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## **A Church for Everyone**

**Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-13**



## Cover Story



## A Church for Everyone . . . . . 18-19

*It's a worthy goal for us all: an evangelistic church for every person in the United States. The Week of Prayer for Home Missions is March 6-13.*

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# IT'S UPLIFTING

## Life Begins At Age 98

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Life begins at 98, according to Mable Adams of Glen Rose, Texas, who completed MasterLife evangelism training last year and recently led a teenager to faith in Christ while studying Evangelism Explosion through First Baptist Church of Glen Rose.

Mrs. Adams spoke at the Jan. 20 morning session of the Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference in Fort Worth's Tarrant County Convention Center.

When Adams' pastor, Arthur N. McAninch Jr., invited her to join MasterLife I about two years ago, she said, "Oh, Brother Art, at my age I have trouble memorizing Scripture."

"But she memorized every Scripture and really did well," McAninch said.

MasterLife is a discipleship and witness-

ing program sponsored by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

After completing MasterLife, Adams enrolled in the Evangelism Explosion seminar at her church. She and some other women went together to do evangelism visitation and stopped at a home where some teen-age girls were having a slumber party.

Adams shared the message of salvation, and a girl about 13 years old prayed and received Christ as her savior.

"I don't see why people as they grow older don't do something like this because it stimulates the mind so," said Adams. "We grow old in mind before we grow old in our bodies."

Adams admits she is excited about giving her testimony at the conference but she says: "It shall be the Lord's doing. It shall not be mine."

# GOOD NEWS!

## Courage for the New Year

Deuteronomy 33:24-25

Courage for the journey must have concerned Moses deeply in delivering his farewell address. How could he fortify Israel for the conquest of Canaan? Only a sure word from the Lord could counteract the pessimistic report of the 10 spies. Moses exhorted each tribe to be bold in the face of enemy opposition. It was in some ways his last will and testament. Let's make three observations based on this text.

*God does not remove the difficulties of life.* The prime promise of life has never been promised to Christians. Asher was one of the 12 tribes belonging to the chosen nation. Still they had to fortify themselves for difficult days. The battles of Canaan would be real.

For the faithful servant, there is no ivory tower of security. Certain victories which are essential to the spread of the gospel can only be won through sacrifice.

*God does not conceal the difficulties of life.* As expressed in the familiar adage, "To be forewarned is to be forearmed." Moses made no effort to rally the spirit of the Israelites with a shallow optimism. This might seem kind on the surface, but it would actually be cruel. Both the eagle and the ostrich must endure the storm. Whether true or false, the ostrich has gained the reputation of burying his head in the sand. In this way, he seeks to escape the

inevitable. What about the eagle? Often times when he senses the storm is coming, he flies directly into the path and battles against the tempest. We follow the daring Lord who set his face steadfastly toward Jerusalem, the storm center of his life.

Our Lord does not believe in diluting the truth. He recruited men in a peculiar manner, offering his servants a cross and a crown. We may frown on such a straightforward approach, preferring to win adherents with glowing attractions. Such discipleship will not last.

*God does not ignore the difficulties of life.* The benediction of Moses on the tribe of Asher included a promise, not just a prediction. Think of the magnitude of assurance in the words: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." There is something better than a lighter load for our pilgrimage. One great preacher of the nineteenth century said he prayed not for a lighter load but for a stronger back.

Paul did not survive the excruciating abuses of his enemies through fitness but faith. His motto was, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Ph. 4:13). From God we thus derive providential strength.

Do you have the courage to live for Christ? God says the resources are adequate to see you through. Step out on faith and win the victory.

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# Verbal Garbage

J. EVERETT SNEED



Fortunately the people who collect litter and trash are gaining more status. It is certain they deserve it, as they are hard working people who perform a useful service. Their improved status is long overdue. Tragically, however, the collectors of verbal garbage are usually accorded a higher status than they deserve. To solve this problem, Christians need to refrain from gossip and disseminating garbage.

None of us would think of picking up garbage and recycling it through our bodies as food. Nor do we keep it in our houses for long periods of time. We keep it in garbage bags until it can be picked up and dumped into the garbage pit. With regular household garbage, there seems to be no mistaken identity. We recognize it for what it is and treat it accordingly.

Yet good people hear verbal garbage and often pass it on for something reliable and acceptable. The question arises, "How do we determine what is authentic truth from verbal garbage?" Obviously it is not always easy to tell the difference. Some of the following guidelines may be useful in separating verbal garbage from truth.

First, "scoop" type information should always be treated suspect until it is confirmed. The news media often obtains information before it is generally known, but a good reporter makes every effort to authenticate his information prior to dissemination.

Second, one may be able to determine verbal garbage by asking, "Why is this information being shared? Is the individual who is giving this information a friend or foe of the person he is talking about?" It is, of course, difficult to discern motives, but there are cases in which the intentions are rather obvious.

All of us collect more good things about our friends than we do about those who are enemies. But bad stories often can be tracked back to an unhappy experience which has left emotional scars. It also is obvious that we are more eager to believe and to tell damaging things about people whom we dislike.

Finally, a way to detect a verbal garbage collector is to count the number of times he passes on "dirt" regarding others and the number of people he knows unkind things about.

The Bible has a great deal to say about the sin of judging others. James, for exam-

ple, warns, "Speak not evil one of another..." (Ja. 4:11). The verb "to speak evil" usually means to speak evil of someone in that person's absence, to criticize, to insult, to slander someone when he is not there to defend himself. This sin is condemned throughout the Bible.

The sin of gossip also is condemned by Peter and Paul. Paul lists it among the sins which are characteristic of unregenerated pagans (see Ro. 1:30). Peter uses the same Greek word (*katalalia*) but it is usually translated "evil speaking" (see 2 P. 2:1).

There are few activities in which the average person finds more delight, and few which are more devastating. Gossip can destroy the reputation of individuals who are not present to defend themselves. Hence, there is a necessity for repeated warnings in the Scripture.

Actually, when one is speaking evil of another, he is breaching the royal law of loving one's neighbor as himself. Obviously a man cannot love his neighbor as himself and speak evil about him.

When we speak evil of another, we are infringing on the prerogative of God. The Bible is clear that no human being has the right to judge another. The right of judgement belongs to God and God alone.

One of the tragedies of dissemination of garbage is that its damage can seldom be recalled. Once a false impression has been placed in the minds of others, it is difficult at best to repair the damage.

The dissemination of garbage is one of the worse sins that besets Christians. Devout Christians are not given to violence and would say that they wish to harm no one. But, almost without thinking, an individual can pass on verbal garbage which can destroy the usefulness of another. This pitfall becomes even more likely when individuals are involved in disagreement or debate.

Verbal garbage may be no more than a rumor, partial truth, inference, or implication, or it may be truth that puts someone in a bad light. Whatever it is, when we receive it and pass it on, we should consider why we are doing it. We should ask, are we doing this to help or to hurt?

Most of us have heard repeatedly the old adage, "If you can't say something good about a person, don't say anything." It is very difficult to improve on this advice.

All of us would do well to remember and to ponder the words of Jesus as he said, "Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (Mt. 7:1-2).

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DON MOORE

## You'll Be Glad To Know

Gifts for world missions through the Cooperative Program passed \$12 million in 1987! Thank you for being conscientious about the continued support of the programs and ministries Southern Baptists do together. This is an increase of 3.36 percent over last year's giving. Neighboring states, Texas and Oklahoma, are receiving significantly less than in 1986. The Texas Convention fell \$2.5 million short of their budget. We fell \$333,051.15 short of our budget or 2.7 percent.

Our increase of 3.36 percent is the smallest increase in giving in 15 years. It is the first time gifts to the Cooperative Program have not kept pace with inflation. What is the impact of these trends? The following ministries will be hindered significantly: 3,800 foreign missionaries, 3,700 home missionaries, six seminaries with 12,000 students, Family and Child Care Ministries, *Arkansas Baptist News* magazine support, Arkansas Baptist Foundation, Ouachita Baptist University, Southern Baptist College, and 12 programs of local church assistance.

Our years of neglect in preaching and teaching about individual responsibility for world evangelization is catching up with us. Years of failure to keep our church members informed about the Cooperative Program achievements is coming back to haunt us. While some areas of our economy have been hard hit, the reports of our churches' receipts indicate they have continued to receive good increases from their members, but have not sent a corresponding increase to support world missions. Selfishness is as unbecoming to a church as it is an individual. The facts are that most of our people do not give a tithe and most of our churches do not give 10 percent to world missions. The facts are that most businessmen on budget and finance committees look to missions as the first place to cut if finances become strained. This is only because they do not know the vast and tremendous ministries accomplished through the Cooperative Program. We can do better, can't we?

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



## Letters to the Editor

### Different Purpose

I read Michael Rochelle's recent letter "Hope in Las Vegas," with mixed emotions. I can appreciate my Christian brother's experience as a young man in Las Vegas with the compassionate Southern Baptist church and pastor that ministered to him in his time of need. This should be the primary purpose of every Baptist church at any time.

However, I would like to remind the readers of that letter that they not lose sight of the primary purpose of our SBC visiting Las Vegas in 1989 and that is to hold our annual series of meetings. This is quite a different purpose than ministry of the churches which are already established there. I have yet to read of any concrete plans for mass evangelism or large revival meetings to be held in conjunction with this convention.

Several weeks ago Mr. James Sawyer of Scary wrote to the *Arkansas Baptist* voicing his objections to the convention being held there in 1989. I could not agree more. It seems quite hypocritical for our pastors and leadership to admonish their congregations of the evils or gambling, drinking, immorality, etc., while at the same time are making plans to hold their convention at a place where all of the above not only exist abundantly but are thriving!

In holding our convention there, will we be "strengthening the hands of the evildoers" as is stated in Jeremiah 23:14 or Ezekiel 13:22? What do you suppose the \$13 million plus income from this convention will be invested in? Think about it.

As a final note I would ask—Do our Southern Baptist pastors have enough courage to survey by written ballot their respective congregations as pertains to this issue?—**Beverly Strain, Greenbrier**

## Today's Issues

### Remember

BOB PARKER

An American educator, Dr. Charles S. McKenzie made this observation about one of Communism's early leaders: "Nikolai Lenin once urged his followers to work to politicize the church if they wished to neutralize its influence in society. He may have understood the nature of the church better than some contemporary ecclesiastics who would transform the church from a spiritual force into an instrument of political action."

The German martyr of the Nazi Party, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, considered by many as a liberal, nevertheless made a profound



observation regarding the way that party related to the churches in stating "They purged the churches whose interpretations were different than ours, and we were silent. Then, they purged the churches whose interpretations were only slightly different than ours, and we remained silent still. Finally, they purged the churches whose interpretations were similar to ours, and there

was no one left to speak for us."

We must remember that we as Southern Baptists originally came together under the primacy of Scripture and liberty of conscience.

Georgiann Darter, recently distinguished in the field of Arkansas adult education, has taught many adults to read. Let all of us use this ability to study to show ourselves approved unto God, reading especially the word of God and then other materials which would assist us to be the soul winners God intended.

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

## A SMILE OR TWO

The hypochondriac was certain he had a particular fatal liver condition. "Nonsense," snorted his doctor. "Besides, you wouldn't know if you had it or not; it causes no discomfort of any kind."

"Good heavens!" gasped the patient. "My symptoms exactly!"—*Modern Maturity*

## Food & Fellowship

### Entertaining Visiting Ministers

VIRGINIA KIRK & JANE PURTLE

The prophet Elisha was invited to have meals with a rich woman and her husband each time he came through the Shunem area. Finally his hostess said to her husband, "I am sure that this man who comes so often is a holy man. Let's build small room on the roof, put a bed, a chair and a lamp in it and he can stay there whenever he visits us" (2 K. 4:9, GNB). Perhaps we should follow the example of this Shunammite woman. The rewards that came to her and her husband were wonderful. If you have forgotten this story, reread it.

Most churches have people each year conduct revivals, conferences, seminars, banquets, etc. Usually those visitors stay at a local motel or hotel with the church paying the expenses. Many would prefer to stay in a home where privacy could be assured, along with the opportunity for rest and study. For the church there is the extra bonus of saving money on the expenses of the meeting.

Members who have grown children and an "empty nest" have extra bedrooms and baths to offer. Comfortable surroundings, breakfast, and fellowship, if desired, are available.

It has been a blessing to our family to have visiting ministers and singers as guests in our home. Our lives have been enriched in many ways. A well-known choir director/pianist gave a living room concert for our neighbors and friends. Another famous singer left an autographed copy of one of his books. A minister from a large Gulf Coast church arrived with an ice chest of fresh oysters which he prepared for us. We have a lovely piece of matted calligraphy done by a Texas choir director. This summer we plan to visit another Texan who stayed with us. We have made lasting friendships, and it has been an honor to know these folks.

Our recipes this month are dishes you might serve a visiting minister for breakfast. The first is a simple form of baked apples—easy, quick, and suitable for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Serve hot or cold.

#### Pink baked apples

##### Peel and quarter 6 to 8 baking apples

##### Mix in pan:

- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- ½-¾ cup sugar
- ¾-1 cup water
- a little margarine

Bring mixture to a boil. Add 2 or 3 drops of red food coloring and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Pour over apples in baking dish. Sprinkle with nutmeg (optional). Bake in 350 degree oven until soft. Sprinkle with a few nuts (optional) and miniature marshmallows (optional) the last 5 minutes of baking.

#### Baked eggs with cheese

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| 2 cups cheddar cheese,<br>grated | salt and pepper to taste                          |
| 6 eggs                           | 1 tablespoon chopped parsley<br>or parsley flakes |
| ¼ cup milk                       |   |

Sprinkle 1 cup cheese on bottom of 8x8 greased baking dish. Make six indentations in the layer of cheese. Break an egg into each one. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, parsley and milk. Top with rest of cheese. Bake 25 minutes (less for softer eggs) at 375 degrees.

Virginia Kirk, professor emerita at Arkansas College, is a member of Batesville First Church. Jane Purtle teaches at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas. They have enjoyed cooking together for several years.



BEN EARLY

## Early Reflections



### A New Beginning

The New Year lies before us unsoiled and unspoiled; 365 days of golden opportunity. None of us knows what the year 1988 will hold. However, we must seize hold of each situation and make the most of what is handed to us. The opportunities are ours but we must be willing to be open and dare to take the risks.

One of my models for strength comes from the late DeWitt Wallace.

DeWitt Wallace had a idea for a publication containing condensed articles that would help people lead happier, more useful lives. He had little experience and no money. As he sought help no one gave him any encouragement. Publishers would say, "No good, it won't work." Yet *Reader's Digest* is one of the greatest publishing successes of modern times.

The New Year affords an opportunity to take a hard look at ourselves and make sure our spiritual resources are sufficient for the demands of the coming days of tests and trials. Unless we are fortified from within by the power of God, we shall be destined to waver and fall before the unmerciful test of this New Year.

First, we must realize that Jesus is Savior, Master, and Lord of our life and that he is as up-to-date as the New Year we face.

Second, we need a sense of the importance of time.

We must spend quality and quantity time in prayer. Take time to read God's Word, to witness for Christ, to help those in need, to spend time with our loved ones, to cultivate a sunny disposition.

Third, as we grasp hold of 1988, we need a fresh appraisal of life's values and then live each day with those values in our mind's eye.

Finally in this new beginning, we need power. The world has never been more ripe for harvest. There are challenges on every hand; but we need a new infusion of spiritual energy, a new infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Let us not be afraid of the unknown but let us take each step into this New Year boldly and unafraid, willing to say, "With God's help, I can and I will."

Ben Early is director of public relations/alumni affairs for Southern Baptist college in Walnut Ridge.

# WELCOME TO THE CONGREGATIONAL SOUND OF THE 21ST CENTURY

(Singing led by Ray Walker of the Jordanaires)

## "A TRIBUTE TO FANNY J. CROSBY"

- BLESSED ASSURANCE
- ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME
- A WONDERFUL SAVIOR
- JESUS IS TENDERLY CALLING
- I AM THINE, OH LORD
- HIDE ME, OH MY SAVIOR
- JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS
- TO THE WORK
- RESCUE THE PERISHING
- TO GOD BE THE GLORY
- CLOSE TO THEE
- PASS ME NOT
- HOLD THOU MY HAND
- TAKE THE WORLD, BUT GIVE ME JESUS



- I SHALL KNOW HIM
- REDEEMED
- WILL YOU COME?
- 'TIS THE BLESSED HOUR OF PRAYER
- WILL JESUS FIND US WATCHING?
- PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!
- TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS
- THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET
- SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS
- THE HALF I CANNOT TELL
- SAVIOR, MORE THAN LIFE TO ME
- WELCOME FOR ME
- SPEED AWAY
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- WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE
- SONG OF WONDERFUL LOVE  
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- EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING
- WE HAVE AN ANCHOR
- AM I NEARER TO HEAVEN TODAY
- WILL THERE BE ANY STARS
- FROM THE CROSS TO THE CROWN
- I'LL LIVE IN GLORY
- I'LL LIVE ON
- UPON THE BANKS OF JORDAN STOOD  
(All Parts Sung By Ray Walker.)
- THERE IS A FOUNTAIN
- GLORY FOR ME
- BECAUSE HE LIVES
- JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME
- WHERE THE ROSES NEVER FADE
- SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY
- HEAVEN
- WHISPERING HOPE

## "It Is No Secret What God Can Do"

- IT IS NO SECRET WHAT GOD CAN DO
- THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD
- TAKE MY HAND PRECIOUS LORD
- WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN
- I WANT TO KNOW
- BECAUSE HE LIVES
- AMAZING GRACE
- HE SET ME FREE
- BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC
- THIS OLD HOUSE
- PEACE IN THE VALLEY
- HOW GREAT THOU ART
- WHERE COULD I GO?
- JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE
- HELL UNDERSTAND AND SAY  
"WELL DONE"
- PRECIOUS MEMORIES
- WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

## "My God And I"

- HE
- DO YOU KNOW THE SONG
- THE END OF THE WAY
- THE LAST MILE OF THE WAY
- THANK GOD FOR JESUS, HE'S MINE
- JESUS TOOK MY BURDEN
- MY GOD IS REAL
- HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?
- SING AND BE HAPPY
- I'LL BE SOMEWHERE LISTENING
- I LOVE THE LORD
- MY GOD AND I
- I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS
- PUT YOUR HAND IN THE HAND
- THE HALF I CANNOT TELL
- THE HALF HAS NEVER YET  
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## Fellowship Organized

Royal Ambassador counselors from across the state of Arkansas met and organized a fellowship group on Saturday, Jan. 23.

The counselors heard Karl Bozeman of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn., and were updated on new materials for Royal Ambassadors and High School Baptist Young Men. They also discussed the upcoming State Congress and camps.

Participants voted to make the fellowship meeting an annual event and scheduled a second meeting for Jan. 14, 1989.

## Facility Workshop

A "Central Arkansas Church Facilities Management Workshop" will be held at First Church, Little Rock, on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop is designed to aid facility managers and those supervising and working in church building maintenance, custodial, and housekeeping work.

Sponsored by the Central Arkansas

Chapter of the National Association of Church Business Administrators, the workshop will feature experienced leaders who view facility management as a ministry. Workshop subjects will include the cleaning of critical areas and landscaping.

Cost of registration is \$20 per applicant, and the registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 19. To register, call Ross Pycatt at 374-9284.

## Russia Tour Planned

The Amon Baker European Mission Chorale has been invited to tour the Soviet Union July 5-19 in connection with the 1,000th anniversary of evangelical Christianity in Russia.

The invitation, issued by the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, will allow 50 chorale members to perform in concert in Russian churches, the first-ever such invitation, according to Amon Baker, director of the chorale and associate pastor/minister of music for Riverside Church, North Little Rock.

The chorale will tour with Ron and Pat Owens of Fort Worth, Texas, and they also will be accompanied by the Ladies Hand-

bell Choir of First Church, Osceola, under the direction of John Dresbach.

"This will be a ministry of encouragement to the Russian churches, which are hungry for fellowship with Christians from outside their country," said Baker, who will be making his sixth tour to Europe with this trip.

A few spaces for the tour remain open. Interested persons may contact Baker at 57 Flintwood, Little Rock, AR 72207; phone 225-1054.

## Staff Needed

Urgent need for Camden Receiving Home. Seeking resident manager and relief houseparent. Prefer mature Christian couple with no children living at home. Husbands can work outside the home. Address questions and interest to:

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# Growing Together—Singles and Churches

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February 26-27, 1988

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Inspiration

### Schedule

Friday, Feb. 26: 7-11 p.m.  
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# LOCAL & STATE

## Arkansas All Over

MILLIE GILL

### People

**Robert Hartmann** has accepted a call to join the staff of Bella Vista Church as associate pastor. He is a recent graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Hartmann and his wife, Leesa, have two children, Stephen, three, and Deborah, one.

**Bill Watt** has resigned as pastor of Togo Church, Parkin.

**Ray Dean Davis** is serving as pastor of Bricketts Church.

**James Ray Barrett** is serving as pastor of Parkin First Church, going there from Bethel Church in Elaine.

**Doug Pruitt** was ordained to the preaching ministry Dec. 27 in a service at Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock. He is serving as minister to youth and children at Sylvan Hills First Church, North Little Rock.

### December Cooperative Program Report

Received ..... \$957,624.56  
Budget ..... \$1,028,489.62  
Under ..... \$68,528.07

Year-to-date  
Under ..... \$333,051.15

Same time last year  
Under ..... \$631,572.75

Good news, bad news! The good news is that we had an increase of 3.3 percent in 1987 Cooperative Program gifts over 1986. The bad news is that this was the lowest increase since 1970. The good news is that we received over \$12 million for the first time in our history. The bad news is that we reached only 97.3 of our budget.

The good news that that God is working though "Missions Advance 87-89" to challenge our churches in Cooperative Program support. There is no bad news about that! Thank you, Arkansas Baptists, for your faithfulness in giving.—**Jimmie Sheffield**, associate executive director

**Scott Morie** recently graduated from Mid-America Seminary with a master of divinity degree. He served as pastor of Gladden Church, Earle, prior to assuming duties Feb. 7 as a church planter with the Home Mission Board in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Russ Sanders** recently graduated from Mid-America Seminary with a master of divinity degree. He is the bus and children's minister at West Memphis First Church.

**Bruce Raley** has joined the staff of Walnut Street Church in Jonesboro as minister of education. He and his wife, Donna, have a son, Patrick.

**John Ross** has resigned as minister of music and youth at South Highland Church in Little Rock.

**Robert Ellis** is serving as interim music director at First Church, Mena.

**Edwin S. Irely** of Orlando, Fla., died Jan. 26 at age 77. He had retired as minister of music at Downtown Church in Orlando. He formerly served as minister of music at Little Rock Second Church. Survivors are his wife, Alberta Irely; three daughters, Carolyn Rogers, Joanne Hand, and Cathleen Albert; and seven grandchildren.

**Jeff Randolph** completed six years of ser-

vice Feb. 2 as minister of music at Central Church, Jonesboro.

**H. Michael Barnes** is serving as pastor of Owensville Church. He graduated in 1987 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree.

**Delta Baker** was recently recognized by Bella Vista Church for 12 years of service as church pianist.

**Al Hollinsworth** is serving as interim pastor of Mason Valley Church, Bentonville.

**Brian Holland** is serving as pastor of Trinity Church, Rogers.

**Sam Moore** is serving as interim pastor of Twelve Corners Church, Garfield.

**Chris Hicks** has joined the staff of Reynolds Memorial Church in Little Rock as minister of youth. A native of North Little Rock, he attended Southern Baptist College.

**Dan Sowell** is serving as pastor of Pinnacle Chapel in Little Rock. He is a graduate of Houston Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Gretchen, reside in Little Rock, where he is serving as a chaplain at Baptist Medical Center.



*Morrilton First Church held a recognition service in which Ateeners Becky Garrison, Carla Henderson, Mona Mason, Christy Mason, Lisa Cagle, LaDonna Stroud, Danille Parisb, and Anna Schuittluk were honored. Girls in Action recognized were Erin Lawrence, Amy Bain, Tiffany Payne, Heather Garrison, and Faye Bain. Ateen Leaders are Jan Webb and Paulette Womack. Serving as G.A. leaders are Francis Whorton and Lisa Sparkman. Vivian Carey is Woman's Missionary Union director.*

## Briefly

**Markham Street Church** in Little Rock is observing "Heart to Heart" month as an inreach emphasis designed to encourage, love, and appreciate each other as members.

**Beech Street First Church** in Texarkana has established a nine-member operating board for ACTS, authorizing \$200,000 for the purchase of equipment and operating costs, according to Pastor Mike Huckabee.

**Gravel Ridge First Church** is observing Family Month with activities which include Commitment Day, Sweetheart Day, a men's cake baking contest, and No Excuse Day. Danny Yeteto is pastor.

**Monticello First Church** observed Baptist Men's Day Jan. 31 when John Ward, attorney, legislator, and member of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, was speaker.

**Forest Highlands Church** in Little Rock celebrated its 30th anniversary Feb. 7 with a covered-dish luncheon, following the morning worship service.

**Fisher Street Church** in Jonesboro ordained Pat Massey, Mike Pryor, and Manny Medina to the deacon ministry Jan. 30. Pastor Michael L. Trammell served as moderator. Youth of the church will present a program at the Magness Youth Shelter Feb. 27 as an advanced ministry project.

**Little Rock Second Church** observed Founder's Day Feb. 7 with a celebration that featured the Ouachitones of Ouachita Baptist University as guest musicians. Other February activities scheduled include a Staff Appreciation Day, Sunday School Leadership Day, and a "Share Your Faith" workshop led by Jim Meek, a church planter and pastor from Reno, Nev.

**Rogers Immanuel Church** will observe the 16th anniversary of its bus ministry Feb. 21.

**Englewood First Church** members were in

Pine Bluff Feb. 4 to lead a worship service at the Women's Correctional Unit.

**Bentonville First Church** youth will be in Grand Rapids, Mich., July 21-Aug. 2. The summer mission trip will include working in a blind school and two senior adult homes, conducting backyard Bible schools, canvassing, and presenting concerts. Steve Tucker, minister of education and youth, is coordinating the trip.

**Batesville West Church** ordained Junior Kervin and Roscoe King to the deacon ministry Jan. 31. Pastor Randy Maxwell was moderator.

**Augusta First Church** will observe "1988—The Year of Renewal," with a Lay Renewal Weekend March 4-6. Fred and Brenda Ward of Jacksonville will serve as coordinators, according to Pastor J.R. DeBusk.

**Lakeside Church** at Rogers will observe its 10th anniversary Feb. 21 with a potluck meal following the morning service. Bob Burk is pastor.

ABN photo / Millie Gill



**Biggs Honored**—*Johnny Biggs was recognized for 20 years as director of Arkansas Baptist Family and Child Care Services when a banquet was held in his honor Jan. 29 in Little Rock. Under his leadership, the agency has expanded from a children's home in Monticello to a state-wide ministry that includes five emergency receiving homes, six area offices, and a group home for boys in Jonesboro. During the same period, the budget has grown from \$211,868 to \$1.6 million. John A. Ross, FCC director of development, moderated the recognition program. Biggs, a graduate of Louisiana State University and Mississippi College, came to Arkansas from Atlanta, Ga. He is a member of Geyer Springs First Church in Little Rock where he serves as a deacon and Sunday School teacher. Biggs and his wife, Joyce, have two daughters, Jenny Luningham of Arlington, Texas, and Janis Masters of Little Rock. They have one grandson, Justin Luningham.*

## OBITUARY

### Betty Kennedy

Betty J. Kennedy, former managing editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, died Feb. 2 in Little Rock's Baptist Medical Center.

Mrs. Kennedy, 41, served the ABN as managing editor from August 1969 through May 1986. A 1968 journalism graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, she came to the ABN from the staff of the *Daily Siftings Herald* in Arkadelphia.

Mrs. Kennedy was a former editor of the Ouachita student paper and university annual and was listed among the Outstanding Young Women of America in 1980. During her tenure with the *Arkansas Baptist*, she won a total of 16 first-place awards from state and national press women organizations.

A native of Hot Springs, Mrs. Kennedy was the daughter of Loyal R. and Della Belle Allen Rowe of Hot Springs. Other survivors are a daughter, Amy Kennedy of Little Rock; a brother, Raymond Rowe of Hot Springs; and the sister, Helen Ruth Lynch of Hot Springs.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 4, at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock. Burial was at Pine Crest Memorial Park.

## 'Wipe Away All Tears'

### Baptist Scientist Discovers Sickle Cell Treatment

A Nigerian born scientist receiving worldwide acclaim for a discovery that potentially could save millions of lives gives credit to Southern Baptist mission endeavors for his achievement.

Appearing on the ACTS network talk program, "Life Today" Dec. 18, Sunday Fadulu, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and the University of Oklahoma, told host Jimmy Allen his Christian commitment and his interest in science are the result of his childhood in Nigeria.

Both his parents became Christians through the efforts of Southern Baptist

missionaries. Today he is being acclaimed for discovery of a promising new treatment for sickle cell anemia, a genetic blood disorder that strikes primarily black people and residents of the Mediterranean region. He gives credit to his Baptist heritage.

Fadulu, a professor of microbiology at Texas Southern University, Houston, discovered the sickle cell treatment while studying the healing properties of twigs used by his fellow Africans as "chew sticks" for oral hygiene. Some people say he accidentally made the discovery when drops of blood were mixed with the saliva he was studying. Fadulu says it was "the work of the Lord." He observed that the blood retained its red color when it came in contact with the extract from chew sticks. Red blood cells normally turn brown as they lose oxygen. Sickle diseased blood loses oxygen faster than normal cells. The treated blood apparently held oxygen longer than normal for cells distorted by sickle disease.

"I have always felt God has a purpose for my life," Fadulu said, "and I must be humble and open to see the work of God." He believes God led him in the chew stick study, not merely to discover how the sticks contributed to oral and dental hygiene, but to reveal the sickle cell treatment.

Turning to OBU President Bob Agee, appearing on the same episode, Fadulu said, "I speak for thousands of others like me when I say 'thank you OBU and Southern Baptists for what you have done.'"

Agee replied that the impact of missions and education as demonstrated in the lives of people like Fadulu is "a beautiful testimony of redemption as the Bible teaches redemption." Redemption, Agee said, "involves the transformation of a life spiritually as well as enabling a person to reach his highest potential as a person. This is a beautiful example of the impact of Southern Baptist missions," Agee said.

"Missionaries discovered a young man in a remote part of the world who had a deep spiritual dedication and a thirst for learning. They made it possible for him to attend a Baptist college in this country, and as a result he has made a scientific discovery that will benefit millions of people around the world. This is what missions evangelism is all about."

Sickle cell disease deforms a person's oxygen carrying red blood cells so they are unable to hold sufficient oxygen. It attacks children at about two years of age, stunts their growth and usually results in death by the mid teens.

After 17 years of research and experimentation, Fadulu says the treatment may soon be available to the more than 460 million people worldwide who are subject to sickle cell disease.

The compounds Fadulu discovered are present in minute quantities in the wood commonly used for chew sticks.

As a boy Fadulu adopted for his special scripture verse Revelation 21:4, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying." He said he was saddened by the wailing cries of mothers whose little children died from the effects of sickle cell anemia, and he prayed for the day when a cure could be discovered. He believes that day finally has arrived.

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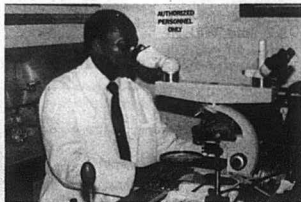
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Albino First Baptist Church	274.00
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Danville First Baptist Church	168.03
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Delaware Baptist Church	100.73
Dover Baptist Church	780.17
East Point Baptist Church	176.86
Fair Park Baptist Church	73.00
Grace Memorial Baptist Church	24.00
Havana Baptist Church	595.33
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Hopewell Baptist Church	450.00
Kelley Heights Baptist Church	163.50
Knobsville First Baptist Church	400.00
London First Baptist Church	86.00
Morland Baptist Church	20.00
New Hope Baptist Church	34.51
Ola First Baptist Church	174.74
Plainview First Baptist Church	256.00
Pleasant View Baptist Church	22.00
Pottsville Baptist Church	190.00
Rover Baptist Church	84.00
Russellville First Baptist Church	3,471.50
Russellville Second Baptist Church	407.90
Scranton First Baptist Church	122.00
<b>\$ 8,389.33</b>	

### ARKANSAS VALLEY BAPTIST ASSN

Brinkley First Baptist Church	202.37
Broadford Baptist Church	39.00
Clarendon First Baptist Church	597.00
Elnora Baptist Church	360.00
Friendship Baptist Church	725.00
Helena First Baptist Church	307.00
Holly Grove First Baptist Church	8.00
Hughes First Baptist Church	2,000.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	144.66
Lava Baptist Church	696.58
Marianna First Baptist Church	1,243.31
Marvell First Baptist Church	112.89
Monroe Baptist Church	280.00
Moro Baptist Church	300.00
Petty Chapel Baptist Church	50.00
Turner Baptist Church	137.11
West Helena Baptist Church	734.44
West Helena Second Baptist Church	251.00
<b>\$ 8,186.16</b>	

### ASHLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSN

Carinth Baptist Church	289.66
Crossett First Baptist Church	1,466.64
Crossett Second Baptist Church	108.00
Eden Baptist Church	750.00
Fellowship Baptist Church	20.20
Fountain Hill First Baptist Church	483.42
Gardner Baptist Church	261.84
Hamburg First Baptist Church	275.00
Jarvis Chapel Baptist Church	2,922.66
Magnolia Baptist Church	10.00
Marionville Baptist Church	89.00
Meredian Baptist Church	357.00
Mt. Olive Baptist Church	83.40
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	29.36
North Crossett First Baptist Church	69.50
Pleasant Lane Baptist Church	91.31
Shiloh Baptist Church	100.00
<b>\$ 8,315.99</b>	

### BARTHOLOMEW BAPTIST ASSN

Antioch Baptist Church	72.50
Calvary Southern Baptist Church	100.00
Carinth Baptist Church	106.00
Eagle Lake Baptist Church	163.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church	116.00

Florence Baptist Church	50.00
Heritage Baptist Church	291.92
Immanuel Baptist Church	68.00
Macedonia Baptist Church	260.00
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Monticello First Baptist Church	1,578.71
Monticello Second Baptist Church	33.95
North Side Baptist Church	50.00
Prairie Grove Baptist Church	100.00
Saline Baptist Church	25.37
Southside Baptist Church	1,339.00
Union Hill Baptist Church	259.11
West Side Baptist Church	300.39
Wilder Baptist Church	5,113.95

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Bella Vista Baptist Church	774.34
Bentonville First Baptist Church	1,989.58
Calvary Baptist Mission	8.86
Centeron First Baptist Church	228.43
Decatur Baptist Church	612.22
Faith Baptist Church	75.60
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Lakeside Baptist Church	46.00
Lakesides Baptist Church	100.00
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Mason Valley Baptist Church	243.52
Open Door Baptist Church	10.00
Pea Ridge First Baptist Church	176.47
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	67.20
Rogers First Baptist Church	207.00
Siloam Springs First Baptist Church	3,772.61
Sulphur Springs First Baptist Church	186.13
Sunny Side Baptist Church	250.00
Trinity Baptist Church	31.00
Twelve Corners Baptist Church	152.40
<b>\$ 12,774.98</b>	

### BIG CREEK BAPTIST ASSN

County Line Baptist Church	25.00
Elizabeth Baptist Church	163.11
Enterprise Baptist Church	25.00
Flora Baptist Church	25.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church	50.00
Spring River Baptist Church	252.10
Viola Baptist Church	215.60
<b>\$ 756.95</b>	

### BLACK RIVER BAPTIST ASSN

Alicia Baptist Church	30.00
Black Rock First Baptist Church	355.48
Calvary Baptist Church	249.27
Campbell Station Baptist Church	80.00
College City Baptist Church	40.00
Crossroads Baptist Church	25.00
Diaz Baptist Church	254.00
Grubbs First Baptist Church	206.82
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Newport First Baptist Church	2,066.85
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Ravensden First Baptist Church	104.00
Redneck Baptist Church	144.25
Spring Lake Baptist Church	116.21
Swifton Baptist Church	112.61

Tuckerman First Baptist Church	223.00
Walnut Ridge First Baptist Church	789.93
White Oak Baptist Church	350.00
<b>\$ 8,193.00</b>	

### BUCKNER BAPTIST ASSN

Abbot Baptist Church	100.00
Bates Baptist Church	338.83
Boles Baptist Mission	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church	76.85
Cauthron Baptist Church	150.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church	75.00
Evans Chapel Baptist Church	150.00
Dayton Baptist Church	163.00
Evening Shade Baptist Church	25.00
Fellowship Baptist Church	632.00
Friendship Baptist Church	5.86
Hartford First Baptist Church	46.00
Haw Creek Baptist Church	486.25
Hon Baptist Church	150.00
Huntington First Baptist Church	330.00
James Fork Baptist Church	516.50
Long Ridge Baptist Church	500.00
Manfield First Baptist Church	522.38
Parke Baptist Church	150.00
Pleasant Grove #2 Baptist Church	320.00
Pleasant Grove #3 Baptist Church	101.00
Rock Creek Baptist Church	200.00
Tenall Baptist Church	300.00
Union Hope Baptist Church	50.00
Unity Baptist Church	358.22
Waldron First Baptist Church	205.05
West Hartford Baptist Church	193.19
Winfield Baptist Church	1,530.83
<b>\$ 9,450.56</b>	

### BUCKVILLE BAPTIST ASSN

Rock Springs Baptist Church	113.35
<b>\$ 113.35</b>	

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Anity Second Baptist Church	80.00
Black Springs Baptist Church	25.05
Caddo Gap Baptist Church	100.00
Glenswood First Baptist Church	737.92
Lake Ouachita Baptist Church	2,808.10
Little Hope Baptist Church	236.00
Mt. Ida First Baptist Church	405.50
Norman First Baptist Church	254.24
Oden First Baptist Church	120.34
Pencil Bluff First Baptist Church	448.53
Refuge Baptist Church	118.00
Sulphur Springs Baptist Church	168.80
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Augusta First Baptist Church	720.00
Beebe First Baptist Church	1,460.72
Bethany Baptist Church	125.00
Central Baptist Church	405.50
Crosby Baptist Church	150.00
Denmark Baptist Church	39.25
Good Hope Baptist Church	126.00
Gracy Baptist Church	500.00
Gregory Baptist Church	85.00
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Panburn First Baptist Church	137.94	Temple Baptist Church	40.00	East Side Baptist Church	288.00		
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	234.94	Trinity Baptist Church, Benton	143.00	Emanuel Baptist Church	125.00		
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	110.00	Trinity Baptist Church, Malvern	808.33	Greenway First Baptist Church	827.00		
Rocky Point Baptist Church	110.56	Walnut Valley Baptist Church	28.00	Harmon Baptist Church	50.00		
Reese Bud Baptist Church	389.70		\$ 16,642.78	Hopewell Baptist Church	87.00		
Searcy First Baptist Church	5,225.00	CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSN			Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	188.15	
Searcy Second Baptist Church	281.31			Lawrence Baptist Church	100.00		
Trinity Baptist Church	135.38			Nimmons First Baptist Church	112.05		
Tupelo First Baptist Church	132.31	Alma First Baptist Church	\$ 593.00	Oak Grove Baptist Church	144.00		
Union Valley Baptist Church	211.87	Altus First Baptist Church	75.00	Peach Branch Baptist Church	103.00		
Valley Baptist Church	241.26	Cabin Creek Church	213.12	Piggott First Baptist Church	589.00		
West Point Baptist Church	103.25	Cedarville Baptist Church	32.34	Pocahontas First Baptist Church	247.50		
	\$ 12,185.65	Cedarville Baptist Church	28.87	Randall Baptist Church	100.00		
CAREY BAPTIST ASSN						Rector First Baptist Church	381.08
Bearden First Baptist Church	\$ 1,082.82	Clarksville First Baptist Church	783.00	Reyno First Baptist Church	88.45		
Bethesda Baptist Church	150.00	Clarksville Second Baptist Church	187.43	Shannon Baptist Church	1,088.02		
Calvary Baptist Church	310.73	Coal Hill First Baptist Church	128.39	Shiloh Baptist Church	82.41		
Eagle Hills Baptist Church	80.00	Concord Baptist Church	652.79	St. Francis Baptist Church	336.90		
Fish Baptist Church	40.00	Dyer First Baptist Church	157.82	Success First Baptist Church	70.00		
Fordyce First Baptist Church	100.00	East Mt. Zion Baptist Church	150.00	Witt's Chapel Baptist Church	\$ 6,603.24		
Hampton First Baptist Church	365.00	Graphic Southern Baptist Church	51.87				
Harmony Baptist Church	200.00	Hartman First Baptist Church	138.00	DELTA BAPTIST ASSN			
Holly Springs Baptist Church	205.00	Kibler Baptist Church	228.70	Arkansas City Baptist Church	\$ 2,428.97		
Manning Baptist Church	205.53	Lamar Baptist Church	950.24	Auda Baptist Church	28.29		
Mauchita Baptist Church	150.00	Mountainsburg First Baptist Church	215.00	Bayou Mason Baptist Church	214.00		
Prosperity Baptist Church	250.00	Mulberry First Baptist Church	295.73	Bayou West Baptist Church	751.00		
Shady Grove Baptist Church	248.45	Oak Grove Baptist Church	389.94	Chickasaw Baptist Church	124.09		
Spartan First Baptist Church	5,217.00	Ozark First Baptist Church	1,316.80	Collins Baptist Church	100.00		
Thornton First Baptist Church	84.84	Ozone Baptist Church	283.63	Daniel Chapel Baptist Church	75.00		
Tinsman First Baptist Church	280.00	Shady Grove Baptist Church	78.50	Dermott First Baptist Church	690.00		
	\$ 9,875.25	Shibley Baptist Church	124.41	Eudora Baptist Church	412.40		
CAROLINE BAPTIST ASSN						Galena Baptist Church	50.00
Austin Station Baptist Church	\$ 121.45	Sparta Baptist Church	57.08	Halley Baptist Church	150.00		
Blasco First Baptist Church	198.00	Union Grove Baptist Church	575.71	Jerome Baptist Church	113.00		
Cabel First Baptist Church	1,536.28	Van Buren First Baptist Church	83.63	Kelso Baptist Church	588.74		
Cabel Second Baptist Church	74.00	Vine Prairie Baptist Church	16.85	Lake Village Baptist Church	328.00		
Calvary Baptist Church	107.39	Webb City Baptist Church	16.85	McGehee First Baptist Church	1,303.10		
Caney Creek Baptist Church	186.01	Woodland Baptist Church	185.00	Montrose Baptist Church	182.16		
Carlisle First Baptist Church	375.98		\$ 9,485.63	New Hope Baptist Church	614.22		
Chambers Baptist Church	800.00	CONCORD BAPTIST ASSN		North Side Baptist Church	210.00		
Cherokee Baptist Church	241.61	Barling First Baptist Church	\$ 430.93	Parkdale Baptist Church	50.00		
Coy Baptist Church	194.25	Bethel Baptist Church	62.85	Parkdale Baptist Church	20.00		
Cross Roads Baptist Church	300.00	Bluff Ave Baptist Church	398.08	Portland Baptist Church	152.50		
Dallas First Baptist Church	125.00	Bonowille First Baptist Church	389.00	Richland Baptist Church	227.88		
DeValls Bluff First Baptist Church	101.22	Branch Baptist Church	302.19	Shiloh Baptist Church	685.28		
England First Baptist Church	2,620.00	Calvary Baptist Church	200.00	South McGehee Baptist Church	26.00		
Gaze First Baptist Church	552.00	East Side Baptist Church	125.00	Temple Baptist Church	180.95		
Huemoen First Baptist Church	135.21	Faith Baptist Church	643.49	Tillar First Baptist Church	150.00		
Immanuel Baptist Church	130.21	Fort Smith First Baptist Church	999.98	Watson Baptist Church	189.85		
Kao Baptist Church	100.00	Georgetown Baptist Church	25.88	Wilmot Baptist Church	250.00		
Kelso Baptist Church	100.00	Grand Avenue Baptist Church	5,181.50		\$ 10,326.44		
Mountain Springs Baptist Church	43.72	Greenwood First Baptist Church	412.00	FAULKNER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSN			
New Hope Baptist Church	270.00	Hackett First Baptist Church	27.89	Beryl Baptist Church	\$ 288.05		
Old Austin Baptist Church	309.80	Haven Heights Baptist Church	2,783.93	Blaney Hill Baptist Mission	125.60		
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	438.11	Highway 96 First Baptist Church	11.40	Bono Baptist Church	75.00		
Rocky Point Baptist Church	77.56	Immanuel Baptist Church	413.00	Burleson Baptist Church	25.00		
Steel Bridge Baptist Church	350.00	Jenny Lind Baptist Church	96.11	Caedron Ridge Baptist Church	185.83		
Toltec Baptist Church	23.00	Lavaca First Baptist Church	141.50	Conway Baptist Church	3,795.90		
Ward First Baptist Church	316.82	Magazine First Baptist Church	435.50	Conway Second Baptist Church	22.22		
Wattansaw Baptist Church	\$ 10,952.01	Memorial Baptist Church	23.30	Emanuel Baptist Church	299.52		
CENTENNIAL BAPTIST ASSN						Friendship Baptist Church	179.73
Aberdeen First Baptist Church	\$ 203.00	Midland First Baptist Church	403.23	Greenbrier First Baptist Church	151.04		
Alvira First Baptist Church	871.00	Mt. Harmony Baptist Church	214.08	Harlan Park Baptist Church	483.00		
OakMitt First Baptist Church	578.00	New Hope Baptist Church	923.37	Holland Baptist Church	187.88		
East Side Baptist Church	371.14	North Side, Charleston	97.83	Hayflower First Baptist Church	578.91		
Faith Baptist Church	88.86	Northside, Fort Smith	235.00	Mt. Vernon Baptist Church	73.91		
Gillett First Baptist Church	610.10	Oak Cliff Baptist Church	2,139.18	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	140.00		
North Macla Baptist Church	41.00	Palmetto Baptist Church	257.36	Naylor Baptist Church	38.00		
Raydell Baptist Church	1,283.00	Paris First Baptist Church	242.00	New Hope Baptist Church	300.00		
South Side Baptist Church	26.50	Phoenix Village Baptist Church	15.00	Oak Bowery Baptist Church	537.43		
Stuttgart First Baptist Church	1,302.00	Pine Loas Baptist Church	348.80	Pickens Gap Baptist Church	402.08		
Tichnor Baptist Church	\$ 4,100.40	Recliff First Baptist Church	35.44	Pineville Baptist Church	1,730.00		
CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSN						Saltville Heights Baptist Church	416.72
Barcelona Road Baptist Church	\$ 310.00	Roseville Baptist Church	23.30	Smyrna Baptist Church	22.00		
Benton First Baptist Church	2,408.51	Rye Hill Baptist Church	295.14	South Side Baptist Church	900.00		
Buio Baptist Church	26.00	South Side, Booneville	12.45	Woodland Heights Baptist Church	572.30		
Calvary Baptist Church	990.00	South Side, Fort Smith	614.25	Woolster First Baptist Church	\$ 11,428.65		
Central Baptist Church	75.00	Southside Baptist Church	171.00				
Gravel Hill Baptist Church	75.00	Temple Baptist Church	119.00				
Hilldale Heights Baptist Church	1,283.00	Trinity Baptist Church	180.00				
Hilldale Baptist Church	41.65	Union Hill Baptist Church	154.36				
Hot Springs First Baptist Church	1,025.50	Victory Baptist Church	327.25				
Hot Springs Second Baptist Church	2,832.00	Westside Baptist Church	128.00				
Lake Hamilton Baptist Church	584.50	Windsor Park Baptist Church	\$ 20,237.62				
Lakeshore Heights Baptist Church	305.08	CONWAY-PERRY BAPTIST ASSN					
Lewisville Baptist Church	801.15	Bigelow Baptist Church	\$ 49.59	Antioch Baptist Church	\$ 177.57		
Lee Chapel Baptist Church	\$ 408.78	Casa First Baptist Church	330.90	Cedar Glades Baptist Church	881.38		
Magnet Cove Baptist Church	344.00	Harmony Baptist Church	1,023.15	Emanuel Baptist Church	181.95		
Malvern Third Baptist Church	253.83	Houston Baptist Church	500.00	Fairfield Baptist Church	125.00		
Madawake Baptist Church	457.48	Horlilton First Baptist Church	580.00	Grand Avenue Baptist Church	204.00		
Memorial Baptist Church	457.48	Mirrod Baptist Church	498.92	Harveys Chapel Baptist Church	307.28		
North Main Baptist Church	82.77	Oppelo Baptist Church	159.00	Harveys Chapel Baptist Church	307.28		
Old Union Baptist Church	157.00	Perry Baptist Church	360.00	Leonard Street Baptist Church	189.83		
Owensville Baptist Church	780.22	Perryville First Baptist Church	355.90	Mt. Creek Baptist Church	75.50		
Piney Baptist Church	258.95	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	50.00	Mountain View First Baptist Church	180.00		
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	46.00	Plumerville First Baptist Church	180.00	R-Tabor Baptist Church	179.57		
Riverside Baptist Church	58.88	Sologachia Baptist Church	360.80	Park Place Baptist Church	167.80		
		Stony Point Baptist Church	175.00	Pearcy Baptist Church	88.37		
		Thornburg Baptist Church	176.81	Rector Heights Baptist Church	\$ 3,116.32		
		Union Valley Baptist Church	\$ 4,229.52				
			\$ 4,229.52	GREENE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSN			
		CURRENT-GAINS BAPTIST ASSN					
		Biggers Baptist Church	\$ 154.80	Alexander Baptist Church	\$ 364.58		
		Calvary Baptist Church	202.46	Beech Grove Baptist Church	183.00		
				Big Creek Baptist Church	46.00		
				Brown's Chapel Baptist Church	3,382.98		



Calvary Baptist Church	76.00
Center Hill Baptist Church	2,865.00
Clarks Chapel Baptist Church	403.13
Delaphine Baptist Church	527.84
Faith Baptist Church	135.00
Finch Baptist Church	183.65
Immanuel Baptist Church	34.00
Lebanon Mt. Baptist Church	105.00
Light Baptist Church	258.15
Maraduke First Baptist Church	187.35
New Friendship Baptist Church	129.92
New Liberty Baptist Church	20.00
Notts Chapel Baptist Church	200.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	129.92
Parasoul First Baptist Church	2,860.75
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	250.00
Robbs Chapel Baptist Church	590.50
Stonewall Baptist Church	185.00
Stanford Baptist Church	300.00
Unity Baptist Church	185.00
Vine Chapel Baptist Church	185.00
Walcott Baptist Church	145.00
West View Baptist Church	678.81

New London Baptist Church	731.00
Norshil First Baptist Church	400.00
Philadelphia Baptist Church	198.14
Salem Baptist Church	220.38
St. Michaels Baptist Church	1,180.00
Stephens First Baptist Church	815.00
Strong First Baptist Church	500.00
Sylvan Baptist Church	100.00
Tanala Baptist Church, Camden	50.00
Temple Baptist Church, Eldorado	122.22
Three Creeks Baptist Church	103.00
Trinity Baptist Church	138.52
Union Baptist Church	1,042.00
Urbana Baptist Church	25.00
Victory Baptist Church	103.00
Village Baptist Church	408.00
Weason Baptist Church	588.00

Caraway Baptist Church	68.00
Center Hill Baptist Church	205.33
Central Baptist Church	278.15
Childress Baptist Church	298.00
Dixie Baptist Church	25.00
Egypt Baptist Church	95.00
Fisher Street Baptist Church	145.50
Friendship Baptist Church	26.10
Jonesboro First Baptist Church	4,102.67
Monette First Baptist Church	117.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	130.50
Mt. Zion Baptist Church	226.30
Needham Baptist Church	200.00
Nettle Baptist Church	184.00
NW Antioch Baptist Church	285.28
New Hope Baptist Church, Caraway	368.80
New Hope Baptist Church, Jonesboro	26.00
New Hope Baptist Church	60.00
Rowe's Chapel Baptist Church	95.00
University Baptist Church	383.80
Walton First Baptist Church	50.00
Westlake Baptist Church	50.00

LITTLE RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSN

Brownsville Baptist Church	150.00
Center Hill Baptist Church	130.22
Harris Chapel Baptist Church	151.23
Heber Springs First Baptist Church	275.50
Home Star Baptist Church	203.00
Mt Zion Baptist Church	39.00
New Bethel Baptist Church	50.00
Palmetto Baptist Church	200.00
Pines Baptist Church	160.00
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church	110.00
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	280.00
Port Oak Baptist Church	103.22
Gutten Baptist Church	337.44
South Side Baptist Church	227.41
Swan Loaf Baptist Church	95.00
West Side Baptist Church	421.00
Woodree Baptist Church	278.00

NORTH ARKANSAS BAPTIST ASSN

Aloona First Baptist Church	448.03
Bateville Baptist Church	79.00
Bear Creek Springs Baptist Church	310.40
Bellefonte Baptist Church	287.00
Berryville Baptist Church	180.00
Boxley Baptist Church	148.69
Burlington Baptist Church	185.93
Caraway Baptist Church	275.00
Deer Baptist Church	100.00
Esge Heights Baptist Church	1,610.75
Immanuel Baptist Church	230.50
Emmanuel Baptist Church	104.11
Eureka Springs First Baptist Church	110.11
Ferris Baptist Church	79.00
Gather Baptist Church	212.00
Grandview First Baptist Church	383.15
Green Forest First Baptist Church	639.96
Grubb Springs Baptist Church	130.50
Harrison First Baptist Church	1,886.75
Howell Baptist Church	100.00
Isaac Baptist Church	300.00
Lakeland Baptist Church	300.00
Lead Hill First Baptist Church	238.87
Marble Falls Baptist Church	250.00
Marshall First Baptist Church	253.20
New Hope Baptist Church	249.00
Northern Baptist Church	481.35
Oakha First Baptist Church	75.79
Oregon Flat Baptist Church	303.83
Parsonage Baptist Church	450.00
Parthannon Baptist Church	101.27
Rock Springs Baptist Church	524.59
Rudd Baptist Church	185.00
Snowball Baptist Church	45.85
South Side Baptist Church	271.00
Trinity Baptist Church	78.63
Union Baptist Church	486.19
Valley Springs First Baptist Church	1,638.38
Western Grove Baptist Church	22.25

LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST ASSN

Ashdon First Baptist Church	336.00
Ben Lomond First Baptist Church	134.60
Bingen First Baptist Church	280.00
Brownston Baptist Church	75.00
Central Baptist Church	368.00
Columbus Baptist Church	110.00
Cross Roads First Baptist Church	88.25
Foreman First Baptist Church	491.57
Hicks First Baptist Church	280.00
Horseshoe First Baptist Church	400.00
Kern Heights Baptist Church	467.00
Lakedale Baptist Church	168.85
Liberty Baptist Church	150.00
Locksburg First Baptist Church	265.78
Lone Oak Baptist Church	75.00
Murphy Baptist Church	56.00
Murfreesboro First Baptist Church	958.20
Nashville First Baptist Church	245.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	100.00
Oden Baptist Church	258.50
Ridgeway Baptist Church	70.00
State Line Baptist Church	100.00
Washington Baptist Church	205.00
Wilson First Baptist Church	80.00

NORTH CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSN

Angera Baptist Church	72.00
Bee Branch Baptist Church	227.00
Botkinburg Baptist Church	95.00
Clinton First Baptist Church	1,408.37
Fairfield Baptist Church	2,110.00
Foransa Baptist Church	1,031.09
Friendship Baptist Church	805.24
Immanuel Baptist Church	84.00
Leslie First Baptist Church	1,133.86
Lexington Baptist Church	250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	279.27
Pea Dee Baptist Church	112.92
Plant Baptist Church	75.00
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	1,100.00
Rupert Baptist Church	254.14
Scotland Baptist Church	712.61
Shady Grove Baptist Church	878.28
Shirley Baptist Church	20.22

MISSISSIPPI CO. BAPTIST ASSN

Amorel Baptist Church	120.00
Bethany Baptist Church, Blytheville	124.05
Blytheville Baptist Church	125.00
Brown Chapel Baptist Church	125.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Osceola	235.82
Calvary Baptist Church, Blytheville	125.00
Central Baptist Church	135.57
Clear Lake Baptist Church	325.31
Cold Ridge Baptist Church	31.18
Crossroads Baptist Church	70.00
Del Baptist Church	250.00
Edwards Baptist Church	126.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	66.00
Friendship Baptist Church	18.27
Gravel Baptist Church	32.00
Joiner Baptist Church	100.00
Leachville First Baptist Church	177.00
Leachville Second Baptist Church	1,681.55
Manila First Baptist Church	82.25
Memorial Baptist Church	113.22
New Harmony Baptist Church	41.00
Number Nine Baptist Church	578.50
Osceola First Baptist Church	578.50
Ridgeport Baptist Church	135.00
Rose Baptist Church	25.00
Trinity Baptist Church	280.17
Wardell Baptist Church	205.00
Westside Baptist Church	27.50
Whitton Baptist Church	132.28
Wilson First Baptist Church	270.00
Woodland Baptist Church	27.50
Yarbro Baptist Church	492.25

NORTH PULASKI BAPTIST ASSN

Abney Baptist Church	887.50
Barington Baptist Church	2,110.75
Bayou Meto Baptist Church	528.00
Berea Baptist Church	23.95
Bethany Baptist Church	1,326.00
Calvary Baptist Church	1,326.00
Central Baptist Church	300.00
Chapel Hill Baptist Church	292.00
Crystal Valley Baptist Church	170.38
Forty Seventh St. Baptist Church	332.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church	1,100.00
Gravel Ridge Baptist Church	184.77
Graves Memorial Baptist Church	229.00
Lighthouse Baptist Church	278.00
Indian Hills Baptist Church	10.25
Indianhead Lake Baptist Church	163.20
Jacksonville First Baptist Church	1,100.00
Jacksonville Second Baptist Church	392.53
Levy Baptist Church	815.38
Marshall Road Baptist Church	130.00
Morrison Chapel Baptist Church	810.08

HARMONY BAPTIST ASSN

Althamer First Baptist Church	359.91
Anderson Chapel Baptist Church	202.00
Central Baptist Church	407.74
Lauderdale Baptist Church	127.48
Dollarway Baptist Church	197.03
Dumas First Baptist Church	472.00
East Side Baptist Church	152.50
Ferriss Park Baptist Church	169.00
Gould First Baptist Church	1,404.92
Graded First Baptist Church	15.00
Green Meadows Baptist Church	1,989.46
Greenleaf Baptist Church	965.00
Harford Baptist Church	1,015.00
Hickory Grove Baptist Church	500.03
Humphrey Baptist Church	315.08
Immanuel Baptist Church	1,484.85
Kingsland First Baptist Church	135.00
Linwood Baptist Church	146.73
Northside Memorial Baptist Church	1,021.60
Northside Baptist Church	40.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	105.00
Low Bluff First Baptist Church	6,511.00
Pine Bluff Second Baptist Church	195.85
Plain Bayou Baptist Church	278.17
Rison Baptist Church	1,000.00
Shannon Road Baptist Church	646.00
South Side Baptist Church	603.50
Star City First Baptist Church	859.05
Starbuck Springs Baptist Church	646.00
White Hill First Baptist Church	684.88
Yorkton Baptist Church	50.00

INDEPENDENCE BAPTIST ASSN

Arbanne Baptist Church	818.13
Batesville First Baptist Church	480.80
Calvary Baptist Church, Batesville	800.59
Calvary Baptist Church, Tibo	251.72
Card Baptist Church	1,015.00
Eastside Baptist Church	105.00
Floral Baptist Church	258.82
Geothia Baptist Chapel	81.00
Marcella Baptist Church	100.00
Newark Southern Baptist Church	186.50
Norfolk Baptist Church	62.00
Pinarosa Rest Baptist Church	171.00
Pleasant Plains Baptist Church	150.00
Reinhart Baptist Church	341.89
Rosie Baptist Church	283.55
Ruddell Hill Baptist Church	271.58
St. Paul Baptist Church	100.00
Strawberry Southern Baptist Church	100.00
Sulphur Rock Baptist Church	255.11
West Baptist Church	178.50
White River Baptist Church	75.00

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSN

Caeden First Baptist Church	912.10
Chidester Baptist Church	150.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	275.00
Cullendale Baptist Church	2,405.00
East Main Baptist Church	230.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church	485.00
El Dorado First Baptist Church	10,562.78
El Dorado Second Baptist Church	311.00
Elliot Baptist Church	178.50
Fairview Road Baptist Church	47.00
Fenthalth Baptist Church	600.00
Galilee Baptist Church	20.00
Grace Baptist Church	20.00
Harmony Baptist Church	407.75
Highland Baptist Church	483.25
Huttis First Baptist Church	400.23
Immanuel Baptist Church	2,028.72
Joyce City Baptist Church	20.00
Junction City First Baptist Church	504.00
Knolls Baptist Church	71.00
Lapile Baptist Church	627.36
Lawson Baptist Church	310.00
Liberty Baptist Church	330.00
Maple Avenue Baptist Church	483.00
Merrill Hill Baptist Church	316.00
Midway Baptist Church	638.00

MT ZION BAPTIST ASSN

Bethabara Baptist Church	213.52
Black Oak Baptist Church	137.67
Bono First Baptist Church	39.50
Bowman Baptist Church	127.16
Brookland Baptist Church	110.00

N. Little Rock First Baptist Church	130.35
Park Wood Baptist Church	258.45
Park Hill Baptist Church	1,021.40
Pike Avenue Baptist Church	435.00
Reunited Baptist Church	152.50
Ryunyan First Baptist Church	96.82
Sherrwood First Baptist Church	1,181.97
Shoell Baptist Church	23.00
Sylvan Hill Baptist Church	775.00
Zion Hill Baptist Church	1,108.32
	\$ 19,457.49

Mt. Zion Baptist Church	102.77
Park Hill Baptist Church	246.45
Prascott First Baptist Church	388.01
Richwoods Baptist Church	100.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church	170.00
Shiloh Baptist Church	323.77
South Fork Baptist Church	800.00
Unity Baptist Church	1,721.00
Whelan Springs Baptist Church	50.00
	\$ 8,730.50

TRINITY BAPTIST ASSN

Anderson, Joel Baptist Church	332.33
Black Oak Baptist Church	327.39
Calvary Baptist Church, Harrisburg	83.70
Calvary Baptist Church, Lepanto	115.00
Central Baptist Church	549.00
Corners Chapel Baptist Church	258.45
Eastside Baptist Church	326.17
Faith Baptist Church	650.00
Fisher First Baptist Church	270.00
Greenfield Baptist Church	206.56
Harrisburg First Baptist Church	549.00
Lebanon Baptist Church	150.00
Lepanto First Baptist Church	28.00
Maple Grove Baptist Church	135.00
Markle First Baptist Church	674.00
McCormick Baptist Church	115.00
Neal's Chapel Baptist Church	270.00
North Valley Baptist Church	127.48
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	142.58
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	135.17
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	627.48
Providence Baptist Church	100.00
Red Oak Baptist Church	343.07
Reverals Baptist Church	218.27
Shiloh Baptist Church	240.00
Trinity Baptist Church	251.89
Trumann First Baptist Church	18.00
Tyronia First Baptist Church	346.50
Valley View Baptist Church	129.02
Waldensburg Baptist Church	40.63
Waine First Baptist Church	7,102.90
	\$ 6,687.44

QUACHITA BAPTIST ASSN

Acorn Baptist Church	100.00
Board Camp Baptist Church	54,292
Calvary Baptist Church	115.00
Chapel Hill Baptist Church	446.00
Cherry Hill Baptist Church	44.74
Canaan Baptist Church	225.85
Cowley First Baptist Church	163.40
Dallas Avenue Baptist Church	308.00
DeQueen First Baptist Church	1,439.83
Elkhan Baptist Church	129.24
Grannis Baptist Church	88.86
Hatfield First Baptist Church	526.00
Hutton Baptist Church	14
Lower Big Fork	75.00
Mena First Baptist Church	1,076.50
New Hope Baptist Church	25.00
Salas Baptist Church	73.89
Vanderwood First Baptist Church	150.00
Wichita First Baptist Church	150.00
Yocum Baptist Church	50.00
	\$ 8,031.24

ROCKY-BAYOU BAPTIST ASSN

Ash Flat Baptist Church	58.25
Belview Baptist Church	1,188.53
Bowell Baptist Church	31.00
Calicoe Baptist Church	270.00
Cherokee Village Baptist Church	982.00
Dolph Baptist Church	1,025.45
Evening Star Baptist Church	270.00
Foley Creek Baptist Church	50.00
Franklin Baptist Church	294.00
Hardy First Baptist Church	753.30
Horseshoe Band Baptist Church	264.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	71.50
Melbourne First Baptist Church	435.00
Meaday Baptist Church	14.86
Oxford Baptist Church	62.80
Saddle First Baptist Church	5.20
Sage Baptist Church	87.38
Salas First Baptist Church	200.00
Sidney Baptist Church	341.80
Wissam Baptist Church	150.00
Zion Hill Baptist Church	313.28
	\$ 6,687.44

WASH-HADISON BAPTIST ASSN.

Black Oak Baptist Church	350.00
Brush Creek Baptist Church	280.88
Calvary Baptist Church	31.19
Claydon Ave Baptist Church	265.67
Combs Baptist Church	209.00
Elkins Baptist Church	100.00
Elmore Baptist Church	185.00
Farmington First Baptist Church	326.71
Fayetteville First Baptist Church	933.50
Friendship Baptist Church	150.00
Greenland First Baptist Church	122.42
Hindsville Baptist Church	263.41
Huntsville First Baptist Church	168.45
Immanuel Baptist Church	172.55
Johnson Baptist Church	154.00
Kingston First Baptist Church	187.82
Liberals Baptist Church	286.25
Lincoln First Baptist Church	275.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	200.00
Prairievale First Baptist Church	1,260.05
Providence Baptist Church	1,140.97
Ridgeview Baptist Church	114.10
Sans Avoir Baptist Church	156.00
Silent Grove Baptist Church	156.00
Sonora Baptist Church	326.98
Southside Baptist Church	29.20
Spring Valley Baptist Church	250.00
Springdale First Baptist Church	465.00
Sulphur City Baptist Church	280.00
University Baptist Church	650.00
Wadsworth Baptist Church	88.37
Winstlow First Baptist Church	324.00
	\$ 11,139.08

PULASKI COUNTY BAPTIST ASSN

Alexander First Baptist Church	45.80
Archives Baptist Church	595.10
Barnett Memorial Baptist Church	131.11
Bingham Road Baptist Church	377.50
Broadwood First Baptist Church	50.00
First Southern Baptist Church	77.50
Calvary Baptist Church	2,295.50
Cherry Hill Baptist Church	200.00
Douglasville First Baptist Church	2.00
East End Baptist Church	988.85
Forest Highlands Baptist Church	253.00
Forest Tower Baptist Church	200.00
Geyer Springs First Baptist Church	6,934.85
Grace Baptist Church	50.00
Grand Memorial Baptist Church	213.00
Hebron Baptist Church	213.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	3,465.50
Lebanon Baptist Church	351.50
Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church	444.59
Lancaster Road Baptist Church	23.00
Lincoln Baptist Church	27.87
Little Rock First Baptist Church	240.00
Little Rock Second Baptist Church	2.58
Markham Street Baptist Church	70.00
Mariondale Baptist Church	200.00
Nails Memorial Baptist Church	1,052.25
Natural Stone Baptist Church	210.00
North Point Baptist Church	60.80
Olivet Baptist Church	251.00
Otter Creek Baptist Church	85.00
Parkway Place Baptist Church	80.00
Pine Grove Baptist Church	79.06
Plainville Baptist Church	86.67
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	319.00
Pulaski Heights Baptist Church	1,325.00
Reynolds Memorial Baptist Church	138.58
Roland Baptist Church	508.11
Rosedale Baptist Church	453.00
Shannon Hills First Baptist Church	36.42
Sherridan First Baptist Church	152.20
South Highland Baptist Church	136.30
Sunset Lane Baptist Church	200.00
Trinity Baptist Church	20.13
Tyler Street Baptist Church	253.00
Vine Ridge Immanuel Baptist Church	177.00
West Side Baptist Church	103.20
Woodham Baptist Church	23.00
Woodson Baptist Church	52,273.37

SOUTHWEST ARK. BAPTIST ASSN

Anderson Baptist Church	158.08
Arabella Heights Baptist Church	158.08
Beach Street First Baptist Church	849.88
Bradley Baptist Church	537.50
Bronway Heights Baptist Church	225.48
Calvary Baptist Church, Hope	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Texarkana	350.00
Candler Baptist Church	437.40
Central Baptist Church	3,219.50
Faith Baptist Church	33.49
Fouke First Baptist Church	213.02
Fulton Baptist Church	210.00
Garland Baptist Church	100.00
Genoa First Baptist Church	100.00
Gurney Baptist Church	100.00
Haley Lake Baptist Church	105.00
Hickory Street Baptist Church	97.00
Hope First Baptist Church	100.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Texarkana	192.24
Louisville First Baptist Church	340.00
Madocania #2 Baptist Church	100.00
Model Second Baptist Church	165.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church	540.00
Pinney Grove Baptist Church	87.17
Pinson Park Baptist Church	10.15
Shiloh Memorial Baptist Church	238.05
Springhill Baptist Church	320.00
Stamps First Baptist Church	205.00
Sylvanville Baptist Church	234.86
Tennessee Baptist Church	193.80
Westside Baptist Church	238.02
	\$ 12,725.04

WHITE RIVER BAPTIST ASSN

Antioch Baptist Church	4.62
Big Flat Baptist Mission	45.00
Barton Baptist Church	2.25
Big Shoal First Baptist Church	209.16
Cotter First Baptist Church	402.28
Eastside Baptist Church	287.50
Flippin First Baptist Church	937.89
Ganallie Baptist Mission	30.00
Gassville Baptist Church	252.69
Henderson First Baptist Church	232.69
Hill Top Baptist Church	130.87
Howell Baptist Church	121.40
Long Rock Baptist Church	240.00
Midway Baptist Church	247.00
Horning Star Baptist Church	205.00
Huntsville Home First Baptist Church	2,400.00
Paul First Baptist Church	79.80
Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church	442.12
Pyatt Baptist Church	75.00
Rea Valley Baptist Church	248.69
Tonahawk Baptist Church	39.19
Whitwell Baptist Church	30.00
Wetzelville First Baptist Church	1,026.88
	\$ 8,249.17

RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSN

Anchor Baptist Church	20.00
Antioch Baptist Church	243.00
Arkadelphia First Baptist Church	101.00
Arkadelphia Second Baptist Church	152.20
Beach Street Baptist Church	78.38
Beirne First Baptist Church	234.00
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# A Church for Everyone

## Week of Prayer for Home Missions

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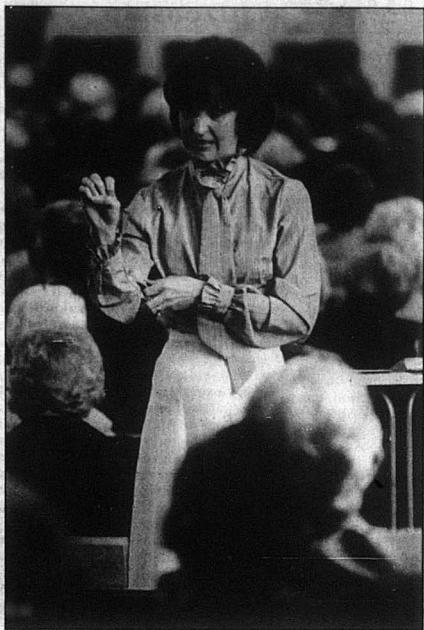


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**A** Church for Everyone" already has taken on meaning for many Southern Baptists. For lay leader Dru Graves (far left), a church for everyone means providing a church experience for migrants, such as Vacation Bible Schools for migrant children in Beaufort, S.C. Katherine Stewart (left) defines "a church for everyone" as translating worship services for the deaf at First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va. Home missionary Dal Woong Chung (below) pastors a Korean congregation in Baltimore, Md., giving Koreans in that area a church of their own. D.D. Alexander (below left), a church extension missionary, makes sure that "a church for everyone" includes blacks in Inglewood, Calif., as he pastors the Holy Tabernacle of God Baptist Church.



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# Nomination Planned

## San Antonio's Harris Will Bring Jackson's Name

by Toby Druin  
Texas Baptist Standard

DALLAS (BP)—George Harris, pastor of Castle Hills First Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas, told the *Baptist Standard*, newjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, last week he will nominate Richard Jackson for president of the Southern Baptist Convention when the convention meets in the Alamo city June 14-16.

Jackson, Harris said, would be "good for fundamentalists, good for moderates, good for all."

Harris, acknowledging he has been identified with the "conservative group" in the SBC controversy but denying he has ever been with them politically, said he feels Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, and a loser to Adrian Rogers for the presidency last year in St. Louis, is the man to "bridge the gap" and "end the feuding" in the controversy-plagued denomination.

Jackson, contacted by the Standard at his church in Phoenix, said simply, "That's fine with me," when told of Harris' intention.

He said he had talked with Harris about a month ago and Harris had asked if he thought he would be nominated again.

"When I said I probably would (be nominated), he talked about the possibility of him doing it," Jackson said. "Nobody knows me better than George — we've been friends for more than 30 years — so I said if he knew me as well as he does and is still willing to do it, then it would be okay."

Jackson is a role model of how to build a solid church, Harris said, noting the North Phoenix church was averaging about 600 in Sunday school when Jackson went there as pastor in 1968. It now averages almost 5,000 and it "has not been built on frills or fads," said Harris.

North Phoenix baptized 1,206 in 1987 and gave \$1,062,000 to the Cooperative Program, both figures believed to be tops in the Southern Baptist Convention.

## A Look At Ordination

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—"Ordination in Baptist Heritage" will be the subject when the Southern Baptist Historical Society and the Historical Commission, SBC, convene for their joint annual meeting April 25-27 in Nashville.

Conference leaders, selected to represent a variety of viewpoints, include: Historical Society President Lee N. Allen of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; Jann Aldredge Clanton of St. John's United Methodist Church, Waco, Texas; W.C. Fields, retired director of public relations for the SBC Executive Committee; G. Thomas Halbrooks of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; Dorothy Kelley Patterson of Dallas, Texas; Penrose St. Amant, retired president of Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland; Bill Stancil of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and G. Hugh Wamble of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

The annual meeting is open to the public. For registration information, contact the Historical Commission, SBC, 901 Commerce St., Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203; phone 615-244-0344.

## Editors Work For 1991 Debut

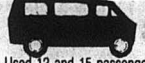
by Jim Lowry  
Baptist Press

DALLAS (BP)—Consulting editors for a new 40-volume Bible commentary to be published by Broadman Press met in Dallas in mid-January to begin the process of selecting writers and recommending details to move toward a 1991 debut.

The six consulting editors, meeting with General Editor Michael Smith, frequently spoke of the willingness and enthusiasm of Southern Baptist scholars who have been approached regarding their interest in participating in the project.

The commentary project, which began with authorization from Southern Baptist Sunday School Board trustees in February 1987, may include as many as 50 writers and more than 24,000 manuscript pages of biblical and theological translation and interpretation, Smith said.

Smith said Broadman expects to release about 10 volumes of the commentary each year after the initial release in June of 1991.



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## CLC Focus On Citizenship

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Christian citizenship will be the topic of concern when Southern Baptist church leaders and lay persons gather in Washington, D.C. for a national seminar on "Addressing the Nation's Agenda: Christian Citizenship '88."

The meeting, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, will be at the Mayflower Hotel only a few blocks from the White House.

N. Larry Baker, executive director of the Commission, said the seminar will deal with the special challenges and opportunities of Christian citizenship in an election year.

"The seminar will help church staff, lay persons and other denomination leaders discover effective ways to address moral issues which are currently on the national agenda or which should be on the agenda," he said.

Major speakers enlisted to date include Jean Galloway Bissel, circuit judge, United State Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Washington, D.C.; Ginny Britt, executive director, Crisis Control Ministry Inc., Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Newt Gingrich, Republican congressman from Georgia; William H. Gray III, Democratic congressman from Pennsylvania, and a leading spokesman on African policy; and Jerry R. Kirk, president, National Coalition Against Pornography, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Registration is \$35 per person and \$17.50 for spouses of registrants and for students. Additional information, including details about special rates at the Mayflower Hotel, is available from the Christian Life Commission, P.O. Box 25266, Nashville, TN 37202-5266.



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## Convention Uniform

### *Deciding Life's Direction*

by Jerry Wilcox, First Church, Trumann

**Basic passage:** Matthew 16:13-26

**Focal passage:** Matthew 16:13-21

**Central truth:** The church is created in confession of faith.

A common error is that of equating the kingdom of God with the church. There is a close relationship between the kingdom of God and the church, but they are not identical. Whereas the kingdom is the sovereignty of God, the church is the fellowship of persons made one people under that sovereignty. God's kingdom in one sense is absolute, over all that is. There are rebels who reject his rule, but God is not thereby dethroned. He remains God and King, whatever man's decision.

On the other hand, the New Testament is chiefly concerned with the Kingdom of God as his rule over willing subjects who yield to his sovereign claims. The church, the body of Christ, is God ruling over his community of people.

The question arises for every kingdom person: "But who do you say that I am?" It is not enough to be knowledgeable about the opinions of others. There comes a time when one must cease discussing possibilities and assume his own stance. Faith requires the courage to assume a position in the midst of conflicting ideas.

Peter's insight that Jesus was the Christ (the Messiah) was a direct revelation from God.

Peter's answer went far beyond popular opinions. Jesus was more than a prophet. He was the Son of God. This was Jesus' long awaited answer. Faith's true answer comes from no human source.

Faith is neither irrational nor absurd. It does not contradict the truth of reason or of nature. But it must go beyond the reach of human intellect and insight. It is an insight given by the Father!

One may argue convincingly that the church was born on the Day of Pentecost. But it was Peter's confession that made the church become a possibility.

The fact that the kingdom calls for decision is emphasized in the New Testament by the employment of the term "time" which designates "the time of crisis" at the "last times." Jesus declared, "the time has been fulfilled (Mk. 1:15). In the presence of the kingdom, man is compelled to make a decision.

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## Life and Work

### *Christian Attitudes*

by Earl Humble, First Church, Osceola

**Basic passage:** Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-26,43-48

**Focal passage:** Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-22,43-48

**Central truth:** People are worth more than any other part of God's creation.

The Sixth Commandment states in the KJV, "Thou shalt not kill," and the NIV has, "Thou shalt do no murder." That NIV has the correct translation is shown from other words of Jesus in Matthew 19:18, which reads as the NIV has it, in our Lord's quotation from Exodus 20:13. Some may say that killing and murder are the same since the victim is just as dead either way. Not only does the Bible make such distinction, but modern laws do also.

(1) Let us note first, the worth of persons. Only people are made in God's image. No lower animal is said to possess a soul or spirit, nor are they responsible to God in a moral sense.

People are worth much to God. Not only are we made in the image of God, but a great price has been paid for our redemption. Jesus paid with his own blood for our sins (1 Pe. 2:24). God not only made us, but he remakes us in the redemptive process. His ultimate purpose is to conform us to the image of his Son (Ro. 8:29).

Not only is human worth of significance in divine-human relations, but we are of great worth to each other. Even outside Christ there is a commonality among us. Even non-Christians have a certain dignity, and they deserve our respect and redemptive love. Where can we stop loving? Can we set a limit at the boundaries of our kind? God loves the whole world and so must we if we are to follow him.

(2) Note, secondly, the welfare of persons. Jesus talked of our loving our enemies as a sign that we are children of God (Mt. 5:44-45). Loving those who love us is easy, and one does not have to be God's child to do that. Loving the enemy, however, calls for something beyond human resources. Our fallen nature resists loving an enemy, and those who insist on hating the enemy are giving weight evidence that the carnal nature is in control.

James says, "If a brother or a sister is without clothing and is in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled, and you do not give to them, what use is that?'"

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## Bible Book

### *Back to Bethel*

by James W. Bryant, Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith

**Basic passage:** Genesis 27:46 to 36:43

**Focal passage:** Genesis 33:18-20; 35:1-7a,10-13,16-18

**Central truth:** There comes a time in our pilgrimage with God that our initial commitment finally becomes our total commitment to God's will and God's way.

Jacob has come from his wrestling match with his God, and his reconciliation with his brother Esau, back to Bethel. It was at Bethel that Jacob had his famous dream about the ladder to heaven in Genesis 28. It was there that he made his first vow to God: "If God be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, so that I come in peace, then the Lord (Jehovah) shall be my God (Ge. 28:20,21 NKJV). Now Jacob went back to Bethel to build an altar to God "who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone (Ge. 35:3 NKJV). Not only did Jacob build an altar to Jehovah, but he also buried all the idols out of his household and every reminder of the idolatrous world through which he had come. Jacob made a total commitment of himself to God.

There comes a time in our pilgrimage with God that our initial commitment finally becomes our total commitment to God's will and God's way. Jacob went back to Bethel where he had made that initial commitment to God.

Some years ago I met a marvelous soul-winning layman. He witnessed daily and frequently brought others whom he had led to Christ personally down the aisle at the church which I then served. When I asked him to share with me his testimony of faith in Christ he referred to two different dates of commitment to Christ. First, he told how as a teenager he made an initial commitment to Christ and was saved and baptized. Then he told how when he was a young businessman God had worked a fresh work in his life when he came back home to the church in which he had been saved. As a young businessman he thanked God for saving him as a teenager and keeping him all of those years. Then he made what he called a fresh and total commitment to the Lordship of Christ. Have you?

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## SMALL CONGREGATIONS

# Sprouting in Israel

by Art Toalston  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

JERUSALEM (BP)—"I will never be a Christian," says a Jewish woman whose parents were killed by Nazis during World War II. "I believe the same thing as a real Christian believes." But to call myself a Christian, no. The word has been too contaminated for us as a people.

She is among some 3,000 Jews in Israel who believe the Messiah was revealed to mankind nearly two millennia ago. Most of them do not call him Jesus. They use his Hebrew name, Yeshua (pronounced ye-SHU-uh).

Numerous believers came to faith years ago — some after immigrating to Israel. Many more, however, are native Israelis in their 20s and 30s. Some can list parents, grandparents or other relatives killed in the Holocaust, the Nazi campaign that eradicated 6 million Jews — one-third of all Jews worldwide. A few believers are concentration camp survivors.

About 30 Messianic congregations exist in Israel. Most have sprouted since 1980. Most are small; only a few encompass 100 or more believers. Most are led by a small team of elders selected from the members. They usually meet in apartments or homes each Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath. In Israel, Sunday is one of six workdays.

One-third of the congregations are in the Tel Aviv area, where 40 percent of Israel's 4.4 million people live. Several congregations meet in Jerusalem.

Southern Baptists have nearly 50 representatives in Israel, and several worship with Hebrew-speaking congregations. Others worship at Narkis Street Baptist Church in Jerusalem or Baptist Village near Tel Aviv. Both are English-language congregations also attended by internationals working or visiting in Israel. Still other Baptist representatives are active in nine Arab Baptist congregations.

Israel's population includes about 750,000 Arabs. An additional 1.5 million Arabs live in the West Bank and Gaza, territories occupied by Israel since the 1967 Six-Day War.

Messianic believers voice appreciation particularly for Baptist Village, the largest Christian conference and summer camp center in Israel. And they hope its overnight capacity, now about 200, will be expanded someday to 500 or more. Such

plans, however, are only on the drawing boards.

Messianic Jews meet at Baptist Village each Passover and other times during the year. One believer contrasts these times of fellowship and mutual encouragement with large churches in the United States, where "you can see more believers just by looking around than there are in the whole land of Israel."

Jewish believers were even a smaller minority 10 years ago, reminds Ilan Zamir, an elder in a Tel Aviv congregation. When

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Worshipping in a member's apartment in Tel Aviv.

he accepted Yeshua as Messiah in the mid-1970s, "I thought I was the only Jew who dared to think this way."

It was an unmentionable topic in Israeli society and media. Believers were called traitors to the Jewish people.

Such pressures still confront believers. But now, Zamir and others dare to dream. "Lord willing," he says, "you come in 10 years, I'm sure you'll see much greater numbers of believers and much greater evidence of the act of God in this land."

The Holocaust is an especially weighty

matter for believers, because Orthodox Jews hold Christianity at least partly responsible. "Its preaching of anti-Jewishness was a very significant cause in ... the most awful phenomenon in history against my people," says Pinhas Peil, a Jerusalem Post columnist and professor of Jewish thought and literature at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Be'er Sheva.

Reformation leader Martin Luther, in his pamphlet, "The Jews and Their Lies," attacked Jews with "a venom that has rarely been equaled," says David Rosen, inter-religious affairs director for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Israel. Church history is stained with anti-Semitism, such as the Spanish Inquisition

from the 15th to the 19th centuries and Russian pogroms, or attacks on Jews, in the late 1800s and early 1900s. And during the Holocaust churches failed to protest the atrocities.

"In the minds of most Jews," says Menahem Benhayim, an elder in a Jerusalem congregation, "Nazism was another phase of Christianity." Benhayim, who also publishes a Hebrew-language Messianic periodical, Return, notes some Jews "recognize that Nazism was anti-Christian and pagan. But they believe that Nazism was able to use traditional church hostility toward the Jews to effect its diabolical aims."

Christianity is not inherently anti-Semitic, believers contend. "You can take any religion and annex it to hate," says David Yaniv, who lives in a kibbutz-like community in northern Israel. "Christians can hate, Jews can hate, Moslems can hate."

Ya'akov Damkani, a Jaffa-based full-time Messianic evangelist, one of three in Israel, regrets the church had "no love ... no approach for taking the gospel to the Jews" for 19 centuries. "But there is a new development taking place. It's the first time in history that Israel is beginning to really receive love from Yeshua's followers."

Messianic believers are striving to avoid sectarianism. There are no Baptist congregations, for example, although they baptize by immersion. And Messianic congregations have no affiliation with the U.S.-based Jews for Jesus organization. Congregations are influenced by various theological views, one leader says, but not enslaved to them.

Joseph Shulam, leader of a congregation in Jerusalem, says God has "collectively dealt with the Jewish nation" throughout its history — and today's believers are

pivot to God's plan. Denominationalism, he asserts, would tarnish believers with an "allegiance to, and cultural identity from, some foreign group."

Some Messianic Jews, however, fear their movement is ignoring lessons from "2,000 years of Christian history," as Baruch Maoz puts it. Maoz, an elder in a congregation near Tel Aviv, says believers are groping with questions about Christ's deity and the Trinity that the church resolved ages ago. Although believers affirm the Bible's centrality, "when it comes to practical terms," in Maoz's opinion, some of them mold Scripture to fit their presuppositions. Cuts could find fertile ground in some Messianic circles, he warns.

Some congregations are charismatic, with an openness to speaking in tongues, prayer for miraculous healings and revelation by dreams and visions. Other congregations are non-charismatic yet evangelical, emphasizing the new birth much like Southern Baptists do.

Charismatics and non-charismatics divide into three camps on observing rabbinic law, such as eating kosher foods. For many congregations the philosophy is, "Do whatever you feel convicted to do," Zamir says. In society at large, the attitude is much the same; 70 to 80 percent of Israelis do not strictly adhere to rabbinic law.

Some believers oppose the law, and Zamir shares part of their concern: "The more you observe the law, the less you see Yeshua in it. I've seen this happen again and again among believers."

Numerous other believers embrace the law. "We don't consider the law a bondage at all," says Martha Stern, a member of a Jerusalem congregation. "Believing in



*The Peniel congregation, located in Tiberias, worships outdoors. One of the leaders, Shaul Zuella, left, says that the 3,000 Jewish believers in Israel hope their vibrant faith will draw fellow countrymen who, "are thirsty and their heart is open for the righteousness of God."*

Yeshua doesn't mean you stop being Jewish." Dror Goldberg, also a Jerusalem-area believer, notes that in Matthew 23 Yeshua commended the Pharisees' teachings but not their hypocritical actions.

And Acts 21 counts thousands of Jews, all "zealous for the law," who were in the early church. "We're not saying we're under the burden of the law," Shulam qualifies. "Zeal for the law, in the right perspective, is a reliance on God's grace." At issue in the first century was whether Gentile converts were obligated to the law, he says. "There is no question that the Jews were."

Despite diverse convictions, Shulam reports, "All the believers in Israel, without exception in my opinion, see each other as brothers. We may disagree on the charismatic issue, we may disagree on

premillennialism, we may disagree on the interpretation of any passage in the Bible, but we still have areas where we can cooperate without coercing each other."

Elders from about a dozen congregations have been meeting regularly for several years, and their evangelistic committee held its first-ever campaign in August 1986 in Tel Aviv. Volunteers used a questionnaire to spark conversations about Yeshua in the streets, and about 250 people gave their addresses for follow-up literature.

Other endeavors are afoot. Zamir and Benhayim are part of a Bible society team working on a Hebrew-language New Testament with explanatory notes. Shulam has organized a team to write a multi-volume New Testament commentary in Hebrew. Maoz is one of the editors of a theological journal, Mishkan, on Jewish evangelism. Stern's husband, David, is publishing an English-language New Testament using Jewish words and concepts.

Efforts to train businessmen to build an economic base for Messianic congregations are in the fledgling stages. Says Arieh Klein, a member of a Jerusalem congregation, "God is telling us to prepare" for "rapid growth in the number of believers in the next few years."

Messianics bid like-minded Jews abroad to lend a hand, to make "aliyah," to join in world Jewry's return to Israel.

"If God prophesied that one day he will bring Jews back to their land," Zamir says, "he didn't mean they will be sitting in America or some other place."

But Benhayim laments: "American Jewish believers aren't too much different from their mainstream Jewish counterparts. They like the fleshpots of Uncle Sam better than the difficulties here."

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## WORLD

### LEBANON

## Parks Urges Return Permission

by Mike Creswell  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Let Southern Baptist Convention missionaries return to Lebanon, SBC Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks has urged Secretary of State George P. Schultz.

The plea, sent to Schultz in a letter, was made in late January, a year after the U.S. government ordered all U.S. citizens, including 24 Southern Baptist missionaries, to leave Lebanon because of the continuing strife there.

Parks wrote the letter on the first anniversary of the ban because of indications the State Department plans to review the restrictions on American citizens living in Lebanon. Currently only a few exceptions to the order are allowed, primarily Americans with family ties to Lebanon.

Parks urged Schultz to at least allow Americans to return to East Beirut, "if they are engaged in a charitable and humanitarian service."

Current policy, Parks wrote, "forces some to feel they must choose between civil disobedience and a superficial faith. Better options should be provided." He asked that missionaries be allowed to take risks for their faith, just as Schultz and other government leaders do for "those ideals in which you believe."

"What we're really appealing for is the same opportunity that we've exercised in other troubled spots through the years, where the missionaries had the freedom to seek individual leadership as to whether they felt the Lord was leading their family to be in that place at that time," Parks said later in an interview.

The board does not want missionaries to feel guilty if they believe they should not be in a dangerous place, he said. But if they felt they should be there, "we wanted to provide affirmation and support." Parks said the board's approach in such matters is consistent biblically and "baptistically."

Since leaving Lebanon a year ago, the Southern Baptist missionaries have moved to other places of service in the Middle East. Some have tried to maintain the Lebanon work from Cyprus, while others have begun new ministries in other countries. In a quirk of current events, several of the missionaries now serve in Gaza, another Middle East area stricken by violence in recent weeks.

"If they lift the ban, we'll all be on the first boat back to Lebanon," vowed Southern Baptist missionary Pete Dunn, currently on furlough in Mobile, Ala. While some of the missionaries have seen the

wisdom of a temporary departure, they believe it is time to return to duties needing their attention, he said.

"We have a hundred things in the works," he said. One key element of Baptist ministry in Lebanon often overlooked, he said, is the humanitarian aid of food, clothing and blankets distributed by Southern Baptist missionaries.

Dunn, a media specialist, said the Lebanon work has been difficult to maintain from Cyprus "by remote control." Radio programs he helps produce for a Baptist-operated station in Beirut have a potential audience of more than 1 million listeners, he said. A literature ministry and other works also are based in Lebanon.

### Missionary Notes

**Ron and Jan Langston**, missionaries to Zimbabwe, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P.O. Box 183, Stand Number 117, Beit Bridge, Zimbabwe). He lived in Etowah, Keiser and Osceola while growing up. The former Janice Wilmoth, she was born in Jonesboro and considers Etowah her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

**Dirk and Libby Pearce**, missionaries to Senegal, have arrived in France for language study (address: 15, ruede L'Onyx, 37300 Joue Les Tours, France). Son of Southern Baptist missionaries, he grew up in Nairobi, Kenya. The former Libby Tullos, she grew up in Texas. Both consider Monticello their hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1987.

**Ed and Greta Pinkston**, missionaries to the Ivory Coast, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: BP 1424, Daloa; Cote D'Ivoire, Ivory Coast). He was born in Camden and grew up in Crossett. The former Greta McFerrin, she was born in Hill Top and lived in Harrison while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966.

**Hugh and Debbie Redmon**, missionaries to Venezuela, are the parents of Larry Alan, born Jan. 1. Currently in the States on furlough, they may be address at 717 N. Hughes St., Little Rock, AR 72205. He is the son of Southern Baptist missionaries in Costa Rica. She is the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries to the Ivory Coast. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1984.

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