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One layman's opinion

Some lessons from the good earth on Earth Day



Dr. Grant

Ever since I became president of Ouachita, people have been urging me to have a "Work Day" when all the students, faculty, and staff are asked to turn out with tools and work clothes and clean up the ravine, dig a flower garden, clean windows, or perform some other worthy project around the campus. In spite of some obvious advantages, I never got around to having such a day because I was afraid

people might think we were exploiting free slave labor. Or perhaps I was really just afraid to face the possible embarrassment of no one showing up to work.

Recently several students and faculty members took the initiative to urge that we have a "Back-to-Earth Day" and invite all students, faculty, and staff employees to clean out the jungle of underbrush and trash along the Ouachita River front adjoining the site of the new Student Center Building. I decided the risks were worth taking and declared a half-day holiday on a Tuesday afternoon and invited the whole Ouachita community, young and old, to pitch in and help.

The result was undoubtedly one of the greatest mass human endeavors since the crossing of the Red Sea by the children of Israel. Shortly after the appointed time to begin, the steep jungle-like embankment was swarming with humanity, including squads of dorm moms and football players. Commandeering the operation were Professor Ken Sandifer of the Biology Department and Student Senate President Tim Smith. They divided the river front into sections and placed one faculty member in charge of each section. Architect Noland Blass supplied many of the tools and refreshments. It was a real learning experience for us all.

We learned, for example, that several hundred people can do, in two or three hours, what several full-time workers could not or would not do in several months. We cleaned out all of the sections that had been staked out, and then proceeded to move farther north and south along the river front to clear far more than originally planned.

We re-learned some eternal truths: blisters fall on the just and the unjust alike; poison ivy is no respecter of persons; it is more fun to work together; young people will respond when properly challenged; Dr. Ben Elrod is better at raising money than at wielding an ax; and — perhaps most eternal of all — God's beautiful world is still around us but it often takes some hard work on our part to reclaim it from the covering of refuse we have allowed to smother it. — Daniel R. Grant, President, Ouachita Baptist University.

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Advantages of cooperating with SBC



Editor Sneed

Recently, we heard someone questioning the benefit their church derived from being a part of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are so many advantages to such a relationship that it would require far more space than we presently have to enumerate them. But we might do well to consider a few.

Perhaps the most important ingredient of our work is our cooperative mission effort. Through our joint participation we are currently able to support 2,526 foreign missionaries and 2,229 home missionaries. While we should never feel that we have arrived, this is the largest non-Catholic mission enterprise in the world.

For a moment let's explore some of the possible alternatives to our cooperative method of mission support. One procedure is for each local church to support missionaries directly. This method would completely eliminate the small church. At least 80 percent of our 1,200 churches are incapable of completely supporting even one home missionary let alone sending a family to the foreign field. If churches are responsive to the Great Commission they must in some way join other churches in supporting world mission causes.

A second way some groups have supported world missions is by sending mission volunteers directly to churches pleading for support. Each church agrees to provide a share of the missionary family's support. This method is called "deputation." There are many inherent weaknesses in the plan. First, a God-called mission volunteer is placed in the position of a beggar. He must plead with churches for support. The plan makes each volunteer reliant upon his personal sales ability or "charisma," to even reach the mission field. Far more serious is the danger of one of the supporting churches suffering financial reverses. A mission family could be left stranded in a foreign country without support or a way back home.

As one examines the alternatives, it becomes evident that our Cooperative Program is the best method devised in supporting world missions. It is, indeed, gratifying to know that we have a part in home and foreign missions, Christian education, and a multitude of benevolent ministries.

A second benefit a congregation receives from being a part of our great Convention is the excellent materials developed by our leadership across the years. Many non-Baptists will readily admit that our evangelistic methods are the best. We have consistently utilized the finest educational techniques in our literature.

Available upon request is a host of specialists able to give assistance in almost any area of a church's program. Such things as stewardship development, evangelistic methods, Sunday School enlargement,

and architectural guidance, are but a few of the specialized services offered to any church — just for the asking.

For the Southern Baptist pastor the Annuity Board provides great security. The benefits are being expanded rapidly. This program basically guarantees that the participating minister will have an income when he retires. It, also, insures that his family will not be left without income in the event of his death.

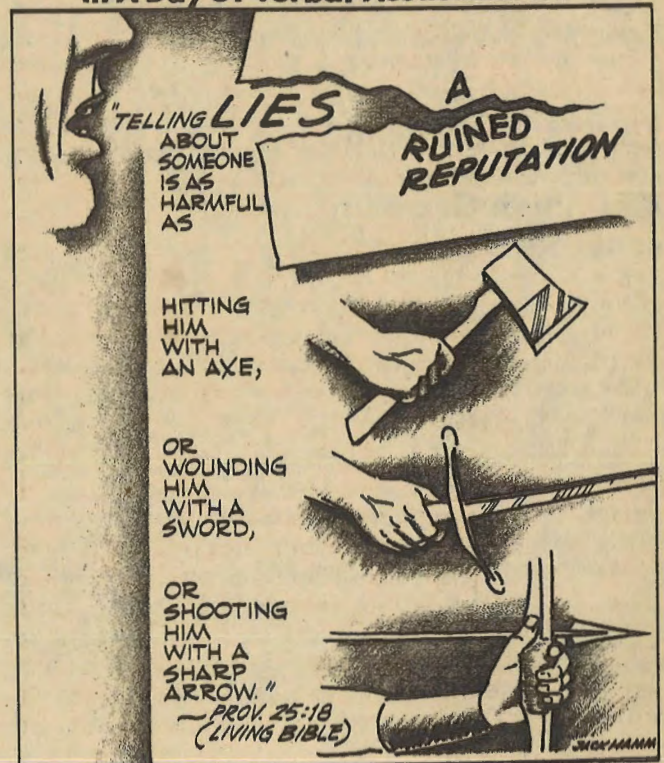
We hasten to agree that the Southern Baptist Convention is not perfect. No institution filled with people is without fault or error. Several years back a preacher friend was visiting a very talented lady who had moved into his community. The new resident listing all the faults of churches she had ever heard, boastfully declared, "When I find a church without problems I'll join it."

The pastor quickly replied "My dear lady, if you or I should join a perfect church it would no longer be without problems."

The same principle applies to our denomination. It is composed of mortal, fallible people. People make mistakes, so error sometimes occur. But we do have an excellent system of checks and balances. We have implicit confidence that when Baptist people are given the information, having the guidance of the Holy Spirit, their decision can be trusted.

There must be something we continue to do right since God is blessing us with the greatest growth of any major evangelical denomination in the world. We are glad to be a Southern Baptist.

In A Day Of Verbal Assassination



I must say it!

Church life 100 years from today



Dr. Ashcraft

By the year 2075 all available space in most every church plant other than the sanctuary will be utilized to the fullest in activities such as kindergarten, day care centers, nurseries, baby-sitting services, and social ministries on all days except Sunday when great Sunday schools and church training groups will gather. Due to apathy in the last of the 20th century all church properties except the sanctuary will be taxed.

Laymen and women, with or without the formality of ordination, will become more prominent in the churches. Women by the sheer worth of their lives, witness, experience, training, and compassionate nature will perform along with men most of the ministries of the church except formal preaching which will remain unquestionably a man's role as senior minister of the church.

The term "deaconess" will begin to appear in church bulletins after the turn of the century in much the same way as it appeared in the first and second centuries in Bithynia as noted by Pliny (Rom. 16:1.) The senior minister will be referred to as pastor instead of doctor or reverend and will be regarded more as a spiritual leader and advisor and less as a general foreman of the project.

Laymen counsellors and administrators with women liberally interspersed will care for many of the church functions and if I may say so, with greater effectiveness than it is as today (Gal. 3:28.) The senior pastor will preside masterfully over the "equipping" of the saints until all will become a minister of sorts (Eph. 4:11-13.)

As the population doubles and human misery increases many matters considered problems now will not even be mentioned by 2075. There will be as many whites in black churches as there are blacks in white churches but the respective convention structures will remain separate.

There will be less emphasis on buildings and more on witnessing in public places and non-church oriented gathering places. Institutionalization of local churches will diminish in the interest of a better witness by participation of the greater fellowship.

Churches will become more a place of worship and assignment to go out into the world making even the market place an assembly for witness. There will be a greater need by 2075 for the traditional worship hour in all its splendor. The day will never come when corporate worship of God will be disbanded.

Every great apartment complex will have its own church within the premises and every great business corporation will have a chaplain whose duties are still primarily that of spiritual advisor in the stressful 21st century.

Most entities of life will be socialized or nationalized except a few groups (Baptists included) who will insist and be heeded on the matter of separation of church and state.

The King James version of the scriptures will still be available in bookstores but the newer versions will be read by more and more Christians.

It is not easy to describe a hundred years in 450 words or less.

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

(Next week: Prisons, a hundred years from today.)

Letters to the editor

Church in Germany seeking pastor

As chairman of the pulpit committee of Zweibruecken Baptist Church (Germany), I have been instructed to write you concerning our search for a pastor. Our present pastor will depart Germany on June 15.

We are an English speaking Southern Baptist Church consisting of military personnel and dependents from the local army and air force installations.

We are seeking your help in broadcasting our need to those within your area who might be interested in serving this fertile mission field. Any assistance you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Since our communication with a prospective pastor must be entirely by mail and very time consuming, we are requesting some initial information from any man who wishes to make an inquiry. This will help us to respond intelligently and promptly as we seek God's man for our church.

Anyone who feels God's leadership, or who seeks additional information, may address his inquiry to me, along with the following information: age and status of health; education and secular work experience; pastoral experience or other ministries; and family — number of children, their ages and health, wife's health, training and abilities.

Invites messengers

The Mill Park Baptist Church in Portland, Ore., invites all pastors, laymen and their families to attend a special worship service with us on June 10 at 10:30 a.m. Our guest speaker of the day will be Tommy Phelps, the professional wrestler turned evangelist. Special music has been arranged. Nursery provided at the church. Worship service will be held at the Floyd Light Middle School located at 10710 S.E. Stark Street. Buses will be available by calling the church at 252-4564. —Audye M. Wiley, Pastor.

Thank you for any help which you will give us. May God's richest blessings be yours. —Major Charles R. Edwards, Dir. of Admin. USAMMAE, APO New York 09052 (Air mail please)



First, Booneville, has completed this auditorium-education complex.

First, Booneville dedicates complex

The culmination of five years of dreams, prayers, plans and work of First Church, Booneville, is the new sanctuary-education complex which was dedicated on May 6.

The sanctuary is 24-ft. high and the rear part is two-story. The auditorium seats 400, with a balcony which can be opened later to extend the seating capacity. The facility contains a suite of offices, seventeen classrooms, a library, and other service areas. It was constructed at a cost of \$350,000.

Speakers for the dedication program were Dr. Erroll W. Westmoreland of Oklahoma City, who brought the dedicatory sermon, and Dr. Charles H. Ashcraft, executive secretary of the Arkansas State Convention. Also appearing on the program was James A. Griffin, Ft. Smith, superintendent of missions of Concord Association. Bill Turman of Tulsa was in charge of the song service.

The mayor and other Booneville dignitaries brought greetings. Also present were the building architect, Elwood Reams of Lake Charles, La., John McConnell of Charleston, the contractor, and others involved with the major construction, and members of the church's building committee.

First Church was organized in 1868 by E. L. Compere, a missionary from Mississippi. It was during the church's

100th anniversary celebration in 1968 that plans were advanced for the construction of the new edifice. The program was carried forward under the slogan "Building for the Second Century."

D. Hoyle Haire is the pastor. He is now nearing his eighth anniversary at First Church.



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Allison, Southern Baptist Missionaries to Kenya, East Africa, are completing a year's furlough in the States. Although Arkansas is their home, they have lived in Florida during their furlough. They will be living in Arkansas from June 1 to July 15, when they return to the field. They will be located at 303 North fifth Street, Arkadelphia, 71923.

BSU miniature golf aids summer missions

The Little Rock Baptist Student Union held its first annual Little Rock Miniature Open on Saturday, May 5. The proceeds of the tournament went to Summer Missions. It was played on the Putt-Putt Course in Southwest City Mall.

It was played in two divisions — women's and men's — and a trophy was awarded the low score in each division. In the men's division Mike Causey of Little Rock shot a five under par 31 for the championship. He was followed by Frank Martinez 32, Jon Frazier 33, Jimmy Allen 36 and Rick Reed with a 38. Mrs. Tayna Guilloway of Little Rock shot a three under par 33, to win the women's division. She was followed by Kathy Drewry 39, Carol Mitchell 46, Mrs. Frank Martinez 51 and Pam Temple with a 53.

This is scheduled to be a yearly function and will be held again next Spring, according to James Smalley, BSU director for the U.A. Medical Center and U.A.L.R.

Ouachita Singers tour eastern United States

ARKADELPHIA — The Ouachita Singers, a choral group of 33 students at Ouachita University, have completed a week-long tour of the eastern United States, during which they gave several performances including a sacred concert for a worship service in the Pentagon.

Other concerts were given in such places as the Belmont Heights Church of Nashville, Tenn.; First Church of Morristown, Tenn.; Williamsburg, Va.; and First Church of Alexandria, Va.

The tour also included visits to such historical locations as Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Jamestown, Va.; Charlottesville, N.C.; and Washington, D.C.

The Singers, who are chosen by audition from the entire OBU student body, tour Arkansas each year and frequently make extended tours throughout the United States. They have also performed in Canada.

The group was selected in 1969 to record the premier performance of "Calvary's Mountain," a new Easter Cantata published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1967, the Singers were selected as the only university choir to be featured on the album of sacred music for the Southern Baptist Convention which met in Miami, Fla.

Director of the group is Dr. Charles Wright, professor of music and director of Choral activities at Ouachita.

During a "Workshop on Total Communication" at First Church of Little Rock April 30 through May 2, more than 75 leaders in deaf ministries agreed upon a course of action in support of the right of a deaf child to communicate freely.

Workshop director, Rev. George B. Joslin, said in summarizing the workshop, "it may well be the most significant action of Southern Baptist on behalf of the deaf since the Home Mission Board initiated the program of deaf ministries more than 60 years ago."

For more than a century deaf children have been educated under a philosophy that has severely limited the communication methods the children are permitted to use. In recent months a philosophy called "Total Communication" has developed in which any possible means of communication is permitted and encouraged, including speech, speechreading, the language of signs, and pantomime. Studies over the last several years show conclusively that the addition of the language of signs enhances rather than inhibits the development of speech and speechreading. Total Communication involves the whole family learning to communicate with the deaf child even before school age.

Southern Baptist workers with the deaf at Ridgecrest in August 1972 became concerned that this is more than an educational problem; it is a spiritual problem. The deaf child has a spiritual right to communicate freely and the church has a spiritual responsibility to work to secure and insure that right. This concern led to the workshop in Little Rock, sponsored by The Language Missions Department of the Home Mission Board.

The workshop participants prepared guidelines to assist churches and denominational agencies in development of an approach to support the concept of Total Communication. This will involve parent-infant education, sign language courses open to the community, and brochures for distribution to medical personnel and other professions. Among those involved in the workshop were missionaries, pastors, interpreters, and deaf laymen from churches throughout the nation. The next step will be for state or regional workshops to implement these guidelines in the local churches.

"If the next generation of deaf people has a better life, it will be because of changed attitudes on the part of the community," said keynote speaker Dr. David M. Denton, Superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf in



Jerry Baker, (second from right) who works with the deaf in California, answers a question during one of the conference discussions. At left is Mrs. C. F. Landon of Little Rock.

Southern Baptist church leaders express support of deaf children

Frederick, Dr. Denton called on churches to take the leadership in correcting these attitudes.

A report of the workshop will be made available to those who work with

the deaf in Baptist churches throughout the nation as soon as they can be edited by workshop director Joslin and printed by the Home Mission Board's Language Missions Department.



A message in sign language is provided by Jerry Baker, George Joslin, Rodney Webb, and Don Otwell.

Staff changes



Parker

John C. Parker has assumed his duties as minister of education and administrative assistant at First Church, Little Rock. He comes to the church from a similar position with the Metropolitan Church, Wichita, Kan. He received his education at

Oklahoma Baptist University and Midwestern Seminary. Parker is married and has four children.

Pat Sullens has been called as youth director by Hoxie Church. He has been a student at Arkansas State University, and has served as a youth director before his military service. He and his wife, the former Pam Pratt, will live at Walnut Ridge.

Harold L. Riney has been called to serve as pastor of the Webb City Church, Ozark. He has been serving as associate pastor of First Church, Ozark. Riney is a native of Oklahoma, and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. He has served churches in Texas and Oklahoma. He and his wife are the parents of three children.

Ray Branscum is serving as interim pastor at First, Mountain View.

Don Johnson is the new pastor of Northside Mission, Batesville. He moved to the field from Conway, where he had been a student at Central Baptist College.

W. H. Simpson of San Antonio, Tex., has accepted the call to become pastor of Markham Street Church, Little Rock. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and Southwestern Seminary. He and his wife are the parents of two children.

Butch Lowrey has been called as interim pastor of Brookwood, Little Rock.

Dearl Durham has been called as youth director of Rosedale, Little Rock.

Tom Farris, who has been serving as interim pastor of North Side, Ft. Smith, has accepted the position on a full-time basis.

William Brock Watson has resigned as pastor of Lake Village Church to accept the pastorate of Rolling Hills Church, Fayetteville.

James Alan Downs is now serving as music and youth director at Magnolia Church, Crossett. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and has served First Church, Konawa, Okla. While in college he served three summers as a summer missionary. He and his wife, the former Vonna Stone, are the parents of one daughter.



SEMINARY GRADUATES: Baw, Carney, Cone, Crawley, and Forsythe.



Hatfield, Matthews, McKown, Purtle, and Reece.



R. Reed, J. Reed, Smith, Stephens, and Tucker.

15 Arkansans receive degrees from Southwestern

FT. WORTH, Tex. — Fifteen students from Arkansas received degrees during spring commencement exercises held in Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Seminary, May 11.

Seminary President Robert E. Naylor presented degrees and diplomas to 240 candidates from the seminary's three schools: theology, religious education, and church music.

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention was the commencement speaker.

Arkansans, their degrees, and their hometowns are the following: J. Dennis Baw, master of religious education, North Little Rock; Tommy J. Carney, master of divinity, Blytheville; David A. Cone, master of divinity, Ft. Smith; Charles E. Crawley, master of divinity, Forrest City; and Ronny J. Forsythe, master of divinity, Amity.

Ansel J. Hatfield, bachelor of church music, Fayetteville; John C. Matthews, master of religious education, North Little Rock; Stephan M. McKown, master of divinity, Ft. Smith; Charles E. Purtle, master of divinity, Prescott; and William K. Reece, master of divinity, Hot Springs.

B. Ralph Reed, diploma in church music and diploma in religious education, Wilmot; James D. Reed, master of religious education, Ft. Smith; Herschel D. Smith, master of divinity, Williford; James H. Stephens, master of divinity, West Memphis; and Marvin D. Tucker, master of religious education, Monticello.

Oops — it rained!

So our 4th annual Pastors and Christian Workers Golf Tournament is rescheduled for June 4 at 12 noon at Burns Park, North Little Rock.

As before the competition will be divided into two groups — those whose score is 90 or above and those under 90.

Plan (again) to be with us. —Walter Hill, Committee Chairman

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Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Poor, missionaries to Uruguay, display their souvenirs and the Uruguayan dress.

Associational world missions fair

By Roy F. Lewis

A Saturday afternoon missions fair developed into a highlight of a world missions conference in Mississippi County Association in northeast Arkansas.

Nine booths were set up in the fellowship hall of Blytheville First Church, and each participating missionary prepared a display representing his field of service. Each missionary had been told in advance about the fair so he could bring suitable

display items. Several of the missionaries also dressed in the garb representative of their field of service.

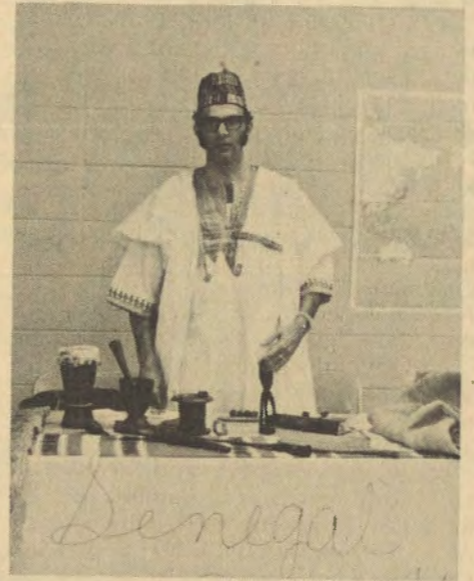
During the two hours while the fair was open, several groups of entertainers alternated in providing background music, using a piano and speaker provided in one corner of the fellowship hall. On the opposite side of the hall, refreshments were served. All of the visitors were offered coffee or soft drinks, and popcorn.



James Hampton, missionary to Tanzania, explains the carvings and banners to a visitor.

A popular innovation of the fair was the distribution of autographed pictures of the missionaries. Using the association's offset press, superintendent of missions John Gearing had prepared a quantity of pictures of each missionary on heavy stock paper. Each missionary was asked to autograph his pictures, which were then placed on the display tables for distribution to the visitors. Both adults and children expressed delight in being able to collect sets of the autographed pictures.

Attendance at the fair had been promoted throughout the preceding week in each church by the use of printed admission tickets, as well as posters and other publicity. Visitors were urged to come at their convenience during the two hour afternoon period and to visit informally with all of the missionaries.



Paul Grossman, missionary to Senegal, displays his mementoes and the native garb of Senegal.

The world missions fair accomplished several purposes. First, it provided an opportunity for each visitor to become better acquainted with each missionary, and to learn more about each mission field represented.

Secondly, it enabled those churches or individuals who had not been able to participate in the evening sessions during the week to have some involvement in the world missions conference.

Thirdly, it presented the challenge of world missions in proper perspective. As each visitor entered the hall, he saw foreign missions, home missions, and state missions represented side by side, each supporting and complementing the other. Even the informal joking and conversation between the missionaries themselves contributed to the

combined effect of one world mission thrust.

Prior to the afternoon, several missionaries had voiced some skepticism about the anticipated results. At the conclusion, all were unanimous in feeling that it had been a highlight of the week.



Birdsong



Lusby

Ministerial students get scholarships

ARKADELPHIA — John Birdsong of Heber Springs and Richard Lusby of Camden have been named as the first recipients of Earl E. Pippin Scholarships, which are to be awarded each year to two junior ministerial students at Ouachita University.

The scholarships are in the amount of \$700 each and will be applied to the expenses of each student's senior year at Ouachita. Birdsong and Lusby were recommended for the scholarships by the OBU religion faculty.

Birdsong, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Birdsong of Heber Springs, is a member of the Ouachita Band, choir and Ministerial Alliance.

Lusby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lusby of Camden, is a member of the Blue Key honor fraternity, the Sigma Alpha Sigma social club and the Ouachita tennis team.

The Pippin Scholarships are endowed by the income from a trust which was established by a bequest to the Arkansas Baptist Foundation from the late Earl E. Pippin of Harrison.

Campers on Mission to rally prior to SBC

The National Campers on Mission rally in Portland prior to the Southern Baptist Convention still has about 20 spaces left for full trailer hook ups or tent space at the Trailer Park of Portland.

Beginning 8 p.m. Friday, June 8, and ending at a 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, June 10, the rally will include a camping witness training session Saturday morning. Reservations include space through Thursday during the SBC.

Reservations may be made through the Special Missions Ministries Department at the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta Ga., 30309.

Doctrines of the faith

The Christian and the Bible

By Jimmy A. Millikin
Southern Baptist College



Dr. Millikin

Last week's discussion on "Jesus and the Scriptures" provides a good foundation for this week's topic on "The Christian and the Bible." As was noted last week this is a vital issue in our day. All sincere Christians will want to have the mind of Christ in his view and attitude toward the Bible. Following the example of Jesus I offer the following suggestions concerning the Christian and his Bible.

Know it

First, the Christian should know the Bible. There is an appalling ignorance of the scriptures today. A prominent educator has remarked that it is possible to earn a Ph. D. degree without knowing a line of the Bible. Surveys have revealed that young people reared in Christian homes also have a serious deficiency in biblical knowledge.

Jesus knew the scriptures well, and he rebuked his generation for not knowing them (Matt. 22:29.) Knowledge of the scriptures also seemed to have been a mark of Christians in New Testament times (II Tim. 3:15.)

Believe it

Second, the Christian should believe the Bible. Last week we noted that Jesus accepted its divine origin, its absolute authority, and its complete trustworthiness. The apostles followed our Lord in this view of the Bible. The scriptures had a divine origin for they were God-breathed (II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21.) Being of divine origin the Bible is as dependable as God. Indeed, it seems that the apostles equated the scripture with God's speaking (cf. Rom. 9:17; Gal. 3:8.)

Following the examples of Christ and the apostles the Christian can do nothing other than believe the Bible — all of it. He must believe its historical reliability, its doctrinal truth (II Tim. 3:16,) and its powerful force in changing human character (Psa. 119:11; Heb. 4:12.)

Share it

Third, the Christian should share the truths of the Bible. Preachers must search its truths and share them with his congregation (II Tim. 2:2; 4:1-5.) Parents must teach their children the Word of God (Deut. 6:4-7; Eph. 6:4.) Naturally, we expect preachers and teachers to instruct others in the scriptures. However, to some extent, every Christian is responsible for telling what he knows of the word of God to others. This is a necessary requirement for learning more.

Live it

Finally, the Christian must live the truths of the Bible. We have said that there is an appalling ignorance of the Bible. Even with this lack of knowledge it still may be said that most Christians know more of the Bible than they are practicing.

Paul states that the scriptures are "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:10.) Of these four uses of Scripture three are related to the Christian's behaviour. And the primary purpose of all of it is that the believer may "be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto good works" (II Tim. 3:17.)

Revivals

Mabelvale, Shannon Hills, April 18-25; Paul Jackson, evangelist, Blake Greenway, music; two professions of faith. Gene Davis is pastor.

Oak Grove, Van Buren, April 15-22; Wayne Davis, pastor and evangelist, Red Johnson, singer; 17 professions of faith, 33 rededications, two by letter.

Browns Chapel, Paragould, April 1-8; Jack Parchman, evangelist; 49 professions of faith, one by letter, one surrender to full-time evangelism. Larry

Spencer is pastor.

Parkway, Lake Village, May 6-13; Jack Parchman, evangelist; 23 professions of faith, one by letter, one surrender to preach, 100 rededications. Z. M. Scarbrough is pastor.

First, Cotter, April 29-May 6; Jesse Reed, evangelist, Neal Guthrie, music; seven for baptism, four other professions of faith, three by letter, one by statement. Ray R. Canary is pastor of the church.

James Robison crusade coming to Little Rock

By Johnny Jackson
Crusade general chairman

James Robison, nationally famous evangelist from Hurst, Tex., will lead a county-wide evangelistic crusade July 22-29 in Barton Coliseum in Little Rock. Officially titled the James Robison Pulaski County Crusade, the meeting is being sponsored by approximately 25 churches in Pulaski and North Pulaski associations.

James Robison is the voice of evangelism for this generation. At the age of 29 he has conducted over 430 crusades, attended by over 6,500,000, where 115,000 persons professed Christ. He also speaks to 200,000 students a year in high school assemblies. Married and the father of two young children, James Robison is humble in spirit, yet courageous and bold in proclaiming Christ. He preaches with power and conviction, with appeal to people of all ages. Dr. W. A. Criswell calls him "a God-made preacher."

John McKay, crusade music director, is considered to be the most effective music director and soloist at work in evangelistic music today. Each musical program is a sermon in song, preparing the hearts of people to hear Christ's message. A music graduate of North Texas University, McKay was an all-state football player in high school. He is married and the father of five children. In 1965, McKay joined his musical talents with Robison's inspired preaching ability, forming an evangelistic team that God is using in an exceptional way.

The Pulaski County Crusade was born in the hearts of several interested pastors who banded together last December and invited Evangelist Robison to come to the greater Little Rock area. A crusade kick off banquet was held in February attended by nearly 300 persons. Since that time crusade preparation has continued with several training sessions for the various committees.

The next major event will be the Spiritual Enrichment Day, May 21, at Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock. Ronnie Dunn, outstanding devotional speaker from Dallas, will lead services for ladies at 10 a.m., pastors at 1 p.m. and men at 7:30 p.m. Also at 7:30 p.m., a youth rally will be held at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, led by Dudley Hall, an associate evangelist of James Robison Evangelistic Association. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Between parson and pew

Gimmicks, gadgets, and giveaways

By Velma Merritt



Mrs. Merritt

Upon our arrival home we found tucked in our screendoor an advertisement from a local church. It said, "Be one of 500 in Sunday School Easter Sunday. Easter egg hunt for all the children. Each child bring two eggs. The child who finds the lucky egg receives FREE a cassette tape recorder. Children who bring their parents receive a real live baby chicken." At the bottom of the page it was advertised as the fastest growing church in town with the name of the pastor printed underneath.

On another occasion the church mentioned above gave away free charms to all who attended. Another time it was hamburgers. A different church is giving away ice cream cones to all the children who attend.

Somehow, I simply cannot believe that the Lord is pleased with these incentives to go to what is supposed to be his House of Worship. Oh, I have heard the argument that it makes no difference how you get them there,

just as long as you get them. Then you can present the gospel to them.

Does it really make no difference why people go to church? Are children to grow up with the idea that they go to church to get prizes?

I heard one preacher rationalizing the giving away of gifts by saying, "Why Jesus even got them to come by feeding them. He fed the 5,000 didn't he?" The man had better look at his scriptures again and he would find that the food Jesus gave them was because they were hungry after being with him all day and certainly was not an attracting force in drawing them to himself.

The easy way to get people to church is to practice the use of giveaways, gadgets and gimmicks. The hard way to get them there is to pray them there. Large attendance may result from the first approach. The second approach might be slower but have more lasting results. The first approach might produce 100 Christians who stay babes in Christ forever. The second may produce only five who make Jesus the Lord of their lives but who, in turn, shake the world for him.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." Where did he say anything about gimmicks, gadgets, or giveaways?



Evangelist James Robison will be in Little Rock for a crusade July 22-29.



Mr. and Mrs. Auda Willoughby

Married 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Auda Willoughby, Mena, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at First Church, Mena, on June 3 from 2-4 p.m. The couple was married June 9, 1923, at Benton.

They are the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Bessie Ruth Schneedle. Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby are deaf.

News briefs

Marshall Church, Boone-Newton Association, will be in revival June 3-10. Larry Taylor, San Antonio, Tex., will be evangelist.

Northvale Church, Boone-Newton Association, voted to give \$1,000 plus a special love offering to help those in need from the recent tornado.

Oregon Flat Church, Boone-Newton Association, is remodeling their educational unit and planning to build additional classrooms in the near future.

Acteens receiving special recognition recently at a coronation service of First Church, Charleston, were Sandy Hill, Debbie Horne, Lavon O'Neal, and Luann Bratton.

Hope, First, has purchased a building adjacent to their property and plan to convert it into a recreational building with some Sunday School classrooms.

Tri-County Association recently began construction on its associational office building at Wynne.

Magazine Church held the first service in their new auditorium May 6.

Burnsville Church, Bill Lynn, pastor, held homecoming services April 29.

Trinity, Ft. Smith, celebrated its 50th anniversary May 27. Ken Freemyer is pastor.

Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith, has employed an architect to draw up plans for a new educational wing.

Vimy Ridge, Immanuel, will ordain Darrel Green as deacon May 27.

Macedonia #2 Church, Hope Association, recently ordained Glen Blackmon and Jim Goodson as deacons.

First Church, Little Rock, has rescheduled the date for the laying of the cornerstone of their new sanctuary to June 24.

Immanuel Church, Little Rock, recently gave Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Vaught a radar range in recognition of his 28th anniversary as pastor.

Oak Grove, Paragould, recently broke ground for a new parsonage. Construction is to start soon with men in the church doing most of the work.



**Day of Prayer
for
Associational Missions
July 15, 1973**

The above logo was designed for use in promotion of a Day of Prayer for Associational Missions in all churches on Sunday, July 15. It locates the church at the center of Cooperative Baptist Missions and the association as one of the major agencies of denominational life and work along with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. It is hoped that all Baptists in the state will become familiar with the logo and its symbolism.
—R. H. Dorris, Director of Missions

Woman's viewpoint

Random thoughts on patience

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

It has often been said that patience is a virtue, but I have not known many people with an over-abundance of that particular one.

My mother had it and worked hard to keep it operational. No one could put up with more kid-antics than she could, and I think noise was good for her!

She was also patient with the weaknesses of others, never chiding, never complaining, hoping to achieve through prayer and encouragement what would have sent most of us into whine sessions or out and out criticism.

Roy Hilton, who was once our fine pastor, told us one time, "Don't pray for patience, if you don't want tribulation!"

Then he quoted Romans 5:3: "And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience."

Most of us don't think much of

patience, anyhow — and who wants troubles? So we just vent our spleen in harsh words, pace the floor, snarl at the slow traffic, scream at the kids and turn innocent bystanders into enemies.

But even if it does take troubles to teach us patience, perhaps it is worth it, for the Bible says patience is rewarded. In James 5:7 we read, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth and hath long patience for it until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient . . . Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job and have seen . . . that the Lord is . . . of tender mercy."

There are few people who have suffered as Job — and he never lost his faith in God.

Barclay, in his commentary, says of Job that his patience was not a passive one, but "that gallant spirit which can breast the tides of doubt and sorrow and disaster, and still hold on and come out with faith still stronger on the other side."

Southern Baptist College meets change with new president, buildings, programs

D. Jack Nicholas, 40, a native of Poland, was elected president of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, in a meeting of the Board of Trustees May 10. Dr. Nicholas will be the institution's second president, assuming his duties July 1.

Dr. Nicholas holds degrees from Southern College; Arkansas State University, Jonesboro; Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and North Texas State University, Denton, Tex. He holds the doctor of education degree from North Texas State University where he served as a teaching fellow. He has served as a professor of psychology at California College, Riverside, Calif. and at Southern College; and as a guest professor of psychology at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro. He has also served as executive vice president of Southern College.

Dr. Nicholas is listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America*, *Who's Who in*

American Education, *Outstanding Educators of America*, and *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Citation of Southern College in 1972.

Dr. Nicholas was ordained to the ministry in 1953. He has pastored churches in Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas.

Dr. Nicholas emphasized the distinctive role of the Christian college. "The state school," he said, "can not be expected to perform the role of a denominational institution. The Baptist schools, colleges and seminaries, must provide our denomination with future leadership. I am a product of both secular and Baptist institutions and appreciate the respective contributions of the two kinds of colleges, but our Baptist schools must retain the responsibility of training our denominational leadership. Baptists need to realize that contempo-

rary higher education is too much permeated with the theories of atheistic evolution and humanism which ignore or scorn the idea of God. This, coupled with situation ethics and the contemporary moral climate in America, makes it imperative that we provide our young people with the opportunity for quality Christian education."

President-elect Nicholas stated that he is exceedingly pleased with the excellent support which Arkansas Baptists have given to the Higher Education Campaign. He said "I am amazed at the results of this endeavor in Arkansas. The money will be utilized in the best possible way to meet the real educational needs of the students now and in the foreseeable future."

Founding President H. E. Williams stated "I am firmly convinced that the Board of Trustees of Southern College are extremely fortunate in finding it possible to secure the services of D. Jack Nicholas as the new president of Southern College. Dr. Nicholas is extremely qualified by background, education, experience and Christian commitment to become the second president of the institution. He is highly articulate in both educational philosophy and Baptist theological views. He is abreast of the trends in modern education and yet has his feet on the very bedrock of our Baptist and Christian heritage. I predict for him a very fruitful administration at Southern. He shall have my finest assistance at all times. I will be serving in the field of development for the institution. I hope to help complete the financial needs for plant improvement and add endowment funds for future security of the institution."

Dr. Padgett C. Cope, president of the Board of Trustees, commented "It has been a privilege to work with Dr. H. E. Williams who has been president of Southern for 32 years. God has used this man in making this institution an outstanding Christian college.

"I do not know of a man anywhere more qualified for the presidency of Southern than Dr. Nicholas. He is well equipped by both training and experience to serve as the president of the institution.

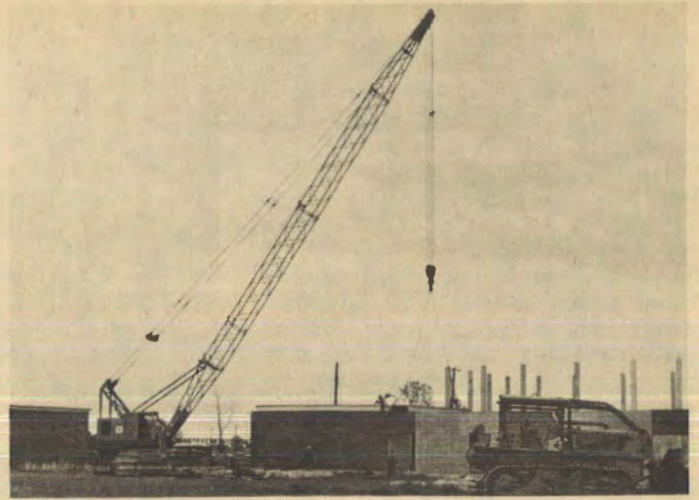
"The college has had a glorious past. I predict that it will have an even greater future under the leadership of Dr. Nicholas."

Currently, the school is involved in many innovative programs. Among these are three consortia which are administered by Southern. The areas

The cover



Padgett C. Cope, chairman of Southern's Board of Trustees, and D. Jack Nicholas, President-elect of Southern.



The fine arts center takes shape in concrete and steel.

of concern include faculty development, curriculum development, and student personnel services. These programs are devised to meet the needs of qualified colleges which are involved. "These programs," Dr. Nicholas observed, "are devised to provide quality students. The innovative programs coupled with an outstanding faculty makes ours the best junior college in the state."

Another program which is giving great benefit to Southern College and six other Arkansas educational institutions involved is the National Endowment for Humanities. There are four senior and three junior colleges which have concluded the planning stage for this innovative learning technique. Southern College is the coordinating institution for this endeavor. The approach is to assist students to develop values from out of the contemporary events. It is felt that the old method of beginning with ancient Greece and moving forward to the 20th Century is too fragmented. Six of the seven schools in this program are church-related.

Out of this planning endeavor has come an experimental course which only Southern is offering. Four of the faculty from the departments of History, literature, music, and psychology, have structured a course entitled "American Values in Transition." This course utilizes a team-teaching method and meets twice weekly. The teaching methods include readings, themes, debates, and guest lectures. This course explores the nature of man and man in society. As a result of this program a learning center has been established. This program has proven extremely beneficial in increasing reading speed and comprehension. The program is open to any student who wishes to participate. But students with low academic records must utilize this technique. This method has proven successful with

approximately 50 percent of the students who have participated. The learning center serves a three-fold purpose. (1) The improvement of learning skills; (2) Individual instruction and enrichment; (3) to develop diagnostic testing techniques. The over-all purpose of the learning center is to develop individuals who will possess the skill to enable them to function in tomorrow's technical world.

Southern was one of 88 junior colleges in 1967 in the nation picked to participate in the consortia activity. This program brings the faculty of participating schools in contact with each other so that the best learning techniques may be developed and shared. Because of this participation Southern was requested to direct consortia in Arkansas. Resulting from this participa-

tion Southern is the most creative junior college in the state.

There are usually about 30 percent of the students, during any academic year, who plan to enter full-time religious vocations. Currently, Southern has graduates serving in almost every area of Christian endeavor — pastors, church music directors, church education directors, foreign missionaries, home missionaries, chaplains, etc.

The testimony of present students emphasizes the spiritual impact of the school. Betty Cope, daughter of Dr. Padgett Cope, pastor of Calvary Church, Little Rock, and president of the Board of Trustees, says "I like Southern because I am treated as an individual. I am not just a number here. Every student has the opportunity to become acquainted with the teachers, so that



H. E. Williams, who founded the school, will serve as President Emeritus and work in the area of development after his retirement.

the education is not just limited to the classroom. You have inter-action with fellow students and professors. To me, this is what Christianity is all about when people care about each other. Southern emphasizes individual worth."

Paula Cooper, president of the student body, states "During my two years at Southern I have been made aware of the great missions that God is accomplishing through this college. As students we are seeking for a higher education for our life, but in return Southern gives her students much more. We are given a chance to be a part of this mission and can use our own lives to further the idea of Christian education."

The excellence of the school is further shown in that Southern was selected as one of three American colleges to participate in a special program of selecting students to visit Iran for two weeks during the summer. The Iranian ambassador said "Southern was chosen because of her outstanding educational program in the field of liberal arts and in recognition of her unusual service to students from the Middle-East.

In expressing appreciation to Arkansas Baptists for the higher education campaign, Dr. Williams pointed out the need for improving facilities as well as some of the ways the money will be used, "At present our college has no adequate place for general meetings of students and faculty. Bleachers in the gymnasium are used for chapel services. Graduation exercises are held out of doors, auditorium space is needed where the entire college family may assemble for chapel, religious convocations, lyceum features, graduation ceremonies, concerts, etc.



Marilyn Thompson is assistant librarian in Southern's library, which has approximately 35,000 books, which is the American College standard. Southern is the first mid-South college to reach the standard.

"Currently, about 10 percent of our operating budget comes from the Co-operative Program of the Arkansas state convention, 45 percent from various student revenues and fees, and the remaining 45 percent from small endowments and gifts of several kinds from interested friends and supporters. This money is necessary for our annual operation. During the academic year of 1972-73, an accumulative enrollment of 1,088 was recorded. Of this total 658 were on campus in Walnut Ridge, 336 at Blytheville Air Force Base, 73 at Seneth, Mo., and 21 at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

"The money from the Higher Education Campaign is needed to make improvements for student housing, cafeteria, field house, and faculty housing. New buildings will include completion of the Fine Arts Center and an auditorium. The Fine Arts Center will house the departments of music and art, an exhibit gallery, offices, practice rooms, music library and listening rooms. Our long-range plans include the completion of the Science complex and the erection of a new administration building."

The second article in this series will feature Ouachita Baptist University and will appear in the June 14 issue.



Jim Tillman, (second from left) director of the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign, shares a story with Jerry Gibbons who teaches English, President H. E. Williams, and Earl R. Humble, who teaches religion and social science.



A registered nurse instructs a student in techniques of artificial respiration. The course in first aid is required of all students.

Sunday School

Teaching the exceptional child



Vernon

Some of our churches are providing for the exceptional child during the Sunday morning Bible teaching session. This learning experience gives opportunity for the child to gain knowledge about Jesus' love for all people.

In these Sunday morning sessions, special curriculum material may be used. This is prepared by the Sunday School Board. However, some churches select the "Learners" or "Discoverers" for their teaching material.

These departments may be organized just as any other department with director, outreach leader and teacher. There is also an Achievement Guide for Special Education departments. This will help the workers to measure the progress of their department. This guide may be secured from the Sunday School department in Little Rock.

The teaching done in the department is similar to that done in any children's department, namely small group and large group, with limited projects being done in the small groups. The large group will be a sharing time of songs, games, prayers, Bible stories and other large group activities.

Brotherhood

June is month for camps, retreat

June is the month of opportunity for Arkansas Baptist men and boys. Camp Paron is the place. The events are camps for boys and a retreat for men.

June 1-2, is the date for boys 6-8, and their fathers. This is a Friday afternoon to Saturday noon mini-camp for boys in the Lad division of Royal Ambassadors and their dads. The cost is only \$6 for each person.

Included in the fee is insurance and one craft project. Each person must bring his own linens, etc.

Regular Royal Ambassador Camps begin on Monday June 4 at 2 p.m. This is for Royal Ambassador age boys in grades 4-12. A new camping session begins on each Monday through June 25. The cost is \$19 per person. A reservation fee of \$4 must accompany each reservation. The balance is to be paid at the time of check in on Monday.

Reservations should be in our office one week before the date of camp. This helps in planning for the week and

The following churches have special education departments: Second, Arkadelphia; First, Camden; Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith; Life Line, Little Rock; Park Hill, North Little Rock; Southside, Pine Bluff; First, Rogers; and First, Wilmot. I am sure there are other churches who have special education departments. I apologize for omitting your church, and ask that you send me the name of church and departments you have. This will serve two purposes; one, keep an up to date list of churches with departments, and two, keep you informed of new materials which will be of help to you.

There are special weeks of training at Glorieta and Ridgecrest for training of workers with exceptional children. These Glorieta weeks are June 10-16, June 17-23, June 24-30. Ridgecrest weeks are July 15-21, July 22-28, and July 29-Aug. 4. If a person can still get a reservation, this week of workshop study would certainly be helpful.

The special education department can also serve as a means of outreach. It provides a service and witness to parents of the members and it may be a means to an end in leading someone to Jesus Christ. That's what it's all about — sharing Jesus and learning more about him! — Harold Vernon, Sunday School Dept.

allocating cabin space.

The Men's Retreat and Encampment is scheduled for June 8-9. Registration and room assignments will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday. The afternoon will be for recreation and fellowship. Supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. The evening session will begin at 7:30 p.m. The total cost will be \$6 per person including insurance. Each person must provide their own linens and advance reservations should be made by June 5.

Reservation forms and information have been mailed to Brotherhood directors, Baptist Men's president, pastors and ministers of education. See one of them for more information or call or write to Brotherhood Department, 525 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Ark., 72203

Take advantage of these opportunities for men and boys for a real refreshing spiritual renewal experience.

Plan now to attend. —C. H. Seaton, director

Ranks of Christian campers are growing



Bridges

At a recent rally at Petit Jean State Park five new families were added to the Arkansas Baptist Campers. There are now a total of 152 families who participate jointly in Arkansas Baptist Campers and the Campers on Mission program of the

Home Mission Board.

John Swofford of Berryville was elected president of the campers and T. L. Burns of Strong was elected vice president. Mrs. Burns was elected treasurer.

Arkansas Baptist Campers and Campers on Mission are fellowships of Christian campers who desire to share their faith. It is a free service with membership open to Christian campers of all denominations. It is sponsored by the Resort Ministry of the Home Mission Board and the Church Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board. No membership fees, dues or subscriptions will be requested of members.

Members, upon request, receive two emblems for autos and camping vehicles, suggestions on how to witness in camping areas, additional information in semi-annual mailings, and an invitation to state and national rallies.

The next Arkansas Baptist Campers rally is scheduled for Sept. 14-15 at the Lake Charles Recreation Area, Walnut Ridge.

Arkansas Baptist Campers and Campers on Mission is a movement whose direction will be determined by the committee of its members. If you are a Christian and a camper, this organization is for you! For a descriptive brochure write the Missions Department in the Baptist Building. — Tommy Bridges, Director, Special Missions Ministries.



There is a difference

There are four or five lay witnessing groups promoting personal witnessing over the Southern Baptist Convention. I thank God for any method that gets the Good News out to a lost and dying world. Until I can win more people to the Lord with my method and presentation than someone else can with his I shall not criticize his method.

However, we need to recognize the difference between some of these institutes and the Lay Evangelism School using WIN materials. Some of the institutes are for christians to share with one another in group meetings at the church or in a home their own faith and experiences. Sometimes this is done at a coffee in the home. They talk about their individual problems, failures, burdens, blessings and accomplishments. Many times this sharing ends with prayer meetings and a deeper commitment to the cause of Christ. These types of meetings are necessary and very helpful. Sometimes they end with the group going out to share their faith with the lost.

A Lay Evangelism School using WIN materials is to teach christians how to share their faith in the Lord. It is also to get the christians involved for 10 hours learning how they can grow in grace and wisdom and knowledge of the Lord. The 10 hours are spent in learning how to knock on a door, get on the inside and present a little booklet on *How to Have a Full and Meaningful Life*. The booklet contains many scriptures about the love of God, conviction for sin, repentance, faith, and baptism. The booklet is only a tool, but a method without a motive will let people die and go to hell. There comes a time when we need to confront the unsaved eyeball to eyeball and draw the net and give lost people a chance to be saved.

There are some advantages to using the booklet. You do not have to worry about scriptures to be looked up or memorized. You don't have to remember an outline and certain points in chronological order. In reading the booklet you just let the Holy Spirit use the Word of God to convict the soul of

sin. God does the work. The booklet keeps you from preaching to the person. It also helps keep one from talking about the weather, ball games, fishing, prisoners of war, floods, etc. It gets you down to the Gospel about Jesus being the "Good News." Another wonderful thing about the booklet is, one who reads it and draws the net must have had an experience himself before he presents Jesus to someone else.

The use of the booklet may seem mechanical, however, we do not need to under-estimate the ability of the laity and youth 14 years of age and above, and the men and women in our churches.

Personal witnessing and the Spirit filled life take longer to catch on than revivals and mass evangelism, but when they do, they pay off in a great way. Yes, there is a difference in a Lay Evangelism School and some lay witnessing institutes that are now being held. This type school is designed to be conducted in the local church to train their members how to witness on the job every day. This is the greatest need among Southern Baptists today. —Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

Associational music tournament winners



Jaree Sherrer



Cindy Townsend



Donna Sue Johnson



Myra Dunham

Miss Sherrer and Miss Townsend are the winners from Ouachita Association. They are from First Church, Mena.

Other winners are:

from BLACK RIVER ASSOCIATION:

Donna Sue Johnson, Hoxie; **Myra Dunham**, First, Walnut Ridge; **Martha Savage**, Swifton.

from BOONE-NEWTON ASSOCIATION:

Dana Brown, Eagle Heights Church, Harrison.

from HARMONY ASSOCIATION:

Beverly Smith, South Side Church; **Michele McGehee** and **Melody Johnson**, First Church; **Faron Wilson**, Forrest Park; **Alan Anderson**, Lee Memorial; **Teresa Trull**, Immanuel — all of Pine Bluff.

from PULASKI COUNTY ASSOCIATION:

Dawne Miller, Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock.

from WASHINGTON-MADISON ASSOCIATION:

Doug White, **Brenda McCoulskey**, **Gary Wilson**, **Dennis Griffin**, **Dana Woods**, **Luanne Graue**, **Greg Callich**, **Joe Roy Simmons**, all from Elmdale Church in Springdale.

These young people listed are the first and second place winners of Associational Music Tournaments which have been reported to the State Music Office.

We congratulate these winners. They are eligible to participate in the State Music Tournament.

STATE MUSIC TOURNAMENT

held at

First Baptist Church

Arkadelphia

1:30 p.m.

June 19, 1973

Miss Nancy Blair,
Coordinator

The State Tournament will be held during the second afternoon of Youth Music Conference at Ouachita Baptist University.

The Associational winners will be guests of the State Music Department for the day.

Stewardship of time is important

The older one gets, the more he appreciates the value of time. If he is also conscientious, this awareness will cause him to seek additional ways of being a better steward of his time.

My responsibilities involve a good deal of writing. In addition to this weekly column in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, there is also the monthly stewardship newsletter and other promotional materials which are sent from this office. Other writing assignments come from the Stewardship Commission and from various denominational publications.

Writing is, to me, a very pleasant task, but also a very time consuming one. Consequently, I have deliberately sought ways to increase my efficiency at this point.

My responsibilities also include a considerable amount of travel, most of which is done by car. Some of my driving is done on secondary roads where one's total attention must be focused on the road and both hands kept on the wheel. But a good bit is also on interstate highways where driving conditions are much better and safer.

Therefore, I decided to combine these two responsibilities. I purchased a cassette recorder which operates on batteries and has a remote control microphone. I place the recorder on the seat beside me, and after I am on the highway and clear of traffic, I can begin

my dictation. This column you are now reading was dictated while travelling between Little Rock and Nashville, Tenn.

Most pastors also spend a great deal of time in their cars, and the Broadman Ministers' Tape Plan has capitalized on this fact. It encourages the pastor to listen while he drives to tapes especially prepared for aid in pastoral ministries.

Many pastors also do a good deal of writing with church newsletters, sermon preparation, and other similar matters. They could utilize a cassette recorder, both for listening to tapes and for dictation.

Of course, with dictation the transcription also has to be considered, but professional dictating and transcribing equipment is available from most companies on which cassette tapes are readily interchangeable.

While the suggestions in this column have been directed primarily toward pastors, the same economy of time could be effected by any layman. The tools suggested here could be adapted for use by any business man, housewife, or student.

All of us need to be better stewards of our time, and I am trying to practice what I preach. —Roy F. Lewis, Secretary of Stewardship-Cooperative Program

Choice of Bible study books



Pike

Wait a minute Moses, just what did you mean when you said that? This and other questions will be asked this summer in the youth Bible classes during the four weeks at Siloam Springs Assembly. Our 60 dedicated Christian teachers will be

leading youth in grades 7-12 in meaningful Bible study each morning.

The studies offered each week are James — *Will The Real Phony Please Stand Up?* by Ethel Barrett; John — *Tell It Like It Is* by Fritz Ridenour; Proverbs — *Now Listen, My Friend* by Dan Kent; *Wait A Minute, Moses* by Norman Habel; and *Myself and Beyond* by James B. Johnson. Each camper will be free to choose the course he will

attend. All courses will be offered in both junior high and senior high divisions.

In addition to these fine studies there are other specialized courses from which campers may choose. A Christian folk musical, *Real*, will be produced during each week and presented on Friday evenings. Enrollment for the musical is limited to campers in the tenth grade and above.

There will also be a conference for those interested in church related vocations. This course will be open to all youth campers.

All this study takes on real meaning when a camper says, "Now wait a minute, Moses . . . or John . . . or James . . . just what did you say to me, when you said that." It's going to be a great, exciting time at Siloam Springs this summer! — Freddie Pike, Sunday School Dept.

Reach young people with Vacation Bible School



Ferguson

of Christ. It does, indeed, seem that "it's still there."

"It's still there — no matter how hard we work — it's still there!" These are words of a black woman speaking to a conference of concerned Christians. She was referring to the problem of the need to train and lead young people in the way

Last year many reports reached me concerning Southern Baptist churches cooperating with National Baptist churches in Vacation Bible School work. Certainly most of these will work together again this year in this most worthy effort. Hopefully many more churches will respond to the challenge so that every child, black or white, will have an invitation to Vacation Bible School this summer.

One church in our state conducted 21 Bible Schools, enrolling 1,853 with 539 professions of faith. This church and others throughout the area baptized these young people and enlisted them in regular activities.

Is there a Vacation Bible School available to all the young people in your community? If not, will you respond to the challenge and provide such an opportunity? Our Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9

If I can assist you in this, please contact me — Robert U. Ferguson, Director, Work with National Baptists.

Flood damage slight to Greene County churches

Flood waters which covered much of Paragould and Greene County recently only slightly damaged two of our churches. The West View Church had water some three inches deep in the auditorium and some 2½ feet deep in the educational building. Lots of work was required to put the facility in shape for Easter services but no serious damage was left as a result of the overflow.

The Stanford Baptist Church had water in the auditorium but no serious damage was reported even though services had to be cancelled because the roads were impassible. —Carroll Gibson, missionary.



Larry Grayson makes the students forget, for the moment, that the buses are broken down.

BSU group witnesses on beaches

One of the five spring BSU Mission Projects for the Spring break was a trip to Daytona Beach. Approximately 80 Ouachita and Henderson students made up the group for the beach ministry, started several years ago by Arkansas BSU.

Both of the buses broke down before the students left Arkansas, but the students took the difficulties in stride. First Church, Lonoke, provided the students a place to eat supper, practice their music, and have an hour of rest before boarding the bus again.

In the Florida bound group were the students who performed "Celebrate Life" at the coffeehouse on Daytona Beach which the BSU had rented for the week.

The Arkansas students returned tired, sleepy, but grateful to God for the opportunity to share their faith in Jesus Christ with the hordes of college students who traditionally come to the Florida beaches at Easter break.



Fredna Hicks and fellow students sing "Celebrate Life" at the coffeehouse on the beach.

Church Training Bible drill Bible is being replaced

Reasons the Broadman Youth Bible 4210-06 is replacing the Zondervan B-100 Bible are:

1. For several years input has come in from across the convention suggesting that a record of Bible Drill participation be put in the Bible. This idea was included in the new edition.

2. The paper stock was greatly improved in the new Broadman Youth Bible.

3. The cover of the Broadman Bible is nicer and more durable.

4. We decided to change the logo on the front of the Bible to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. . ."

5. Several youth have asked that a map be included in the Bible. Therefore, when we redesigned the Bible Drill Bible we included two basic Bible maps.

6. You will also be interested to know that both Bibles will be accepted during the Bible Drill at Ridgecrest the week of July 15-21, 1973.

7. Beginning in 1974 the only Bible acceptable in the Youth Bible Drill will be the Broadman Youth Bible 4210-06 which may be secured from your Baptist Book Store. —Ralph W. Davis



The Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign

The Arkansas Baptist Campaign for Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Baptist College

Graduation day

By Jim E. Tillman, Director

As I sat in the audience of graduation day activities at both Ouachita and Southern I thought, "This is what it's all about. . . sending forth these young people into the world to serve God and their fellowman."

I know every member of our Arkansas Baptist Churches would have shared the pride I felt as I watched these young people on their "Graduation Day." I saw bright faces looking with excitement toward the future. Emotion filled my being as I saw tears on some of their faces as they marched away from their Alma Mater as students.

The importance of Christian Higher Education became even more vital as I heard the Christian emphasis on both campuses. Dr. R. G. Lee was the Commencement Speaker for Southern Baptist College. This great soldier of the cross challenged the class of 1973 to present their bodies as a living sacrifice. His challenge included the necessity to know and serve Christ above all other knowledge and service in life.

Dr. Herman Westmoreland in his Baccalaureate address at Ouachita called the young people back to the basic formula for living found in Micah 6:8 ". . . what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" The honor graduate chosen to read the scripture at the Ouachita commencement read, "for whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Another thrill for Arkansas Baptists on this graduation day was to see new buildings under construction at Southern and at Ouachita. These buildings are being built by the "extra effort giving" through the Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign.

Graduation Day is filled with emotion, hope, and on the campuses of Ouachita and Southern, a firm "praise the Lord." I'm thankful to be a part of this cause. . . aren't you?

Biblical basis for cooperation

The following is excerpts from an address by T. B. Maston delivered at the National and Southern Baptist Leadership Conference Feb. 23-24.

The first basis is that God has written cooperation into our very nature. In other words, we are made for cooperation and for working together. I want to refer to some scriptures. After all, the subject is "The Biblical Basis for Cooperation."

The first scripture that I want to use is in Paul's sermon on Mars Hill. He said, "God has made us one." One of the translations says "one man." Two of the modern translations say we are all from "one forefather." Whether we go back to Noah or to Adam, we all came from one common source. We are one human race. If we could get that really through our heads, it would do an awful lot for our cooperative work. Basically, we are not of different races, we are one race and one family of God.

The second suggestion I want to make is that we are created in the image of God. It is in the first book of the Bible and in the first chapter where God said, "Let us make man in our image." It further says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female created he them." What does it mean to be created in the image of God? It may mean many things, but the supreme thing is that we are created persons. God is a person. What are the characteristics of a person? A person can think, feel, will. A person also has a sense of self-consciousness and a consciousness of others. The supreme thing, however, is that a person demands other persons. There is no person without other persons. We are created for communication. I think you can see the relation of this to what we are talking about: the biblical basis for cooperation.

There is another thing I want to say about our basic nature. We are created equal but unequal. We are unequal in the sense that we fill distinctive functions; equal in everything that makes it possible for us to stand before God. Equal, yes, but we vary in our talents and in our capacities. Each of us has his distinctive place to fill, and this requires cooperation if we are to do the job. We are created to fulfill various functions, but in Christ we are all one. As Paul says in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male or female; for we are all one in Christ Jesus." Williams translates it like this: "There is no room for Jew or Greek, no room for slave or freeman, no room for male or female; for you are all one through union with Christ Jesus." Here

is the equality part — we are all one.

If Paul were writing to a church today he wouldn't use the same words, but he would use the same ideas and concepts. He wouldn't say "neither Jew nor Greek." He might say, "neither black nor white." There is no room for man-made distinctions. There is the equality part. But are there some different functions for us to perform? Yes. Paul says in Ephesians 4:11, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the equipment of the saints, (misplaced comma, it ought not to be there) for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ." How wonderful it is when a fellow finds out what his special gift is and stays with it. I find that many young people today have a hard time finding out what it is because they have so many gifts. There are so many things they are interested in, but sometime they will have to decide.

The second thing I want to suggest is that God cooperates with us. Let's think about four or five different areas. He cooperates with us in the area of health and healing. Don't you think so? God has given us certain fundamental laws. Our part is to discover what those health laws are and then live in harmony with them. He will do his part if we will do ours. When sickness comes, what do we do? We do two things, and I think rightly so: we send for the doctor and pray. That is the way it ought to be. We can be sure that God Cooperates in the healing process. I think God expects us to use what is available. I get disgusted with those folks who will not see a doctor.

God cooperates with us in winning people to the Lord. What can you and I do? We can witness, but he wins. I think that a lot of the "dead timber" in our churches today got there because we used some man-made skills to lead people to superficial, premature decisions. They never had a real experience with the Lord. I'm glad we have gotten away from a term we formerly used a great deal, and my professor at the seminary used it a lot. He talked about "soul-winning." They may be correct, but I don't think it is. I don't think we win souls. We witness, or ought to witness, while God wins. God cooperates with us in all the work we try to do for him. Not only is this true with the work we do in our churches, it is true in all the work of his kingdom.

Jesus, in his public ministry, demonstrated the fact that God cooperates with us in achieving his purposes in and for men. While Jesus walked among men he had compassion for people just because they were

people. And would you let me throw this in? It is for emphasis. I have been saying to my Southern Baptist friends and I think it is good for National Baptists, too. I think we would win more people if we had a compassion for people, as such, and not just "a compassion for their souls." Jesus had compassion for people, period!

Last of all, we want to suggest that God expects us to cooperate. We are talking about biblical reasons for cooperation. He wants us to cooperate with one another and expects us to cooperate with him.

How about with one another? It has helped me a great deal to remember that God, the Perfect One, sees fit to cooperate with us. We are so imperfect. If he sees fit to cooperate with us who are so imperfect, how much more willing we ought to be to cooperate with one another. We don't have to overlook nearly as much in anyone with whom we cooperate, as God has to overlook in us.

God expects us not only to cooperate with each other; he also expects us to cooperate with him. He cooperates with us; we must cooperate with him. This is true of the promotion of the kingdom of God. Jesus said that it was the Father's good will to give his disciples the kingdom. But they must cooperate with him if that kingdom is to be advanced among men. The same is true of the work of our churches. We must cooperate with God. What does Paul say? Paul wrote to the church in Corinth that had so many divisions. Some of them said, "We are of Appolos," others said, "We are of Cephus," and others "of Paul." A fourth group said, "We don't want to have anything to do with these divisions. We are Christ's." Paul said to the divided church, "We are laborers together with God." Pastors, deacons, teachers, women, men — we are all laborers together with God.

When I was a boy my daddy was a section hand on the railroad for many years. I grew up in a very poor home. We were so poor that we were "pore." My daddy later was a sharecropper. We didn't know the word "sharecropper," but that is what he was. But when he was a section hand on the railroad we lived in a small town. We had a garden, a tremendously large garden, almost a block. My daddy got a heavy garden plow. He was a big, raw-boned man with hands two or three times as big as mine. He could have taken care of that garden by himself, but that was not his theory of bringing up boys. He did something I have never seen anywhere else. He got a rope and some way attached that rope to the garden plow. At the end of that rope he attached a stick. He put my

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Child Care

Children's Home adds social works staffer



Nomura

received his B. A. degree, Cum Laude, from Oklahoma Baptist University, with majors in psychology and religion. Nomura received his master of divinity from Southern Seminary, Louisville,

Michael A. Nomura has been employed as Director of Social Work Services for the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, effective June 11. Nomura is a native of Chicago, Ill. He graduated from Edmond High School, Edmond, Okla., and

Ky., and the master of social work degree from Kent School of Social Work in May, 1973.

At O.B.U., Nomura served as president of the University President's Council, president of the Student Government Association, was elected "Best All-Around Man" for Harvest Homecoming, and served on the Governor's Council on Young Oklahomians for one year. He was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for 1968-69. He was a member of the B.S.U. Council and served as president of the Ministerial Alliance for one year.

Nomura's work experience includes Oklahoma, Child Welfare Department; Kentucky, Spring Meadows Children's Home; Oklahoma Baptist Boys' Ranch Town; and one summer with the Neighborhood Youth Corp in Louisville, Ky. He has also been active in the neighborhood level conferences for citizenship

Maston

(From page 19)

brother Red on one end and me on the other end of the stick. We pulled the plow while Daddy guided it. This is how we took care of that big garden. I didn't know then, but I know now that while my daddy was guiding that plow he was pushing more than both of his boys were pulling. We are laborers together with God. We can know that he is pushing more than all of us are pulling.

discussion of the problems of the aging.

Nomura and his wife, Mona Kay, will be moving to Arkansas the first week in June. Mrs. Nomura has been employed as an elementary school teacher for the past year. — Johnny G. Biggs, Executive Director, Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services.

Proposed program

Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Ore.

June 11, 1973

Theme: "Equipping the Man of God"

Monday morning

- 9:15 Hymn and prayer — Richard Stephenson, executive secretary, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Richmond, Va.
- 9:20 Welcome and response
- 9:35 Special music — Anton Disselkoen, minister of music, Bethany Lane Church, Baltimore, Md.
- 9:40 "I Love to Go Soul Winning" — Padgett Cope, pastor, Calvary Church, Little Rock, Ark.
- 10:00 "Believing God in the Desert" — J. C. Mitchell, pastor, First Church, Winter Park, Fla.
- 10:25 Special Music, Steve Bushey, minister of youth and music, Tower Grove Church, St. Louis, Mo.
- 10:30 "The Pastor's Other Family" — Charles Fuller, pastor, First Church, Roanoke, Va.
- 10:55 Congregation singing — offering
- 11:05 "Equipped as Pastor" — Harper Shannon, pastor, First Church, Dothan, Ala.
- 11:25 Special music and testimony — Jack Carter, minister of music, Kempsville Church, Virginia Beach, Va.
- 11:35 "The Must of the Filling" — Jack Taylor, pastor, Castle Hills Church, San Antonio, Tex.
- 12:05 Adjourn



Dr. Cope

Monday afternoon

- 1:45 Hymn and prayer
- 1:50 Testimony: "God's Word in My Life" — W. R. Davenport, president, Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky.
- 2:00 "Call of God to the City" — Clyde Martin, pastor, Tabernacle Church, Macon, Ga.
- 2:20 Special music — Earl Davis, minister of music, Tabernacle Church, Macon, Ga.

- 2:25 "Preaching to Broken Hearted People" — Jaroy Weber, pastor, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala.
- 2:50 Election of Officers
- 3:00 Offering
- 3:10 Testimony: "The New Bob Harrington" — Bob Harrington, chaplain of Bourbon Street, New Orleans, La.
- 3:20 "Equipped as an Evangelist" — John Bisagno, pastor, First Church, Houston, Tex.
- 3:45 Hymn and special music
- 3:55 "Equipped to Love" — E. V. Hill, pastor, Mt. Zion Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 4:25 Benediction — B. Grey Allison, president, Mid-American Seminary, Little Rock, Ark.

Monday evening

- 6:45 Hymn and prayer — Miss Bertha Smith, director, Peniel Retreat Center, Cowpens, S.C.
- 7:00 Testimony: "Learning to Follow Jesus" — Jess C. Moody, pastor, First Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.
- 7:10 Presentation of new officers
- 7:20 Special music — Steve Bushey, St. Louis, Mo.
- 7:25 Testimony: "Called to those who hated" — Rachel Saint, missionary to the Auca Indians of Ecuador, Wycliffe Bible Translators
- 7:40 Offering and prayer
- 7:50 "Survival Techniques" — S. Franklin Logsdon, itinerant Bible teacher, Largo, Fla.
- 8:15 Special Music
- 8:20 "Jesus Still Saves Around the World" — Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
- 8:40 Special recognition
- 8:45 Hymn and special music — Ed and Bette Stalnecker, evangelistic singers, Memphis, Tenn.
- 8:55 "When Do Preachers Preach" — Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn.
- 9:40 Adjourn

International

May 27, 1973

Acts 1:10-11

I Peter 1:3-9

I John 3:1-3.

Christ is our hope

By Harold Elmore, Pastor
Park Place Church, Hot Springs



Elmore

She was above 70 years of age when she walked down the aisle to profess her faith in Christ as her Saviour. The next few years proved to be the most meaningful and happy ones of her life. She never failed to let others know of her joy in

Christ by actions, attitude and work. She spent much of the time in the hospital with a heart condition. On one occasion during an extended stay in the hospital she said to her pastor, "One day I will come to the hospital and won't go back home," and with a smile she added, "but that will be alright because I have a better home to go to." This is the hope of every Christian.

Christ will return (Acts 1:10-11)

The second coming of Christ is a fact attested to by both the Old and New Testament. Much of the prophecy concerning Christ was not fulfilled at his first coming. We wait for his second coming to see if fulfilled. He came the first time as the suffering servant. When he comes again it will be as the victorious king. For all who belong to him the future is bright with the promise of his coming and of living forever in his presence.

Peter, like the other writers of the New Testament would have us to understand that we do not have to wait until we get to heaven to reap all the benefits of our salvation. Jesus promised us the abundant life. We can enjoy this abundant life here and now. He uses the present suffering because of persecution as an example of how we can experience the abundant life. By faith they can claim victory in persecution. By faith they can know God's presence in their life. His presence is the source of the abundant life. This present trial of their faith through persecution is a means of demonstrating the joy of the abundant life.

The departure of Jesus (v. 10) was in keeping with the plan and purpose of God. His departure is one of the proofs we have that he will come again. The return of Jesus will be a bodily, visible return according to verse 11 and Revelation 1:7. Any attempt to spiritualize the manner of his coming is forbidden by the phrase, "in like manner." The time of his coming is in the Father's

hands. We are encouraged to watch, wait and prepare for his coming by sharing with others what Jesus has done for us.

Complete salvation (I Pet. 1:3-9)

On one occasion Peter asked Jesus concerning discipleship, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?" (Matt. 19:27) Now he has the answer. It is an answer from a lifetime of following Jesus as Lord and Master. Writing to a group of Christians who were being persecuted (I Peter 4:12) he points up to them the living hope they have as children of God. Notice the positive statements about this inheritance:

1. Incorruptible
2. undefiled
3. Fadeth not away
4. Reserved for you
5. Kept by the power of God

The source of our inheritance is God the Father. The assurance of our inheritance is the resurrection of Jesus. The nature of our inheritance is living. The ground of our inheritance is faith. He points out that the knowledge of this inheritance is the source of joy in service even in the midst of persecution.

Benefits and responsibility (I John 3:1-3)

The benefits of our salvation are not all in the future. John points up the present as well as future benefits. He also gives emphasis to the demands that being a Christian makes on us.

By faith we have been born into the family of God. By faith we are the sons of God. Being sons of God gives us assurance of future glory. We enjoy many benefits as sons of God in this world. But some of the blessings are waiting for that time when we go to be with him. Then we will possess all our inheritance.

John also points up that being a child of God makes certain demands on our life. With the pure moral life of Jesus as our pattern, the leadership of the Holy Spirit as our guide and strength we are to live as a child of God. The importance of moral purity is in the area of fellowship and influence. We can not enjoy the warm moment by moment fellowship God wants to have with us if our lives are not in keeping with his will.

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If our daily life does not measure up to our profession we find it difficult to witness to our faith. If others do not see that Christ has made a difference in our life it is difficult for them to take our witnessing serious.

Being a child of God is a blessed privilege and a demanding responsibility.

Bilingual book store opens in August

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists will open their first bilingual book store in El Paso, Tex., after several years research seeking to meet the needs of Spanish-speaking people in the United States.

Steady growth in numbers of Spanish-speaking Baptists in the South-Southwest and the Thomason, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division.

As the demand for more Christian materials in the Spanish language increased in the late 60's, the board sought to meet this need by carrying limited inventories of Spanish materials in Baptist Book Stores.

This, however, proved inadequate to serve Spanish Baptists with a broad inventory, in spite of experimenting with several different methods.

"It became evident we must improve our service or not offer it at all," Thomason said.

At that point, the board began discussing possibilities with the Foreign Mission Board and their Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso.

We felt that if we could construct a mail order house in El Paso, near the publishing house, this would solve most of our problems, continued Thomason.

While discussions were in progress, the Bible Book Store, a Spanish and English mail order store which also has a sales floor, contacted the board about purchasing their store. Negotiations are now complete and the bilingual Baptist Book Store will open later this summer.

The store will handle over-the-counter sales in Spanish and English products and will have a nation-wide mail order service for Spanish materials. Mail order service for English materials will be limited to churches in El Paso and the surrounding area.

God is one

By William Kennedy, Pastor
First Church, Star City



Kennedy

explain the Holy Trinity. I accept it by faith."

The wisest of men have confessed an inability to explain the Trinity: the three in one, or the one in three.

The purpose of this lesson is not to explain this doctrine. The purpose is to emphasize the unity of God and increase our love of God. We may experience God in three unique ways, yet this does not divide God. The varied experience should deepen our commitment to him.

The command of God (Deut. 6:4-9)

The sum total of God's law is condensed into the verses found here. They tell us two things about God. He is one Lord and we are to love him with all of our being.

There is a greater difference between the number one and two than between two and a thousand. One is the only singular while all other numbers are plural. All of Israel's neighbors worshipped many gods. The New Testament Greeks and Romans had many gods. Our Lord God is unique. He is singular. He is the one true God. We have found in this unit on God just how unique and wonderful God is to mankind. It would seem that the truth is clear; God deserves center stage in our life.

We are to love him with the totality of our being. Experiencing God should make this a love easy to give. Our love for him should be a natural outflow that comes as we experience his goodness and love for us. Our part in the equation would be to saturate ourselves in knowing God and God's way (verse 6.) God doesn't give laws to punish man. He gave the law to guide and protect us. The end of the law is the Christian will be filled with love that

comes from a pure heart, minds that will be clean, and a strong faith (I Tim. 1:5.)

This section gives a strong declaration that parents are to teach God's way to their children both in and out of the home. A church can not do it alone. The religious instruction should be in the home as well as church. The original word idea is to be diligent, to repeat again and again. Raising children in God's way is a difficult job requiring patience, judgment, and right-living by the parents before the children. Let it be known far and wide, this home is a home where God is loved, respected, and the family taught his way.

Jesus' answer (Mark 12:28-30)

One day a scribe impressed by Jesus ask a question of him. The question being, what is the most important commandment? Jesus answered by repeating the essence of Deut. 6:5. He said God is one, and he should be loved with all heart, soul, mind, and strength. This is everything. Man is to love God with his all. Verse 30 could be considered a summary of the first four commandments; man's relationship to God. Verse 31 would be a summary of the last six commandments; man's relationship to man. The whole idea centers around love not being passive. Love is active. Love is not love until you give it away, the words of the song state. God gave and continues to give his love away. Have we given and shown our love to others?

Three-Fold benediction (II Cor. 13:14)

Probably this is the most beautiful and moving benediction to a letter by Paul. In this verse clear mention is made of the Trinity, but the emphasis is on the unity of God. Notice the order, the grace of the Lord Jesus before the love of God! Why? Our experience begins with redemption through Christ. It is through his grace and free gift of sal-

Life and Work

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Deut. 6:4-9, Mark 12:28-30

II Cor. 13:14, I John 4:12-15

vation that we experience God's love more fully. It was God's self-less love that sent Jesus. Our conversion experience not only shows God's love but allows us fellowship with God through the Holy Spirit.

How our churches need a vision of God's love and an openness to respond in love to others. We believe in the oneness of God as much as the Jew, yet our God is bigger than any part of His Being. As we experience him, we see grace, love, and fellowship. We need them all.

Practical application (I John 4:12-15)

Abruptly John tells us. God has not been seen by man! How can we have security or knowledge that we are in him? The way is that his ways or characteristics become our way. There are three tests that show us.

The love test (verse 12) is if we love one another. Do we? If we love one another God is in us and is working to bring us to spiritual maturity. The spirit test (verse 13) is the giving of the Holy Spirit. When we are converted, God as spirit lives in our hearts. This is known by its effect giving witness to indwelling in a changed life. The saviour test (verse 15) is simply if you accept Jesus for what he is, on God's promise and in his power, you are a child of God, eternally saved, and indwelt with him.

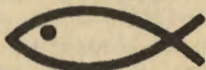
Jesus, the ultimate revealer of God and God's nature, said it best. God is one. The key to know God is love. We should love God with our all. God has shown his love by the Father, the Saviour, and continues his love to us through the Spirit.

Jesus asked Peter the question three times; do you love me? Peter replied, yes Lord, I love you. Jesus said; feed my sheep. In other words if you love me put that love into action. Show me your love for me! God could say to each of us, in all three persons, I have loved you. Do you love me? Then show it!

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A smile or two

There was a football game between the elephants and the bugs. The elephants had dominated the first half, but the bugs came on strong in the second half and won.

"How did you do it?" an elephant asked a member of the winning team.

"It was the centipede," said the bug.

"But where was he during the first half?"

"He was lacing up his shoes."

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The U. S. is the only country in the world where a man can keep three cars in his garage and not own a single one of them.

* * *

His name was Johnny, and one day he came home from school looking so miserable that his mother was worried. "What is wrong?" she finally asked. Out of his trouser's pocket, Johnny fished a note from the teacher which said: "Johnny has been a very naughty boy. Please have a serious talk with him."

"What did you do?" asked mother.

"Nothing," sobbed Johnny. "Except that teacher asked a question, and I was the only one who could answer it."

"H'm," murmured mother. "What was the question?"

"Who put the dead mouse in my drawer?" answered Johnny.

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Most of us would be delighted to pay as we go if we could just catch up with paying as we've gone.

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One young college student told Dean Samuel Prentiss of Fillmore State College that he could see no difference between college and an insane asylum.

"But there's quite a difference," Dean Prentiss said. "Before they let you out of an insane asylum you have to show some improvement."

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Attendance report

May 13, 1973

| Church | Sunday School | Church Training | Ch. Adms. |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Alexander, First | 78 | 39 | 2 |
| Allcia | 46 | 44 | |
| Alma, First | 310 | 125 | 2 |
| Alpena | 77 | 34 | 1 |
| Banner, Mt. Zion | 42 | 15 | |
| Bentonville | | | |
| First | 267 | | 2 |
| Mason Valley | 85 | 36 | |
| Berryville | | | |
| First | 167 | 57 | |
| Freeman Heights | 116 | 34 | 1 |
| Rock Springs | 92 | | |
| Blytheville, Gosnell | 200 | 95 | |
| Booneville, First | 196 | 176 | |
| Cabot, Mt. Carmel | 169 | 58 | |
| Camden, First | 449 | 70 | |
| Cherokee Village Mission | 92 | 35 | 2 |
| Conway, Second | 308 | 95 | 1 |
| Crossett | | | |
| First | 466 | 141 | 1 |
| Magnolia | 166 | 126 | 1 |
| Mt. Olive | 328 | 183 | 1 |
| Dermott, Temple | 100 | 40 | 1 |
| Des Arc, First | 188 | 76 | |
| El Dorado, Caledonia | 37 | 19 | |
| Forrest City | | | |
| First | 755 | 186 | 6 |
| Second | 186 | 68 | 5 |
| Ft. Smith | | | |
| First | 1030 | 191 | 4 |
| Haven Heights | 219 | 84 | |
| Oak Cliff | 159 | 50 | 5 |
| Temple | 130 | 58 | |
| Trinity | 183 | 46 | |
| Gentry, First | 178 | 59 | |
| Grandview | 109 | | 4 |
| Greenwood, First | 260 | 140 | 5 |
| Greens Ferry, Westside | 108 | | |
| Hampton, First | 127 | 70 | 4 |
| Harrison, Eagle Heights | 274 | 120 | 7 |
| Helena, First | 265 | 73 | 2 |
| Hope | | | |
| Calvary | 184 | 91 | |
| First | 474 | 130 | |
| Hot Springs | | | |
| Grand Avenue | 223 | 129 | 4 |
| Park Place | 429 | 122 | |
| Piney | 229 | 96 | |
| Leonard Street | 83 | 48 | |
| Vista Heights | 98 | 71 | |
| Hughes, First | 167 | 67 | |
| Jacksonville | | | |
| First | 373 | 67 | 1 |
| Marshall Road | 309 | 129 | 2 |
| Jonesboro, Central | 537 | 118 | 3 |
| Lake Village, Parkway | 85 | 40 | |
| Lavaca, First | 278 | 103 | |
| Little Rock | | | |
| Geyer Springs | 646 | 174 | |
| Life Line | 528 | 122 | |
| Martindale | 103 | 42 | |
| Sunset Lane | 171 | 51 | |
| Wakefield | 48 | 35 | |
| Woodlawn | 90 | 35 | 1 |
| Mabelvale, Shannon Hills | 71 | | |
| Magnolia, Central | 561 | 294 | 1 |
| Melbourne, Belview | 165 | 73 | |
| North Little Rock | | | |
| Baring Cross | 519 | 134 | 3 |
| Calvary | 400 | 112 | 3 |
| Grace | 76 | 39 | |
| Gravel Ridge | 188 | 68 | |
| Levy | 410 | 66 | 1 |
| Park Hill | 668 | 105 | 12 |
| Sylvan Hills | 254 | 72 | 3 |
| Paragould | | | |
| Center Hill | 180 | 83 | 1 |
| East Side | 223 | 103 | 2 |
| First | 439 | 127 | 1 |
| Paris, First | 330 | 59 | |
| Pine Bluff | | | |
| Centennial | 157 | 71 | |
| First | 629 | 136 | 1 |
| Green Meadows | 43 | 15 | |
| Second | 157 | 72 | |
| South Side | 734 | 154 | 1 |
| Prairie Grove, First | 151 | 61 | |
| Rogers, First | 533 | 89 | 4 |
| Roland, Natural Steps | 96 | 53 | 1 |
| Russellville | | | |
| First | 491 | | 10 |
| Kelly Heights | 40 | 25 | |
| Second | 188 | 86 | |
| Springdale | | | |
| Berry Street | 96 | 30 | |
| Caudle Avenue | 101 | 37 | 2 |
| Elmdale | 357 | 84 | 4 |
| First | 956 | | 5 |
| Oak Grove | 81 | 20 | |
| Van Buren, First | 540 | 166 | 10 |
| Mission | 36 | | |
| Vandervoort, First | 32 | 25 | |
| Warren | | | |
| Immanuel | 258 | 70 | 4 |
| Westside | 59 | 48 | |
| West Helena | | | |
| Second | 193 | 89 | |
| West Helena Church | 253 | 71 | 3 |
| W. Memphis, Vanderbilt Ave. | 105 | 60 | 1 |
| Wooster, First | 83 | 81 | |

Southern Baptist datelines

Nixon sends parochial aid plan to Congress

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Richard Nixon, in a 175-page tax reform proposal, asked Congress to approve a plan for income tax credit for parents paying tuition for their children in parochial and other nonprofit elementary and secondary schools.

The administration's tax reform proposal came at the conclusion of a long series of hearings before the House Committee on Ways and Means, of

which Rep. Wilbur D. Mills (D., Ark.), is chairman. The President's proposals were presented by George B. Schultz, secretary of the treasury.

The President estimated that his parochial school tax credit program would reduce federal revenue by \$300 million for fiscal year 1974. He said that, due to anticipated increases in parochial school tuition, this loss of federal revenue would climb to \$450 million in

Over \$19.6 million given to Lottie Moon Offering

RICHMOND (BP) — The 1972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions topped its \$18 million goal by more than \$1½ million when the books on the offering closed April 30, according to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials here.

Total 1972 funds were \$19,664,972. Receipts were \$1,831,162 or 10.27 percent, higher than the 1971 offering.

The Lottie Moon Offering is sponsored annually by the Woman's Missionary Union in Southern Baptist churches across the nation in connection with the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Monies received after April 30 are included in the following year's offering.

Southern Baptist foreign mission efforts are supported financially by two major means of contributions, with slightly more than half the support coming from the Lottie Moon special offering, and the other half coming from gifts through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget plan.

All but three state conventions recorded increases in their Lottie Moon offering totals for 1972 over the previous years.

Several state conventions reported dramatic increases. The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, for example, recorded a dramatic increase of 123 percent. A new convention, Pennsylvania and South Jersey, recorded 44 percent increase.

More than 70 percent of the total 1972 offering came from eight Baptist state conventions, with Texas Baptists contributing nearly \$4 million. North Carolina Baptists gave over \$2 million. More than \$1 million was given in six states — South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida and Mississippi.

The board's executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen, commenting on the record

offering said, "The Foreign Mission Board and missionaries all over the world wish to express to Southern Baptists, and Woman's Union in particular, deep gratitude for the Lottie Moon offering which has reached such a glorious climax.

"In projecting mission work throughout the world," Cauthen continued, "planning depends primarily on gifts through the Cooperative Program. The Lottie Moon Offering makes possible going twice as far in meeting world need."

Cauthen also indicated that allocations of the increase in the mission offering would be made on a priority basis within the next few weeks. He pointed out that needs awaiting funds still outstripped available resources.

Upon learning the total 1972 offering, Cauthen immediately telephoned Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, to express appreciation to the WMU and others who helped in promotion of the offering.

Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the board's Mission Support Division, interpreted the 1972 offering as a "new lease on life" for overseas mission.

"With dollar devaluation and inflation cutting so deeply into the spending power of the missionary dollar," he said, "this outpouring of support through the Lottie Moon Offering gives a new lease on life for foreign mission work of Southern Baptists."

Several times during 1972 the Foreign Mission Board made emergency appropriations, attempting to partially offset the effects of the dollar loss on missionary personnel.

The board's most recent attempt to meet the dollar squeeze came in March when it approved a \$151,450 adjustment of funds as emergency compensation in 31 countries.

future years.

However, in hearings last year on tax credits for nonpublic education, Secretary Schultz estimated the cost to the government to be much higher than is currently proposed. At that time the Treasury Department official estimated the cost to be \$584 million, with the cost going up to \$790 million when parochial schools raise their tuition fees for maximum tax credit.

Schultz further added last year that if a refundable provision were added to the bill, "the revenue loss would rise to an estimated \$970 million." Such a refundable provision is now included in the President's new plan.

As proposed, the President's plan would go into effect Aug. 1, 1973. This gives Congress only three months to enact the measure, and it is highly unlikely that both the House and the Senate will move with this much speed on such a controversial law.

Specifically, the President is proposing an income tax credit equal to 50 percent of the tuition paid in nonpublic schools up to a maximum credit of \$200 per year for each qualified dependent.

In addition, if the parent's tax credit exceeds the amount of income tax for which he is liable for a certain year, he can claim the excess either against the following year's income taxes or he can apply for a cash refund for the excess, according to the President's plan.

Although the President disavowed that there are constitutional problems in his plan stemming from the First Amendment prohibition of public aid to church agencies, he is asking for a judicial review process to speed any possible challenges through the courts.

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