the homes of the lost.

It is exceedingly important to have prospects for a revival. There are several ways of obtaining them. Perhaps, one of the best is to take a church community census. Other methods include visitor's cards and Welcome Wagon information. Some utility companies will share denominational preference of new users who have come into the community. Above all, the unsaved Sunday School members' names should be listed as revival prospects.

It is urgent, if one is to have results, that the revival be properly publicized. There are many traditional ways of advertising — newspapers, radio, handbills, window cards, etc. Many churches have used three mailouts with great results — a letter to the church members, a letter to the unaffiliated or inactive Baptists, and a letter to the lost.

Sometimes novel ideas of advertising can produce success. One church recently had their revival announcement printed on the grocery sacks. Another church had balloons prepared with information concerning their forthcoming revival. These were given away to the children at a shopping center, a few days prior to the time the services begun. Both of these methods met with great success.

We will not reach the lost in a revival unless they are present. For other information on preparing for a revival contact Secretary of Evangelism Jesse Reed.

**I must say it!**

**Try it! You'll like it!**



*Dr. Ashcraft*

Most of us in the Baptist Building are so excited about our work we can hardly await a new day to begin. We are so motivated that ambition exceeds our energy. God has placed his kiss on so very many things going on in Arkansas our biggest sin could easily be, "not enough breath left to praise Him."

Among the delightful experiences of one chosen to be a leader is that every day is a day of new

experiences. There are new doors to be opened. There are new trails to be blazed. There are new elevations to be achieved and there is the frightening but rewarding experience of doing the things one has never done before.

The quickest way to acquire self-confidence is to do exactly what you are afraid to do. The things we are afraid to do are usually the things we have never done before. Great enlargement comes at this point, while frightful enough, it is likewise rewarding enough.

The highest degree of efficiency in a sail boat is reached at a point approaching capsizes. The sailors who sail closest to the wind and expect to get home first are those who harden up the sails and accept the risk. It is sometimes terrifying but it is the only way to "beat" a head wind.

If you would like to enter a whole new universe and do some things you have never done before I

have some suggestions I feel will be rewarding, however frightening, as a first time experience for you. Try it, you'll like it!

Share your witness with another person. Make the motion in business meeting to increase mission giving. Visit the prospects all others have turned in with the notation, "not interested."

Be the first to offer a prayer in the open prayer season. Write the editor your real convictions even if you look silly in the eyes of your friends. Vote your convictions to the contrary even if the unanimous vote is expected.

Try to understand the feelings of minority dissenters. Invite a foreign student into your home. Make a firm friendship with a black family. Write any missionary you know an encouraging letter. Show up on church visitation night.

Write out your prayers and read them, if necessary, to get out of the rut of selfish, routine praying. Make a list at the end of every day of every known mistake or sin you have committed in the course of that day with repentance in mind.

Make a work sheet at the end of every day to include unfinished tasks as well as the planned tasks of tomorrow. Write a letter to a distant relative. Visit a veteran's hospital.

Join the "Sunday Night Place" crowd. Pray for the families raising children. Kiss your wife. Try it, you'll like it!

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

## Conferences planned for SBC annuitants

DALLAS — The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board will this year sponsor its first conferences for annuitants. One will take place in Ridgecrest, N.C., the other in Glorieta, N.M.

Darold H. Morgan, Dallas, Annuity Board president, announced the dates as May 7-12 at the Baptist Conference Center in Ridgecrest and Sept. 10-15 at the Baptist Conference Center in Glorieta.

Kermit E. Whiteaker, Dallas, vice-president in charge of retirement guidance for the Board, will direct both conferences.

According to Whiteaker, the number of participants will be limited to 150 at Ridgecrest and to 100 at Glorieta. Those attending will be retired ministers, church staff members, and denominational workers, or their widows.

While conferences for Baptist retired people have been held numbers of times, these are the first conferences

planned solely for those drawing benefits from the Annuity Board.

Theme for the two conferences, Whiteaker said, will be "The Abundant Days." Annuitants will be used as much as possible as program personalities.

Among those leading the Ridgecrest conference will be J. D. Grey, retired pastor of First Church, New Orleans, J. Winston Pearce, Buies Creek, N.C., retired seminary professor and pastor; and Horace G. Hammett, Columbia, S.C., retired executive secretary, South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Dr. Milford Rouse, Dallas, former president of the American Medical Association, and Baptist deacon, will be one of the program leaders at Glorieta. J. Earl Mead, Dallas, retired minister of education for several churches, will be a speaker there.

"We believe annuitants have retirement needs which are different from those who are not drawing benefits from the Annuity Board," said Whiteaker. "We want to discover their needs, and help find a way to meet them. At the same time, we can have fellowship together as we plan for the adventure of retirement years."

## Deaths



*Mrs. Gross*

**Mrs. Barbara Kyger Gross, 38,** died April 29 at Hope. She was the wife of Robert Gross, who directs the mission center for migrants at Hope under the sponsorship of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Home Mission Board, and

Hope Association. The couple had been at Hope for two years, having previously served for 10 years at the Baptist Neighborhood Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

She was employed at Hempstead County Memorial Hospital as a nurse.

Other survivors are four children.

**J. Ernest Cox, 78,** a Baptist preacher for 47 years, died March 14 at Blue Eye, Mo. He had served churches in Boone, Newton, and Carroll Counties in Arkansas, and in Tanny County, Mo. He served as associational missionary in Arkansas and Kentucky.

## Letters to the editor

### Lay witnessing school

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I can inform you of the very successful Lay Witnessing School conducted in our church during the week of April 8-13 by Eldridge Miller, minister of evangelism of First Church of this city. Brother Miller is unusually effective in leading these schools and I can recommend him without reservation as a Lay Witnessing School Director wherever you may be able to use him.

I was very much pleased with our school; we enrolled 59 persons and had an average attendance of 48. We are setting up the 12 week continuous evangelism program and intend, to the best of our ability, to give the work of evangelism in our church the status of a department on a par with the Sunday School, Training Union, etc. I am of the strong conviction that the Lay Witnessing School is a waste of time without the eight to 12 week preparation schedule and the continuous program following the school: we are therefore committed to carrying on a rotating 12 week basis. Our people are tremendously enthused and we are expecting great things to take place in our church. —Charles H. Skutt, pastor Spradling Church, Ft. Smith

### The Bible way

There is no substitute for the Bible as a guide for daily living. Groups may advocate free love, independent living, no restrictions on morals, no discipline for children, but the teachings of the Bible remain the best.

The happiest homes are the ones with father, mother and children united in love for each other. A little child wants security only found when he knows mother or father is not fixing to pack up and leave, when he knows they are at home waiting for him. Witness his look of love as he snuggles up to his mother or runs to meet his daddy when he comes home from work.

Our hearts go out in pity and compassion to the child conceived out of wedlock. Men and women have a terrible responsibility to the children they bring into the world. The Bible way is the best guide to a happy home.

An old couple who had been together for over 50 years were discussing the joys and sorrows they had shared. One had been an invalid for a long time, but the other never had a thought of leaving or throwing up the job of caring for his mate. "Until death doth us part," the Bible way.

It is said the three sweetest words in the English language are "Mother, Home and Heaven." There is always a

tender spot in every heart, however hard and sinful, for one's mother. She who stroked our fevered brows and healed our childhood wounds. She who grieved over our faults and loved us in spite of them, who sacrificed to give us the things we needed.

Jesus loved his mother and trusted her care to his beloved disciple, John.

"Home" is a magic word however humble it may be.

The traveller in a foreign land or soldier fighting for his country, a wayward son or daughter longs for this place of refuge.

"Heaven," our last home, the place we all long to reach. It is a place promised to the followers of Christ. Where it is we cannot know but it is enough to know that Jesus will be there.

"I go to prepare a place for you that where I am ye may be also." "Mother, Home, and Heaven," the sacred things in life.

Yes, the Bible way is best for peace, for love, for daily living. —S. Pickering

### Against abortions

I just want you to know how much I appreciated the recent articles on abortion laws in Arkansas Baptist, and especially the one that Dr. Ashcraft wrote in March 15th edition.

I'm fed up with the whole mess. First, we must give them sex education, and we did. Now they have VD, on dope, and they need abortions. When are Christian people going to wake up to the fact that one silly law leads to another silly law? However, I do believe this abortion business is the most selfish self centered, un-merciful, immoral legalized crime we can hope to have, if we relax our laws to terminate pregnancy as some other states have already done.

My Grandmother and Grandfather had thirteen children. They were poor, and managed to raise all but one to be about grown, and ten lived and still living a normal life-span. There are about one hundred and fifty of us around these parts that would have to stop to wonder where we'd be today in the light of our many laws regulating our environment. In fact, we'd wonder if we'd even have an environment.

As Christians, I think it is time we wake up, get up, and shut up some of this godlessness that is being put over by Godless people pretending to teach Christianity only as a selfish means to advance their own selfish doctrines. I must say AMEN to everything Dr. Ashcraft said as to "Jesus and Abortion."



Missionary and Mrs. J. M. James

### James writes history of Caroline Association

Missionary and Mrs. J. M. James have written a history of Caroline Association. This work contains many interesting historical events which have been a part of the growth of the association.

Dr. George T. Blackmon, who was professor of history for many years at Ouachita, comments "It is a fine summary history. It will help any future historians in the association. I should be very happy if each association would follow your example."

In the history, James discusses the early work from 1853-1902. In these primitive conditions there were very few people living in the state. In Little Rock, for example, there were 600 in 1836.

Missionary James discovered that Caroline Association was organized in September, 1853, just five years after the Arkansas State Convention.

In a second section James gives a brief resume of the early pastors who contributed greatly to the churches of the area. Among these were J. R. Coleman, Moses Green, T. B. Espy, T. O. Fletcher, and R. P. Bain.

James says that no certain information is available concerning the origin of the association's name. It is believed by some that it came from the fact that many of its founders had come to Arkansas from North or South Carolina.

The Baptist Medical Center is providing an opportunity for churches, associations, and individuals to furnish a room for the new facility. The new 532 bed Baptist Medical Center offers numerous ways to invest in one of mankind's highest callings, that of helping to provide the furnishings essential to the ministry of healing.

A church may furnish a private or semi-private room as an expression of caring for the sick and as a continuing reminder of Christian concern. Or an enduring memorial may be created to perpetuate the name and memory of a loved one, either living or deceased, or in honor of one's family name. All gifts will be appropriately identified with an inscription on the door of the room furnished, according to the donor's wishes. To furnish a private room will require a donation of \$1,600 and \$2,100 for a semi-private room.

The Baptist Medical Center philosophy continues to be the same that it has across the years. . .

"Exists to bring men into a saving relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ by means of direct personal witness as occasions permit, and by a positive Christian interpretation of the experience of disease, disability, and death . . .

"Functions as an instrument of God's grace in enriching and prolonging human life within the scope of Divine Providence. . .

"Enlists and teaches those called to the healing arts, encourages their maximum development in talent and skill, and provides the setting within which these may be performed as ministries of the highest order. . .

"Makes available the full resources of



the hospital to those people least able to pay in such ways as to preserve human dignity and worth." Last year there was \$1,800,000 of charity services rendered by the Medical Center and \$500,000 by Memorial Hospital, North Little Rock.

The approach of the room furnishing campaign will be "low key." All

associational superintendents of missions have been written and are currently being contacted by phone to discuss the project. All meetings will be scheduled with the approval of the local leadership so that it will not conflict with other emphases or activities.

The Baptist Medical Center, though



An aerial view of the Baptist Medical Center which is scheduled for completion in December, 1973.

not a part of the family of institutions, has close ties with Arkansas Baptists. Her corporation and board of trustees are made up of men who are members of churches affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The hospital has enlarged the Department of Pastoral Care.

The new Baptist Medical Center has been honored in the construction world approximately nine months before it is scheduled to open. The hospital building has won the Grand Prize Award in the annual Job-of-the-Year competition sponsored for Zonolite roof deck applicators by Construction Products Division, W. R. Grace and Co., Cambridge, Mass.

This special project of furnishing a room is under the direction of Chaplain Jerre R. Hassell. Others on the committee are Dr. Padgett Cope, pastor, Calvary Church, Little Rock; who is chairman of the committee; Dr. Don Corley, director of chaplains for the Baptist Medical Center System; Mason Craig, pastor, First Church, McGehee; Louis A. Lanford, president, Louis A. Lanford Investment Company, Little Rock and also president of the board of directors of the Baptist Medical Center; Dr. Rheubin South, pastor, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, Emil Williams, pastor, First Church, Jonesboro.

Executive Secretary Charles H. Ashcraft commented that he wholeheartedly endorses this effort "in the interest of meeting human needs and in support of the dedicated Baptists who operate this great facility."

## Baptist student named outstanding athlete

A Southern Baptist College student has been chosen to appear in the 1973 edition of Outstanding College Athletes of America. Selected is Miss Marie Wilford, a sophomore, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilford of Black Rock.

Announcement of her selection was made by the Board of Advisors of the annual awards volume published to honor America's finest college athletes.

Athletic directors and coaches from individual colleges and universities across the nation nominated the winning athletes on the basis of their abilities — not only in athletics, but in community service and campus activities.

Criteria for those selected included leadership, service, scholarship, and outstanding athletic accomplishment.

## Doctrines of the faith

# Baptists and ecumenicalism

By Jimmy A. Millikin  
Southern Baptist College



Dr. Millikin

For a number of years a concerted effort has been made by the leaders of several denominations to unite all churches into one organic church. This movement is quite frequently called the ecumenical movement. Leading out in the effort are organizations called the National Council of the Churches of Christ and the World Council of Churches.

Through the years Southern Baptists have persisted in refusing to join the National Council and to participate in the union movements. Other groups have also remained separate, but Southern Baptists are the largest non-Catholic body to do so. Because of this we are held in derision by many belonging to the Council. We are sometimes called the "Problem Child of Protestantism" by some of the more zealous supporters of the union movements.

### Reasons for separation

Southern Baptists have their reasons for not being involved in the ecumenical movement. These reasons are based on the nature of our doctrinal convictions and the structure of our churches. Some of these reasons may be stated as follows:

First, there is the matter of our form of church government. We believe in the autonomy of the local church with a congregational type of government. In a real sense there is no way for Southern Baptists to join the World Council without doing it one church at a time. There is no such thing as the Southern Baptist Church of the U. S. A., for example.

Second, there is the matter of doctrinal differences. Baptists hold to some distinctive doctrines which would have to be compromised should we join the Council of Churches. Take for example, our beliefs about the ordinances, the nature of the church, and the nature of salvation.

Added to these doctrinal differences is the fact that, as we see it, the National and World Councils of Churches are dominated by liberals and modernists. The rank and file of the members of the various participating denominations have very little to say as to the theological, social, and moral positions taken by the leadership. Conservatives are all but completely ignored. This is no unverified opinion. It is a fact plainly admitted by the ecumenical leaders themselves.

Third, there are some practical matters relating to missions and the establishment of churches. If Southern Baptists joined the Council it would eventually lead to agreements as to where we would establish new churches. This means that as long as there was a church of some kind in a community we would not be at liberty to establish a Baptist church there.

### A spirit of cooperation

Just because Southern Baptists have refused to join the National Council of Churches does not mean that we have nothing to do with other groups. As a matter of fact we have an excellent record of cooperating with the different churches in the local communities. There are many areas in which we have a common interest and in these areas we are quite willing to work with fellow believers in Christ.

Southern Baptists have never judged other groups as being unChristian or having no part with Christ. Our refusal to join in an organic union with them is a matter of conviction. We only ask that the other groups be broadminded enough to understand our position and not judge us as unChristian for this conviction.

### New subscribers:

#### Church

#### Pastor

#### Association

#### Three months free new church:

Perla

Kyle Johnson

Central

#### New budget:

Pines, Quitman

Bob Gibson

Little Red River

Rock Creek, Mansfield

David A. Hillier

Buckner



## Between parson and pew Worthy of his hire

By Velma Merritt



Mrs. Merritt

There are some churches who try to keep the salaries of all the staff in line with the position, the years experience, the training of the individual, the duties, the performance, the cost of living, and the average wage of the church members.

Other churches try to get staff members as cheaply as possible. These churches tend to think that it doesn't cost as much for professional church workers to live as it does other folks. Years ago, this was the case. Many stores gave discounts to ministers. Times have changed, however. Very few places now give discounts to ministers and almost

none give them to other staff members.

Custodian and secretarial salaries in our Southern Baptist churches are notoriously low. When supply speakers come to a church, they should be paid for their preparation time, day's work, and travel expenses. Interim pastors, too, should be paid fairly, but a few churches pay their interims way out of proportion to the amount they plan to pay their pastor.

Church salaries sometimes are low not because the laity doesn't care how their staff exists, they simply don't think about it. Church staffs are reluctant to ask for more. Therefore, salaries stay low.

At budget preparation time, the committee should seriously bring each item before the Lord and inquire, "Lord, what would you have us do." Salaries are part of the budget. They should be set only with the Lord's guidance.



### From SBC to OBU

Paula Cooper is shown enrolling for Fall Semester at Ouachita. Miss Cooper is the President of the Southern Baptist College Student Body. Mike Beaty (left) is the Admissions Counselor for Ouachita. At right is the OBU-SBC Campaign Director, Jim E. Tillman.

## I was his pastor

I had known Robert S. Moore since we met in Ouachita College in 1930. However, our paths had not crossed frequently until I became pastor of the Arkansas City Baptist Church on Oct. 26, 1963.

While "Bob" had been sheriff of Desha County for a little more than twenty four years, and knew nearly every man by his first name, to me, he stood tallest in his love and loyalty to Christ and his church. He had been a deacon several years, and was a strong supporter of all enterprises undertaken by Arkansas Baptists and Southern Baptists.

Henry Van Dyke has depicted in a very pungent manner the life of Robert S. Moore in the following words:

"We must be ready for unexpected calls and new responsibilities. The Samaritan who rode down from Jerusalem to Jericho, had nothing to do in the morning but follow that highway, and take care that his beast did not stumble or hurt itself, or get tired out so that it could not finish the journey . . . But when he came to the place where that unknown pilgrim lay senseless and bleeding beside the road, then in a moment, the Samaritan's duty changed, and it compelled him to be a rescuer, a nurse, a helper of the wounded." —J. O. Young, pastor Arkansas City Church

## Revivals

**Ridgecrest Church, Benton, April 1-8;** Wayne Davis, evangelist, Red Johnson, song leader; 22 professions of faith, two by letter, two for special service, 38 dedicated to soul winning, 74 rededications. Chester Black is pastor.

**Southside, Stuttgart, April 16-22;** Jack Parchman, evangelist, Garland Hayes, song leader; 55 professions of faith, 10 by letter, three surrenders to preach. Ronald D. Raines is pastor.



**TAKES NO REST!**

## Staff changes

**Heyward L. Adams**, has been called as pastor of Hillside Church, Camden, and will begin his work there on May 13. Adams and his wife have been missionaries to Nigeria. They were appointed in 1948. Adams also has served as pastor of Grace Church, Camden, and of churches in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, and Washington.

He holds the B.A. degree from Stetson University, and the M.R.E. and B.D. degrees from Southwestern Seminary. Adams is married to the former Dorothy Jean Anderson. They are the parents of one son.



Adams



Lindsey

**James Lindsey** is the new pastor of Highland Hills Church, Texarkana. He has served for seven years as pastor of Immanuel Church, Magnolia. Lindsey has been in the ministry for 17 years. He and his wife, Clara, are the parents of a daughter and a son.

**Eugene Smith**, pastor for the past four years at Yorktown Church, retired from the active ministry as of May 1. During his ministry the entire church building was remodeled, and the parsonage was equipped with central heat and air conditioning.

Smith will be available for pulpit supply and interim pastorates. He may be contacted at Star Route, Conway.



Smith



Wakefield

**Sam Wakefield** has been called as director of music and youth for First Church, Paris. He has been band director at Paris High School for the past six years and has surrendered to full-time music ministry. He is a graduate of Arkansas Tech and plans to attend semi-



Charles Treadway (left), of the Sunday School Board, and Pastor Paul Barrington discuss the church's preparation for the revival.

## NLR Church, holds ReaLife revival

Central Church, North Little Rock held a ReaLife revival 15-20. This was the second such endeavor which has been held in the state. The speaker for the services was Dr. Charles Treadway of the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The entire program is outlined in the *Pastor's Manual* written by Morton Rose. Step-by-step details are given in this guidebook.

Rally to ReaLife is designed to include the entire membership of the church. It emphasizes the Bible, strengthens the church, and meets the needs of people. It combines preaching, personal Bible

study and prayer, warm-hearted gospel singing, testimony, Scripture memorization, witnessing and visitation, into a series of individual and church experiences. The services are planned to make a total impact by weaving together the elements of the nightly emphases.

The first facet of the preparation is the People Search. Central Church surveyed 100 blocks. There were 33 families discovered who were prospects for the church. An additional 13 families were added from the church census file.

Each of the 46 prospect families received a handwritten letter telling them that a team from the church would visit them in their home. Each family received a gift from Central Church. The gift packet contained a *Christian Life New Testament*, a Sunday School quarterly for each member of the family, a copy of the *Home life Magazine*, a tract on "How to have a Full Meaningful Life," and an invitation to attend the ReaLife Rally.

The rally began with an early morning deacon's prayer breakfast. Dr. Treadway spoke and the deacons gave their own personal testimony.

Pastor Paul Barrington says "The Rally to ReaLife was a positive, practical revival which reflected the true meaning of discipleship to our church. We not only were able to reach several prospect families immediately, but it will be a growth stimulus for us in the future. The effort undergirds all of our church's activities."

nary this summer. He and his wife are the parents of one son.



Coffey

**Stan Coffey** has been called as pastor of Trinity Church, Texarkana. He comes to the church from First Church, Josephine, Tex. Coffey is a native of Sweetwater, Okla., and was ordained to the ministry in 1967. He is a graduate of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., and has attended Southwestern Semi-

## OBU senior gets internship

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — Sharon Brannon of Little Rock, a senior at Ouachita University, has been awarded an appointment to a dietetic internship sponsored by the University of Arkansas Medical Center and the Little Rock Veterans Administration Hospital.

Miss Brannon will be the first Ouachita graduate to attend the nine and a half month program which consists of both class work and practical work in hospitals.

Elizabeth Cook, an OBU senior from Thornton, received an alternate appointment.

Seventy applications were received by the school for the 12 internships available for the 1973-74 session which begins in August.

To qualify for admittance, students must have completed a bachelor of science degree plus certain special courses dealing with food production and dietetics. These courses were only recently added to Ouachita's curriculum under the instruction of Mrs. Annette Hobgood, assistant professor of home economics who serves as advisor for majors in the dietetics field.

An overall grade point of at least 2.5 in undergraduate work is also required along with letters of application and recommendation.



Sharon Brannon of Little Rock (left), a senior at Ouachita University, receives a letter of award to a dietetic internship from Mrs. Annette Hobgood, assistant professor of home economics at OBU.

On completion of her internship, Miss Brannon will be eligible to take a national test which will qualify her as a Registered Dietician.

A graduate of Central High School in

Little Rock, Miss Brannon is majoring in food nutrition and institution administration.

She is the daughter of William W. Brannon of Little Rock.

## Admissions counselor added to OBU staff



Medlin

ARKADELPHIA — Del Medlin, a graduating senior, studying philosophy, has been employed in the position of admissions counselor for Ouachita University. He will begin work in August.

Medlin will visit state high schools, churches, career night programs, and other programs visiting with prospective OBU students and their parents.

He will also give tours to students visiting the Ouachita campus. In addition Medlin will maintain correspondence with all interested applicants.

According to Ouachita Associate Director of Development, Lane Strothers, the administration, "feels real fortunate in getting Del. His hiring goes along with our policy of getting someone close to our present student body."



Dr. R. G. Lee, Pastor Emeritus of Bellevue Church of Memphis, Tenn., and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention presents a copy of his latest book, his 48th, to Miss Betty Cope, sophomore at Southern Baptist College. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Padgett Cope, Calvary Church Little Rock. Dr. Cope is also president of the board of the college. The presentation was made on April 18, when Dr. Lee spoke for the chapel service at Southern. Dr. Lee also delivered the graduation address at 4 p.m. May 10.

## Service opportunities for Baptist men

### MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION PROJECTS

A San Antonio group has scheduled two projects in Mexico during the spring and summer. Physicians, dentists, nurses, para-medical persons can minister in a unique way. Write or call Jerry Virden, 10622 Mt. Ida, San Antonio, Texas 78213.

### CONSTRUCTION IN HONDURAS

The encampment on Lake Yojoa is planning new units. Four bricklayers, four carpenters, a plumber and an electrician are needed. Write Gene Grubbs, Box 6597, Richmond, VA 23230.

### CONSTRUCTION IN BRITISH WEST INDIES

Five blocklayers and two carpenters are needed to assist in constructing a church building on St. Kitts Island. Contact Gene Grubbs, Box 6597, Richmond, VA 23230.

### MEDICAL/DENTAL IN BRITISH HONDURAS

Medical assistance and other professional help is needed to staff a mobile medical/dental clinic recently delivered to British Honduras. Contact Jim Wren, Box 444, Athens, Texas 75751.

### BUILDINGS DEMOLISHERS/ BUILDINGS

Used lumber (which can be obtained from buildings being demolished) is needed for home and church building construction. Contact Elmin Howell, 303 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

### MEDICINES FOR MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

Items of specific needs are children's vitamins and various antibiotics. These items will support the mobile medical clinics staffed by volunteer physicians and dentists. Contact Elmin Howell, 303 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

### VEGETABLE AND GRAIN SEEDS

These items will help to allow disadvantaged persons to break out of the "poverty cycle" to provide food for their families. Exciting long-term results have begun to come from this type of project. Contact D. L. Kite, Box 117, Alpine, Texas 79830.

## The cover



On Sunday, May 13, Baptist Churches will observe Mothers' Day, honoring mothers for their role in building Christian homes such as this one.

## Woman's viewpoint My Mother's Bible

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

My mother's Bible is all aged, torn;  
The golden edge is faded, the scriptures blurred  
As if by falling tears; the pages worn  
By constant turning as she read the Word.

The passages she read are underlined  
And on the flyleaf scriptures, too, abound,  
As though to keep them always on her mind.  
All through the book her faithfulness is found.

This Bible has known joy and happiness  
As well as tearful searching by the heart  
Of one whose simple role in life was less  
Than most would call enough, yet was her part.

The promises that gave her strength to stand  
Now guide my faltering feet — and as I look  
I see my mother with it in her hand.  
She loved — I love — this old and cherished Book!

## Your state convention at work

### Get set to make your church 'the Sunday Night Place'

"CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" has become a familiar theme to many Arkansas Baptists. It is fast becoming more than just a theme. "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" is an intensive, concerted effort to enlarge and enrich the total Sunday night program in every church in our state. It is a plan which can help any church become "the Sunday Night Place." . . . for training. . . for worship. . . for fellowship.

#### The Church Guide

Any Church in our state can become involved in "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" emphasis by simply requesting a copy of the Church Guide. Recently a brochure, "Here's Help to Make Your Church the Sunday Night Place," was mailed to all pastors and church training directors in our state. The brochure contains a reply form which may be used to enroll in this emphasis and request copies of the Church Guide. Two copies of the Church Guide will soon be sent to each church requesting them, one for the pastor and one for the church training director. If the reply form is not available, a church may request the Church Guide from the State Church Training Department, P.O. Box 550, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

#### The Plan

The "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" emphasis begins with three months of preparation actions suggested in June, July, and August. The second phase of the emphasis is a month of intensive effort during September. This involves certain activities designed to make the church aware of the church training program, to strengthen the Sunday night training sessions, and to involve church members and their families in church training. The third phase of the plan is the 11 months of follow-through activities suggested during October, 1973, through August, 1974. There will be monthly themes and suggested promotional activities during each of these months.

All preparation and planning suggestions are clearly presented in the church Guide. Special materials and supplies are also described and an order form is available in the Guide.

#### The key

The key to the effectiveness of this effort is planning. Now is the time for churches to request the church Guide. It is available without cost to every pastor and church training director in our state.

"CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" is the tool which can help any church strengthen its total Sunday night program.

Dr. Ashcraft has said, "Church Training is using a bright new term, The Sunday Night Place. This focuses the importance of it by presenting it as the right thing at the right place on Sunday night. New Christians are learning how to read and study their Bible. They are learning how to communicate their faith . . . how to pray. Others are learning the art of worship through the disciplines of the Church Training hour. Many are meeting their friends and making new ones at the Sunday Night Place. Pastors never had it so good as the attendance at the Sunday Night Place grows and grows."

Resolve now to make your "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place."



Ralph W. Davis (left) and Robert Holley (right), secretary and associate in the Arkansas Church Training Department, present to Dr. Charles Ashcraft, state executive secretary, one of the first copies of the new "CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place" guide books.

### Weekend camp is introduction for RAs

June 1-2 is the date for the third annual weekend camp for 6-8 year old boys and their fathers or adult male sponsor.

The past two years the attendance has averaged about 40 men and boys. Those attending have had a very interesting time. The weekend is an excellent time for the boys and fathers to really get acquainted and have some free-fun time together. It is also an introduction to the Royal Ambassador Camp program that the boys will be able to attend when they reach the age of nine years.

Friday afternoon is given to swimming and other recreational activities. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. Following the evening meal there will be movies, games, and a worship service.

Saturday morning will include a hike for the boys, a period of Royal Ambassador orientation for the fathers and a crafts project for the entire group.

Lunch will be at 11:45 and departure from camp will be at 1 p.m. Information regarding this weekend camp has been mailed to all counselors, pastors and ministers of education. See them for more information and registration forms.

Royal Ambassador Camp for boys in grades 4-12 or ages 9-17, will begin on Monday, June 4. Reservations for this full week of camp should be in by May 28. Camps will continue throughout the month of June. Each week of camp begins at 2 p.m. on Monday and ends at 1 p.m. on Friday. The cost is \$19 per camper. This includes insurance.

Make your reservations now for camp the week of your choice. Your counselor, pastor or educational director has the information, or you may write to the brotherhood department, Baptist Building, 525 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Ark. 72203 —C. H. Seaton

### Executive Secretary speaks to nurses

Graduation ceremonies for 38 senior student nurses at Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis, were held at First Church on March 23. Commencement speaker was Dr. Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The graduating nurses completed a 30-month course of study and are now eligible to take the state examination to certify them as registered nurses.

#### CANCELLED!

State-Wide Deacons' Retreat,  
Paron

Scheduled for May 25  
has been cancelled.

Church Training Department

## Dick King new teen-age associate



King

Richard C. King, 28, a native of Lake Village and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. King of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, has been elected by the Executive Board to be an associate of the Department of Evangelism. He will direct the work of precollege teenage evangelism.

King received his call to preach while attending graduate school at State College of Arkansas, Conway. At that time he was associate dean of men and served on the staff of Harlen Park Church as director of youth.

He attended West Side Junior High, Little Rock, and was graduated from Little Rock Central High in 1962. While attending State College he was president of the student body, graduating in 1967 with a B.S.E. degree in physical education. He completed two years of graduate school at State College. On May 11 he will be graduated from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, with the master of theology degree.

During his seminary days he conducted weekend youth retreats.

In his new position Dick will promote plans for precollege teenage evangelism on the church level, promote association or state rallies and conferences to foster teenage evangelism, and develop and train teams for teenage evangelism.

His responsibility will be (1) to lead the churches to instigate a year-round program of personal evangelism for teenagers (2) develop materials necessary to promote New Testament evangelism (3) develop methods and promote this work on the associational level (4) serve as resource person for teenage evangelism and (5) assist in other evangelism activities as time permits, such as Lay Evangelism Schools and personal witnessing.

Revivals are breaking out among the youth all over the country. We need to encourage them, trust them, give them a great deal of help in every way we can, but above all not get in their way.

As Director of Evangelism I am happy the Lord led us to Dick King. He is a dedicated personal soul winner, enthusiastic, has a beaming personality, and has the ability to inspire youth. I welcome him to the great team of Arkansas Baptists. — Jesse S. Reed, Director.

## Missions study planned for state assembly



Dorris

"ARKANSAS: Land of MISSIONS Opportunity" is the title of a study of state missions to be offered this summer during each week of the assembly at Siloam Springs.

Adults and senior high school youth will be invited to enroll. Two class

periods will be held daily. Maps, charts, pictures and projectors will be used to pinpoint and describe in detail the many facets of mission outreach fostered by the State Missions Department.

One class session will be given to a study of the "Biblical Basis for Missions," and another to the organization and financial resources of the state mission program.

Other class periods will focus on Direct Missions, Deaf Ministry, Work with National Baptists, Chaplaincy and Special Missions Ministries.

Personnel of the Missions Department will be instructors and will also be available during the week for conferences and individual counseling concerning missions. — R. H. Dorris, Director, Missions Department

### Sunday School

## Another annual report

The new *Arkansas Baptist State Convention Annual for 1972* is just off the press.

Mrs. Nadine Bjorkman is to be commended for the many hours of labor expended on this valuable compilation of material each year.

This year's model will have a new feature, an alphabetical listing of churches and missions giving location and associational affiliation. This is an interesting list.

There are several churches named Mt. Zion, Oak Grove, and Mount Pleasant.

There are 13 each named Immanuel and New Hope; seven are named Emmanuel. Of course, there are many First Baptist Churches, but since these are listed alphabetically they do not appear together. The highest number is Calvary, with 21.

Some associations have more than one church with the same name, except they are called number 1, number 2.

All four points of the compass figure

in some church names such as North Point, South Side, East End and West View. Abbott leads the list and Zion Hill is the last named.

There are other interesting facts from the *Annual*.

In Sunday School work, we report an enrollment of 212,555 an increase of 6,702 since last year's report of 205,853.

Vacation Bible School enrollment is up 11,128 to 90,369.

Sunday School and Vacation Bible School are major factors in evangelism. Therefore, we would expect to see an increase in baptisms. True to pattern, baptisms are up to 14,551, a gain of 2,216.

Other statistics reveal growth in other organizations, local gifts and in Cooperative Program receipts. Also, from a national viewpoint Arkansas Sunday School growth is outstanding.

Only one state, Florida, excelled our statistical growth in Sunday School enrollment. Their growth was 8,091 compared to 6,702 in Arkansas. Even so, our percent of change was 3.3 compared to 2.0 in the Sunshine state.

To the Southwest our Longhorn neighbor is Texas, with over a million Sunday School members had a net gain of 4,126 or .4 percent change. Razorbackland won this big shoot-out.

Of course, I hope all 33 state conventions, instead of 25, will report gains this year.

What factors will make the difference? A people search, renewed visitation, bus outreach, and well-planned revivals will keep us all "on the grow."

Looking at the past 15-year record Arkansas was in the plus figures eight years, in the minus figures seven years. The all time peak enrollment was 215,961 in 1964.

A gain of 3,407 this year would establish an all time record enrollment. We ought to do much better, and I think we will.

We will have a good year to the degree we put People-to-People projects high on our priority list during the "Share the Word Now" emphasis year of 1973-74. — Lawson Hatfield, director, Sunday School Department.

## Tribute to a dedicated worker



Mrs. Peacock

On April 22, 1973, Easter evening, Vivian Peacock departed from this physical life to move to a higher life with God. Memories of a beautiful, strong, conscientious and dedicated person will never leave her friends and loved ones. Mrs. Peacock

was director of the clothing sponsorship program for the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, where she had been employed for the past nine years.

Mrs. Peacock was many things to many people. Her love for Christ and other people won the respect and friendship of many individuals, as she shared this love through service. Much of her time was spent in locating new sponsors for boys and girls coming to the Children's Home, corresponding with sponsors already in the program, and shopping with the children. She believed that "girls and boys gained self-confidence and self-esteem by having new clothes to wear, enabling them to compete socially on the same level with other children in the school and in the community." She worked

hard and long to translate this belief into reality for the children. As her son commented, "This was more than a job to her — it was her life." Mrs. Peacock felt a divine "calling" to her task and invested herself completely into her work. She was a friend to many, mother to many children, "burden-lifter" to others, and truly a great lady to all who knew her.

A Vivian Peacock Memorial Fund is being set up in her honor due to the many requests that have been made. This fund will be used to perpetuate her work by buying clothes for those young people who leave the Baptist Home to go to college or vocational training, and for the young people who need clothes when they first come to live at the Home before a sponsor is secured for them. This Memorial Fund will be emphasized each Easter for years to come. Her work will not stop at her death, but will continue for years to come.

If you want to have a part in keeping her influence alive in a meaningful way, send your memorials to The Vivian Peacock Memorial Fund, Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, P. O. Box 180, Monticello 71655. — Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

## Make the most of possessions — that's only good stewardship

It is sometimes said that the only things certain in life are death and taxes. While most of us complain about taxes, it is also true that many of us pay more taxes than is required by federal law.

The federal government has always encouraged every taxpayer to take advantage of every provision of the law which may benefit him. So long as one does not deliberately deceive nor attempt to defraud the government, it is neither illegal nor immoral for one to plan his business affairs in such a way as to result in the least possible taxes to him. On the contrary, it is good Christian stewardship to do so.

A case in point is the man who had purchased some stock which later increased in value. Being a generous, Christian steward, he wanted to give an additional contribution to his church. He sold the stock at considerable profit and donated the proceeds to his church.

Since he had realized a profit from the sale of the stock, the profit was taxable to him as a capital gain. Of course, he could deduct as a charitable

contribution the amount of his donation to the church, but he still had to pay taxes on the profit which he had made in the sale of the stock.

As an alternative he could have donated the stock to the church. He could then have deducted as a charitable contribution the fair market value of the stock at the time of the donation, and he would have avoided the capital gain tax on the profit. His church could then have sold the stock and realized from the sale the same value as the cash he had given, less a very modest broker's fee for handling the sale.

Occasionally, an individual has been criticized for following such a procedure and accused of trying to evade taxes, or by trying to profit personally from his contribution to his church. Perhaps if one's motives for such giving are purely selfish, then his stewardship can be questioned. However, when one's giving is sincerely done for the right purpose, then sound and wise management of his business affairs

## Camping facilities at Portland available

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP) — A housing shortage for the June 12-14 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention has been relieved somewhat by arrangements here for 550 camping spaces, according to local Baptist leaders.

A Seventh-Day Adventist campground on Oatfield Road, Gladstone, Ore., a suburb of Portland, will now accept reservations for tent and recreational vehicle space.

Dan C. Stringer, executive secretary for the Northwest Baptist Convention and local arrangements chairman for the June gathering of Baptists from throughout the USA, said that 200 trailers spaces are available with full hook-ups for electricity, water and sewer for \$2.50 per day.

Another 200 spaces for trailers with all but sewer connections are available for \$2 per day.

Sites for 150 tents are also open to Baptists at the same campground. Some tents may be rented on the premises, Stringer said. Per day costs were not known at press time.

Persons interested in securing these facilities for the time of the Southern Baptist Convention are asked to write or call Roland C. Hood, Northwest Baptist Convention, 811 N.W. 20th Ave., Portland, Ore. 97209.

More than 5200 hotel and motel rooms have been assigned by the SBC Housing Bureau, Stringer said.

Cancellation of some hotel and motel reservations and a growing list of homes opened to Baptist visitors has now alleviated the previous room shortage and currently is meeting all room requests, Stringer stated.

Regarding the campground, Stringer said, "It is a very beautiful spot on the Clackamaw River about eight miles south of the Portland Memorial Coliseum."

More than 10,000 Southern Baptists are expected to register for the Southern Baptist Convention sessions here.

simply enhances his Christian stewardship.

To put it another way, the conscientious Christian steward, by good stewardship and wise planning, can have more possessions available which can be used for the glory of Christ. Jesus Himself taught that the Christian ought to be at least as wise as those of the world. That's good stewardship. —Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program



*Immanuel Church, Texarkana, held a ground-breaking service, Sunday, April 8, for their new educational unit. Members of the building committee (l. to r.) are C. T. Nunn, Evelyn Schicker, J. D. Hooker, Herman Cornelius, Mrs. Paul Caver, Mrs. Edith Glover, Mrs. Jerry Russell, W. V. Garner, pastor, and Bill Washmon, chairman.*



*Concord Baptist Church Educational Building*

## Concord Church has dedication

Concord Church, Van Buren, dedicated a new educational building April 1. The building has 2,200 square feet of space. It is brick veneer with central heat and air conditioning. The floors are covered with vinyl tile. The walls consist of vinyl coated paneling.

The new facility will provide space for pre-school and children's departments, a church library, office, and pastor's

study.

Dr. S. W. Eubanks delivered the dedicatory message and Paul E. Wilhelm, superintendent of missions for Clear Creek Association, led the dedication prayer. George W. Domerese is pastor. There were 109 in Sunday School in spite of inclement weather conditions.

The entire building was erected with use of donated labor from the member-

## Evelyn Blount named WMU youth supervisor

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Evelyn Blount of Atlanta, Ga., has been elected supervisor of the youth department of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Blount has been Acteens director for the Woman's Mission Union of Georgia. She begins her new duties May 15.

The Georgia native will direct the national planning, editing and field work for Acteens, the WMU organization for junior and senior high school girls.

A graduate of Georgia College at Milledgeville and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, Miss Blount previously served as a church director of education and as an instructor in health and physical education.

## Book reviews

*Why . . . to Okinawa?* by W. Gordon Ross, Christopher, 1971, \$4.95

Human beings hurt other human beings — consciously, unconsciously, intentionally, unintentionally. This is the story of how certain key people, especially one Shosei Kina of Okinawa, faced up to many forms of threats and hazards and came out on top, through the application of his Christianity.

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*So You Want a Job*, by Leonard E. Wedel, Broadman

Mr. Wedel, who has been director of personnel of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board since 1952, shares his firsthand experiences as to the needs, problems, and opportunities of young people seeking their first big jobs.

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*Suki and the Wonder Star*, by Joyce Blackburn, Word, 1971, \$2.95

This is the last book in a series of four about the Nisei child Suki. Suki discovers the Man-God who loves all of us the same, even a new boy, Manuel, who shows off and thinks he knows more than anyone does about basketball and galaxies and telescopes.

ship with the exception of the installation of the heat and air conditioning system and the finishing of the cement floors.

Contract cost of the building would have been \$22,000. The building was completed for \$10,250. This is the only indebtedness that the church currently has.





The Spring Street Singers add to the series with their acting abilities.

(Home Mission Board photos/Don Rutledge)

## A review

# Baptists attempt entertaining evangelism on Spring Street USA

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptists begin their first effort at mass media evangelism through a new television series called Spring Street USA on April 1, seeking to blend the best of variety show entertainment with short, relevant evangelistic messages.

Already, the first 10 programs previewed on video cassette by dozens of Southern Baptist leaders and television professionals, have prompted many kudos, but little criticism.

When the video cassettes were shown informally to persons attending a recent Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee meeting, one denominational professional sat for hours in a hallway watching the programs. "Tremendous," he kept repeating as he watched.

In Hollywood, where television professionals edited the videotapes, a

top professional in the field called it the best religious programming he had ever seen.

An editorial in the *Christian Index* of Georgia, based on a preview of two of the 10 shows, described the series as "a cut above all religious programming of that nature." And the editor of the *Biblical Recorder* of North Carolina called it "a wholesome, effective program — refreshingly different from anything now on television."

The series is being produced cooperatively by two SBC agencies — the SBC Home Mission Board here which is responsible for content of the show, and the SBC Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth, which is handling production and distribution.

"Star" of the show is host and regular speaker Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of South Main Church in Houston.

Chafin, former evangelism secretary for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, is constantly upstaged, however, by a talented group of 12 young people called the Spring Street Singers.

Almost everyone who has seen the first shows concedes that the most exciting ingredient is the music — directed, arranged and conducted by a young Baptist layman described by top professionals in the field as a "musical genius."

Buryl Red, an Arkansas native who is president of BR Productions and Generic Music Co., of New York City, enlisted, organized and put together the Spring Street Singers. In addition, he composed much of the music used for the show.

The series uses a variety show format, with a guest star appearing on each program. "Variety" is the appropriate word, for the guest stars include a wide range of stars and groups such as former Louisiana Governor Jimmie Davis and a popular black group, Andrae Crouch and The Disciples.

Other guest stars on the first 10 programs include Apollo 15 Astronaut James Irwin, country music singer

Connie Smith, comedian Jerry Clower, the Tom Tichenor puppets, "Queen of the West" Dale Evans Rogers, pianist-composer-singer Ken Medema, soloist Cynthia Clawson, and movie star and recording artist Pat Boone.

Chafin, as host, talks informally with each guest. The personal faith of the guests consistently comes through in a natural, unforced manner.

Following the talk-show interview or performances by the guests, Chafin gives a brief, eight-minute sermonette on a topic related to the theme of that program.

Each program opens and closes with music by the Spring Street Singers. The group, as well as the program, takes the name from the 1350 Spring Street NE address of the SBC Home Mission Board here. Each show ends with an appeal by Chafin for viewers to write to "Spring Street USA" for copies of a free Bible study related to the theme of the program.

The programs are unapologetically, yet tastefully and tactfully, evangelistic. There is no pressure, no appeal for funds, no slippy emotionalism. Chafin's sermons are down-to-earth messages that do not sound too "preachy," but deal with practical problems Americans face in finding happiness and fulfillment.

In an editorial commenting on the programs in the Christian Index, Associate Editor Robert LaFavre wrote: "Many religious programs come on so hard that they turn the non-religious viewer off. Others, in an effort to compromise become so soft there is no substance. Not so with Spring Street USA.

"Filmed in beautiful color with flawless camera work, the show moves from area to area with complete continuity," LaFavre continued. "Each item dovetails into the projected theme. The staging was not on a large scale, giving you the feeling of intimacy.

"This series has made me believe Christians can produce quality viewing without sacrificing the message of Christ," the editorial concluded.

Professionally, the programs are of top quality production. The camera work, color quality, staging, and editing seem to be flawless.

The filming for the series is being done by 21st Century Productions, a Nashville-based subsidiary of WLAC-TV. Bob Thornton of the SBC Radio-TV Commission is producer and Joe Hostetler of 21st Century is director.

Though every television program director who has seen it has had high praise for the professional quality of the series, most are reluctant to provide "free" time for the telecasts because of the evangelistic nature, and because they fear it would open a "Pandora's



The series host, Ken Chafin, and a guest star, Dale Evans, receive instructions from sound man on stage.

box" causing other denominations to demand equal time, commented Thornton, the producer. No other religious group, however, has matched the quality of "Spring Street," Thornton insists.

Thornton concedes that most viewers will probably compare the series to the Oral Roberts show, but Thornton believes "Spring Street USA" has pulled off an even greater miracle of television production than Oral Roberts.

In producing the series, Thornton studied the approaches used by Roberts, and sought to blend the best of the Roberts techniques in his weekly

program with the hour-long Roberts specials.

Thornton said one of the Spring Street Singers in the original recordings, Miss Kerry Martindale who is a student at Oral Roberts University, sang with both the Oral Roberts group and the Spring Street Singers. Thornton quoted her as saying there was no real comparison between the two programs musically, with Spring Street coming off far superior.

Musically, each program in the series begins with a production number that is somewhat "secular" oriented, Red said. Most shows conclude with a modern,

fresh arrangement of an old and familiar hymn. Sprinkled throughout are original compositions by Red.

The music is so lively and interesting, the guests so appealing, that the average viewer will probably watch for 10 minutes before he realizes it is a religious program. By then he is "hooked" and won't change channels.

Chafin's messages move subtly, but powerfully, into dealing with problems of life, seeking to show how faith in God through Jesus Christ can give deeper meaning, purpose, and happiness in life. Subjects of the programs range from such topics as death and man's

reluctance to face it, to the faith of a little child revealed lightly by the Tom Tichenor Puppets of Nashville.

The programs are designed to bridge all kinds of gaps, and to appeal to a wide span of interests. The Tom Tichenor puppets show obviously will appeal to children. The Andrae Crouch and the Disciples appearance should have appeal to youth and to blacks. Country music fans should respond well to the Jimmie Davis, Connie Smith and Dale Evans Rogers shows.

Admittedly, there is not much in the programs to appeal to the liberal. The shows seem to be aimed at middle

America, and one — the program featuring Astronaut Jim Irwin — has a strong emphasis on patriotism that borders on civil religion.

Most of the guests unashamedly tell of their personal faith in Jesus Christ. Connie Smith for example, tells how she "got saved" when she began to talk to a well-known country music row preacher, Jimmie Snow, about the emptiness in her life. Irwin, in contrast, suavely tells of a deep religious experience on his scientific exploration of the moon's surface.

Andrae Crouch, a big burly black who heads a rock and soul group, said his music was designed to be more "than just a foot-stomping good time. We try to share our faith in Jesus."

The strength of the series lies in the balance between beautiful music, tasteful discussion of life and faith, and appealing guest stars.

Musically, five of the strongest shows that left the strongest impression on this writer, were the Pat Boone, Connie Smith, Andrae Crouch, Cynthia Clawson, and Ken Medema shows.

Miss Clawson, the daughter of San Antonio Baptist pastor Thomas W. Clawson, gained national recognition as a soloist for the CBS Newcomers program. Both she and Medema, a blind musical therapist at a psychiatric hospital in Cedar Grove, N.J., sing with a style Red describes as "white soul."

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"The sun shines down on the mountaintop, it shines on the early morning dew," goes the theme song. "It wakes up the world and begins the day; hey, we'll share the sun with you . . . The sun brings love to the whole wide world, it nods to the earth, how do you do. It blows a kiss to the waiting day; hey, we'll share the sun with you. . ."

"When you share the sun, you never wear a frown. Cause when you share the sun, no one can put you down. For the sun can turn your frown upside down, upside down. . . On Spring Street, USA, the sun shines every day. . ."

And it doesn't dawn on the viewer, until after the closing theme song, that the Spring Street Singers could well have been spelling the word, "Son" rather than "sun."



Pat Boone, after a guest appearance, answers a question from a man in the studio audience.

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Children attending Siloam Springs this year will have many activities in which to

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# Christ makes men brothers

By Harold Elmore, Pastor  
Park Place Church, Hot Springs



Elmore

In a discussion on "race relations" one man commented, "my problem is not so much getting along with people of other races, my problem is that I find it hard to love my brothers of my own race."

As Americans we sing, "God crown

thy good with brotherhood" as a prayer for our country. We talk about brotherhood as if it can be attained by our own efforts, by passing laws or making speeches. This all sounds good but the truth is that Christ is the only one who can make us brothers. In reconciling us to God through his death, he has also reconciled us to our fellow man. Outside of Christ there is no brotherhood among men.

It is in their relationship to Christ that men have found the power to break the barriers that separate men of different races and social backgrounds. It is in this power that men discover real brotherhood.

### Basis of brotherhood (Acts 11:4-18)

In a dramatic way God revealed to Peter his concern for men of other races. He brought Peter, the Jew and Cornelius, the Roman, together through their common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Two verses in this section challenge us to put aside our prejudice. (1) "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male or female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." V-28 (2) "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common." We must learn that every man who calls our God, Father, is our brother.

### Barriers which separate (Eph. 2:11, 12)

We are reminded of the bitter hostility that existed between the Jewish world and the Gentile world. Paul recognized that only the blood of Christ can erase this hatred and make these two brothers. Here is an example of how God works in the lives of men to reveal His truth.

The Bible teaches that those outside of Christ are the children of the devil. This depraved nature is another barrier to brotherhood among men.

### Ephesians 2:13-16

Sometimes it is difficult for us to remember past conditions. Paul is re-

mindful of their past way of life as an incentive to be concerned for those still in the same condition. His "in time past" (v. 11) and "at that time" (v. 12) has changed to his exclamation, "But now." Their experience of salvation has changed their relationship to God and has changed their responsibility to their fellow man.

Now it is our privilege as well as our responsibility to proclaim Christ as the way of reconciliation. God by his gracious act has broken down the wall that separated man from God and man from man.

### Christ is for all men (Eph. 2:17)

The work of Christ has removed the distance between the "Gentiles" who were "afar off" and the "Jews" who considered themselves "nigh." We are reminded that all, both Gentiles and Jew, need to hear and respond to the Gospel of Christ.

It is our responsibility under God to see that all men have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

### Figures of oneness in Christ (Eph. 2:19-22)

Paul uses three different figures of speech to illustrate the unity of believers in Christ.

1. A New Nation (v. 19) Under Jewish customs Gentiles were restricted to an outside court of the Temple. They were denied the privileges of worship with the Jews. But in the church those who had been considered separate and unequal were given equal place in the church. In the community of believers there are no second-class citizens.

2. A Family (v. 19) The new relationship in Christ recognized all believers, both Jews and Gentiles as united in one family. Because of the Jewish custom of not entering the home of a Gentile, this figure "household" takes on a new rich meaning.

3. A Building (v. 20-21) Just as a building is made up of different rooms, a church is made up of different people. In Christ they are made one. This building, made up of God's people, is God's dwelling place. It is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."

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### International

May 13, 1973  
Acts 11:4-18  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
1 John 4:7-12

### 1 John 4:7-12

The churches John wrote to were divided by a different kind of problem. They were made up largely of Gentiles. There were those who were causing division by claiming a superior knowledge and spirituality. He points out that the solution to division is love. When men love as God loves them, they will respect other persons. God has proven his love for us by giving his Son to redeem us from our sin. This is the greatest demonstration of love this world has ever known. The mystery of this love is that God could love unworthy sinners enough to send his Son to be the propitiation for man's sin. John concludes that if God could love us, we ought to love one another. To him the result of being loved is to love.

Our love for others is a witness to the world that we know and love God. (v. 12) Many who do not attend our church or read their Bible catch their first vision of God in the way we behave toward them.

This lesson points up that the only true brotherhood among men is found in man's relationship to Christ. In Him men find the basis for brotherhood. The Spirit of God who dwells in the life of every believer helps me realize that every man that calls God, Father, is our brother. In this relationship men of every race and every social and economic background are made one in Christ.

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## God confronting us

By William Kennedy  
First Church, Star City



Kennedy

That is the theme of God confronting us. The scriptures we study this week show God stirring and seeking man. His purpose as in the creation of man in the first place is relation; God to man; Creator to creation. Last week we touched on the greatness of God that is beyond man's capacity to grasp fully. We must add to that view that God confronts us.

### The first confrontation (Gen. 3:8-10)

It had been the practice of Adam and Eve to fellowship with God in the garden. It was perfect tranquility. This day was different. For man had disobeyed God. Sin had entered God's creation. Instead of worship and seeking God, they were hiding. God is seeking them.

Immediately we see the consequences of sin. They were ashamed and full of fear. Shame and fear were the result of sin in that day as much as today. Deceived by Satan, they were exposed to death and punishment. This is a key passage in the Bible. Here God first confronts man in sin. This is the first occasion of God's grace in seeking sinners. They in their sin, like we in ours, deserved God's judgment, yet God still seeks us in love.

### The way (John 14:5-9)

The plan of salvation is given. The one way and the only way is through Jesus. Answering the question of Thomas, Jesus clearly and simply showed the way of salvation. He stated, I am the way, the truth, and the life. The gospel of John uses metaphors many times. These three metaphors are interrelated. Jesus is the way because he is the truth and the life. This is saying Jesus is the way to God. He is the truth because he teaches knowledge of God. He is the life because he is the source of spiritual living. He is the model of living for those who seek and serve

him. He brings a peace past human understanding and joy beyond description.

Bluntly, he is saying there is no other way to find God and salvation except through Jesus.

Why is he the way? God is seeking sinners. It began in the garden of Eden. Jesus is sent from God to man for the purpose of being God's way of salvation. Martin Luther said we could never recognize God's grace and mercy except for our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the reflection of God's own heart. Jesus in coming stoops and lets the sinner jump on his life and so saves man from death. If Jesus is not your saviour by faith, his sacrifice means nothing and you are still lost today. He is the way, accept him.

Philip gave a statement many others would have made if present that day. He said show us the Father. In our words; do the spectacular, Jesus. If we could see God, we would be content and assured! Would we??

Jesus' answer in calm and pointed words revealed as you see me you have seen the Father. Jesus is saying God confronts mankind in me. The way Jesus acts is as God acts toward sin, righteousness, and man himself.

### The way of redemption (II Cor. 5:17-21)

This is a very important passage because it shows the relationship of man in Christ. A new creation is made. All things are new as a result of Christ being your personal saviour. Man can not be unchanged in heart and life if he is in Christ. He must be changed! A genuine Christian has Christ dwelling in his heart by faith and is a new creature. A Christian has God as Father because the new creature is a child of God. This total change of heart, soul, and life taking place under the gospel is made possible by God. It is God's power and grace that provides the way of salvation.

Adam Clarke shows the way of Reconciliation in simple basic terms. You believe there is a God. We know that he made us. He requires that we love and serve him. He has revealed himself. We have broken his law by sin which separates us from God and results in death. We can not redeem

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### Life and Work

May 13, 1973  
Genesis 3:8-10  
John 14:5-9  
II Corinthians 5:17-21  
Hebrews 1:1-3

ourselves. God in love has given his son for us to die in our place. He requires repentance and sharing his way with the world. All who repent, and believe in Christ receive forgiveness from sin. We receive an eternal inheritance as children of God.

We serve him by being his ambassador. As a Christian, we represent Christ in the world. As we are reconciled to God through Christ, we are given the awesome privilege and responsibility of sharing this good news with the entire world. Our power and authority are not ours. Our authority is in Christ who is sending us out.

### The ultimate confrontation (Heb. 1:1-3)

The writer of Hebrews points out that God has spoken with man from time to time in various ways. Now the God who made us and loves us has spoken clearly in Christ. Hebrews is pointing to the closeness of God and Jesus in glory, radiance, and nature. The God of the Old Testament and the Christ of the New Testament are a continuing revelation. In Christ, God's revelation is complete and perfect.

### Conclusions

These four passages answer the question Why does God confront man? The motivation is basic to God himself. God is . . . love. He seeks us because he loves us. Christ came because of God's love. Christ paid it all for us because of God's eternal and abiding love.

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## A smile or two

A father had been lecturing his son on  
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"You will never amount to anything,"  
he continued, "unless you turn over a  
new leaf. Remember that the early bird  
catches the worm."

"How about the worm, Father?"  
enquired the young man. "Wasn't he  
rather foolish to get up so early?"

"My son," replied the father  
solemnly, "that worm hadn't been to  
bed all night; he was on his way home."

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tracks after they'd taken a stand on  
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with the voters back home.

For instance, he recalls asking a  
veteran senator how he intended to vote  
on a measure that had stirred up a lot of  
heat.

"I haven't decided how I'm going to  
vote yet," came the answer "but I assure  
you when I do I'm going to be quite  
bitter!"

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A gossip is one who can give you all  
the details without knowing any of the  
facts.

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Little Betsy's grandmother told her  
they didn't have television when she was  
a little girl.

"Then what did they turn off when  
you were bad?" asked the 4-yr-old.

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The dizzy feeling many people  
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Alicia	54	42	
Alpena	83	40	
Banner, Mt. Zion	40	14	
Belrne, First	58	32	
Bentonville			
First	260		
Mason Valley	78	42	
Berryville			
First	150	49	
Freeman Heights	135	45	2
Rock Springs	88	45	
Blytheville, Gosnell	213	81	3
Booneville			
First	220	200	1
Glendale	62	33	1
Cabot, Mt. Carmel	161	68	
Camden, First	443	66	1
Cherokee Village Mission	119	35	1
Conway, Second	459		2
Crossett			
First	480	153	3
Magnolia	191	116	
Mt. Olive	329	184	5
Des Arc, First	171	55	
El Dorado, Caledonia	29	15	
Forrest City, First	813	175	6
Ft. Smith			
First	1137	267	3
Haven Heights	219	120	
Trinity	185	67	10
Gentry, First	148	58	
Grandview	79	69	
Greenwood, First	277	115	
Greers Ferry, Westside	103	44	1
Hampton, First	137	53	
Helena, First	221	75	4
Hope, Calvary	170	83	
Hot Springs			
Grand Avenue	213	111	3
Park Place	351	146	1
Piney	209	86	10
Hughes, First	184	40	2
Jacksonville, First	358	74	1
Jonesboro			
Central	518	113	4
Nettleton	257	97	
Lake Village, Parkway	71	44	
Lavaca, First	302	114	1
Lincoln, First	190	66	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	166	82	17
Geyer Springs	702	229	3
Life Line	557	112	1
Martindale	102	52	
Woodlawn	99	39	
Magnolia, Central	554	197	1
Melbourne, Belview	167	90	
Monticello, Second	211	72	4
North Little Rock			
Calvary	401	125	12
Grace	86	45	2
Gravel Ridge	171	85	
Levy	358	78	2
Park Hill	647	147	2
Paragould, East Side	192	92	2
Paris, First	386	116	2
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	174	72	
East Side	173	112	5
First	594	161	19
Green Meadows	59	20	
Second	153	57	
Prairie Grove, First	152	74	
Rogers, First	570	102	4
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Rudd	27	9	
Russellville			
First	439		6
Kelley Heights	38	23	
Second	160	69	
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Berry Street	120	52	2
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Elmdale	340	84	4
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## Baptists seek ministries to help victims of crime

By Tim Nicholas

SAN FRANCISCO (BP) — It was Christmas, the season of cheer and happiness; but for a former Navy man who had just returned from Vietnam, it was a time of trouble when no one seemed to be able to help.

He suffered from temporary amnesia from a blow to the head, after being beaten and robbed on the streets of San Francisco.

The man could not get help from local social service agencies, all of them swamped with heavy case loads during the Christmas season.

First Southern Baptist Church here, however, validated the man's story and contacted an organization called Christian World Liberation Front. Together, they obtained for the man a bus ticket back to his home in West Virginia. Two mental health officials were so impressed with their efforts to help that they give \$10 each to buy food on the man's trip home.

The ministry by First Southern Baptist Church here is one of several similar efforts by Baptist churches across the nation to help the victims of crime.

There are only a few churches with really active and organized "victim ministries," and most of them are part of a total program of social work or referral system aimed at helping others in need.

Few such ministries, like the plight of the victim, are publicized much. The victim, as well as efforts to help him, often remain in the shadow of the spotlight, as the police pursue and the courts try the criminal. It is crime, and the criminal, that grabs the headlines. The victim often does not want anyone to know of his or her predicament.

Churches like First Southern Baptist here, however, are trying to help.

"It would be impossible to try to reproduce in the church the services of many government and public agencies, but we should be able to tell people where they can get help," said George Torney, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church here. "This is why churches need good referral systems," he added.

Torney, applying insights from his research in working for his doctor of ministry degree at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary nearby, has compiled a complete referral guide noting services available from such groups as Traveler's Aid, Salvation Army, Episcopal and Catholic agencies, mental health organizations, and the suicide prevention center.

A former staff member of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Torney has also initiated a mental health program at the church here called "The Winner's Circle."

"I can't think of one of the 35 to 40 people in this weekly program who hasn't been robbed or molested in some way," Torney said.

A few of them bring it on themselves, by not taking precautions, he noted. The church tries to help them in preventive measures, and make them realize what makes it happen. "Some women will invite men to their apartments and actually not understand why they are raped," Torney said.

In Minneapolis, the incidence of rape has risen so high that a group of churches, including several American Baptist congregations, has joined together to sponsor a center to minister to the victims of rape, according to a report in Religious News Service.

Services offered by the Minneapolis center, operating out of a neighborhood involvement program health clinic, include counseling services, a self-defense class, housing and free medical and dental help.

First Southern Baptist Church here is participant in a smaller mission coalition organization which offers loans to people after their homes have been vandalized, and helps get fast action from police after crimes have been committed.

Torney is on the board of directors of the San Francisco Council of Churches and recently, after a young black man was shot in the city, the Baptist pastor met with the chief of police for four weeks, negotiating for better patrols in that particular neighborhood.

David Moseley, missionary director of Telegraph Center in Oakland, Calif., said his center has an emergency food pantry program. "About 75 percent of the users are victims of some kind of crime," said Moseley. Usually either their Social Security checks or their food stamps are stolen," he observed.

About once a month members of the community around the center get together to discuss ways to protect each other. Moseley described the typical mugging victim as a senior citizen, dressed up to go shopping right after welfare check time, pulling a shopping cart. "These people obviously have money and are no match for a young mugger," said Moseley.

He suggested that a church could use its buses during the week to transport elderly people shopping in groups, giving them both protection and fellowship.

## Baptist youth stage march for missions

MEMPHIS (BP) — A march for Baptist mission work in America netted sponsors here \$2,060 to eclipse a similar effort in Atlanta by \$20.

The unusual approach to missions giving saw 98 teenagers and adults trek 11 miles through Midtown Memphis, escorted by two motorcycle patrolmen with a police helicopter overhead.

The march was arranged by Kenny McCullough, 14-year-old Royal Ambassador, and his counselor, Tim Fields, both of Union Avenue Church.

Billed as an RA-GA-Acteen Hike for Home Missions, it attracted walkers from 16 churches in the Shelby Association. Walking for the most sponsors — 39 — was Sharon McGehee, a Union Avenue Acteen.

Three Acteens from rural Forest Hill Church received almost \$75 for their efforts, matching the giving effort of the total church membership. "Our goal was to beat the Atlanta marchers, and we did," Fields said.

The hike ended with a picnic and a home missions rally, featuring a puppet show and a missions challenge by Tim Sledge, minister of youth at Union Avenue.

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