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**Decade Needed
To Fight Hunger**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Southern Baptists must dedicate "at least a decade" to the eradication of world hunger if they hope to effect significant change in the international food crisis, a veteran of the war on hunger said.

A 10-year emphasis on hunger relief is "a do-able thing" for Baptists, claimed Gary Gunderson, co-editor of SEEDS, a magazine which focuses on the world hunger issue.

Gunderson addressed Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students during the seminary's hunger emphasis week, which began in worship during the SBC's World Hunger Day, Oct. 11, and ended with 24 hours of seminary-wide prayer and fasting during the United Nation's World Hunger Day, Oct. 16.

"Southern Baptists have made increasing significant steps toward an agenda of world hunger eradication," Gunderson noted. "But...it is going to take more than a hunger offering once a year or a rice bowl program every two years."

He cited gains made denomination-wide, especially the appointment of Home and Foreign Mission Board staff members who deal with the issue, but "the cutting edge...the point where the wave is breaking right now" is in the individual churches, he said.

"That means that Baptists of all viewpoints and backgrounds are cooperating in the effort to eliminate hunger," he added.

"The diversity of people who are gathering around the issue of world hunger boggles the mind," Gunderson insisted. "We imagine that the only people who can care are just like ourselves. The problem of hunger proves this isn't true."

He pointed out that while people who are comfortable with "activist" labels are stereotyped as the ones primarily concerned with world hunger, people all over the convention who are happy with the "conservative" label are doing the most to provide financial ammunition in the hunger battle, he said.

"The only way we can maintain the effort is to remain part of our large family even if we are sometimes embarrassed by some positions taken by our brothers and sisters," he claimed.

The significance of the effort is made broader by implications, he said. "You can't talk about world hunger without mentioning peace, and you're naive if you assume the possibility of long-term global peace without Christ."

Kilner Named To Edit
WMU Special Products

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)--Ann Kilner of Richmond, Va., has been named special products editor for Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.

Kilner will edit coordinated products and coordinate planning of special projects for WMU's editorial department. She will also edit products for Acteens, WMU's missions organization for girls in grades 7 through 12. She replaces Pat Sullivan, who resigned.

Kilner, a native of Eden, N.C., is a graduate of Averett College in Danville, Va., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. She has done additional graduate work at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Before assuming her position Oct. 5, Kilner was Acteens director for Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia.

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Church Picks Missions
Over New Cooling Unit

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OXFORD, Ala. (BP)--An Alabama church, faced with fixing their air conditioner or catching up with mission gifts, picked missions.

In June 1980 the air conditioner in First Baptist Church, Oxford, Ala., went out. The church was \$5,600 behind its budget receipts and \$8,200 behind in what it had planned to give to missions through the Cooperative Program.

In a business meeting, members decided not to borrow money for an air conditioner unless they also were committed to catch up in mission gifts. A member offered to loan \$12,000 interest free for the air conditioner if the church would commit to borrowing the Cooperative Program money if it had not caught up by December.

"That short, hot summer drew our people together around the Cooperative Program as our commitment to Christ rather than comfort," pastor Buddy Nelson explained. "We didn't suffer a drop in attendance and budget receipts increased 23 percent above the previous year."

It didn't take long for the church to reap the benefits of the commitment. Within three months from the time they purchased a new air conditioner, the unit was paid for in increased giving by the membership. Gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program are also up to date.

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Baton Rouge TV Station
Drops Church For News

By Lynn Clayton

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BATON ROUGE, La. (BP)--Television station WBRC has dropped a telecast of the Sunday morning worship services of First Baptist Church so it can carry an ABC network news show.

Worship services of the church have been telecast for almost 20 years. The last broadcast will be Nov. 8.

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Jewells Mayeau, general manager of the ABC affiliate Channel 2, said the decision was made to drop the one-hour worship service so the station could carry an expanded Issues and Answers program. David Brinkley, the newsman who just left NBC to join ABC, will host the news show.

"This program (Issues and Answers) will be one of the most important of the week," Mayeau said. "Brinkley will be talking with some of the most important people in Washington--and in the world. This show will make news."

"We feel like we will be serving more people carrying this show than the First Baptist Church worship service," Mayeau said.

Perry F. Webb Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, said, "We feel like the community has lost a valuable service. We think especially about people in the nursing homes and other places who have no way to be part of the worship service, but we certainly respect Channel 2's right to make a decision they think is right."

Both Mayeau and Webb said the relationship between the church and the station had been excellent, and both expressed hope that the church would return with some kind of telecast.

"This is not a complete cancellation," Mayeau said. "As we told the First Baptist Church people, after we have a regional meeting with ABC, we will search for a new time and new program ideas."

He said that the station wanted to study the "use of the hour program to see if it is the best way to serve their purpose."

Webb, however, said they never discussed it with him.

Mayeau said WBRC does not carry any other religious program, explaining, "We cannot take care of the requests. We would not have any time left if we sold time like that."

He said that the telecast of the First Baptist Church worship was considered free time.

Keith Chandler, television director for First Baptist, said the church furnished its own three color cameras and "the other necessary sophisticated equipment" worth about \$250,000, and all personnel for the broadcast at the church and paid WBRC \$650 per month.

"For 20 years, First Baptist Church has served the community of Baton Rouge through telecasting a worship service. They have paid the expense and have never sought other funds from the viewers or anyone else," Webb said.

"We feel an obligation to the many people who cannot, or will not, attend worship. We certainly are not going to close the door to any possibility to continue this service."

The announcement of the cancellation came six weeks after an El Paso, Texas, television station cancelled the broadcast of First Baptist Church there, and two months after KOMA cancelled the telecast of First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

Ignorance, Insensitivity
Said 'Marriage Destroyers'

By Gail Rothwell

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--Ignorance, insensitivity and boredom are the three greatest destroyers of marriage relationships, Lavonn Brown told 104 couples attending the Fall Festival of Marriage.

Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church of Norman, Okla., told participants that people are too often concerned about finding the right person when they should emphasize "being the right person."

All marriages, he said, have problems, but the difference between a good marriage and a bad one is how the partners solve their problems.

Brown, addressing the conference sponsored by the family ministry department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, added that husbands and wives should create in their homes "an atmosphere where God can be easily found by every member of the household."

To create an atmosphere where God is present, Brown said couples must have a vital, growing relationship with Christ and demonstrate their faith through grace, love, forgiveness and unselfishness.

To parents, Brown said, "I believe our earliest faith is an inherited faith. Children believe in God because they are around people who believe in God.

"In your homes you need to create an atmosphere where people can be themselves and feel good about who they are. Help the members of your family to know that they are created in the image of God and then assure them of their worth and value."

Brown also urged the couples to give priority to their marriages by giving time and effort to effective communication with each other.

"The highest expression of communication and responsiveness, outside of your relationship with God, is found in the marriage relationship," he said.

Brown said he believes it is God's plan that a man and woman give to each other in marriage, not manipulate each other. "Marriage is intended to be the union of two total personalities," he noted. "The union is not only physical, but spiritual and mental."

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Louisiana Executive
Gains After Surgery

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ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)--Robert L. Lee, executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, continues to improve from recent surgery, according to his wife, Grace.

"We expect he will be convalescing for several weeks. His overall improvement is encouraging," she said.

Lee was admitted to Rapides General Hospital Sept. 25 because adhesions from previous surgery caused intestinal blockage.

Following surgery, pneumonia set in and treatment was complicated by Lee's allergy to penicillin. Alternate medication has cleared up the pneumonia, but physicians are continuing to treat Lee for a stubborn postoperative infection, Mrs. Lee said.

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Baptist Ministries To Sell
Tickets To World's Fair

By Jim Newton

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.(BP)--In a move which could solve the problems of financing Baptist Ministries to the 1982 World's Fair, the Knox County Association of Baptists has approved a plan to sell admission tickets to the fair to Baptist groups and individuals.

World's Fair officials made the ticket sale offer to four nonprofit organizations which have signed contracts for pavilions at the fair.

Baptist Ministries for the World's Fair, which broke ground about two weeks earlier on a \$115,000 pavilion, will receive a sales commission for each general admission ticket it sells before Jan. 1.

David Peach, executive director of the Baptist Ministries corporation, said if enough groups and individuals buy their admission tickets through his office, it could generate enough income to meet the budget for Baptist Ministries.

Peach explained Baptist Ministries is about \$150,000 short of its \$400,000 budget, and has been hoping to raise most of the remaining budget through a fund campaign called Mission 300, a plan to enlist 300 persons who would give \$500 each.

Baptist Ministries to the World's Fair will continue the Mission 300 campaign, Peach said. If income exceeds budget needs, surplus funds will be returned to the three Baptist organizations which have provided major funding, on a pro-rata share, Peach explained. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention and Knox County Baptist Association have been primary supporters.

Theme for the Baptist pavilion will be "The Word Is...Energy," dovetailing with the theme of the fair, "Energy Turns the World." Exhibits and presentations at the Baptist Pavilion will focus on spiritual energy.

An estimated 5,000 Baptist volunteers, including about 150 choirs from Southern Baptist churches, are expected to participate in Baptist ministries at the fair, according to Bill Lee, associate in the special missions ministries department at the Home Mission Board.

Peach said all Baptist choirs and groups which perform at the Baptist pavilion will be required by World's Fair officials to purchase general admission tickets.

The sales agreement gives Baptist Ministries \$1.50 to \$10 commission, depending on ticket price and date of purchase.

Two-day tickets will be \$15.95 for adults and children ages 4-11, and one-day tickets will be \$9.95 for adults and \$8.25 for children. One-day tickets for senior adults, ages 55-over, will be \$9.95.

Season tickets will cost \$69 for adults and \$30 for children if bought before Nov. 27, or \$70 and \$35 before Dec. 31. From January through April 30, season tickets will be \$85 and \$45, and will increase to \$100 and \$50 after the fair opens May 1.

To order tickets through Baptist Ministries to the World's Fair, write to P. O. Box 1086, Knoxville, Tenn. 37901, or call (615) 688-5377.