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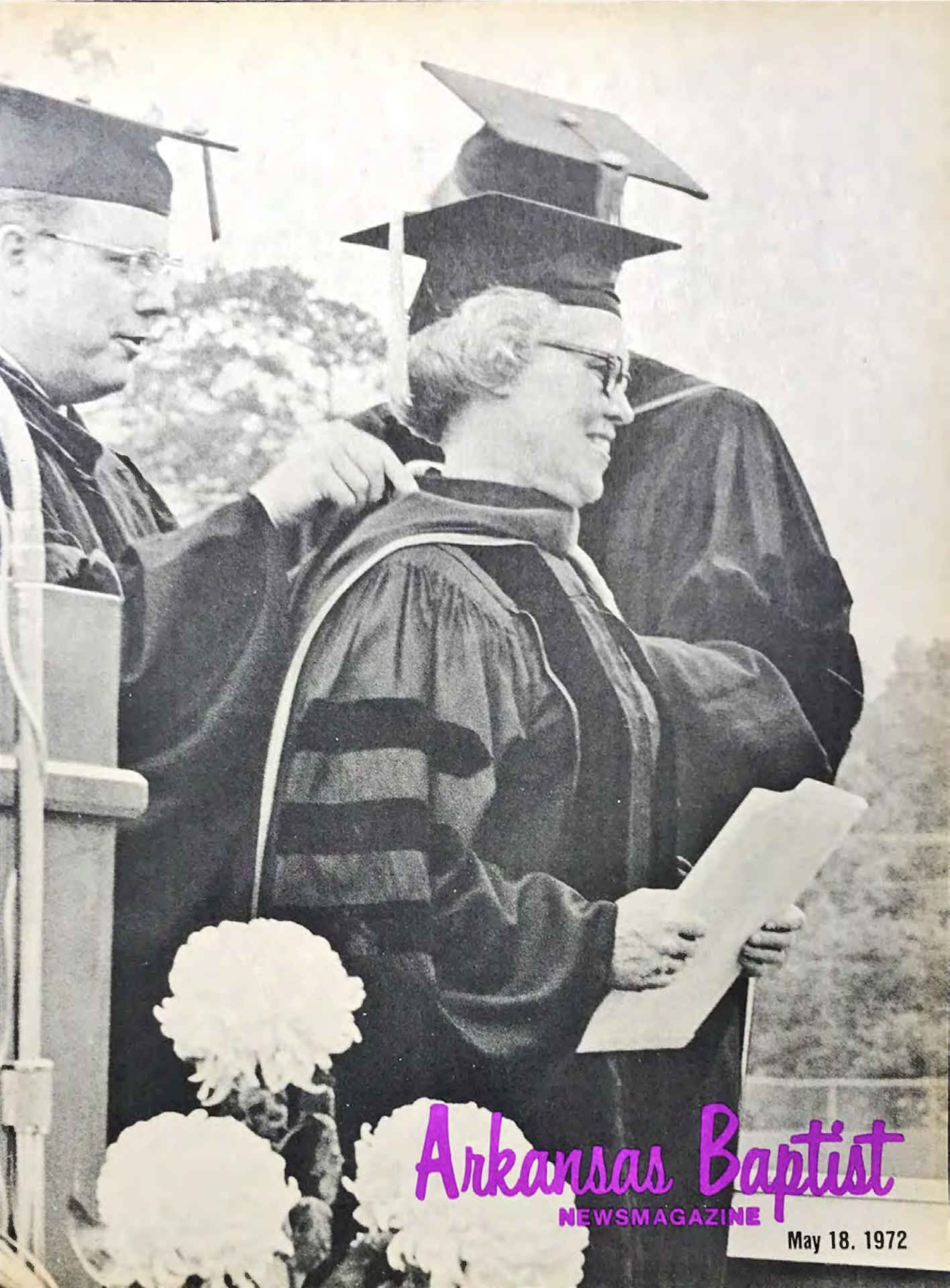
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One layman's opinion

A bone to pick with the airlines



Dr. Grant

I have a bone to pick with the airlines. But my complaint is a little bit like itching without knowing where to scratch.

Recently a plane that was scheduled to take me from a city in another state to Little Rock was two and one-half hours late because of foul weather somewhere down the line. This put most of the waiting passengers in a mood just as foul as the weather, I'm sure, so this particular airline resorted to the tactics used by so many of the airlines under the circumstances. Shortly after we were in the air, the stewardess informed us that, to ease the pain of the delay, free cocktails would be served.

For a confirmed Baptist teetotaler, this was something less than a thrilling announcement. I knew that cocktails normally cost one dollar each on the plane, and my first thought was simply to say I would take mine out in cold cash. But my milktoast qualities prevailed, and I simply asked for a Coke when she came to my seat.

The one dollar discrimination was not enough. When she brought the Coke to me, it was in the same kind of container that the cocktails were served in, and I noticed it had a lot of words printed on the side of the glass. On closer examination, I noticed that it was a list of clever "ski resort names" for all of the various cocktails available on the airplanes — or in any other public bar, I might add.

Thus, all the children on the plane, along with the select group of teetotalers, enjoyed the privilege while consuming their soft drink, of reading the alcoholic catalogue on their glass which, to name only a few, included the following: "Slalom (Scotch Whisky), Frost Bite (Vodka), Toboggan (Canadian Whisky), Ski Lift (Bloody Mary), Avalanche (Vodka Martini), Snow Drift (Gin Martini), Sleigh Ride (Manhattan), Down Hill (Whisky Sour), and Snow Plow (Beer)."

The thoughtfulness of the liquor interests and the airlines in imposing their offensive wares upon non-drinkers, and requiring us in effect to sit in a cocktail lounge while flying, reminds me of the story Dr. Bill Pinson tells so well.

A non-smoker on an airplane was about to be smoked out by the passenger seated next to him who persisted in blowing smoke in large quantities in his direction. The non-smoker pulled a card from his billfold and handed it to the smoker. Printed on the card were the beautifully engraved words, "I see you smoke. I chew. Don't blow your smoke on me and I won't spit on you."

In self defense I may have to take up chewing.

Daniel R. Grant

In this issue

- The head of WMU work in Arkansas, Miss Nancy Cooper, is featured on this week's cover after being honored with an honorary doctorate from Ouachita University. The story is on page 5.
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Churches awaken to outreach responsibility



JES

"Who are Southern Baptists? We know very little about them." This was the first question asked your editor as his orals began in 1960 at Heidelberg. It was true the question was designed to relax a most frightened young man. In retrospect, however, the very asking of the question, perhaps, says that we should have been more effective.

Southern Baptists have long been known as a people of dramatic growth and outreach. Such slogans as "Christ, the Only Hope" and "A Million More in '54" have been an integral part of our history. Without debating the merit of all we have done, it is undeniable that we have experienced the greatest growth of any major denomination in the history of this country and perhaps the world.

After breaking our arms to pat ourselves on the back, we see that there is more for us to do today than ever before in our history. Any realistic appraisal of our contemporary situation shows our problems to be legion. In any community we discover families in conflict, lives blighted by alcohol and drugs and the eroding of all moral values. These situations can and should be opportunities for presenting the gospel of Christ. Our Master's frequent contact with sinners and publicans are but a few of the ways in which he touched troubled lives.

Recently, it was the editor's privilege to conduct a Lay Evangelism School. One of the men attending emphasized his own ineffectiveness as a witness. The next evening, through the providence of God, he had a very rewarding visit, in which the husband and wife made professions of faith. The joy of this layman was marvelous to behold.

Every great program of encountering people with the message of salvation has certain fundamental principles. Some of these are as follows:

First and foremost, the church must realize that she is under divine orders to share her message with the world. Any theology which fails to see man as damned, without Christ, is inadequate to produce a growing Southern Baptist church.

Secondly, laymen must be trained to communicate the gospel. The methods, as we will see in future articles, will vary. But some definite procedure must be developed. Those of us who are full-time religious workers have underestimated the ability of our lay members. Great numbers of our people want to serve. Their talents and abilities are vast when opportunity is given to them. Whether the approach is direct, or whether the gospel is communicated through areas of special needs, we will be amazed with the ingenuity of the laity.

Finally, the pastor's privilege and responsibility is to train his people, as the apostle states so emphatically in Eph. 4:11-13. Here the pastor's role is "the

perfecting" or "the completing" of the saints. It should be realized that, apart from the power of the Holy Spirit, there will be no great harvest. God, however, is always ready, "not willing that any should perish." When we do our part, God will do his. As the congregation matures, meaningful outreach will become a way of life.

In future editorials we will be dealing with some of the more meaningful outreach activities of Arkansas Baptist congregations. You are encouraged to keep in contact with your editor as God moves in your midst.

Broader church news coverage

It is hoped that the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* can become an exciting publication, which our readers will eagerly anticipate. Several steps are being taken to enable this paper to become more comprehensive in its coverage of church news. For this reason, a letter has been sent to every association, requesting the election of a contributing reporter. We will soon be printing their names and offering some journalistic training to these people in the near future.

It will be our purpose to give as many people as possible opportunity to contribute to the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. It is our hope that in the course of a year every reader will see some article written by someone he knows well.

We would like for each reader to be assured that he will always have the opportunity to be heard. The editor's door will always be open and it is hoped that our readers will avail themselves of the privilege of writing letters to the editor. Both formal and informal presentations will be printed, whether or not the opinions expressed are those of the editor.

Finally, it is desired that our readers will be acquainted with the policies and deadlines which guide this publication.

Objective: To inform, edify and strengthen the Baptist churches of Arkansas.

Sources: For local church news we must rely upon our associational contributing reporters, letters and articles furnished by the churches and letters to the editor. State news will come through the resources of our Baptist Building. World religious news and denominational news is available to us through Southern Baptist Press Association, Associated Church Press and Evangelical Press Association.

Types of stories: Information is sought about events which are significant or unusual and which would be of interest to those outside the local church. Routine events in a church usually are not news. Preferred news includes plans for expansion, groundbreaking, completion or dedication of buildings, novel or particularly successful programs, ordination of min-

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isters or deacons and major staff changes.

The *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* will continue to print revival announcements and results, provided the information reaches us by our deadline. Remember that without names, dates and places your information is incomplete.

Pictures: Only good quality black and white pictures are usable. Color slides and small Polaroid Swinger pictures are inadequate.

I must say it!

An hour on the bridge



Dr. Ashcraft

Some things can be observed from the bridge of a ship which cannot be seen in the engine room. While it is just as important to be in the lower sections of an ocean vessel, someone must be on the bridge and he too is important. The controls of the ship are located in the bridge section as is the center of the communications system. It is interesting to be in this exciting area of the ship, if but for an hour.

There are a number of similar places in our everyday world when it would be advantageous for the general populace to behold. One is the pulpit, another is the executive secretary's office.

Things look differently from the pulpit than from the pew. It would be great if every church member could be in the shoes of the pastor for one day in his life. He could see from that point of view things he would never see from the pew. Many questions would exist no longer after a day in the pastor's place.

It would be a great revelation for a person to have a day in the executive secretary's office, only one day. He could see the overall program and how it all fits together. Things are seen in a different light when they are seen in the overall picture, not all alone. What seems terribly important from the other levels of the ship may or may not be of prime priority as seen from the bridge. Questions which can never be answered

Deadline: All news must be in our office at least ten days prior to publication. This is necessary because of printing and mailing.

Thanks: Your editor would like to express his deep appreciation to the many who have written letters of congratulations. It will require the effort of everyone of us to make our *Newsmagazine* what God would have it to be.

in memorandums, letters, editorials or phone calls are silently settled forever by what is seen and felt from the elevated bridge. The man at the helm is of no more importance than the man in the engine room, but he can see further and more of it. This is the advantage of an hour on the bridge.

In the executive secretary's chair sits a man who must operate in a standard manner following only the orders given by the owners. While he may not be on the con he is still responsible to the people for the welfare, progress and destiny of the ship. He does not determine the course the ship must take, but he must steer the course which is placed in his hands.

He does not determine the destiny, but he is charged with getting the ship there. Matters of morale, fellowship, mission giving, public relations, maximum service and rapport become progressively important as the big ship moves out for distant ports.

There are reefs to be avoided, foul weather to endure, unexpected emergencies always in the making and the problems of the crew to whet his mind to its highest point of alertness.

It is good to have an hour on the bridge to see and feel the thrill of the great voyage, but it is also good to go below decks for an hour — the power is there. I believe the statement is, "we are all in this together."

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

Studies set for staff at Ridgecrest Assembly

RIDGECREST, N.C. — "Package courses" lasting from one to three weeks will be offered to staffers at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly this summer in a variety of study areas, according to Ken McAnear, manager.

Among the subjects to be offered are beginning music, conducting music, music theory, guitar, play production, acting, organizing and coaching

athletics, first-aid, communication problems, college preparation, love and marriage, basics of Christianity, modern witnessing, self-motivation, dynamics of leadership, building self-confidence, communicating with God and working with the handicapped.

Staffers will be permitted to take any courses that their work schedules will allow, and certificates will be awarded to them for courses completed.

A bulletin distributed to staffers already signed up for this year describes the study program as a part of

the "Spirit of '72 . . . designed to combine adventure, fun and excitement with mental, physical and spiritual growth."

Planning and leading this summer's program will be Dan Sheffield, staff program director; Les Stevenson, assistant staff program director; and Gary Rand, staff music director.

College students interested in serving on the staff at Ridgecrest may write to Ken McAnear, manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770.

State WMU head 'doctored' by OBU

Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas was presented an honorary doctor of divinity in religious education degree during Commencement Day ceremonies May 6 at Ouachita University.

In presenting the degree, President Daniel Grant said Miss Cooper's contribution to Arkansas Baptists "through her years of self-giving service to the Woman's Missionary Union have been truly outstanding. The honor to her was long overdue and it was a privilege for Ouachita to confer upon her this degree."

Now in her 23rd year as executive secretary-treasurer of the WMU, Miss Cooper has led Baptists in the state in increasing their missions giving in

special offerings alone to 500 percent more than the amount given when she took the job in 1949.

Miss Cooper is a native of DeValls Bluff, the daughter of George C. Cooper and Nancy Caskey Cooper. Her father died when she was in high school and she and her mother moved to Little Rock.

After graduating from Little Rock High School, Miss Cooper began studies at Ouachita College but was forced to quit after one year for financial reasons. She found a job as a secretary and stayed there for 14 years.

Miss Cooper got on the road to denominational work when she attended the WMU Training School (later Carver School of Missions). By the time she got her certificate from the school, she was well known, having

been elected president of the student body in her second year there.

Her next place of service was as pastor's secretary and educational director. From there she went to a position as Home Mission Board field representative and traveled over the Southern Baptist Convention.

On Jan. 1, 1949, Miss Cooper began her work as Executive Secretary of Arkansas WMU. She has served longer than any other Arkansas WMU head in directing the promotion of WMU work in the state. She now directs the work of three age-level directors and two office secretaries.

Along with the Student Department of the state convention, Miss Cooper has pioneered work with international students in the state.

As Arkansas' representative she serves on various SBC committees, including the Girls Auxiliary Committee and the Executive Board of the WMU.

Miss Cooper was honored by being designated Southern Baptist College's Outstanding Baptist Woman of the Year in 1967.

The Cover



The ceremonial bestowing of the hood was done by Dr. William Trantham and Dr. Carl Goodson.

O. Damon Shook resigns Hot Springs church



Shook

O. Damon Shook, pastor of Park Place Church, Hot Springs, for the past seven and one-half years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Meadowood Church in Midwest City, Okla.

During his ministry at Park Place, a new educational building was erected and a bus ministry was begun. He was general chairman of the Bob Harrington Crusade held in Hot Springs last November.

Shook is a past secretary of the Hot Springs Ministerial Alliance and has been on the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention for the last six years. He is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary.

Melbourne revival involves community

First Church, Melbourne, recently experienced a revival that reached out into the community. Pastor Lon Brown reports that they had 27 percent of the town's population attending one night. People from as far away as 140 miles were in the crusades.

Under the preaching of Bill Penley of Candler, N.C., there were 36 professions of faith, 28 for baptism, and 6 by letter.

Your superintendent of missions at work — Concord Association emphasizes development of leadership



Griffin

This week marks the fourth anniversary of James Griffin's call to serve as superintendent of missions of Concord Association. It was his feeling as he began his ministry there that the association's basic need was an emphasis on leadership develop-

ment and assistance to the 45 churches in doing what God wanted each of them to do in its particular area. This leadership development was to include the paid, as well as lay leadership.

His predecessors, Jay W. C. Moore and C. C. Roberts had done a good job in starting new churches, and had built a firm foundation for Griffin's work. Two new churches have been added in the past four years — Scranton in 1968 and Grayson in 1969. Scranton was a product of State Mission funds, having received building assistance and student pastoral aid.

To assist the churches in doing their work, age-group workers have been added for Sunday School and Church Training based on the size of each organization; the strengthening of WMU work has been encouraged; and financial assistance has been provided for the director of each organization to attend a seminar on leadership training. A supply of leadership materials is kept in the associational office for the use of the churches. The associational council leads in several training projects each year.

Two years ago the State Church Training Department offered Training Union enlargement campaigns to the churches, and last year the State Sunday School Department offered leadership for Sunday School enlargement campaigns.

This year help has been made available for deacons, pastors, staff members and secretaries through a Church Administration Workshop by the State Church Training Department; a World Missions Conference provided by the State Missions Department; help for leaders in churches with less than 200 enrolled in Sunday School; and two lay witnessing schools that reached 11 churches and approximately 300 lay people, assisted by State Church Training and Evangelism Departments. Other leader training assistance scheduled this year with outside help includes an Adult Outreach Clinic in October led by our State Sunday School Department.

Future training opportunities include an all-out effort to reach 1,000 Sunday School leaders in a three-day event, with morning and evening sessions, scheduled for the spring of '73 with assistance from the State Sunday School Department. In addition to the above, the association offers two or three Vacation Bible School Clinics each year and Seminary Extension Courses.

Griffin says, "I believe that 95 percent of a church's work can be improved by training our paid and lay leaders to use the tools that God has given us through our denominational leaders. This has been exemplified in several of our churches." He cites the Bluff Avenue Church which had a Sunday School enrollment of 475 in 1963, decreasing to 433 in 1969, and 15 to 31 baptisms a year during this period. In 1970, the enrollment was 575, with 50 baptisms, and in 1971 there were 666 enrolled with 43 baptisms.

"As our church leaders are trained and informed by God's word of their responsibility there will be a corresponding increase in outreach," Griffin continues. "We have had an increase in Sunday School enrollment of nearly 1,000 and baptisms are up nearly 250 to a total of 968 last year, the highest since 1955. These are good increases and other areas of work are likewise increasing — but, with Paul, we must reach out for greater victories in the future."

In 1970 Concord observed its Centennial Year and launched plans to strengthen the work in the second century of Christian witnessing in west central Arkansas. Plans were made consummating earlier impressions of the need of an office building for associational services. In September, 1971, the property committee recommended, and the Executive Committee voted to purchase the present office building at 1321 Dodson in Ft. Smith. The concrete block building has approximately 2,500 square feet of usable space, including a receptionist-secretarial area, work-tract room, conference room, library, superintendent of missions' office, two storage rooms and a large room that they hope will soon be used for a book store. The building was purchased for \$20,000 and renovated for approximately \$6,500.

Mrs. Wanna Coward, a member of Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, assists with the office work and other associational needs, rendering valuable help to the superintendent of missions and the churches.

Last summer simultaneous area revivals were held in Booneville and Ft. Smith with good attendance and about 75 decisions for Christ. Recently, Don Moore, associational evangelism chairman, served as evangelist for an area revival in Hackett involving Baptist, Methodist, and Assembly of God churches, and resulting in over 50 decisions for Christ.

Each July a summer camp is held with 750-900 youth attending.

During the years of his ministry in Concord Association, Missionary Griffin has participated in services in nearly



Concord Association bought this building in 1971 and renovated it for use as the Associational office.

all of the churches, including minister and deacon ordinations; baptismal and Lord's Supper services; building and equipment dedications; ground breaking services; marriage and funeral services; anniversary and fellowship dinners; pulpit committee and other special conferences; a "James Griffin, This is Your Life" service at McNeil-Bethlehem Mission; Sunday School and Church Training Enlargement Campaigns; church building committee meetings, and many others.

Griffin says his basic approach to associational work is "(1) train the leaders to (2) reach the lost for Christ and church membership and (3) involve them in mission work and mission giving." The association's gifts through the Cooperative Program have grown from \$157,868 in 1968 to \$199,823 in 1971, and associational gifts have increased from \$14,568 in 1968 to \$25,693 in 1971. Two missions in Detroit are co-sponsored from the associational budget.

"The future looks bright with much optimism among our leaders," Griffin states. "Several churches are using buses and other proven methods to reach people. We are anticipating a record of over 1,500 baptisms and every church baptizing at least one this year. Several churches are in building programs at this time. Our churches have comfortable and adequate facilities for present needs. I look forward to additional help for our churches in launching strong week-day programs in many and involvement in a hospital-industrial chaplaincy work. God is at work and trying to lead his people to a total-life commitment for the use of the facilities and know-how that he has given us. Let us go on for his victory."

Professor at Southern heads teacher group

Mrs. Harrell Simpson, Professor of English at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, was recently elected President of Arkansas Teachers of College English at the annual Meeting of that organization which was held at Arkansas College, Batesville.

Mrs. Simpson has been a member of the faculty at Southern Baptist College for the past six years. She is a graduate of Southern Baptist College and received her undergraduate and master's degrees in English from Arkansas State University. She has also done post-graduate work at the University of Arkansas, Kansas State University, and has studied at the University of Besancon in France.

Doctrines of the faith

The person of the Holy Spirit

By Jimmy A. Millikin
Southern Baptist College



Dr. Millikin

Like the doctrine of Christ, it is common to divide the doctrine of the Holy Spirit into two areas: (1) the person of the Holy Spirit and (2) the work of the Holy Spirit. In other words, we are concerned with who the Holy Spirit is, and with what he does. This study is concerned with the question, Who is the Holy Spirit? In answering this question two points need emphasizing.

First, the Holy Spirit is a person. When we deal with the Spirit of God we must realize that he is not some impersonal force or influence; neither is he some sort of nebulous, vague substance. The Spirit is revealed to us in the scriptures and in our own Christian experience as personal.

It is strange that the personality of the Holy Spirit should need special emphasis in our discussion of him. But it does. Despite the clear teaching of the Bible, especially the New Testament, a surprisingly large number of Christians still refer to the Spirit as an "it." It is necessary to state, therefore, the biblical evidence for speaking of the Holy Spirit specifically and distinctly as a real person. The evidence may be summarized around two statements:

First, the Holy Spirit is spoken of in personal terms. The clearest example of this is in Jesus' farewell address as recorded in John 14-16. Here Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the "Comforter," the one who would take his place in guiding the disciples. As Jesus had comforted and guided them up to this point; so the Holy Spirit is now to take his place.

This is clearly no impersonal influence or power who is to be the companion and guide to the disciples in the place of Jesus. This other comforter is to be a real person like Jesus himself. To reinforce this truth Jesus consistently uses the masculine personal pronoun to refer to him (he always uses "he" or "him," never "it"; cf. John 16:8, 13, 14).

Second, the Spirit is spoken of as having personal qualities. Throughout the entire Bible the Spirit of God is always thought of as having personal attributes, performing personal functions, and entering into personal relationships. He has all the necessary attributes of a person: knowledge (I Cor. 2:10), will (I Cor. 12:11), affection (II Tim. 1:7), and moral appreciation (John 16:9).

The Holy Spirit exercises the functions of a person; such as, hearing (John 16:13), speaking (Acts 10:19), teaching (Luke 12:12), praying (Romans 8:26), forbidding (Acts 16:6-7), comforting (Acts 9:31), guiding (John 16:16), revealing (John 16:14), and calling into the work of the Lord (Acts 13:2). He is also experienced as a person. In his relationship to persons he can be grieved (Eph. 4:30), resisted (Acts 7:51), sinned against (Matt. 12:31), lied to (Acts 5:3), rebelled against (Isa. 63:10), and insulted (Heb. 10:29).

The second point needing emphasis is that the Holy Spirit is not only a person, he is God. The title "Holy Spirit" is especially appropriate in emphasizing his deity. In a former study we noted that the word "holy" in the Old Testament is practically synonymous with deity. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit is distinctly called God (Acts 5:4), and the attributes of God are ascribed to him. He is eternal (Heb. 9:14), omnipresent (Psa. 139:7-10), omnipotent (Luke 1:35), and omniscient (I Cor. 2:10-11).

Who is the Holy Spirit? He is a real person: he is God. He is the third person of the Triune Godhead.

Deaths

Mrs. Dove Toland Mulkey, 80, Nashville, died May 7. She was a former state representative and a member of First Church.

Mrs. Dollie M. Harvey, 79, Little Rock, died May 9. She was a housemother at the Arkansas School for the Blind and a member of Crystal Hill Church.

Thomas E. Johnson, 84, Little Rock, died April 8. He was a member of Ironton Church.

Wayne A. Jenkinson, 64, Pine Bluff, died May 5. He was a deacon at Greenlee Memorial Church.



SBC honors outstanding Baptists



Mrs. Copeland



South

Graduation day at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, was May 11. Dr. Rheubin South, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas, gave the baccalaureate sermon. Governor Dale Bumpers was commencement speaker. Approximately, 70 people received the A.A. degree.

The Distinguished Baptist Awards will be given to D. Jack Nicholas, Distinguished Baptist Alumnus for 1972;

Billy Rogers, Distinguished Baptist Layman for 1972; Rheubin L. South, Distinguished Baptist Minister for 1972; and Mrs. Margaret Copeland, Distinguished Baptist Lady for 1972.

Honorary Associate in Arts Degrees will be awarded to the following: Tommy A. Hinson, Pastor, First Church, West Memphis; J. K. Southerland, Batesville; J. H. Spears, West Memphis; and Edward Maddox, Harrisburg.

Crowds overflow at Ft. Smith revival



The overflow crowd at First Church.

In what one person called one of the largest religious gatherings in Ft. Smith history, on Thursday night, April 27, the Richard Hogue SPIRENO Crusade overflowed the sanctuary of First Church with an estimated 1,800 present. Total attendance for the seven services exceeded 10,000, not including several hundred "Jets", 8 to 12 year olds, which

met three nights of the crusade.

There were 305 professions of faith and approximately 100 rededications recorded. Almost 100 of those making professions also indicated their desire to unite with the church by baptism. On the Sunday following the Hogue services, there were 72 decisions — with 42 additions to the church. On Sunday

Revivals

Walnut Valley, Hot Springs, April 17-23; Clarence Shell, evangelist, Danny Telford, evangelist; 5 professions of faith, 3 by letter. John H. Graves is pastor.

Lonsdale Church, April 24-30; Bill Fleming, evangelist, Rondall Nease, music; 11 for baptism. Graham Fowler is pastor.

Alma, First, April 23-30; Paul Stockemer, pastor, was evangelist, Truett Thomas, minister of music and youth, led the music; 68 professions of faith, 64 for baptism, 11 by letter, 1 surrender to preach, 4 for special service.

Elliot Church, Camden, April 23-30; A. W. Smart, evangelist, James Nash, music; 27 professions of faith, 10 by letter, 3 surrender to special service. Gene Pritchard is pastor.



Committed
to give... as God has given

night, 28 were baptized by William L. Bennett, the pastor.

In addition to Hogue, the team is composed of Darcie Hodges, song leader and soloist; his wife, Sharon, pianist; and a trio called the "3-N-1". Bill Landers, Mary Mauldin, and Dave Smith make up the trio, Bill also composing most of their songs and Dave directing the counseling of those making decisions. Randy Buck plays guitar, Joe Luscombe handles staging and lighting, and Reese Gray is their sound technician. Marilyn, Richard's wife, handles the meetings of the Jets. She is an excellent singer and ventriloquist.

Two hundred counselors were enlisted and trained prior to the crusade, and 65 were enlisted to do follow-up visitation. Dave Smith commended the counselors, calling them 'the best' of any of their meetings. Through the follow-up-visitors, each person making a decision was visited the next day in his home.

The Hogue Team has been invited back for the weekend of June 9-11. While the services will be held in the sanctuary, there is general feeling that the facilities are inadequate and will again overflow!

Advancement Campaign goal is pledged

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! As of May 10, our Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign pledges from all sources total \$4,047,797.41. As this report indicates, much has been undertaken and accomplished in His name, but the full report below indicates that much yet remains to be done . . . I am convinced that much will yet be done as additional churches get the vision and join the ranks of supporting churches.

Ninety-three churches in the Advance Division have pledged a total of \$2,145,686.41 and 385 churches in the General Division has pledged \$572,684.92. Four hundred seventy-eight Arkansas Baptist Churches have pledged a total of \$2,718,371.33. This, added to the Special and Area Campaign gifts make the grand total of \$4,047,797.41.

I am deeply grateful to each of the participating churches. The names of these churches, willing to go the extra mile for Christian Higher Education in these demanding days, are listed herewith. Many of them are making noble sacrifices in order to support this ministry. This memorandum also affords me the opportunity to thank each faithful member of our Campaign Team! They have given, and will continue to give of themselves, without reservation, to this great Cause. Their names, by Association, are also listed in this issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

As tangible evidence of their confidence in the faithful stewardship of our people and churches, both of our institutions of higher learning have entered into contracts for the construction of much needed buildings. On March 30, Southern Baptist College had the formal Groundbreaking Ceremony for its new Fine Arts Building and Auditorium and on Commencement Day, May 6, Ouachita Baptist University had the Groundbreaking for its new megastructure, consisting of the Student Union Building and the first unit of several Learning Centers.

As our churches honor their commitments and make payments on them, our schools will be able to meet their obligations on these two great projects and enlarge their academic and Christian excellence. I know that every participating church is happy to have a vital part in this bold venture for Christian Higher Education, and will see that funds are on hand to meet the contractor's statements as they are submitted. Arkansas Baptist Churches

and institutions have an outstanding record in the matter of meeting financial obligations and commitments, and I know that we are going to keep it in this condition!

I close this statement with an appeal and challenge to every Arkansas Baptist State Convention church to become a faithful steward in the ministry and mission of Christian Higher Education. If you are not already committed, we warmly invite you to join our ranks today! —Alvin Huffman Jr., Director.

Churches from whom we have received signed pledge cards as of May 10, 1972. Those marked by asterisks have met or exceeded their suggested goals.

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Calvary, North Little Rock*
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Calvary, West Memphis*
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Crossett, First*
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Dermott*
DeWitt, First*
Dumas, First*
El Dorado, First*
El Dorado, Second*
Fayetteville, First
Fordyce, First
Forest Highlands, Little Rock*
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Forest Park, Pine Bluff*
Fort Smith, First*
Geyer Springs, Little Rock*
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Greenwood, First*
Hamburg, First
Harrison, First*
Heber Springs, First*
Helena, First*
Hope, First*
Hot Springs, First*
Hot Springs, Second*
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Levy, North Little Rock*
Lifeline, Little Rock*
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Newport, First
North Little Rock, First*
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Osceola, First*
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Paris, First
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Searcy, First*
Sheridan, First*
Sherwood, First
Siloam Springs, First*
Springdale, First*
Star City, First*
Stuttgart, First*
Sylvan Hills, First
Temple, Crossett*
Trumann, First
University, Fayetteville
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Warren, First*
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West Side, El Dorado*

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Anderson, Hope*
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Antoine*
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Arkansas City*
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Bay, First
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 Berry Street, Springdale
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 Bethel, Prescott*
 Bethlehem, Gurdon
 Black Rock, First*
 Bluffton
 Booneville, First*
 Bowman, Lake City*
 Boxley, Ponca*
 Branch*
 Brighton, Paragould*
 Brookland*
 Brown's Chapel, Paragould*
 Brownsville
 Brumley Chapel, Conway
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 Calion, First
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 Calvary, Benton*
 Calvary, Corning*
 Calvary, Harrisburg*
 Calvary, Hope
 Calvary, Huntsville*
 Calvary, Mena*
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 Caudle Avenue, Springdale*
 Centennial, Pine Bluff*
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 Central, Mineral Springs*
 Central Avenue, Bentonville*
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 Charleston, First*
 Childress, Monette
 Clarendon, First
 Clark's Chapel, Paragould*
 Clear Lake, Blytheville
 Clinton, First*
 College City, Walnut Ridge*
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 Concord, First*
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 Corinth, Hamburg*
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 Crosby, First*
 Crossett, Second*
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 Cushman*
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 Danville, First*
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 Gillham*
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 Good Hope, McCrory*
 Gosnell*
 Gould, First*
 Grace, Augusta
 Grady, First
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 Greenfield, Harrisburg*
 Greenlee, Pine Bluff*
 Gregory
 Grubb Springs, Harrison*
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 Harmony, North Little Rock*
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 Hazen, First
 Hector, First*
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 Higginson*
 Highfill, Siloam Springs*
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 Hopewell, Atkins*
 Hopewell, Corning*
 Houston
 Humnoke, First*

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 Kensett, First*
 Kingsland, First*
 Knobel
 Knowles, Strong
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 Lakeway Mission
 Leachville, First*
 Lee Memorial, Pine Bluff*
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 Leslie, First*
 Lewisville, First*
 Liberty, Lawson*
 Liberty, Lincoln
 Life Line, Pleasant Plains*
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 London*
 Lonoke*
 McCrory, First*
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 Mansfield
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 Marvell, First*
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 Memorial, Blytheville*
 Meridian, Crossett*
 Mixon, Booneville*
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Baptist layman part of economic conference



Huffman

Alvin "Bo" Huffman Jr., Blytheville businessman and Baptist layman, was one of 20 businessmen from over the United States who recently attended a conference for an exchange of views on Phase II economic controls. The group, who are members of the Boards of Directors of Federal Reserve Banks and branches, met in Washington April 27 with the Federal Reserve Bank Board of Governors.

Huffman, who currently serves as director of Higher Education Development for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Memphis Branch of the FRB of St. Louis. He was one of two businessmen from the Board of the St. Louis Bank selected to attend the conference.

He is an active member of First Church, Blytheville. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Ouachita University, and on the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, as first vice president. Huffman is a member of the board of the SBC Radio and Television Commission.



Higher education leaders for Ouachita-Southern campaign

Listed below are the names of pastors, associational missionaries and laymen who are serving in places of leadership in both the Advance and General Divisions of the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign. These men are volunteers who offered to assist the Campaign Steering Committee in structuring local church campaigns. These men who have great demands made upon their time and talents, are giving generously of themselves in support of this great stewardship venture.

—Alvin Huffman Jr.

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100 attend church vocations conference

DISCOVERY, a conference on church vocations held April 28-29 in Little Rock, attracted approximately 100 senior high and college youth from across our state. The conference, held at Immanuel Church, was conducted by the Church Training Department.

The conference was planned to give guidance and information to youth who are considering church vocations. Conferences were conducted on eight different areas of church vocations including pastoral ministries, music, education, youth, children's work, student work, social work, and missions.

Program personnel included Bill Estes of the Program of Vocational Guidance, Sunday School Board and Weldon Vogt, psychology department, Ouachita University. Representatives from Ouachita and Southern Baptist College provided guidance in preparation for college.



Top: Larry Plummer, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, visits with young people at the youth exhibit. Mr. Plummer led the conference on youth work. Middle: An exhibit on state, home and foreign missions attracts the attention of these youth. The conference on missions was led by Mrs. Ben Hope, missionary to Brazil, and Robert Ferguson, State Missions Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Lower right: A young lady selects helpful materials from the social work exhibit. Johnny Biggs, Executive Director of the Family and Child Care Services of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, led the conference on social work. Below: Dr. Weldon Vogt, professor of psychology at Ouachita Baptist University, counsels with a prospective student in preparation for college entrance.



Acteens conference set for Glorieta

The first national gathering for Acteens will open with an Olympics-style wide-angle world view and zoom into focus on personal development.

The National Acteens Conference, for girls age 12-17, will be held at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly, New Mexico, July 13-19, concurrently with the Woman's Missionary Union Conference.

The opening Thursday evening session will say "Yokoso" (welcome in Japanese) to the hundreds of teenagers expected to attend. An Olympics-style ceremony of nations will salute Southern Baptist missions around the world. Star of the evening will be figure skater Janet Lynn, bronze medalist in the 1972 Olympics.

Friday's theme will be "Building Bridges or Barriers," featuring the Bob Hunt family, missionaries in Taiwan.

Saturday evening Acteens will join the WMU Conference for a world missions fair. Acteens will cluster for a drama demonstration by Gary Shepherd and ethnic actors from the Baptist Neighborhood Center, Albuquerque.

Sunday morning will be a "Creation Celebration" featuring William Lawson, black Baptist pastor from Houston. Lawson will speak again in the evening session.

Thomas Starks, Home Mission Board staffer, will lead a Christian examination of astrology, tying in with the 1973 Home Mission Graded Series emphasis.

Sunday evening Acteens will shop the "Vocational Marketplace" guided by Bill

Estes, Baptist Sunday School Board vocational guidance expert, and by other program personnel.

Monday a ham radio and telephone hookup will put Acteens in touch with missionaries in America and overseas. The communication emphasis will feature several missionaries in person.

Tuesday evening's "Patchwork of Life Styles" will feature western missions, language missionaries, and Indian Baptists.

Climax of the week will be Wednesday morning, when program personnel will jointly present the challenge, "Let's Make Tomorrow Together."

Throughout the week NAC participants will get personal development hints from the professional charmers, Mrs. Charles Caldwell, Houston, author and modeling teacher; and Meme Drumwright, Bobbie Brooks fashion model who is homecoming queen at Baylor University.

Charles Petty, on the staff of the Texas Christian Life Commission, will confront girls daily with Christian reactions to world problems.

Becky Arnett, high school teacher from McLeansboro, Illinois, will be joined by Acteens in a daily incentive presentation of successful Acteens work.

The "New Humanities," a singing group from Cliff Temple, Dallas, will perform throughout the week.

Other features include a music festival and light show, an outdoor candlelight ceremony, a fashion presentation, prayer innovations, missionary get-togethers, discussions with speakers, tours of the Glorieta area, recreation, and creative expression workshops.

Because registrations can be accepted only as long as housing space is available, Acteens should write Glorieta for reservations immediately and should contact their state Acteens directors.

Houseparents see work as investments in lives

"You don't give to these children because you expect their thanks in return. You just have to do what you know is best for them and your reward is in helping in some way to better their lives and to give them greater security. You can't let your services to children depend on getting your feelings boosted by words of appreciation from them. You have to do it solely because you love them and want to help them." These words were written by a housemother serving in a Children's Home.

With our observance of Mother's Day over the past weekend, I want to pay tribute to our housemothers who serve at the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children. Our houseparents have the attitude that through their lives and tasks they have an influence on the lives of the young people with whom they work which will be to the glory of God. Each housemother has eight to ten boys or girls for whom they are responsible.

The housemother strives to relate to these young people from varying backgrounds with different needs by recognizing their individuality, and trying to blend these differences into a compatible living group.

Their functions at the institution resemble in many ways the functions of the parent in the family (multiplied by 10). They supervise the children in every day life from the time they get up in the morning until the time they go to bed and during the night if necessary. They are not trained educators nor specialists in any field of the science of man; yet at the institution they are the chief educators of all. They teach the child how to live. They help the child in all fields of living.

Their work is demanding, difficult, and many of them say "rewarding". They are dedicated to helping children come to grips with their problems and to gain a more optimistic, realistic picture of themselves and of their future. Their personal investments in the lives of these young people will yield lifelong dividends.—Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director



Acteens directors from nine states gathered in Birmingham at WMU headquarters to plan the first national Acteens conference urge 12-17-year-old girls to come to Glorieta July 13-19 to "Let God Happen." Evelyn Tully, national Acteens director, is front row, center. Oneta Gentry, editor of Accent and other Acteens materials, is second from the left, back row. Arkansas' Acteens director, Sara Wisdom, is pictured front row, first person on right.

'Arkansas Baptist Campers' organized at Greers Ferry

By Roy F. Lewis

About 45 Baptist campers from all over Arkansas gathered at the Heber Springs Recreation Area on Greers Ferry Lake on Friday and Saturday, April 28-29. They were participants in a stewardship camp-in sponsored by the Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department of the Arkansas convention.

The weather was inclement on Friday, with heavy rains and thundershowers continuing through most of the day. However, more than 17 families braved the weather to gather in tents, tent trailers, travel trailers, and motor homes at the Corps of Engineers campground. The threatening weather, which cleared by Friday evening, caused dozens of other families to cancel their plans to attend. It is estimated that, had the weather cleared earlier, attendance would have exceeded 100.

Informality was the order of the day, and warm fellowship was the main offering. Gathering in the semidarkness around lanterns on Friday evening, the group sang, prayed, gave testimonies, and heard a brief devotional.

On Saturday morning, the group gathered again for two hours of Bible study. The first session was devoted to a study of stewardship of the land, dealing with God's purposes for the land and man's dominion and responsibility over it. The second session dealt with the stewardship of time, and suggestions were offered to the Christian family for combining its leisure time activities with an active Christian witness.

The campers did not just study about witnessing; they practiced it. A shy, young man had hitchhiked into the campground with a tent and was camping alone. Several of the Baptist families approached him and later

brought him to the services. In a natural, tactful way he was given the clear message of salvation. A fellowship of Baptist camping families called "Campers On Mission" is sponsored jointly by the Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board. Some literature and decals are distributed, and the first national rally is scheduled for late May in Kentucky. However, it is believed that the Arkansas camp-in is the first such meeting of its kind to be held on a state-wide basis, sponsored by a department of a state convention.

The group present was so enthusiastic about the benefits of such a camping experience that they voted unanimously to organize themselves into the Arkansas Baptist Campers, and the Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department agreed to sponsor the organization. Each family contributed \$1 as a membership fee to defray costs of postage and mailing, and the Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department will contribute additional funds.

T. L. Burns, of Strong, was elected president of the group; Norman L. Roberts Jr., of North Little Rock, was selected as vice-president; and A. C. Uth, of Searcy, will serve as secretary-treasurer.

The organization will be committed to two objectives: a stewardship of the land and a stewardship of time. The group will seek to be well-informed on conservation and to practice good, Christian ecology. It will also seek to promote family camping as a beneficial, Christian experience but, at the same time, without sacrificing local church responsibilities.

Future camping experiences will be planned about three times each year. The next one will be on June 23-24 and the third one sometime in mid-September. Final plans will be announced as details are completed.

The organization will be kept simple in its structure and will major on fellowship. Other Baptist camping families who are interested may join and receive a quarterly newsletter by contacting any one of the elected officers or the Stewardship-Cooperative Program Department.



Stewardship secretary Roy F. Lewis, whose department sponsored the event, arrived early to greet and assist others.



The John Swofford family of Berryville were among those present at the Stewardship Camp-In on Greers Ferry Lake.



Informal, open air sessions included a worship service, Bible study, and a brief business period.

WMU Staffer to direct work in Northwest states



Sara Wisdom

Sara Wisdom has been elected director of Woman's Missionary Union in the Northwest Baptist Convention composed of the states of Washington and Oregon. She will assume her new duties June 1, with headquarters in Portland, Ore.

Upon graduation from Golden Gate Seminary in 1967 Miss Wisdom became YWA Director for Arkansas WMU. Later her division of work was renamed and her title became Director of the Youth Division with Acteens as her specific area of responsibility.

During her five years of service in Arkansas, Sara Wisdom has not confined her interest and ministry to any specific age level, but has served in all phases of Woman's Missionary Union work. For two years when there was no state Director of the Children's Division, she directed four weeks of GA camps at Paron and has assisted each of the other three summers she has been in the state.

While a Seminary student and during vacations, she served as youth director in the Baptist Church at Kalmath Falls, Ore., during which time she developed an abiding love for Southern Baptist work in the northwest.

Miss Wisdom is from Petrolia, Tex., and is a graduate of Wayland college. Last year she was listed among Outstanding Young Women of America. She is a member of Second Church, Little Rock, where she is active in work with young adults and is leader of Acteens.

It is with regret and a sense of great loss to our state that her resignation is accepted by the state WMU executive board.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Good stewardship works miracles

A pastor shared this testimony, which he called "Miracles In Cooperation":

"Pastor, your sermon on the miracles in cooperation caused me to withdraw my request for bankruptcy. I did not want to go into bankruptcy but there wasn't any choice. In good faith, I had bought a coal mine that I thought would enable me to pay my debts and to make some money. It turned out that the mine had little coal of any value."

"My creditors have accepted a plan that I will pay on a percentage basis according to what I owe. It will take me some time to pay. When I heard the Cooperative Program plan explained by you of how every one of us could help pay our debt to those who do not have the gospel by placing our prayers and plans and money together, I saw how if my creditors would accept it, I could pay what I owe." He started to leave, but turned and said to me, "My creditors were informed that this plan included

giving ten percent of my income for the Lord's work."

"Late one night, this man called me and said, 'Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving right now for what God has done for us.' This was about twelve months after he had started the debt-paying plan. He continued, 'As you know, a few months ago my wife inherited some land. We thought it had little value. Some friends wanted to see if there was coal in it. To my great surprise, and I really think to theirs, a rich vein of coal was found. We are now in operation to mine it and sell it. The way things are going now, in six months I will be able to pay all of my debts.'

"There was a pause. He said, 'Except the one to the Lord. You decide on what mission project of the church needs money the most. There will be a few hundred dollars available for it besides my tithe which will continue to be given.'" — Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program

Evangelism

Telephone survey seminar

Churches doing bus evangelism and personal-witnessing are experiencing a spiritual awakening that may be the greatest in this century.

The most exciting news from several of our churches is from those who have had Lay Evangelism Schools. Lay people who have never witnessed to another person about Christ are going out week-by-week to tell others about Jesus and asking them to trust Christ. They are learning to do it on the job, in schools and in homes. One lady said, "I thought I had been witnessing for years, but I had never actually asked someone to become a Christian until tonight." This was in a Lay Evangelism School.

The booklet *How To Have A Full and Meaningful Life* is only a tool for evangelism. "The People Search" is also a very important tool for evangelism. We need to know where prospects live and something of their spiritual background. The Telephone People Search can supply this information.

Some people can be enlisted to use the phone that hesitate to go from door-to-door.

There are some advantages of a "People Search" before we try to witness. The prospects are assigned to workers in the church for cultivative visitation several weeks in advance of the lay evangelism school. Many times appointments can be arranged with the prospect. The workers can get a burden on their hearts and pray for the prospects.

William Powell said, "a method

without a motive will let people go to Hell."

There will be a Telephone People Search seminar free at Baptist Building May 31. Don Mabry, from the Home Mission Board, will conduct it.

Why not attend? You may "like it" and it may be helpful. — Jesse S. Reed.

Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week suggestions

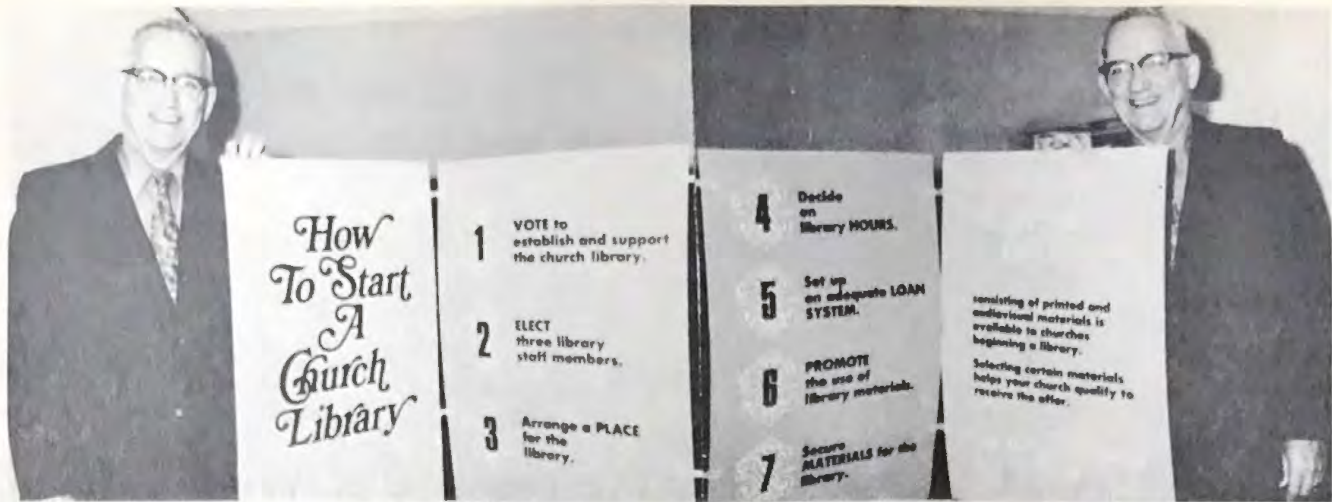
You have heard of it before, and you will be hearing about it again—Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week. During the month of May pastors and Sunday School Directors will receive copies of an attractive brochure of suggestions. The brochure was prepared by your state Sunday School Department. It is designed to guide in basic actions of preparation. Study it carefully and hang on to it. Please note that there is a kit of materials available on request.

The kit will include helps in people-to-people; literature distribution plan; outreach; officers' duties; and additional suggestion for night studies.

All suggestions will follow the five emphases in the people-to-people church Emphasis:

1. Make a commitment to reach people
2. Go find people
3. Prepare for people
4. Witness to people
5. Involve new people

We would welcome your reactions. —Don Cooper, Sunday School department.



The Church Training Department assists the Library Department of the Sunday School Board in promoting library work in Arkansas. If you are interested in starting a church library or in improving the one you have, contact the Arkansas Church Training

Department. We have several library consultants in Arkansas. Two of these are Miss Blance Mays of Wynne, and Mrs. Robert Tucker of West Helena. These could come for two or three days to be with your library workers at no expense to the church except

entertainment while on the field. We have special funds for this work between now and Oct. 1. Write to our department for a leaflet which gives suggestions on using the approved workers.—Ralph W. Davis

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THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 18

BILL WATSON, Presiding

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| 3:00 P.M. | Registration | Jim Greene |
| 6:30 | Singing | Russell Newport |
| | Scripture & Prayer | John Nicholson |
| 6:50 | Bible Study | Dr. Ray Robbins |
| 7:35 | Special Music | Russell Newport |
| 7:45 | Address | Jack Stack |
| 8:20 | Group Sessions** | Harold Flynn |
| 9:15 | Adjourn | |

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 19

JACK REEVES, Presiding

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| 8:30 A.M. | Singing | Russell Newport |
| | Scripture and Prayer | Dr. C. W. Rasco, Jr. |
| 8:40 | Bible Study | Dr. Ray Robbins |
| 9:25 | Testimony | |
| 9:40 | Pastor Speaks | Dr. R. L. South |
| 10:05 | Group Sessions** | Harold Flynn |
| 11:05 | Singing | Jack Buras |
| 11:10 | Special Music | Russell Newport |
| 11:20 | Address | Dr. Bob Riley |
| 11:50 | Adjourn to Luncheon | |

FRIDAY NOON, MAY 19

DR. JAMES SAWYER, Presiding

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| 12:15 P.M. | Luncheon | |
| | Special Music | Russell Newport |
| | Address | Jack Stack |
| 1:30 P.M. | Adjourn | |

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 19

JIM GREENE, Presiding

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| 2:30 P.M. | Singing | Russell Newport |
| | Scripture - Prayer | Jeff Cheatham |
| 2:40 | What We Are All About | Hunter Douglas |
| 2:55 | Testimony | Marvin Vines |
| 3:10 | Baptist Women | Mrs. Orman (Marilyn) Simmons |
| 3:30 | Panel* | Hunter Douglas, Chairman |
| 4:30 | Group Sessions** | Harold Flynn, Chairman |
| 5:15 | Adjourn | |

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 19

PAUL H. POWER, Presiding

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| 7:00 P.M. | Singing | Jack Buras |
| | Scripture - Prayer | Joe Buffalo |
| 7:10 | Bible Study | Dr. Ray Robbins |
| 7:50 | Testimony | Dr. Jasper McPhail |
| 8:10 | Baptist Laity | Dr. Charles Ashcraft |
| 8:35 | Special Music | Russell Newport |
| 8:45 | Address | Dr. Daniel Grant |
| 9:20 | Adjourn | |

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 20

DICK SOUTHERLAND, Presiding

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| 8:30 A.M. | Singing | Russell Newport |
| | Scripture and Prayer | Dale Ward |
| 8:40 | Bible Study | Dr. Ray Robbins |

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| 9:25 | Group Reports** | Harold Flynn |
| 10:10 | Coffee Break | |
| 10:30 | Singing | Jack Buras |
| 10:40 | Special Music | Russell Newport |
| 10:50 | One and All | Dr. Tal Bonham |
| 11:25 | Summary | Dr. James Sawyer |
| 11:55 | Adjourn | |

*Panel Participants - Friday Afternoon:

Mrs. Bob Gladden
Mrs. Bud Fray
Bo Huffman
Rev. Paul Saunders
Jeral Hampton
Dr. James Shuffield
Marvin Vines

**Group Session Leaders:

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Tom Digby
Dr. C. W. Rasco
Ed Maddox
Larry Lavender
Ward Newkirk
Dr. A. C. Bradford
Dr. Duane Thomas
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Dick Gregory
William F. Puryear
Will Pruitt

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The just-for-fun party

By Joann Long

Susan could smell bacon frying as she dressed quickly in her blue jeans and plaid blouse. She glanced out the window, then bounded down the stairs to find her mother in the kitchen.

"Oh," she exclaimed, "it's a beautiful sunshiny day."

"Indeed it is," her mother replied, smiling as she laid three strips of crisp bacon on Susan's plate. Susan buttered a slice of toast.

"This would be a nice day for something special," Mother said. "How would you like to have a party?"

Susan looked puzzled. "It isn't my birthday. And I don't think any of my friends have a birthday today."

Mother laughed. "Parties aren't only for birthdays. Perhaps the best parties are the ones we plan just for fun."

Susan thought for a moment. "Why don't we have a picnic party?" she asked.

"That's a fine idea," Mother agreed. "We'll drive to the lake, if you'd like."

Susan finished her breakfast, then hurried next door to tell Tom and Jan the party plans. Then she called Ronny Green and Patty Thompson on the telephone.

"They can go, Mother. There will be five children, and you make six," Susan reported. "I'm ready to make lemonade for our picnic party, because that's my favorite job."

Mother made chicken salad sandwiches and wrapped them in waxed paper. Susan squeezed the lemons into the Thermos jug. Then Mother helped add sugar and water until the lemonade tasted just sweet enough.

"You may pack sandwiches and potato chips in the picnic basket, Susan," Mother told her. "What do you suppose your friends would like for

dessert?"

"Let me think," Susan said, putting her hand to her forehead "How about cupcakes with cream filling?"

With the brown-and-white cupcakes tucked into the picnic basket, Mother and Susan loaded food, blankets, and baseball equipment into the car trunk. Tom and Jan piled into the back seat with Susan. Then Susan's mother drove to pick up Ronny and Patty.

"Hi," Patty exclaimed, climbing into the car. She turned to Susan and asked, "Is this your birthday, and you didn't tell us?"

"Oh, no," Susan insisted, "It's just a for-fun party."

Minutes later, the car was parked beside the cool lake. Five children climbed from the car. Tommy and Ronny immediately raced to the top of a nearby hill and back.

Patty and Jan spread the blanket beneath a large elm tree. Susan helped Mother get out the food and Thermos jug.

"C'mon" Susan called, "let's have a ball game before lunch."

After three rounds of work-up, Mother sighed tiredly. "That's all for me. Who's hungry?"

"Me!" five voices shouted at once.

As Mrs. Campbell set paper plates on the blanket, Jan poured lemonade into paper cups and Patty set a cup beside each plate. Then everyone sat around the blanket edges. They had the blessing, and everyone began to eat eagerly.

"Chicken sandwiches are my favorite," Ronny exclaimed.

"Wait till you see dessert," Susan told him. Sure enough, Ronny liked the chocolate cupcakes. Only Jan insisted that she preferred the white ones.

"Well," Patty commented at last, "we've eaten everything but the crumbs."

"And these ants will do that!" Tommy exclaimed, jumping to his feet.

Quickly, the boys picked up papers and cups and carted them to the trash can. Mother and the girls shook the blanket until all the crumbs and ants flew away. Then they spread the clean blanket on the ground again.

"Let's lie down and rest," Susan's mother suggested.

Susan frowned. "But we want to play."

"We all need a short rest after eating," Mother told her. "I know a game that we can play." Then she explained the game to the children.

"Tommy, you be first. Choose a cloud. Decide what it looks like to you. Then let the others guess what you have named it."

"Tommy looked at the blue sky thoughtfully. He pointed at a pile of fluffy clouds.

"It's a sky castle," Susan exclaimed. But Tommy shook his head.

"Then it must be a pyramid," said Ronny.

"No-o-o," Tommy said, shaking his head. No one else had an idea what it might be, so Tommy explained. "It's a polar bear standing up to beg for food."

The children laughed loudly at Tom's explanation.

"Look at that long, low cloud," Patty said, pointing high. Mother guessed it was a divan. Jan guessed it was a crouching tiger.

Suddenly Ronny cried out, "It's a sport car!"

Patty looked surprised. "How could you tell?" she asked.

"It looks like a car," Ronny laughed.

Soon the children had discovered a giraffe, a white rose, an Indian chief's face, and a fluffy kitten in the clouds.

Then Mother interrupted them. "It's time to go home, children."

As they packed away the basket and blanket, Patty said happily, "Susan's picnic was really fun, and the cloud picture game was great, too."

Then the children clapped their hands to thank Susan and her mother for the just-for-fun party.

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Missionary to Brazil speaker at R.A. camps



Hope

Ben E. Hope, missionary to Brazil, will be camp missionary for State Royal Ambassador Camps. Hope is engaged in general evangelistic work in Campo Grande in the state of Mato Grosso. He also directs the state Baptist camp, supervising the facilities and encouraging their use. He has also taught in a Baptist Bible institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Hope were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967. Following a year of language study in Camperias, Brazil, they moved to Campo Grande in 1969.

Before going to the mission field, Hope served pastorates in North Olmstead, Ohio, and the First Church, Cloudy, Okla.

Hope is a native of Arkansas. He was born in Grant County. He spent most of his youth in North Little Rock. He was graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University and received the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary. He is married to the former Berdie Lou Moose of Oklahoma City. They have a daughter, Janet, born in 1960 and a son, Joel, born in 1967.

Hope will serve as missionary for each of the three weeks of camp. Camps will begin on June 12 and close on June 30. Each session will run from Monday through Friday noon.

Camp information and reservation forms have been mailed to counselors of record, pastors, and ministers of education. Contact them for more information or write to C. H. Seaton, Baptist Building, 525 W. Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Ark. 72201. — C. H. Seaton

Native Arkansan gets promotion at seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Lucien Edwin Coleman Jr., a native of Tyronza, Ark., has been promoted from assistant to associate professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The promotion was made by the school's Board of Trustees in action taken during their annual meeting.

Coleman, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Second Baptist Church of Little Rock and held his first pastorate from 1950-53 at Nalls Memorial Baptist Church in Little Rock. He served churches in Kentucky and Indiana and earned degrees from Southern Seminary and the University of Kentucky.

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Matthew 28:19-20
1 Timothy 4:6-16
2 Timothy 2: 1-2; 3:10-17
May 21, 1972

Background passage
(Matt. 28:19-20)

The main thrust of Jesus' parting command to his disciples was to make disciples of all nations as they went, and inherent in this process of discipling are baptism and teaching. The evangelized must be identified and disciplined as the people of God. Although the regular word for teaching is used, the context makes certain that they were to teach their disciples to obey the commands which Jesus had laid down. The lost or neglected element in all education, whether at church or in school, is discipline. The future belongs to those who are able to discipline themselves.

Instruction in godliness
(1 Tim. 4:6-12)

In the immediate context of these verses the apostle had instructed Timothy how to conduct himself in the house of the Lord, and had warned him that some of their members would leave the Christian fellowship and follow after lying spirits and demonic doctrines. He assured Timothy that if he will spell out these instructions to his people he will be a good minister of Jesus Christ who feeds on the words of faith on good doctrine. Paul meant for the minister to instruct his people in what they were to believe, and direct them how to conduct themselves. He called for disciplined faith.

There are four directives for Timothy in the passage: (1) Have nothing to do with godless and silly myths, which the King James accurately translates as "old wives fables." The minister has the solid work of God to proclaim and must avoid legendary religious tales.

(2) "Train yourself in godliness", or as the King James Version has it, "exercise thyself . . . unto godliness." He sets in contrast the practice of godliness as over against the practice of listening to and being influenced by these silly gossips and legendary tales.

He conceded that there is real value in physical education and training but insists that there is far more value in character training, the chief point of comparison being that physical education helps in this life only while character training produces rich benefits not only in this life but also in the life to come.

As an added note of explanation, he adds that he toils and strives in his

apostolic missionary labors because he has his hope set on the living God. The meaning of that added clause in the eleventh verse means something like this: God is a potential Savior of all men, but the realized Savior of those who believe. The statement refutes any idea that God is not concerned about the Gentiles, and it also refutes any idea that because Jews were chosen in ancient times it is not necessary for them to turn in Christ unto God.

(3) The third imperative is direct: "Command and teach these things." Paul is not only concerned that Timothy avoid gossip theology, and train himself in godliness: he also wants the minister to teach the doctrines of the Christian faith and see to it that its precepts are carried out. The minister of the gospel must also serve as director of Christian ethics.

(4) As a final clincher he challenges Timothy to set an example in Christian behavior. Christian leaders must set right examples. The teacher who attempts to reform another ethically without being transformed himself will sorely fail, but he who is ever straining to become what he wants his pupil to be will bring rich dividends to his pupil and upon himself. Precisely so, the most fruitful efforts of the Christian worker will be spent in bringing himself into submission unto the living Christ who abides inwardly and transforms outwardly.

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Yourself and your teaching
(1 Tim. 4:13-16)

In these verses the apostle laid out some guidelines for Timothy in developing a balanced program for the pastor.

1. The pastor is to give close attention to his own spiritual needs. He must not neglect, but exercise, the charismatic gift which came to him from God symbolized by the laying on of hands in ordination. He must give himself diligently to the exercise and development of these prophetic gifts so as to demonstrate growth and progress.

2. The pastor must also give attention to the public ministry of the word. Public reading of scripture is important. In Paul's day the Old Testament was in use regularly; but Paul's letters, including this one, were also read as they became available (Col. 4:16). Preaching was another important item on the schedule of regular activities, also teaching. It may be significant that the one item which he chose to repeat for emphasis was teaching (v. 16). He emphasizes the role of teaching in keeping with what he said in the third chapter—that the bishop must be an apt teacher.

Teach others also
(2 Tim. 2:1-2)

In the second letter to Timothy, Paul was insistent that the precious truth which he had passed along to Timothy should in turn be passed on and entrusted to other faithful men who were apt to teach. It is not enough to broadcast the truth: one must teach the truth to potential teachers of the truth.

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The price of concern

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

Last week we studied about the selection of the first deacons. Seven were chosen by the church and our study today concerns the witness and martyrdom of one of the seven. Today's lesson is one of the mountain peak accounts of the progress of the unhindered gospel as recorded in the book of Acts.

Stephen's arrest (Acts 6:8-7:1)

This part of the lesson has five sequels:

1. The power and works of Stephen (6:8)
2. Certain men of the synagogue dispute with him (vs. 9,10)
3. Their charge against him (v. 11)
4. Stephen is brought before the council (vs. 12-15)
5. He is questioned by the high priest (Acts 7:1)

The ministry of Stephen was short-lived but it was far-reaching, effective and fruitful. The record tells of his being chosen to the office of deacon, his witness and his martyrdom. His career was the shortest mentioned but his sermon is the longest one recorded in the book of Acts. Certainly Stephen proved the worthiness of the office of deacon and became a great example to all those who have held the office through the years.

Stephen is the perfect illustration of the use of the word "witness." First, last and always Stephen was a witness for Christ. Christ's order to his followers were given in Acts 1:8. Christ said, "... and ye shall be witnesses unto me. . . ." The word for "witness" is the Greek word *martus*. Thus the word, witness, comes from the word, martyr. A witness had to be ready and willing to become a martyr. To be a witness for Christ meant and still means to be loyal to our Master no matter what the cost. Stephen was a witness through word, deeds, and life.

Please note that Stephen was a Hellenist, that is a Greek-speaking Jew from abroad; his name is Greek and means "crown." A favorite word with the Hellenists was the word "wisdom"; this word occurs four times in these two chapters and is found nowhere else in the entire book of Acts. Stephen, like Paul and unlike the Twelve, was a man of learning. His sermon would indicate that he was instructed in the wisdom of the rabbis as well as the Alexandrians.

Stephen's defense (Acts 7:2-53)

Stephen's sermon outline was as follows:

1. God's Covenant with Abraham (vs. 2-8)

2. Israel's experience in Egypt (vs. 9-22)
3. Life of Moses' prior to his call (vs. 23-29)
4. Moses' call from God (vs. 30-34)
5. Moses the Deliverer (vs. 35-43)
6. Stephen's charge and conclusion (vs. 44-53). Key verse is v. 51

Certainly it is unlikely if not impossible for any Sunday School teacher to have the time to cover each point of Stephen's sermon with any detail or depth. At best one can only present the highlights.

In essence Stephen's sermon was historical in character and was a presentation briefly of the history of Israel. He makes two arguments with effectiveness:

1. He shows that the worship of Jehovah was not confined exclusively to the temple in Jerusalem.
2. The people of Israel habitually have missed the purpose of God.

In arguing the first point Stephen indicated that Abraham worshipped God outside the Holy Land. Also Jacob, Joseph and Moses worshipped God in Egypt. Furthermore, when Israel was in the wilderness they worshipped God (vs. 44-46). The Jews had wrongly limited God. After all God was not Jewish and lived only in Jerusalem; he was and is the God of all mankind whose dwelling is in the entire universe.

Israel had a history of missing the purpose of God from time to time. Israel's role was one of repeated rebellions and disobedience. For example in the days of Moses the people of Israel rebelled by making the golden calf. In the time of Amos, the 8th century prophet, their hearts went after Moloch and heathen gods.

Stephen had a strong conclusion. He used strong language born from deep convictions. Stephen charged his "congregation" with consistently persecuting the prophets. His crowning charge was that they had murdered the son of God himself. Stephen accused his audience of acting in the same manner as their fathers. (v. 51).

Stephen's martyrdom (Acts 7:54-8:3)

The defense of deacon Stephen led to his murder. The Jews were unable to withstand his wisdom. Since they could

not challenge him intellectually they beat and stoned him physically.

The Sanhedrin had no legal right to put anyone to death. Stephen was afforded no judicial trial. This "lynching" was simply a surge of uncontrolled hatred and anger.

Stephen reminds us of Jesus as he dies. As Jesus prayed for those who put him to death, so did Stephen (Stephen prayed while dying; so did Christ.) Stephen voiced the prayer, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (v. 59); Jesus prayed, "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46). Incidentally, Stephen saw Christ standing rather than seated at the right hand of the Father. Perhaps Christ was so intensely interested in this martyrdom until he stood up and took notice of what was happening.

Thus Stephen faced death courageously and became a martyr. Think how many through the centuries have followed in his train.

Conclusion

With the death of Stephen a great chapter was written in the history of the early Christian movement. Men were willing and ready to die for Christ. If Stephen would die for Christ, surely you and I should be willing to live for our wonderful Saviour.

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A census taker asked the woman at the door: "How many in your family?"

"Five," snapped the answer. "Me, the old man, kid, cow and cat."

"And the politics of your family?"

"Mixed. I'm a Republican, the old man's a Democrat, the kid's wet, the cow's dry and the cat's a Communist."

It was graduation day, and mom was trying to take a picture of her son in a cap and gown posed with his father.

"Let's try to make this look natural," she said. "Junior, put your arm around your dad's shoulder."

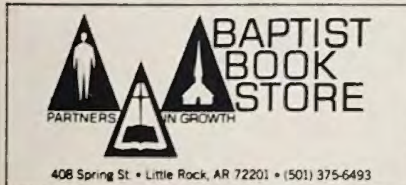
The father answered, "If you want it to look natural, why not have him put his hand in my pocket?"

A male quartet was singing plantation melodies at a concert. As the melodies went on, a man in a front seat was seen to wipe his eyes furtively, and a few minutes later he burst into tears.

The manager of the quartet slipped around and touched him on the shoulder.

"My dear sir," he said, "our quartet deeply appreciates the compliment you have paid it by this display of emotion. You are a southerner, no doubt?"

"No," sobbed the man, "I am a musician."

A smile or two

Out in Nevada a mining claim was pending before a certain oldtime western judge with a reputation for a rather rough-and-ready brand of justice. One morning His Honor made the following remarkable statement:

"Gentlemen, this court has in hand a check from the plaintiff for \$10,000 and a check from the defendant for \$15,000. The court will return \$5,000 to the defendant, and then we will try this case strictly on its merits.

McTavish was a Scot with the usual thrifty characteristics of his race. Wishing to know his fate, he telegraphed a proposal of marriage to the lady of his choice. After waiting all day at the telegraph office, he received an affirmative answer late in the evening.

"Well," said the telegraph operator who delivered the message, "if I were you I'd think twice before marrying a girl who kept me waiting so long for an answer."

"Na, na," replied McTavish. "The lass for me is the lass who waits for the night rates."

It had taken Oval Pelly's brother, Orbit, the entire morning to tow the tourist's broken-down car to the village. When Orbit finally returned home with his weary old mule his wife asked: "How much did you charge that city feller for towin' him?"

"One dollar," answered Orbit. "Guess it warn't too much. Leastwise, he didn't kick up no fuss."

"One dollar! I swear, Pa, sometimes I wish you'd do the pullin' and let the mule take care of the financial details."

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To make sure your church's attendance report is carried please put your church, city, date of Sunday reported, and statistics for Sunday School and Church Training, plus new church members, on a post card. (Reports not on post cards will not be used.) Mail it Sunday night or Monday morning to *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, 525 West Capitol, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

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| Church | May 7, 1972 Sunday School | Training Union | Ch. Adns. |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Alexander, First | 50 | 27 | |
| Alicia | 70 | 61 | |
| Alma, First | 312 | 179 | 7 |
| Arkadelphia, Second | 237 | 211 | |
| Beirne, First | 60 | 27 | |
| Berryville | | | |
| First | 160 | 51 | |
| Freeman Heights | 122 | 45 | |
| Rock Springs | 118 | 68 | |
| Blytheville | | | |
| Calvary | | 100 | 4 |
| Gosnell | 195 | 95 | 1 |
| Booneville, First | 187 | 168 | |
| Camden, Hillside | 96 | 60 | |
| Cherokee Village | 88 | 21 | |
| Charleston, North Side | 93 | 50 | |
| Concord, Mt. Zion | 50 | 14 | |
| Crossett | | | |
| First | 478 | 128 | |
| Mt. Olive | 241 | 120 | 2 |
| Temple | 154 | 85 | |
| Dumas, First | 271 | 59 | |
| El Dorado | | | |
| Caledonia | 36 | 26 | |
| Ebenezer | 138 | 65 | |
| Forrest City | | | |
| First | 568 | 153 | 1 |
| Second | 201 | 84 | |
| Ft. Smith | | | |
| First | 1160 | 385 | 22 |
| Grand Avenue | 733 | 249 | 7 |
| Moffett Mission | 38 | | |
| Haven Heights | | | |
| Oak Cliff | 149 | 74 | 3 |
| Trinity | 190 | 57 | 4 |
| Gentry, First | 161 | 90 | |
| Grandview | 86 | 59 | |
| Greenwood, First | 289 | 103 | 1 |
| Harrison, Eagle Heights | 249 | 108 | 6 |
| Helena, First | 271 | 79 | 4 |
| Hope | | | |
| Calvary | 191 | 90 | 3 |
| First | 472 | 145 | 6 |
| Hot Springs | | | |
| Lakeside | 185 | 82 | 10 |
| Park Place | 439 | 124 | |
| Jacksonville | | | |
| First | 370 | 91 | 3 |
| Marshall Road | 347 | 121 | 4 |
| Jonesboro | | | |
| Central | 441 | 176 | 2 |
| Nettleton | 269 | 120 | |
| Lake City, Bethabara | 115 | 101 | 1 |
| Lake Village, Parkway | 66 | 2 | 2 |
| Lavaca, First | 327 | 179 | 2 |
| Little Rock | | | |
| Crystal Hill | 121 | 63 | |
| Geyer Springs | 681 | 194 | 2- |
| Life Line | 611 | 193 | 2 |
| Magnolia, Central | 535 | 226 | |
| Marked Tree, First | 193 | 62 | 1 |
| Melbourne | | | |
| Belview | 149 | 93 | 1 |
| First | 127 | 57 | 1 |
| Horseshoe Bend Mission | 39 | | |
| Monticello, Northside | 96 | 52 | 1 |
| Mountain Home, First | 320 | 84 | |
| Murfreesboro, Mt. Moriah | 45 | 26 | |
| North Little Rock | | | |
| Baring Cross | 652 | 183 | 12 |
| Calvary | 385 | 119 | 1 |
| Gravel Ridge | 213 | 112 | |
| Levy | 434 | 70 | 4 |
| Park Hill | 742 | 124 | 4 |
| Sixteenth Street | 49 | 32 | |
| Sylvan Hills | 217 | 149 | |
| Paris, First | 360 | 93 | |
| Pine Bluff | | | |
| Centennial | 166 | 57 | |
| Dollarway | 137 | 56 | 2 |
| East Side | 178 | 104 | |
| First | 699 | 216 | 2 |
| Green Meadows | 45 | 26 | |
| Second | 141 | 73 | |
| Rogers, First | 747 | 110 | 8 |
| Russellville, Second | 284 | 96 | |
| Springdale | | | |
| Berry Street | 104 | 46 | |
| Caudle Avenue | 109 | 43 | 2 |
| Elmdale | 289 | 71 | 3 |
| First | 670 | 175 | 6 |
| Stephens, First | 128 | 72 | |
| Van Buren, First | 504 | 204 | 1 |
| Mission | 56 | | |
| Vandervoort, First | 35 | 24 | |
| Warren, Immanuel | 262 | 80 | 1 |
| West Memphis, Calvary | 249 | 113 | 1 |

Philadelphia bus conference program, personnel announced

NASHVILLE — Program personalities and topics of discussion for the National Conference on Bus Outreach, June 2-4 at the Holiday Inn Midtown in Philadelphia, have been announced by D. Lewis White, bus outreach consultant in the Sunday School department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Among the program personalities will be James W. Jones, pastor of First Church, Trenton, Mich.; William A. Powell, associate director, division of evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Bernard Spooner, minister of education, Travis Avenue Church, Ft. Worth; Larry Lewis, director of religious education, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey; J. W. Wynn, pastor of Dinsmore Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Lawrence V. Bradley Jr., pastor of Curtis Church, Augusta, Ga.

On the faculty from the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board will be Eugene Skelton, editor, general officers section; Eldon Boone, supervisor of the preschool section; Robert Fulbright, supervisor of the children's section; Franklin Farmer, supervisor of the youth section; Wallace

Carrier, editor, adult section; Ralph L. Murray, editor, extension activities section; and Elsie Rives and Daryl Heath, consultants in the children's section. Also from the Sunday School Board will be Glenn A. Smith, consultant, general administration section, church training department.

A. V. Washburn, secretary of the board's Sunday School department will address the conference on "The Imperative of Reaching People." Other topics to be covered in the conference are organizing and administering a bus outreach program, relating bus outreach to Sunday School and other programs, age groups and bus outreach, Bible teaching, children's worship and counseling children who have made decisions.

Simultaneous symposiums will be conducted for churches with a bus outreach program and for churches without a program.

Advance registration for the conference may be made by sending a \$2 registration fee to D. Lewis White, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

Broadcaster Herbert W. Armstrong strips son of title, duties

PASADENA, Calif. (EP) — Garner Ted Armstrong, known nationwide for his rapid-fire commentaries on "The World Tomorrow" radio broadcasts, has been removed as executive vice president of Ambassador College and of the Worldwide Church of God by his father, Herbert W. Armstrong.

A read-and-destroy letter to ministers in the 250-plus congregations of the elder Armstrong's church last February triggered a search by newsmen eager to learn why the 42-year-old son was absent from all college functions and away from the microphone. The letter described Garner Ted as being "in the bonds of Satan," but college officials would say only that the son was on an extended holiday.

The letter from Herbert W. Armstrong allegedly communicated his worry over personal problems besetting the son. It said Garner Ted was taking a leave of absence. The son asked for permission to speak at various church functions in different parts of the country and the father gave his permission. But after Garner had spoken at four of the meetings the father flew to Penticton, British Columbia, and stopped him from speaking anymore. The father had flown to British Columbia after receiving complaints from church officials at

Squaw Valley, Calif. When he returned to Pasadena the church officials took immediate action to remove Garner from the office of executive vice president. After that he was isolated in Colorado and Idaho.

The February letter quoted a contrite Garner Ted in a letter within a letter. "It amazes me," the son assertedly had written, "that I could have acted as I did, Dad. Me, Garner Ted Armstrong, who has preached over and over again in piercing clarity about all the vagaries and deceit in human nature..."

The younger preacher was criticized for allegedly preaching sermons with "double meanings" and urging alteration in the Holy Days observed by the denomination, as well as digressing in other matters.

The letter is said to contain the senior Armstrong's forgiveness and concludes with the thought that "...I hope God will continue to deal with me, and that He has not cast me away from His presence; that I can yet, somehow, find space for forgiveness for all that I am."

Some radio stations which newly contracted for Garner Ted's "World Tomorrow" are getting pre-recorded tapes from Herbert W. Armstrong—some of them 10 years old.

Crowds protest plight of Soviet Jews

NEW YORK (EP) — An estimated 160,000 people crowded into Dag Hammarskjold Plaza here, overflowing into side streets, to protest the imprisonment and oppression of Russian Jews.

The gathering was one of 90 across the nation called to mark National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jews.

The response in New York was "incredible," Jerry Goodman told the *New York Times*. Goodman, director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry which sponsored the rally, said approximately 35,000 people had been expected.

A horse-drawn wagon looking like that of Tevye, leading character in "The Fiddler on the Roof," led the marching protesters. Behind the cars 100 young people dressed in black and white striped prison clothes followed. "Guards" uniformed in red occasionally nudged the "Prisoners" with the butts of drill rifles as the "oppressed" chanted in Hebrew: "Israel shall live" and "may peace come unto everyone."

Home town honors Singer Ethel Waters

CHESTER, Pa. (EP) — Gospel Singer Ethel Waters was honored here by townfolk who invited her back home May 1 and named the day for her. The 74-year-old singer and actress was grand marshal for the city's Law Day parade.

"If I have something people love," she said, "it's because I love them so much and they're just returning what I gave out to them."

Miss Waters currently is singing at Billy Graham crusades.

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