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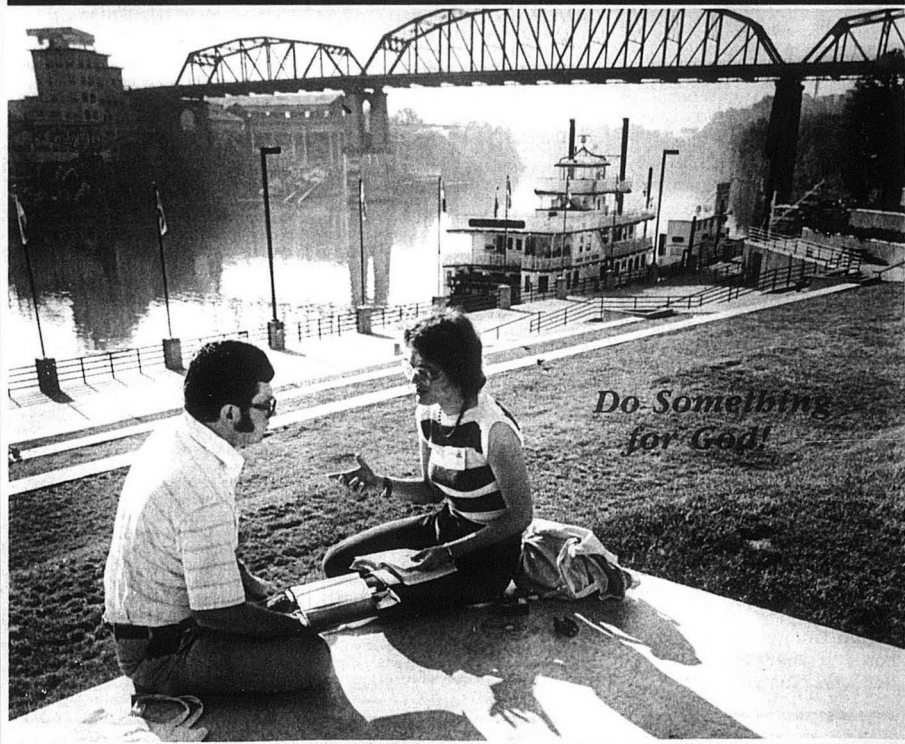
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Christian singles recently were challenged to "wrap themselves in Jesus."

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IT'S UPLIFTING

A New Heart

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Thanks to a Southern Baptist doctor and other concerned people, a Dominican Republic man with a bad heart now can look forward to playing soccer and most of all, to living.

A few months ago it looked like Bernardo Rodriguez Jr., 26, of Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, was headed for an early death. Rheumatic fever had damaged his heart when he was 10. And surgery in his homeland failed to solve the problem of a narrow heart valve that restricted the flow of blood.

Southern Baptist missionary Art Haylock and a Dominican Republic Baptist pastor, Francisco Martinez, became concerned about his plight.

They worked with Bill Damon, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's associate area director for Brazil and the Caribbean. They also contacted a branch of Hearts United, a secular organization that helps fund transportation costs and surgery for people like Rodriguez.

The organization helped pay his travel

expenses. Richard Reynolds, a cardiac surgeon and member of Second Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., agreed not to charge for the surgery. Cardiologist Charles Evans and anesthesiologist William Ferrar also provided free services. Henrico Doctors' Hospital gave him a free stay.

This wasn't the first time the doctors and hospital have provided free services. "It's not our intention to withhold our ability just because someone can't pay," Reynolds said.

"I've seen many demonstrations of love from all types of people here," Rodriguez said through his translator, former missionary Sarah Scanlon of Richmond, Va. "This is something I won't forget.

"I hope through this experience, I can share with others what God has done," he said.

Rodriguez and his fiancée, Maria Joseline Martinez, 25, plan to marry in September. In the meantime, Rodriguez, who said he is a "new person with a new heart," can compete in his favorite sports—soccer and basketball.

GOOD NEWS!

A Christ-Centered Life

Philippians 1:12-18

To say honestly "for to me to live is Christ" (1:21) is to live in every circumstance a Christ-centered life. Such a life:

Turns trials into triumphs (vv. 12-13)—Following a tornado which totally destroyed the building of the Trinity Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, the pastor confessed: "A few years ago our church overbuilt, thus hindering our giving to missions through the Cooperative Program. God may have allowed our problem to be solved; for with this smaller building now under construction, our utility bills will be cut in half." He was saying the same thing Paul had said from his prison house in Rome: "The things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel" (v. 12).

Inspires courage in the cowardly (v. 14)—Paul's example inspired those who had been fearful about sharing their faith to speak out with greater boldness.

Rejoices in proclamation (vv. 15-18)—The proclamation of Christ was the passion of Paul's life. He was able to praise God even when Christ was proclaimed out of jealousy, partisanship, and rivalry (vv. 15-16); but he rejoiced more when Christ was proclaimed from a motive of love and goodwill (vv. 15, 17).

Christ for Me

Philippians 1:19-26

This familiar chorus echoes Paul's motto. To whomever he spoke—the governor of a province, common people, idol-worshippers, philosophers, soldiers—Paul's cry was the same: "Christ for me." For every Christian it should be the same.

In tribulation (vv. 19-20)—Bold proclamation in spite of tribulation removes all cause for shame (v. 20). It demonstrates faith in the work of the Spirit (v. 19). The word translated "supply" derives its meaning from the Greek practice of wealthy patrons footing the bill for the cast or chorus in a drama. In many ways, direct and indirect, God's Spirit supplies the needs of the person in Christ.

In service (vv. 22-26)—When Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ," he meant, "For me to live is to serve Christ" (see Mt. 25:34-40; Ja. 2:14-22; 1 Jn. 3:17-18).

In death (vv. 21, 23)—The Christian belongs to Christ in life or in death, but death releases him from the weariness of continual strife and brings him to the realization of life's fullness in the eternal presence of Christ.

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Harmful Legislation

J. EVERETT SNEED

Recently the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that would allow broadcast and mail advertising of private gambling operations. The legislation, known as the Lottery Advertising Clarification Act, includes a provision that would give states 18 months to enact their own restrictions against such advertising. In the past, the federal government has maintained a strict neutrality by assigning the entire issue of gambling to the states. In order for it to become law, it must be approved by the Senate and signed by the President (see news article on page 11). We believe that this is an effort to prop up the faltering lottery efforts across the nation.

Of all the gambling that is legalized in our nation, the lottery is the worst. It is worse, first, because it is probably the most recessive form of legalized gambling. Arnold Wexler, vice-president of the National Council on Compulsive Gambling, says investigations prove that poor people, who can least afford the loss, are the primary purchasers of lottery tickets. The reason is obvious. The inexpensive and easily accessible tickets promise instant wealth.

Like other forms of gambling, the lottery attracts criminal activities. This occurs in various ways. For example, illegal numbers operations enter in to the states to compete with the legally run operations. These illegal numbers games promise better odds, and tax free winnings, and even extend credit.

Every form of gambling contradicts clear principles set forth by the Bible. Although the Scripture does not contain the direct command not to gamble, the principles set forth indicate that gambling is wrong. The Word of God teaches that we are to love God and our neighbor as ourselves (Mt. 22:37-40). The gambler covets his neighbor's property, which is a direct violation of the tenth commandment.

The Bible teaches also that we are to give an honest day's work for the wages we receive (Ex. 20:9; 2 Th. 3:10-12). The major premise underlying gambling is the desire to have something for nothing. It holds out the lure of instant wealth with no expenditure of energy.

Obviously, gambling interests are seeking to increase business by the use of advertising. The enactment of a federal law which requires states to enact regulations against advertising of gambling within 18



months places a federal approval on the lottery and shifts the burden to require legislation to the states. Such action is inconsistent with other federal laws.

Once interstate advertising of the lottery is permitted, the argument immediately will follow. "We are having too much of our local money drained off by other states. We must legalize the lottery in our own state." Hence, the end result of the law is to lead to additional states legalizing the lottery.

Many who support the state run lottery present it as a "cure all for tax problems." This simply has not been the case where the lottery has been enacted. Sam Rosen, economist with the University of New Hampshire, observes that the expenses of operating a lottery are huge. The average

state pays 30 cents to obtain one dollar in lottery revenues. This compares with two cents to gain one dollar in traditional tax revenues.

The lottery has been so unprofitable in our neighboring state, Missouri, that they are attempting to join a multi-state lottery. It is believed by many that this effort is totally illegal. The courts will have to decide in the not too distant future. But the lottery has not brought the promised revenue and ease of taxation.

In Maine the people were told that the state lottery would bring \$10 million per year. The greatest yield it has ever produced was \$2.6 million for the 12 months ending June 3, 1976. The revenue from the lottery has dropped steadily from 1979, when it netted only \$896,000. When officials disbanded it, they saved \$150,000 in operating expenses.

The Commission on the National Policy toward Gambling in its final report, said, "It would be futile for state policy makers to look to a lottery as a substitute for traditional forms of taxation." The report went on to warn against any attempt to earmark lottery revenues for special state programs. This "warps the budgetary process" and leaves officials unable to exercise needed flexibility (*Business Week*, August 4, 1975). Just as get rich easy schemes fail to work for states, private gambling enterprises will also undercut the moral fabric of any society.

There is still time for us to stop the Lottery Advertising Act. We should write our senators, asking them to refuse to pass this piece of harmful legislation. Let's protect our poor and hold high Christian standards of morality.

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DON MOORE

You'll Be Glad To Know



Change is an undeniable and irrevocable fact. Change creates stress. When usual patterns and predictable results are no longer present, insecurity and fear set in. When factors and forces beyond our control manifest themselves, a sense of dread comes over us. When the unknown looms larger than the known, a case of nerves is sure to result.

Changing health, age, leadership, employment, families, and attitudes are all areas where we feel uneasiness.

Next to conflict and strife in our churches, nothing has more negatively affected our churches than the matter of change. There are two ways in which this is true.

(1) Many of our churches have not come to grips with their changing communities. The makeup of those communities should dictate the type of leadership, ministries, schedule, and programs the church should have. The same activities, programs, and attitudes exist in most churches that existed in the 30s and 40s. The needs, the people, the economy have all changed, but the churches haven't.

(2) Those most responsible for leading the church are often the ones most fearful of change. Change could result in new costs, new schedules, new people in the church, even new leadership. "Let's not change. We don't know whether it would do any good or not." And so it goes. Churches continue to decline because of fear of change. The most feared person in most churches is the man, woman, pastor, or staff person who dares to try to change things. They are usually set aside.

While we will never change our doctrine or our polity, we could afford to change some strategies and methods. Times of services, order of worship, Sunday School organization, ministries to those who are different from us—such things are accompanied by lightning, thunder, and rain. Hey, folks! Someone take hold! Study the needs of your church and community. Structure your programs, activities, and ministries to meet those needs. With change, most of our churches could begin growing again!

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

Inerrant Interpreters

Inerrant Bible or inerrant interpreters? I realize another letter will not solve our controversy. But I want to offer another point of view.

The Bible is God's Word. He doesn't need my help to defend it. I only need to preach it. The Bibles being published by Holman, Nelson, and Zondervan and other major publishers of any good translation have had nothing deleted or added. The Bible is not the problem.

The interpreters are the problem. There is the fundamentalist inerrantist. There is the liberal inerrantist. The fundamentalist inerrantist supports a view that our current English translations of the Bible have no errors in them. The liberal inerrantist is absolutely sure the current English translations are full of errors, and they know exactly where they are. Each is adamantly entrenched in his own position.

The majority of Southern Baptists do not support either view. We recognize the inspiration and authority of the Bible as

God's Word. We wrestle honestly with passages that are difficult to interpret. Nevertheless, we stand in our pulpits Sunday after Sunday and confidently proclaim the gospel of salvation from God's Word.

I, for one, wish the inerrant interpreters, fundamental and liberal, would take their inerrant interpretations somewhere else. Then maybe the real SBC could get on with the Master's business.—Sidney G. Carswell, Little Rock

Hypocritical

In my opinion, Lawson Hatfield's humble piety is equalled only by his hypocritical politicizing. First he tells us to vote for Richard Jackson, then he tells us we are not "political puppets." Of course, Lawson has always been known for his humor! His attempted castigation of conservatives reminds me of a feisty dog barking at a freight train! I would like to ask Lawson what kind of ego is required for a man to run four times in 10 years for

Woman's Viewpoint

Shhh—Quiet—Listen

DIANA LEWIS

I have a friend who described to me an experience she had with the Lord during a prayer one day. She was naming her requests to the Lord in the hurry of her everyday life. She came to an abrupt halt in her prayer as she felt the Lord almost out loud saying, "Shhh—be quiet—listen." She told me how that made her realize that there needs to be time in our prayers, our lives, for God to speak back to us. And how can we hear what he has to say? I believe we sometimes, somewhere, need to find a place, a moment of quietness.

Many of us have experienced this quietness when he spoke to us at church retreats, church camps, etc. But what about in the busyness of our nor-



mal everyday lives? Perhaps it can be in our car on the way to work, or as we rock a child to sleep for his nap. Maybe for you it can be at the end of a busy day as you step outside to look at your flowers blooming or at the stars in the heavens.

History tells us that Susannah Wesley, mother of great preachers Charles and John and 17 other children, somehow found time each day to seek out her "quietness" with God. Now, those of us with children know her home

most likely was not physically quiet during this time with this many children around. But, we can still find that way to focus and listen to God, even in a noisy world.

Zephaniah 3:17 says, "The Lord your God... will exult over you with joy, he will be quiet in his love" (NASB). My Bible states that some ancient versions translate that later part as, "He will renew you in love." Whichever way it is translated, isn't this what he wants for us? He wants us to be renewed, to be quieted by his love.

Shhh—quiet—listen. He has something to say to you.

Diana Lewis works part-time at the Arkansas Baptist Youth Services Center at Alexander and is an active member of the Congo Road Mission in Benton.

Southern Baptist Convention presidency? What motivates Richard Jackson? Is it an humble desire to serve?

Hatfield identifies himself with the "moderate conservatives" (generic term for "Southern Baptist Convention Liberal"). Arkansas Baptists should not be naive nor willfully ignorant regarding the theology of this group. They do not believe the Bible is without error. They do not believe Adam and Eve were real historical people created by God. They want to ordain women as preachers and deacons. These "moderates" think you and I are wrong to be upset with professors like Fisher Humphreys who sees no necessity for a penal aspect in Christ's atonement, or Glenn Hinson who teaches that Christ made a mistake in certain prophetic statements, or Temp Sparkman and Molly Marshall-Green who believe in universalism, or Paul Simmons who is pro-abortion, or Roy Honeycutt who calls certain Old Testament miracles "saga and legend," or Randall Lolley who wants to send "tongues speaking" missionaries to the home mission field.

Make no mistake about it, Southern Baptists are not in a struggle for power, but for the integrity of the gospel itself!

I for one am grateful to God for the theological renewal that is taking place in the Southern Baptist Convention. I pray that it shall continue till Jesus comes.—**David Miller, Heber Springs**

Regarding Inerrancy

To say the issue regarding inerrancy of Scripture began among Southern Baptists in 1979 is a misnomer. It has been a critical theological issue for years. While a student at Ouachita in 1960, I heard professor of religion Dr. George Blackmon predict our convention would eventually split over the issue of inerrancy of Scripture. In 1963 conservatives sought to address the issue with the dismissal of Dr. Elliot from Midwestern Seminary; in 1968 with the rejection of the Broadman Commentary on Genesis. 1979 was when conservatives got a handle on how to address the issue by electing a president.

This wasn't the year politics were introduced to Southern Baptists. A look over the appointments of trustees to institutions and agencies for the past 30 years is quite revealing. A half dozen pastors and laymen from their churches have dominated representation from Arkansas. It is more than coincidence that they are identified with the moderate-conservatives. Rev. Daley, former editor of the Kentucky Baptist *Western Recorder*, publicly acknowledged the moderate-conservatives' control of the presidential election for

years. I'm thankful for the messages I heard at last year's convention; for the election of Dr. Drummond as president of Southeastern Seminary; for the election of Dr. Lewis as president of the Home Mission Board. I do not believe men of their convictions would have been considered for these positions had it not been for the appointment of committed conservatives to boards of trustees. I'm going to this year's convention in support of the trend of electing conservative presidents. I go with the prayer that we, as Southern Baptists, will conduct ourselves in a way that reflects our love for the Lord, his Word, and one another as well, even in the midst of disagreement.—**Jim McDaniel, Brinkley**

Truth In Crisis

I am writing in regard to the actions of our Baptist Public Affairs Committee this past year. Many have questioned their desire to separate from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. I believe the key to understanding their actions is to look at the background of the appointed members of the committee. The chairman is Republican judge and a former U.S. attorney under the Republican Justice Department. Other members include a former Republican congressman, a staff member for the Republican governor of Texas, and a staff member of a New Right political organization. I do not know all the appointed members, but all I know about are active in or dependent on Republican or New Right political organizations for their careers.

At first I felt it was unfair to ask them to serve on this committee because the nature of the committee would make it necessary from time to time to fight against things their political organization might support. I should not have worried. Their attempts to endorse political positions and appointees in the name of the committee always follows exactly the desires of their political constituency, even when these positions are far removed from those of mainstream Southern Baptists.

I believe this shows more clearly than we have seen before that we conservatives have been misled. The Pressler-Patterson coalition that currently controls appointments in our convention is not now, nor was it ever, a conservative theological organization, but has always been a political organization. Until we get back to appointing people because of their conservative Bible-based theological beliefs instead of their political beliefs we will see this process repeated over and over. It seems that truth is in crisis in our convention now more than ever before.—**Ron West, Booneville**

DANIEL R. GRANT

One Layman's Opinion



What We Do

All my life I have heard it said that the secret of successful living is wrapped up

in the way we look at things. The world is full of stories describing how different things can be, depending on the attitude or perspective of the person. A stone mason may either be bored to death chipping big stones into little stones, or may be exhilarated with the excitement of building a great cathedral.

I have been thinking about the kinds of satisfaction that come from the different kinds of employment I have had. One of the outstanding privileges in my "pre-Ouachita" years was the design of a new form of government for Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee. Some 10 years of labor went into its final adoption in 1962. Last fall I had the personal joy of returning to Nashville to speak at a 25th anniversary celebration of Nashville's unique Metro government. I cannot deny the occasion was very satisfying.

In recent weeks I have given even more thought to the 18 years devoted to Ouachita Baptist University. Admittedly, there is some sense of relief at the thought of not having to carry certain loads that "come with the territory" of the President's Office. There have been times when those loads seemed almost oppressively burdensome. I can report that the exhilarating mountain-peak times far exceed the shadowy valley times. Who would have dreamed in 1969 that resources would have been made available to build so many new buildings for Ouachita, to endow so many chairs of instruction or to establish so many new scholarships? How could I have anticipated the joy of hearing young people testify that Ouachita caused remarkable life-changing experiences?

Being involved in an unusual effort to strengthen a local government has brought a lot of personal satisfaction. But being involved in strengthening Ouachita ranks far above the other, in my opinion. There is something about helping to shape the lives of young people for generations to come that makes it well worth hammering on stones and lifting them in place.

Daniel R. Grant is president of Ouachita Baptist University.

LOCAL & STATE

Arkansas All Over

MILLIE GILL

People

William Robert Maxon joined the staff of First Church, White Hall, June 8 as minister of music and youth. He is a May 1988 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and also is a graduate of Southwest Baptist University. Maxon is married to the former Dawn A. Stroup. They have one son, Devin, two.

Keyry G. Powell will begin serving June 26 as pastor of First Church, McGehee, going there from Little Rock where he has been serving as associate pastor of First Church since January 1987.

Robert O. Pruett began serving June 6 as pastor of education at University Church in Fayetteville, going there from Park Hill Church in North Little Rock where he had served as minister of education since 1979.

Patricia Masters has accepted a call to join the staff of Freeman Heights Church in Berryville as minister of youth and education. She will be on the field in July following her graduation from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Karen Gross of Hope, **Kay Kincl** of Magnolia, and **Tina Newberry** of Pochontas were recently in Birmingham, Ala., where they participated in a writers' conference at Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.

Keith Smith has resigned as pastor of Piney Grove Church, Lewisville, to enroll in New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Fulton Amonette has been called to serve as pastor of Shiloh Memorial Church, Texarkana. He and his wife, Glenda, and their two daughters, Jamie, and Nichole, will move there from McKinney, Texas.

Harley Petty is serving First Church, DeWitt, as summer youth minister. He is a junior at Arkansas State University.

Rob Wright is serving First Church, Camden, as interim minister of music. A native of Little Rock, he currently is teaching choral music in the Norphlet School System.

Harold Jones is serving Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, as minister of music. Jones, who has been a professor of voice at Ouachita Baptist University since 1979,



Maxon



Powell



Pruett



Masters

will begin serving as chairman of the music department at Henderson State University this fall.

Mark R. Miller has resigned from the staff of Markham Street Church in Little Rock to join the staff of First Church, McAllen, Texas, as minister of education.

Stephen L. Edds has accepted a call to join the staff of First Church, Sheridan, as associate pastor of music and youth. A native of Van Buren, he will come to Sheridan from Bridgeport, Texas. Edds and his wife, the former Denise Duren of Pine Bluff, are both graduates of Ouachita Baptist University and North Texas State University, Denton.

R. Keith Smith, former pastor of Piney Grove Church, Lewisville, will be moving to the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary June 23. He is a 1987 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University. Smith and his wife, Renae, have one son, Matthew, 12.

David Forehand of North Little Rock is serving Olivet Church, Little Rock, as summer youth director.

Bob Bickford, **Randy Miller**, and **Mike McDaniel**, students at Southwest Baptist University and **Mark Hamm**, a student at Liberty Baptist University, are serving Springdale First Church as summer youth interns.



First Church, Pine Bluff, recently held its third annual Sunday School banquet, recognizing (left to right) Bill Steed, Dot Turpin, Joreen McGehee, Grace Barr, and Helen Hyatt and (not pictured) Bill Atkinson for their outstanding efforts in outreach and Bible study. Willa Ruth Garlow, Sunday School specialist from Oklahoma City, was speaker.

Briefly

Texarkana Calvary Church mission team will be in New Salem, N.D., Aug. 5-12 to assist the Word of Life Church with inside construction work, painting, and various finishing work.

Grand Avenue Church in Fort Smith had Lewis A. Drummond, newly elected president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, as its speaker May 22. He spoke to the congregation on "Spiritual Awakening." Pastor James Bryant serves as a member of the board of trustees at Southeastern Seminary.

Tyronza First Church observed Senior Adult Day May 29 with a fellowship celebration that featured Wilbur Herring, pastor emeritus of Central Church, Jonesboro, as speaker.

Sherwood First Church began preparation for a deaf ministry May 29 when Randy Cash, language missions director of Arkansas Baptist State Convention, led a deaf

awareness study. Preparation will continue when Diane Hill begins teaching weekly sign language classes in July. Men of the church, led by Bratton Rhoades, were in Monticello June 4 where they constructed dorm room partitions at the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children.

Clear Creek Association recently conducted a New Work Probe from Van Buren to Clarksville under the leadership of J.R. Wascomb of the Home Mission Board. George Domerese, director of missions, reported the probe resulted in the identification of five places where a new congregation is needed and five other places were discovered that need some type of ministry. Mike Taylor serves as associational mission's development director.

Harlan Park Church in Conway hosted the Blackwood Brothers in concert June 5.

Lakeside Church in Hot Springs will ordain John Jenkins and Mark Park, and will recognize Paul Barnard and Lynn Headley, to the deacon ministry June 19.

Rogers Lakeside Church held a noon luncheon June 5 to recognize Pastor Bob Burk's 10 years of service.

Pews—Approximately 1,000 lineal feet, various lengths, 15 years old. Buyer must remove. \$3.00 a foot. Contact Jim Seifert, Mary Mother of the Church, St. Louis, MO. 314-894-1373. 6/16

Pews—12-15 foot oak pews. \$100 each. Call Jeff Cheatham, 501-967-1792 or 967-6567. 6/16

Teachers—Wanted: high school teachers. Asuncion Christian Academy in Paraguay (South America) needs church-active, missions-minded, born-again, certified mathematics, science, English, and social science teachers by July 15. Also boys athletic coach / p.e. teacher combined with one of foregoing. Write immediately: Director, Asuncion Academy, American Embassy, APO Miami 34036 6/16

Book—"The Olive Tree: God's Heart for the Middle East" by Lela Tisdale. A timely book packed with hopeful biblical information. It has practical suggestions for all. Ask your bookstore or call 1-501-636-9616. 6/16

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Youth musicians from across the state met at Olivet Church, Little Rock, for the 1988 State Music Tournament/Ensemble Jubilee. First place recipients were: Handbell solo, Nancy Tromater, Hope First Church; Piano and piano proficiency in sight reading and accompanying, Toni Clayton, Paragould East Side Church; Piano, Lee Crouse, Magnolia Central Church; Instrumental solo, David Waddle and Amy Young, Nashville First Church; Instrumental ensemble, Camden Cullendale First Church; Vocal solo, Karmyn Sue Tyler, Texarkana Hickory Street Church, and Eric Dale, Nashville First Church; Ensembles: East Side Duet, Paragould East Side Church duet; Girls Ensemble, El Dorado First Church; Living Free, Texarkana Beech Street Church; Kappa Congregation (pictured), El Dorado First Church; and Calvary Baptist Ensemble, Hope Calvary Church. In 1989, youth choirs will be added to the event, which will be called "State Youth Music Festival."

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Early Orientation

ARKADELPHIA—Ouachita Baptist University will conduct three Early Academic Orientation sessions this summer, giving incoming freshmen and transfer students an opportunity to arrange a schedule of classes prior to the start of the fall semester in late August.

The sessions are set for June 17, July 15, and Aug. 6. Each session will be limited to the first 100 registrants, and a \$5 registration fee will apply. A residual ACT test will be administered on the day prior to each session for persons who have not yet taken the exam.

For more information on the Early Academic Orientation schedule and forms for registration and ACT testing, contact Mike Arrington, P.O. Box 3755, Arkadelphia, AR 71923, or call 1-501-246-4531, ext. 196.

Senior Adults Recognized

Howard Lavender and Bert Thomas were selected to receive the first annual awards to the Senior Adult Man and Woman of the Year when Immanuel Church in Little Rock observed Senior Adult Day May 30.

Lavender is a deacon, director of Adult VII Sunday School Department, church treasurer, a volunteer in the church's family recreation center, and active in senior adult activities.

Thomas is an active choir member, accompanist for special music, active in senior adult activities, active in volunteer service in community agencies, and serves on the church's food service committee.

Applications Up

ARKADELPHIA—New student applications at Ouachita Baptist University are at the highest level in seven years, according to Randy Garner, OBU director of admissions counseling.

Between Sept. 1, 1987, and May 31, 1988, a total of 520 new student applications were received, according to Garner. This represents a 2.2 percent increase over the previous year's total of 509. Applications for the fall semester were up 2 percent over the previous year, the greatest number in five years.

Garner pointed to increased recruitment activity as the cause of the increase. Admissions counselors, Ouachita Student Foundation members, and OBU alumni and friends all contributed to the increase, he said.

Moving To Texas

Cleo Collins has been employed as the supervisor of Barnard Hall and coordinator of missionary housing and guest rooms by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas to begin August 1.

Mrs. Collins is the widow of L.L. Collins former associate executive secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Dr. Collins was registrar at Southwestern prior to serving with the Arkansas Convention.

As coordinator of missionary housing and guest rooms, Mrs. Collins will schedule the renting of 12 homes for furloughing foreign missionaries. She will supervise personnel who will clean the houses and

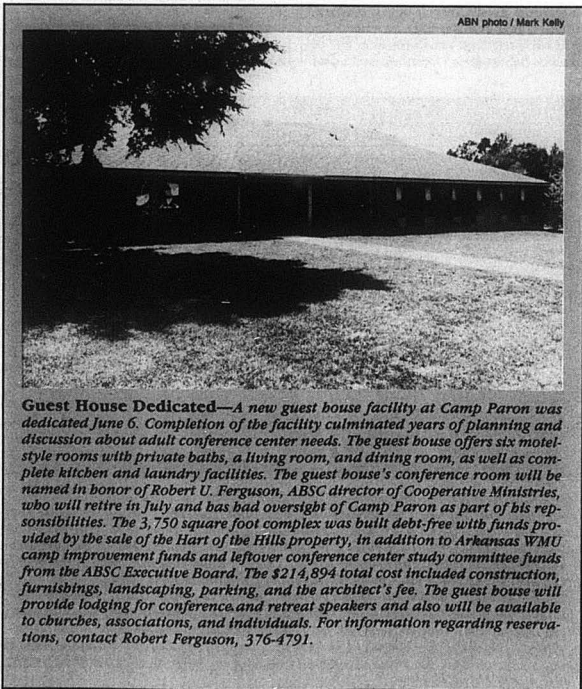
keep total furnishings in order.

Mrs. Collins will also schedule the use of the guest rooms in Barnard Hall (the women's dormitory) and Ft. Worth Hall (the men's dormitory) as well as supervise the cleaning crews.

In Barnard Hall she will have the responsibility for room assignments, rental control, disciplinary problems and counseling.

Mrs. Collins feels positively about the years she and Dr. Collins spent in Arkansas. She said, "I want to express gratitude for giving us the pleasure of our serving our Lord and you for these past few years. Thank you for your prayers and support both before L.L.'s death and certainly for me since that time. As I move to Ft. Worth, I take great memories of friends and time spent in Arkansas."

Mrs. Collins previous work experience includes sales, a buyer, personnel and auditing.



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Guest House Dedicated—A new guest house facility at Camp Paron was dedicated June 6. Completion of the facility culminated years of planning and discussion about adult conference center needs. The guest house offers six motel-style rooms with private baths, a living room, and dining room, as well as complete kitchen and laundry facilities. The guest house's conference room will be named in honor of Robert U. Ferguson, ABSC director of Cooperative Ministries, who will retire in July and has had oversight of Camp Paron as part of his responsibilities. The 3,750 square foot complex was built debt-free with funds provided by the sale of the Hart of the Hills property, in addition to Arkansas WMU camp improvement funds and leftover conference center study committee funds from the ABSC Executive Board. The \$214,894 total cost included construction, furnishings, landscaping, parking, and the architect's fee. The guest house will provide lodging for conference and retreat speakers and also will be available to churches, associations, and individuals. For information regarding reservations, contact Robert Ferguson, 376-4791.

Crusade Promised

Billy Graham Commits To Arkansas Crusade

by J. Everett Sneed

Editor, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

A breakfast was hosted by Jimmy Karam, of J. Karam Men's Stores, on June 2 in which Sterling W. Houston, director of Billy Graham Crusades for North America, indicated that Billy Graham will come to Little Rock.

Dr. Houston observed that it was likely Dr. Graham would come to Little Rock within the next two years. He said, "The setting of the date, of course, will involve a great deal of prayer on Mr. Graham's part, who will make the final decision."

Houston will talk with Graham about determining a definite time later this summer when he returns to the United States. Houston explained that Graham always comes to an area at the invitation of churches.

Once a definite date is set, the process includes the selection of a permanent committee of approximately 35. It must include the broadest representation of denominational and ethnical life. The committee

must also be geographically balanced and will include both men and women, clergy and laity.

Houston indicated that Graham was impressed by the invitation, which consisted of sixteen denominational groups and more than 15,000 letters and signatures. He said, "This is one of the strongest invitations ever received by Mr. Graham."

Houston said that invitations accompanied by large numbers of letters are important since they give an objective form to the interest, the commitment and concern of people in an area. The wide diversity of these letters indicates the desire of the people of Arkansas for Graham to come.

Houston indicated that the basis of Graham's crusades were not to call for "decisions" but that he came in the "context of making disciples."

There are two objectives for Graham's crusades. First, "to evangelize." This is not the large meetings which take place each evening but person to person life style

evangelism. Houston indicated that 80 percent of the individuals who come forward during a crusade have been brought by Christian people. Hence, committed Christians play an integral part in the Billy Graham Crusades.

The second purpose of the Graham crusades is to strengthen local churches. Houston said, "If churches are not stronger when we leave, we believe that we have not succeeded. But when Christians bring and witness to individuals who need to make decisions the church is strengthened."

There are a number of by-products to a Billy Graham crusade. First, they strengthen the community by developing trust among various ethnic groups and the various denominations. Second, the community sees love applied by Christians.

Houston emphasized that the most important resource for any revival is prayer. Without the prayers of Christian people, true revival could not take place.

Jimmy Karam feels positively about his efforts in securing Billy Graham. He said, "I have felt from the beginning that Billy Graham would come. Billy listens to the Lord and the Holy Spirit. We know because of the letters, the prayers and the encouragement that he has received, he will come to Arkansas."



A tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant

In recognition of the achievements of Dr. Daniel R. Grant on the eve of his retirement as president of Ouachita Baptist University, we want to provide Arkansas Baptists with the opportunity to join us in honoring Dr. and Mrs. Grant in two very special ways.

On August 11, you are invited to be with us for a dinner in their honor at OBU. The cost is \$25 per person, with all proceeds going to the Daniel R. Grant Fund. For information on how you can further honor the Grants, please send inquiries to the address below.

Because seating for the dinner will be limited, we suggest that you make your reservations early. Please complete the reservation form below and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

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Leadership Profile for ABSC Nominating Committee

Members of the Nominating Committee for the 1988 Arkansas Baptist State Convention want Arkansas Baptists to submit names of persons for that committee to consider when they bring the convention nominations for state committees and boards.

This recommendation will not insure nomination, but the committee will consider each recommendation. The commit-

tee will not contact any person recommended until they approve the nominations.

The Nominating Committee will hold its first meeting Aug. 16 and needs all recommendations no later than July 15.

Members of the committee: Jerre Hassell, chairman; Ed Snider; Ernest Howell; James Wilson; James Shults; Harold Elmore; Ben Rowell; Bill Bowen; and Jack Bledsoe.

July 15 is the deadline for recommendations

Nominee _____ Layperson () Minister () Age _____ Occupation _____

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Past leadership experience (within last five years)

State or SBC Boards _____

Association _____

Local Church _____

Personal

This person's greatest contribution, based on his or her past record, knowledge, and experience, should be in the area of _____

Is this person currently active in a local church? _____

Is this person able to be away from family and work for at least one or two days three times a year? _____

Give the name and phone number of at least one person who knows of the nominee's involvement in Baptist life beside his or her pastor or director of missions. _____

On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rank this person's understanding of and commitment to the way Southern Baptists work together? (Circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Check the board, committee or commission on which you believe this person could best serve.

Boards of trustees

- Executive Board
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- World Hunger Committee
- Convention Program Committee

Mail this sheet to:
Rev. Jerre Hassell
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Stuttgart, AR 72760

Signed _____
(Name of person making this recommendation)

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Telephone _____

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Pat Smith (left), Immanuel Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark., talks with Jan Brittain, Spearsville, La., while they wait for a worship service to begin.

'Do Something for God'

NASHVILLE (BP)—A challenge to "wrap yourself in Jesus," forgive people and go out and do something great for God was sounded in the Sunday morning session of Single Challenge '88 by Dan Yeary, pastor of University Baptist Church in Coral Gables, Fla.

"Christianity is not a religion; it is a movement of the Spirit of God. When people are committed to him, they will do more than attend meetings about him. They will do something for him," said Yeary, who in 1972 became the second full-time minister to single adults in a Southern Baptist church when he joined the staff of South Main Baptist Church in Houston.

More than 150 singles made public commitments for Christ at the end of the service in the Nashville Convention Center. Registration for the Memorial Day weekend conference reached 6,550 in what is believed to be the largest single adult conference sponsored by Southern Baptists.

The conference, which drew participants from more than 600 churches in 36 states, was sponsored by the family ministry department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The three-day conference included a variety of seminars, multiple-choice options for entertainment and an afternoon of witnessing and ministry activities. The exhibit hall included booths sponsored by Southern Baptist agencies.

Booths staffed by personnel from the Home and Foreign mission boards gave singles a place to inquire about the

possibility of long- and short-term missions work.

Mark Sly of the Home Mission Board said 300 people asked about volunteer missions opportunities, with 50 attending a seminar where details were shared regarding starting a missions work and what to expect when beginning a stint on a home missions volunteer assignment.

A primary benefit of the inquiries by singles would be the sharing of information in home churches to inform church members that lay people can fill missions needs, he said.

Urging a spirit of reconciliation, Yeary acknowledged some conferees may have experienced deep hurt and pain from former spouses.

However, he said: "If you're going to do something great for God, you've got to forgive those who have hurt you, who have caused you pain. The spirit of reconciliation says, 'I will not memorialize my past.'"

Earlier, motivational speaker Mamie McCullough from Carrollton, Texas, told of being left to raise three children after the death of her husband nine years ago.

"I know how you feel as single parents," she said. "I would encourage you to dream the big dream. A lot of times we don't say, 'Lord, help us.' A lot of times we don't use what we have.

"The single life is exciting to me, but I wouldn't be excited about life if I wasn't a Christian. I can be what I want to be and so can you."

Gambling Advertising

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill that would allow broadcast and mail advertising of private gambling operations.

Current federal law allows only government-run gambling operations, such as state lotteries, to advertise on radio and television and through the mail. Private enterprises, such as church-sponsored bingo games, may not advertise.

The legislation, known as the Lottery Advertising Clarification Act, includes a provision that would give states 18 months to enact their own restrictions against such advertising.

The SBC Christian Life Commission, which has opposed the bill since it was introduced almost two years ago, mounted a lobbying effort to defeat its passage.

In a letter to each House member, CLC Executive Director N. Larry Baker and General Counsel Larry Braidfoot said the bill would do more to change than to clarify current law by expanding the advertising issue far beyond state-operated lotteries to include other forms of gambling.

The letter continued: "Federal legislation for almost a century has maintained neutrality by assigning the issue of gambling to the states. Advertising has been a part of that regulation. By removing the existing prohibitions against interstate advertising, the federal support for effective state regulation is removed. The burden is shifted to require state legislation to prevent advertising which is inconsistent with public policy in that particular state."



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CP Tops Inflation

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' combined ministry budget, has topped the U.S. inflation rate for the second time this fiscal year.

May receipts for the convention-wide program were \$11,953,812, announced Harold C. Bennett of the SBC Baptist Executive Committee.

That amount represents an increase of about \$1.8 million over May 1987, for a monthly gain of 17.31 percent, he said.

The Cooperative Program's year-to-date total at the end of eight months of the current fiscal year is \$89,997,158, he noted. That is an increase of more than \$3.7 million, or 4.33 percent, over the same period last year. The current U.S. inflation rate is 3.9 percent.

A year-to-date study of the Cooperative Program May 20 indicated the budget was up only 1.72 percent over the previous year. Compared to inflation, that slight increase actually reflected a downward trend.

"If we continued (at that rate), we would be facing difficult budget times, and the programs of mission work would suffer," Bennett explained. The Cooperative Program must maintain its current growth rate if Southern Baptists are to finance their combined basic operating budget.

Reports Available

Copies of the report of the Southern Baptist Peace Committee are now available in pamphlet form through the Baptist Baptist Sunday School Board.

The report, presented to the 1987 SBC annual meeting in St. Louis, was published in response to a request from messengers at St. Louis.

Copies of the pamphlet are available at Baptist Book Stores at 10 cents per copy. Orders also may be placed through the Sunday School Board's Customer Service Center by calling 1-800-458-BSSB.

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Search Committee Named

Arkansas Will Chair CLC Search Committee

NASHVILLE (BP)—A search committee to seek a new executive director for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission was named during a closed-door, called meeting of the CLC executive committee June 3.

The committee also accepted the resignation of executive N. Larry Baker, effective June 10, and named CLC staff member Robert Parham as interim executive director, effective June 11.

In a news conference following the three-hour executive session, CLC Chairman Fred Lackey said the search committee, on which he will serve as an ex-officio member, is composed of members of the executive committee, plus two more members.

Joe Atchison, director of missions of Benton Baptist Association in Rogers, Ark., and vice chairman of the CLC, will be chairman of the search committee. Other executive committee members to serve are Rudy Yakym, a stockbroker from South Bend, Ind., and secretary-treasurer of the CLC; Richard G. Elkins, a land developer from Albuquerque, N.M.; Larry Noia, a private school administrator from Fountain Valley, Calif.; and C. Nolan Phillips, pastor of University Baptist Church of Mid-

dletown, Ohio.

Other members are Alma Ruth Morgan, a homemaker from Bartlesville, Okla., and Hal Lane, pastor of Eutawville (S.C.) Baptist Church.

Lackey said he could not say whether the committee would be ready with a recommendation at the time the CLC meets in September. "It is my desire to get the right person as soon as possible, but not to be too hasty," he said.

Harwell Accepts

ATLANTA (BP)—Jack U. Harwell, former editor of the *Christian Index*, has accepted the editorship of *SBC Today*.

Harwell will succeed Walker L. Knight, founder and editor of the independent, autonomous newspaper affiliated with Southern Baptist Convention "moderates-conservatives." Knight will continue as publisher of the monthly newspaper until February 1989, when he will retire and work for the newspaper part time.

Harwell was editor of the *Christian Index*, weekly newsjournal of the Georgia Baptist Convention, for 21 years, following nine years as associate editor.

Chairman, Division of Education Wayland Baptist University

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Requirements: Earned doctorate required, and person must also either hold Texas certification or be certifiable under state guidelines. Expertise in social and psychological foundations of education, curriculum and instruction, or mathematics and science education also desirable. The successful candidate will also be sympathetic to the ideals and mission of a Southern Baptist university.

The Institution: Wayland Baptist University is a multi-purpose institution offering degrees on the associate, baccalaureate and master's levels. The main campus is in Plainview, Texas, a city of approximately 25,000 people located between Lubbock and Amarillo. The university also operates several off-campus centers, and total enrollment is approximately 2,000.

Salary: Commensurate with education, experience and potential; competitive with similar positions nationwide. A very attractive benefit package is also included.

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Dr. Estelle Owens, Education Search Committee Chairman
Wayland Baptist University
1900 W. 7th, Plainview, TX 79072.

Addressing Abortion

HMB will Promote Crisis Pregnancy Centers

by Mark Wingfield
SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will encourage churches to address abortion as "the No. 1 social and moral issue of our day" by starting crisis pregnancy centers, HMB President Larry Lewis said.

Board directors in February elected Sylvia Boothe, a former foreign missionary, as the agency's first coordinator for abortion alternatives. For the past two years, Boothe directed a crisis pregnancy center in Oklahoma City, the first such center begun by a state Baptist convention.

The board's ministry will provide resources for churches, associations and state conventions to begin crisis pregnancy centers, Lewis said. The board will not operate any centers itself.

A crisis pregnancy center is a pregnancy testing and counseling ministry conducted in a neutral, non-threatening environment, Boothe said. A center's purpose is to promote positive solutions to unwanted

pregnancies.

If a woman is pregnant, the counselor will discuss options with her. Those who feel they cannot stay at home during their pregnancies are placed under the care of Christian families in "shepherding" homes. Women unable to pay for medical expenses are referred to Christian doctors who donate their services. Those who feel they cannot raise a child are referred to a Baptist children's home or other adoption agency. And women determined to seek abortions may be referred to other women in the community who have had abortions and now regret it.

If a woman is not pregnant, the counselor will discuss chastity. Boothe said she encourages women to realize they can choose what they will do with their bodies.

Regardless of a woman's decision, counselors attempt to keep the door open for future ministry, Boothe said, noting, "If she decides to have an abortion, we hope to have ministered to her in such a way that

she will feel free to come back."

Because a crisis pregnancy center ministers to the total person, many who visit the center eventually profess faith in Jesus Christ.

Currently, Southern Baptists operate less than 50 crisis pregnancy centers, she said. She would like to see at least one center in every city in America.

These centers are essential to inform women about their choices when faced with an unwanted pregnancy, she said: "We now have a whole generation of young people who have never known a time when abortion was illegal. If the government says it's OK, they think it must be OK."

Unfortunately, members of Baptist churches are among the most ill-informed, Boothe said. The social stigma of pregnancy out of wedlock combined with a lack of teaching about sex in the church leads many Christians to make poor decisions.

"Parents are often our greatest enemy, especially Christian parents," she said. "Most abortions are performed in panic." Boothe encourages Christians not to panic on either side of the abortion issue. Christians ready to stand against abortion should consider what is the proper Christian response. She has found that to be ministering in a helpful way rather than destructive actions such as picketing abortion clinics.

"We are not militant," she said. "We are people who love and care and are convinced we can do something positive."

A good crisis pregnancy center staffed by volunteers will require a minimum investment of \$30,000 per year, she said. Churches who try to get by too cheaply will lose both credibility and ministry because the center must be in a neutral location with a pleasant environment.

"In the world's terms, it's not cost-effective," Boothe said. "But in kingdom terms, it is."

New WMU Address

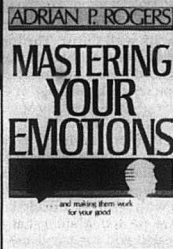
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—The U.S. Postal Service has assigned new addresses to the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, effective immediately.

Mail addressed to the national WMU should now be sent to P.O. Box 830010, Birmingham, Ala. 35283-0010.

All deliveries should use the new shipping address Highway 280 East, 100 Missionary Ridge, Birmingham, Ala. 35242-5235.

New Hope, a publishing arm of WMU, has also been given a new address. It is P.O. Box 12065, Birmingham, Ala. 35202-2065.

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Responding to God's Call

by Randel Everett, First Church, Benton

Basic passage: Exodus 3:1-12

Focal passage: Exodus 3:1-12

Central truth: When God calls us to a task, he will equip us.

The Israelites had experienced nothing but bondage. They, nor their fathers, or grandfathers had known anything except unfulfilled servility. Daily they would make and lay bricks as monuments for another people.

At times, possibly at night, they would pass along the oral tradition of God. They would remember the covenant God made with Abraham and probably relived with vicarious esteem the stories of Joseph's victories. But that was over 400 years earlier.

The Hebrews may have sung songs of emancipation as they continued in the drudgery of meaningless labor. Everytime they felt the sting of the taskmaster's rod, they cried out for God's deliverance.

Then in the fullness of time, on the backside of the wilderness in the Sinai Peninsula, God intervened.

For 40 years Moses had tended the sheep of his father-in-law. The splendor of Pharaoh's court was in the distant past.

But now God was calling out to Moses from the midst of a burning bush. Calling him to worship. Calling him to a task to deliver the children of Israel.

But Moses was a shepherd. "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh . . . ?" "Certainly I will be with you," said the Lord. By the grace and power of God, the 80-year-old shepherd was to have a special place in the redemptive work of God.

You and I have a special place in the work of the kingdom. From the life of Moses we understand some important lessons about God's calling.

First, the Lord must get our attention. Moses turned aside to see the marvelous sight of a bush burning without being consumed. Whether God speaks to us through adversity, solitude, or doors of opportunity, we must turn aside to worship God who directs our path. We must also recognize God's claim on our life. He is God, and he has every right to call on us for any assignment that he chooses.

Finally, we must depend on the Lord to empower us for his task. Through God's power and our availability, he will accomplish his purpose.

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Life and Work

Accepting Each Other

by Ross Woodbury, Lakeshore Drive Church, Little Rock

Basic passage: Romans 14:1-3, 19-21; 15:1-7

Focal passage: Romans 14:1, 19; 15:1-2, 7

Central truth: When disputable matters arise, Christians having differing views should demonstrate acceptance and concern for the edification of their brother.

Scripture has never claimed for its purpose the moment by moment instruction of believers in all possible decisions of moral practice. Thus, there are "disputable matters"—areas of practical living in which equally committed Christians may disagree.

One of the "disputable matters" in the Roman church was dietary restrictions. Many Christians from Jewish backgrounds were reluctant to abandon their Old Testament concepts of unclean food and to eat meat that had been offered to pagan idols before being sold in the market. Some Christians from Gentile backgrounds also may have promoted vegetarianism because of hold-over pagan religious beliefs that flesh was evil.

Paul urges those with relative freedom from legalistic restrictions to accept such "weak" believers, without "looking down" on them. Neither are the legalists to self-righteously judge those not abiding by their restrictions. There is no room in the church for the game of "we're the true spiritual ones."

In verse 19 the apostle instructs the "strong" to temper their freedom with the concern for peace and "mutual edification." Each party can be strengthened by being sensitive and accepting of the other. Freedom in Christ is real, but love for brethren and concern for their spiritual growth is a far greater concern.

Therefore, preserving a "spirit of unity" will depend upon the initiative of the strong, the party with whom Paul identifies personally. The word in the original language translated "bear" in 15:1, like the word translated "accept" in 14:1, carries the connotation of loving patience rather than paternalistic tolerance.

Neither party is instructed to discard or unnecessarily hide their convictions, but both are to seek to imitate the example of Christ in concern for pleasing and strengthening his neighbor.

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Bible Book

A Deeper Commitment

by Rich L. Kincl, Central Church, Magnolia

Basic passage: Matthew 13:1-52

Focal passage: Matthew 13:10-12, 18-23, 45-50

Central truth: The parables Jesus taught clearly challenge us to a deeper level of commitment.

Jesus often taught by parables. The old and simple definition of a parable is "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning;" some familiar thing of earth is placed alongside of some mysterious thing of heaven, that our understanding of the one may help us to understand the other.

Only those who have received Jesus by faith can understand him and profit from his teaching and lordship. To the lost man, his teaching by parable is little more than meaningless riddles.

When Jesus finished explaining his parables to the disciples he asked, "Have you understood these things?" They answered, "Yes" (v. 51). The disciples believed, so their eyes and ears were opened to spiritual truth (v. 16-17).

We must realize that each of us is either progressing or regressing in our relationship with the Lord. We can not remain static in our walk with Christ. The longer a person knows and is faithful to Christ, the more the Lord reveals of himself. The longer a person rejects knowledge of God, whether much or little, the less of God's truth he will understand.

Just as the Lord desired to give understanding to his disciples, he desires to give understanding to believers today. The real test is to examine ourselves. What are we doing with what we already know to be true? Are we acting upon that part of God's revealed will for our lives?

If we are not willing to follow God's will in those areas of our lives in which he had already revealed it, how can we expect further divine revelation in those yet undisclosed areas?

Realizing God's kingdom here on this earth takes place when we are in the center of his will ("They will be done on earth as it is in heaven")—perfectly, obediently. Kingdom living occurs as true believers produce spiritual fruit. How long has it been since your life influenced another for Christ? How long has it been since you personally led someone to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ?

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Permit Granted

JERUSALEM (BP)—Narkis Street Baptist Church in Jerusalem has received permission to rebuild after five and one-half years of negotiations with Israeli authorities.

"The Lord answered our prayers," said John Anthony, a Southern Baptist representative who has worked with the international English-language church since 1974. "We finally received, in hand, a stamped and approved building permit."

The congregation, which lost its building in an arson-suspected fire in October 1982, spent \$90,000 for various fees while seeking the permit, Anthony said in a telephone interview.

The amount represents nearly one-sixth of gifts received by the congregation for rebuilding, he said.

The license, good for three years, allows the congregation to build a 350-square-meter auditorium, with seating for up to 450 people, and a 175-square-meter second floor for Baptist House, an adjacent bookstore and ministry center. Cost of the project will be at least \$800,000, Anthony said. The size of the former chapel, built in 1933, was about 150 square meters.

The congregation has been worshipping under a tent-like structure of tin walls and plywood roofing since the fire.

Lottie Reaches \$69.9 Million

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—The 1987 Lottie Moon offering for Southern Baptist foreign missions totaled \$69.9 million, \$500,000 above the 1986 offering but still more than \$5 million below the goal of \$75 million.

The offering total of \$69,912,637.50, calculated after financial books closed May 31, topped last year's receipts by 0.72 percent. That is the smallest percentage increase in decades.

But any increase was good news to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials who feared the total might actually fall below the previous year's offering for the first time since the Depression year of 1937, half a century ago.

The Lottie Moon shortfall and decreases in other types of giving already have resulted in cutbacks in mission spending this year. The shortage also will force a 12 percent across-the-board cut in worldwide mission operating budgets in 1989, although missionary support and salaries should not be affected.

The Lottie Moon goal has not been met since 1981. The 1987 goal of \$75 million—frozen at that level after the same goal was missed by more than \$5.5 million last year—was intended to finance almost 45 percent of the Foreign Mission Board's total 1988 budget of \$167.8 million. Cooperative Program gifts were projected to fund more than 39 percent, with other gifts and investment income providing the rest.

Foreign Mission Board trustees are expected to consider ways to handle the budget shortfall at their June session in San Antonio, Texas, just before the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting begins.

The Woman's Missionary Union, which promotes Southern Baptists' home and foreign mission offerings, recently issued a call to prayer for both offerings. Some of the women attending the union's centennial celebration in Richmond May 13-14 responded by giving to help the Lottie Moon offering. Women on several buses from Missouri began passing a paper bag and ended up giving more than \$6,000.

The 1988 Lottie Moon goal has not yet been set.



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Believers Rejoice

by Martha Skelton
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MOSCOW (BP)—Early leaders predicted the death of religious faith in the Soviet Union was only a matter of time.

This year the faithful—most born under communism—are celebrating the 1,000th anniversary of institutional Christianity in their country.

Out of a population of 287 million, more than 50 million Soviet citizens are Orthodox believers; estimates on evangelicals stand at 3 million plus. In all, an estimated 40 percent of the population are religious. Members of the Communist Party total 19 million, about 6 percent of the population.

Events to celebrate the Christian anniversary were planned June 4-16 in several Soviet cities, and evangelist Billy Graham planned to participate. The All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCECB) plans seminars in September as part of the observance.

"We stress the fact that it is the millennium of Christianity," says All-Union Council President Vasily Logvinenko. "That's why the event is precious to our hearts."

Christian activity and churches in what is now the Soviet Union date back centuries earlier than the year 988. But it was in that year that Prince Vladimir, ruler of the state Kievan Rus', chose Eastern Orthodoxy as an official faith.

The celebration has given all Christians an opportunity to point out their contributions to morality, to culture and history and to put into perspective a movement of centuries in an area dominated by a movement of decades.

"God helps us make people think about what we lost when we destroyed our churches. Our society not only lost architecture, but lost its soul," says Vladimir Sorokin, rector of the Alexander Nevsky Lavra Theological Academy and Seminary in Leningrad. "Understanding without God is very poor."

Millennium-sparked discussions about who Christians are and what they believe are part of a growing public role for

believers.

All-Union Council representatives and others attended one meeting at the Council of Religious Affairs to propose changes in the laws relating to religious life. Legislative revamping has no timetable, although Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's mention of it in early May stirred hopes that something would be forthcoming.

What Christians are looking toward is "law equal for everybody," according to Sorokin.

This major request of Soviet people of

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Larissa Ovchinnikova looks at her new Bible, one of 100,000 recently shipped to the U.S.S.R.

faith, that religious faith and atheism be treated equally, is unlikely to be accepted, according to a Council of Religious Affairs official. Current law allows for the public propagation of atheism but not of religious faith. Requests that might have a better chance include lifting restrictions on social work and religious education of children and young people. Already some evidence of this exists.

In May Baptists in Moscow were to begin volunteer work at a Moscow hospital. Many churches now have organized youth seminars and meetings as well as children's

services on holidays. Young people and children are evident in all church services.

There are other encouraging signs, such as an announced halt in the use of psychiatric facilities as punishment for prisoners of conscience and a slightly higher rate of Jewish emigration.

The terms "glasnost" or openness, and "perestroika," or restructuring, have more than a public relations sense to some believers. "What was dangerous and wrong has now changed with 'perestroika' and 'glasnost,'" says All-Union Council General Secretary Alexei Bichkov.

Some segments of society reportedly are showing a renewed interest in a spiritual dimension. "People want to renew the spiritual treasury, the religious heritage of the nation," says Sergei Nikolaev, superintendent of the northwest area for the Baptist union. "Their soul is seeking something more. They don't know what to call it. It is the desire of the soul to find the Creator. They need Jesus Christ."

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