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Associational Stewardship Emphasis

WE HAVE already assisted many associations this year in a special associational stewardship emphasis.



DR. DOUGLAS

A few of the associational leaders wanted a special or extra associational meeting where they could study the Forward Program of Church Finance, but the majority

of the meetings have been regular associational workers' conferences with a stewardship emphasis.

In these meetings we have been assisted by pastors who have used the Forward Program of Church Finance, by pastors who are serving as district helpers and by the associational stewardship and Co-operative Program chairmen.

We have discussed the basic principles of promotion in the Forward Program and have also presented the Bible principles of stewardship in the Forward Program.

The pastors who have helped in the conferences have explained how they presented the program to their people and how they led their churches into the entire pro-

gram.

Some of our associations have stewardship conferences scheduled for the immediate future. We have some 15 or 16 meetings scheduled for June and July.

We are learning that many of our churches are enthusiastic about another approach to teaching stewardship and after hearing the program explained and then seeing the results, more and more of them are being guided into a campaign.

We have heard some remarks that the Forward Program did not work in certain churches so we investigated.

In these investigations we found that some churches used part of the Forward Program and won partial victories. This is almost without exception. They either left out steps or tried to adapt certain phases of the program to their peculiar situation. But, when the entire Forward Program has been used and proper preparation made, the results have been most gratifying.

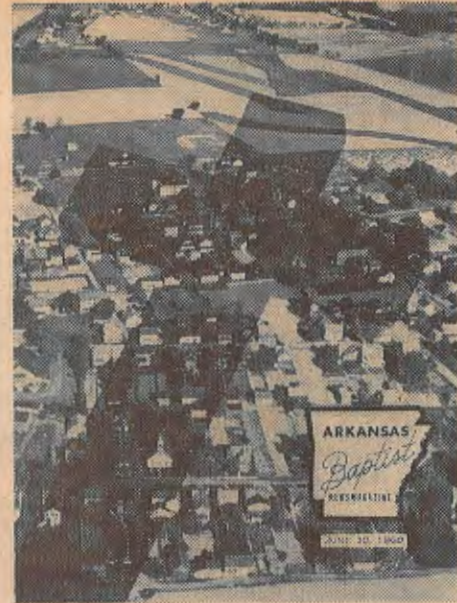
Let me take this opportunity to urge our associational leaders to give stewardship a place on your calendar of activities next year. Make plans now for an association-wide stewardship emphasis for 1961 and put it on your calendar, then proper preparations can be made to make the meeting worth while.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

Stuttgart Church Purchases 5 Acres

FIRST CHURCH, Stuttgart, has voted to purchase five acres of land on the southwest part of the city for a new building program which will cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

Pastor D. B. Bledsoe said plans are to build for an anticipated attendance of about 800, with a new auditorium and all the educational space needed.

Earl Daughtery was chairman of the committee to find a suitable site for the buildings.




Shadow over America

AFTER we had chosen this week's impressive cover, the news broke to the effect that Little Rock is to be one of the nation's major military bases. We will be mindful now of the shadow of Titan II intercontinental ballistic missiles over our capital city.

The fact that this would be the launching field for ICBMs expected to have a range of 10,000 miles takes us out of any isolation we might have had left after our global publicity over our racial strife and puts us squarely in the missile sites of Russia or whoever else may be our foe.

Personally this editor is one Little Rock resident who is not rejoicing over the new "industry," all the extra millions of dollars and additional jobs notwithstanding. But, of course, in the world we live in, there must be launching bases and we Arkansans must bear our part of the war load, along with the rest of America.

But the fact remains that our hope is in the cross of Christ and not in our munitions. Now that we are a big step closer to nuclear war, will we go on with our "business-as-usual" way of life, or will we wake up and really start living as those who are about to die?—ELM



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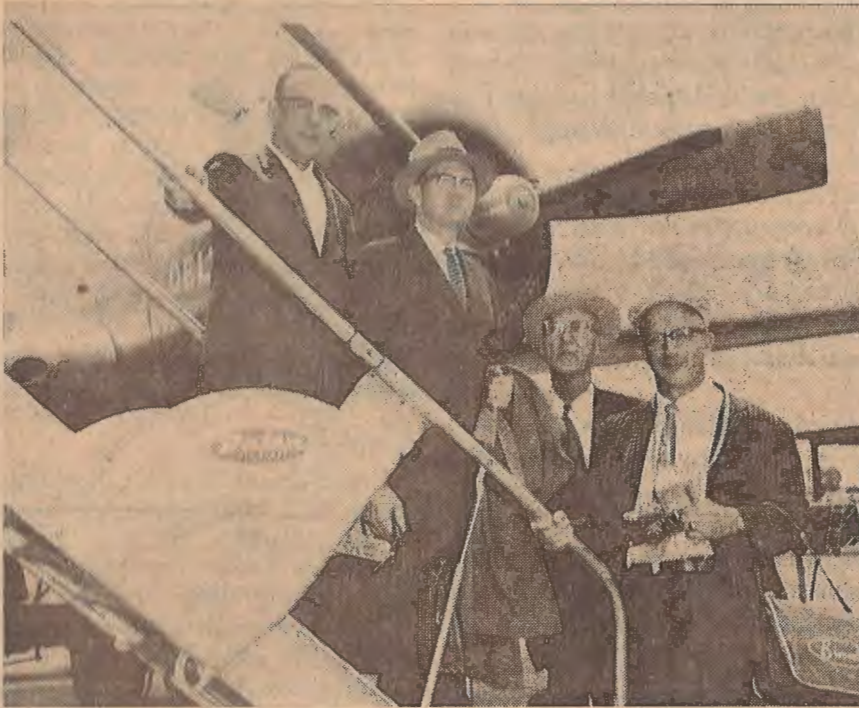
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Jacksonville 1st Starts New Mission

1st CHURCH, Jacksonville, Rev. Fritz E. Goodbar, interim pastor, will break ground Sunday afternoon (July 3) at 2 p.m. for a new mission building in the Green Acres community, on Highway 67, two miles north of the city and near the entrance to the Little Rock Air Force Base. A contract has been awarded for construction of a frame building. The children and young people who attended Vacation Bible School at the Jacksonville church voted to give their offerings toward equipping the new mission building.



BOARDING a Delta plane at the Little Rock airport June 20 on the first leg of their trip to South America for a tour of Mission fields and attendance of the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro are, left to right: Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Rev. Cline D. Ellis, pastor of 1st Church, Fordyce; Holyer E. Trussell, Baptist layman and business executive, of Fordyce; and Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and 1st vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.



PICTURED ABOVE is the "Sweepstake Trophy" which was awarded the Arkansas students at Ridgecrest. Holding the exhibit is Mrs. Kaye Canterbury, secretary in the BSU office. The softball team won first place, John Paul Cook of the University of Arkansas won first place in tennis, and Morris Becknell of Southern Baptist College won second place in ping pong to give Arkansas the sweepstake award. The Arkansas students won the same trophy at Glorieta in 1959. —Tom J. Logue, Secretary



KEY persons at the State Music Conference held at Ouachita College last week under the direction of LeRoy McClard, secretary of the Church Music department (left to right): Dr. Robert Bays, of George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., who directed "The Holy City," by Gaul, and soloists: Joe Ann Shelton, Robert Burton, Mrs. Lecil Gibson and James Cram. Organist is Lecil Gibson. A total of 450 registered.

HOW CAN Christians discharge their duties as voters in a democracy such as ours here in America? The urgency of this question is highlighted by the fact that this is an election year and Christians, being in the majority, will be accountable before God for the outcome in the approaching elections.

**Our Christian Duty
In Coming Elections**

The very minimum for all Christians who have reached the legal age for voting should be to register, pay the poll tax (required here in Arkansas) and go and vote. Before voting, issues and candidates should be considered prayerfully with an earnest desire to do what is pleasing to God. We should not be willing to permit elections to be decided through our default of not voting, or through selfish motives.

But there is a duty of Christians in civic affairs beyond the mere casting our ballots, as important as that is. There are many responsible places of service to be filled, including not only the salaried offices to which candidates aspire, but also the places of election officials. Christians have responsibilities in seeing that men and women of integrity and character offer their services. When political affairs are conducted on a high plane there is no reason for Christians to feel that it is not becoming of Christians to participate.

Let us not overlook the fact that it is essential to have honest election officials if we are to have honest elections. Three judges, two clerks and a guard will be needed for each and every voting precinct. Christians can face their civic responsibilities realistically by making themselves available to serve at the polling places.

Finding a suitable place for the actual voting is often difficult. Someone has suggested that churches could render a real service by making rooms in their educational buildings available as voting places. We see no reason why churches should not do this.

One of the great failings in our attitude toward politics is seen in the fact that we are more inclined to find fault than to express appreciation for services rendered. Someone has well said that it requires no brains, character or sacrifice to find fault. As Christians we should support with our prayers and words of encouragement public officers who are faithful in the discharge of their duties.

But we should be no less on the alert for any evidence of malfeasance in office or corrupt practices in political campaigns and elections. Christians may find it necessary to help straighten out crookedness in politics. We should regard it as our solemn duty to stand for what is right and against what is wrong, regardless of the consequences. ■

Scripture without comment

Your behavior to the outside world

I beg you, as those whom I love, who live in this world as strangers and "temporary residents," to keep clear of the desire of your lower natures, for they are always at war with your souls. Your conduct among the surrounding peoples in your different countries should always be good and right, so that although they may in the usual way slander you as evildoers, yet when disasters come they may glorify God when they see how well you conduct yourselves. (1 Peter 2:11-12, Phillips Translation)

'Drowning' Children

DURING my student days at Southern Seminary, housing was "tight" all over the country and especially in cities like Louisville. Apartments for rent were few and far between, and almost always children, like dogs, were "not allowed" on the



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premises.

Since the most of us theologs already had families before we got to the seminary, the housing situation was one of our biggest hurdles, ranking along with the hurdle of getting enough do-ra-mi together to pay the exorbitant rent if you found some kindly landlord who was willing to let you and your kids come in out of the rain.

There were several stories that circulated among us relating to seminary students and their house-hunting. One couple had found just the place they wanted and told the landlady they'd take it. Then came the inevitable question they had known would come: "Do you have any children?"

"Yes," replied the father, "one little boy—over there," and he pointed to a nearby cemetery.

"Oh, you poor dears," wept the landlady. "We'll be glad to rent you our apartment."

Then the couple went out to the cemetery and got their boy, who had been told to wait there till Dad and Mama came for him.

Another couple—and they make the point we have started out to make this week—when asked if they had children replied: "Yes, we've got two—but we are just on our way out to the river to drown them!"

If I thought you'd let me get by with a little preaching, I'd say there are a lot of ways to drown your children besides dunking them in the nearest creek. Parents who bring kiddies into the world and work or play so hard they have no time to love them and discipline them are for all practical purposes "drowning" them. Such children perish before they begin to live.

It takes nearly as much time, patience and love to train a child these days as it does a dog.

Erwin L. McDonald

Strictly Personal, by Eugenia Price, Zondervan, 1960, \$2.50

The difference between heaven and hell, says the author: "... heaven is the place where man says to God, 'Thy will be done.' And hell is the place where God reluctantly says to man, 'Thy will be done.'"

Hunger of one sort or another is back of every sin, says Miss Price, in her chapter on "Our Hungers." But God understands our hungers and is not shocked by them and he stands ready to give His strength to all who will receive it.

This, in the words of the author, "is not a book of techniques on how to live the Christian life. I have personally grown tired of these. It is a book about God Himself."

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Spiritual Therapy, How the Physician, Psychiatrist and Minister Collaborate in Healing, by Richard K. Young and Albert L. Meiburg, Harper, 1960, \$3.50

Clinical experience shows that understanding a sick person's spiritual condition is as important for successful treatment of his illness as the correct identification of his physical symptoms. This book, by two Baptist pastors who have spent years of ministering to the sick, features case histories from their ministry of healing in one of the nation's most modern hospitals. It is a story that has attracted nationwide attention through the *Reader's Digest* and earned professional admiration in such magazines as the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Although they are primarily concerned with the relationship of pastor and patient, the authors emphasize the importance of co-operation with doctors and psychiatrists. The point they make over and over is that teamwork is vital to successful hospital treatment.

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Faith Is the Victory, by E. M. Blaiklock, Eerdmans, 1959, \$2

This is a study of the First Epistle of John, the last of the New Testament books to be written. It is studied as a "cover" letter to John's Gospel. The material was originally used by the author, who is professor of classics in the University College, Auckland, New Zealand, as a series of Bible studies at the 1959 British Keswick meetings.

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Love: The Issue, by Charles Burnell Olds, Christopher, 1960, \$3

Modern man has become so thoroughly selfish in his search for the good life for himself that he is fast losing his concern for what is happening to others, Dr. Olds maintains: As a result, he warns, the whole world is threatened with destruction. This is "a book with a message" our world needs.

Baptist Crosscurrents

What Was Really Said

NEWSPAPER headline writers did a tremendous job of attempting to make Southern Baptists appear to be narrow and bigoted during the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, Fla. The tempest was stirred by a resolution adopted by the messengers after considerable discussion and with amendment. The resolution was frankly aimed at the possibility of a Roman Catholic president for the nation. But it was a sensible, sober statement concerning a serious problem rather than what the headline writers tried to make it appear.

For the record the resolution on "Christian Citizenship" stated:

"(1) We hereby affirm our faith in the historic principle of the separation of church and state as expressed in the Bill of Rights and the constitutional guarantee that a man's personal faith shall not be a test of his qualification for public office.

"(2) We reaffirm our conviction that a man must be free to choose his own church and that his personal religious faith shall not be a test of his qualification for public office. When a public official is inescapably bound by the dogma and demands of his church, he cannot consistently separate himself from these. This is especially true when that church maintains a position in open conflict with our established and constituted American pattern of life as specifically related to religious liberty, separation of church and state, the freedom of conscience in matters related to marriage and the family, the perpetuation of free public schools and the prohibition against use of public monies for sectarian purposes.

"(3) Therefore, the implications of a candidate's affiliations, including his church, are of concern to the voters in every election. In all cases a public official should be free from sectarian pressures that he may make independent decisions consistent with the rights and privileges of all citizens.

"(4) We remind every member of every church of his obligation to pray for public officials, to participate in the full democratic process, including voting and to seek divine leadership in the selection of those men who guide the destiny of our land in such a time as this."

We do not see how this could be surpassed as a statement of principles for all election years—not just 1960—and concerning all candidates.—Editor Jack L. Gritz, in *The Baptist Messenger*

Candidates' Stands on Moral Issues to Be Published Soon

HOW do the candidates in the current elections stand on gambling, on liquor-law violations and on a realistic legislative and law-enforcement approach to dealing with these curses of society?

In our next issue, that of July 14, we shall publish a detailed report on a survey of candidates made by the Christian Civic Foundation. We will report to you the replies from specific candidates for specific offices and we will furnish the names of candidates who received the Christian Civic Foundation questionnaires but did not see fit

to reply.

This is being done not to try to tell our readers for whom to vote, but to let them know where the candidates stand on certain issues of vital concern to many of the Christian voters of the state.

The report is also to be carried in *The Arkansas Methodist* and in the Christian Civic Foundation's own publication, *The Christian Citizen*. We trust our readers will look forward to a careful study of this report and that they will share their copies of it with other voters.—The Editor

Jesus Christ Is Lord

Presidential Address, by Theodore F. Adams, Pastor of
First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, U. S. A., and
President of the Baptist World Alliance

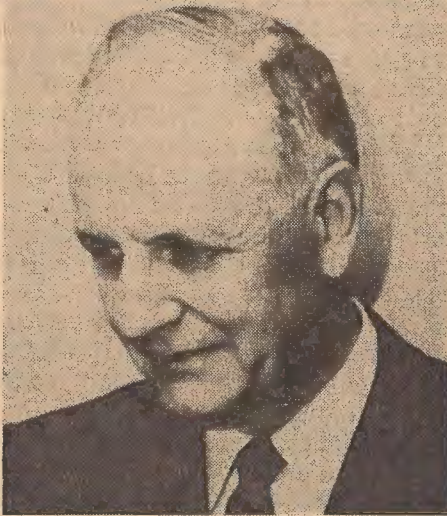
Scripture: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Text: *Philippians 2:10-11*

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow—and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

WE are very happy that the 10th Baptist World Congress can meet in beautiful Rio de Janeiro where Baptists have given such a splendid witness and enjoyed such a remarkable growth.

We come from many different countries representing some 23,000,000 Baptists on every continent. The moving and dramatic Roll Call has given a living witness to our oneness in Christ and the prayer of our hearts "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."



DR. ADAMS

We think, of course, of some who could not be represented here. Our hearts go out to them and we shall be faithful in prayer for them. At the same time we voice our gratitude to God for the joy of our Christian fellowship here and the opportunity for worship and witness together.

It is my purpose now to give a brief report of my stewardship as your President, to tell a little of Baptist life and work as I have seen it around the world, and to discuss some of the issues that concern Baptists everywhere.

It was the prayer of my heart when I accepted this responsibility in London at our Golden Jubilee Congress that God would give me wisdom and strength to serve you faithfully and well, and that He would help me always to say the right word at the right time that our fellowship might be strengthened and the work of the Kingdom advanced.

I am grateful to God for guidance and health and strength to carry out the mission you entrusted to me. I want also to thank the members of the 1st Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, U. S. A., for their willingness to share their pastor with the Baptists of the world and for unflinching support in all that I have been called upon to do. I am grateful to the other officers and members of the Executive Committee who have served with me, to our faithful and loyal secretaries and the chairmen of our various departments and commissions and to all who have labored so well during this past five years as our work has grown and prospered.

During this five years Mrs. Adams and I have counted it a privilege to travel thousands of miles to visit Baptists in scores of countries. We have sought to serve where we could, to encourage those in difficult places, and to report fairly and objectively the situation as we saw it, so that those in a position to help might do so intelligently. It has been a joy to note our growth from 20,000,000 to more than 23,000,000 baptized believers.

We now total nearly four times as many Baptists as when the Alliance was organized in London in 1905. This vast throng of Baptists differs in many ways, in language and in color, in culture and customs, in racial origins and national ties, yet we are one in our devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord.

World Fellowship

THE Baptist World Alliance is becoming more and more a genuine world fellowship. Our eight vice presidents represent every continent but South America, which was also represented until the death of the beloved Honorio Espinosa of Chile. It was my joy and privilege to greet each vice president in his or her own land with the single exception of L. A. North in New Zealand. Meetings of our Executive Committee were held in England, United States, Canada, Switzerland and Brazil. Thus we have met on three continents to conduct our official business.

Time will permit only a brief word about Baptists around the world. I planned during my years as president to visit so far as possible the areas where no president of the Alliance had ever been or where he had not been able to visit in recent years. Immediately after the Congress in London it was my privilege to visit Baptists in a number of the Scandinavian countries where our work took root in spite of persecution and has borne rich fruits through the years. Then in the U. S. S. R. I saw the faith and devotion of Russian Baptists. Like their fellow-believers in many lands, we found them to be zealous New Testament Christians.

Later when I visited a number of the islands in the Caribbean I was deeply impressed by the faith and devotion of our Baptist people in the face of poverty and many difficulties. I have had many opportunities during these years to speak before Baptist groups in the United States and Canada and to visit the Mexican Baptist Convention, where I was inspired anew by their cooperative spirit and their devotion to our Lord.

In the summer of 1956 Mrs. Adams and Mr. Denny and I travelled around the world, spending most of our time with the Baptists in Asia, where many new nations are rejoicing in their independence. We can be proud and grateful for able

and consecrated national Baptist leaders in many Asian lands and for the splendid fruits of years of devoted missionary service. It was a joy to share in the First Asian Baptist Youth Conference in Hong Kong. Never will I forget how those young people from thirteen different countries, many of whom had been at war with each other, stood together with clasped hands as a symbol of their Christian fellowship and sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love."

I went to Europe three times during this five years to visit Baptists in England and on the Continent and to share in the meeting of the European Baptist Federation. We thank God for the faithfulness and zeal of Baptists in Europe who in spite of the devastation of two world wars and major economic and social problems have kept the faith and are carrying on their work with growing evangelistic concern.

Last year it was my privilege to visit this beautiful city and to make a quick trip around the continent. Baptists in South America have made remarkable progress in the last half century and I am confident that the next fifty years will show a major growth in every country where we are at work.

Baptists in Africa

LAST summer we visited the Baptists in Africa. This was the first time any Alliance president had ever visited that continent and I was tremendously encouraged by what we saw. We found Baptists struggling in the face of many difficulties and yet rejoicing in their opportunities. We are grateful that in the providence of God there are many Christian leaders ready to help guide the destiny of several new nations.

This great continent is just now in a ferment, with nations struggling to be born, but a continent that will take an increasingly important place in the life of the world. It was heartening in South Africa to hear Baptists say about the present government's un-Christian apartheid policy, "If we must make a choice, we will obey God rather than men."

Everywhere we have found the same major concerns and convictions in the hearts of our Baptist people. We face a world of fear and tension, a world with poverty and misery, discrimination and segregation in many lands, and torn by loyalty to a wide variety of faiths and philosophies. Some areas are openly hostile to Christianity, while in other lands we face open doors for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Ours is a day in which millions of men and women are free for the first time in their lives. They intend to keep their freedom at all costs and ask only an opportunity to learn to govern themselves. Yet we live in an age when we are more inter-dependent than ever before, for we are all "bound in the bundle of life" and none goes his way alone.

In such a world our Living Lord still says, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." We have a Divine commission that has never been repealed to take the Gospel into all the world and to relate the Gospel to all of life. In every land Baptists are trying to do just that with an increasing devotion to evangelism and missions and a deepening concern that the blind man may see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, and the poor hear the Gospel and know the fullness of the life in Christ.

Newer nations are joining with older lands in carrying on missionary work in keeping with the affirmation of Oncken: "every Baptist is a missionary." Many recall the words of John

Soren of Rio de Janeiro as he reminded us in the Congress sermon in London that the same Christ who took from our hearts the burden of sin and guilt put on our hearts a burden of concern for the lost. Baptists are responding to that concern as did one group of believers in India who made this daily vow, "I am a baptized believer in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

Christian Education

BAPTISTS everywhere are concerned about Christian education. They realize that it is not enough to win the lost. We must teach them and train them that they may give the Gospel to the world and live it before the world. More and more emphasis is being given to Bible study and membership training. New and enlarged schools and colleges and seminaries are strengthening our program of Christian education. One of these institutions is Central Philippine College where each year many students publicly confess their faith in Christ in an outdoor baptismal service on the campus. They go out to provide Christian leadership for our churches and for their country. This concern for Christian education is common to all our people, though we regret that in some lands our opportunities are very limited.

A number of other problems weigh on our hearts as Baptists. Racial justice and Christian brotherhood are a primary concern of our believers everywhere. The race problem is not limited to one country or one continent, though it is of special concern in some areas. The Baptist World Alliance, in the spirit of Christ our common Lord, includes all races and will not hold a Congress where all cannot meet as brothers and sisters in Christ without any discrimination or segregation based on color or national origin. We seek to be one in Christ who has broken down the middle wall of partition between us. In the face of prejudice and misunderstanding Baptists in many lands are working for brotherhood and justice and striving to better relationships between races and peoples.

Baptists are deeply concerned about the poverty and need in many lands. Through our Relief Department as well as through our mission boards and other agencies we have sought to help meet these desperate human needs. In this as in every other area of life we are our "brother's keeper" as was evidenced by our recent Medical Mission, and we dare not be lacking in concern for those who suffer physically as well as spiritually.

Want World Peace

IN the hearts of Baptists everywhere I have found a deep and abiding longing for world peace. Baptists are loyal to their own countries and are proud of their national heritage and yet in every land our people hope and pray and work for peace on earth and goodwill between men and nations. Through our missionary activities we seek to advance the cause of peace through the Prince of Peace. Our best hope of peace in the world lies in the spirit He proclaims and the principles he taught and the kind of people He can help us become—people who can live at peace with others because they have found peace within and have made their peace with God.

These and other problems have been studied by our various Commissions and we shall hear more about them during these days together. We must remember, however, that if the

world is to be more Christian we ourselves must be more Christ-like. Well may we say to our Living Lord, "In the work you are doing in the world, you can count on me."

To help solve these pressing problems we stress anew the basic convictions and principles we share as Baptists. To be sure we are not alone in proclaiming these principles, but the emphasis on each and all of them has been a contribution Baptists have made and must continue to make in the life of the world.

Basic to all is the Lordship of Jesus Christ. He said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He is the world's only Saviour and to Him we give our full allegiance as the Lord of life and the conqueror of death.

We believe in salvation by grace through faith and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God. We are grateful for a God who loves us as a Father and treats us not as we deserve, but as we need. We believe that through our faith in Christ His Son as our Saviour our sins are forgiven and we have already passed from death into life—the life abundant and eternal.

These and all other tenets of our faith are rooted in the Word of God and in the Word made flesh to dwell among us full of grace and truth. The New Testament is to us the sole and sufficient ground for our faith and practice. Hence, we reject such man-made doctrines as the "assumption of Mary" or the infallibility in matters of religion of any earthly person or power.

Worthy Individual

BAPTISTS stress the supreme worth of the individual soul. Since Christ died for all He died for each of us. We are therefore not to view lightly or without concern the rights or needs of any individual and we are to respect the dignity of each personality.

We recognize the competence of the individual in matters of religion, believing that every man is competent to make his own choices in religion when he has been instructed in the Word of God; and also that "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

For this reason Baptists have long emphasized the priesthood of all believers. We have no priestly hierarchy and no mediator between God and man save only Christ Jesus our Lord. There is none other to whom we must look for the means of grace and salvation.

Since we believe that each individual must make his own choice in matters of religion, we contend that every person must have the chance to make the right choice, for his eternal destiny hangs upon it. No one becomes a Baptist simply because he is born in a particular family or nation. One must be born again to be a Baptist.

Because we seek to give every person a chance to choose Christ as Saviour and Lord we major in evangelism and claim the right and responsibility to proclaim the Gospel and to teach and to preach in Christ's name in all the world.

There are many graves similar to one I saw at St. Marc in Haiti that indicate the resting place of missionary pioneers. On the stone over this grave, as on many others, are carved the words of the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Religious Liberty

FOR this reason Baptists stress the importance of religious liberty. We believe in freedom of conscience and in full religious liberty, not as a privilege given grudgingly or merely tolerated by some faith or hierarchy, but as our full right under God.

We know that freedom can be lost for it has been lost in some lands in our own generation. Some of our believers face persecution and others find their opportunities for worship and witness greatly limited. The problem varies in different countries. Sometimes freedom is restricted because of a State Church or by government decree or because of a rising tide of nationalism that calls for loyalty to a particular faith. I would pay tribute today to the courage and devotion of many of our people who suffer persecution, both open and subtle, but who keep the faith and under many difficulties continue to witness for the Lord Christ.

We believe that "Where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty" and "If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." In his Name we believe in freedom *for, from, through, in* and *of* religion.

We Baptists do believe in freedom *for* religion. By this we mean not only freedom to worship, but freedom to teach and preach, to win others, freedom to change one's faith, freedom to print and publish our convictions, and to own property and build churches in which to worship and serve our Lord. We protest the abridgement of these basic rights anywhere, but we claim no rights for ourselves that we do not claim for all others. We believe in freedom for all religions with special privileges for none.

We also believe in freedom *from* religion—that is, we respect the right of the individual to reject religion and take the consequences. He can choose Christ and life in His name and all the blessings of a free faith, or he can choose to reject that faith for another or to be free from any formal religion. There should be no state or ecclesiastical compulsion in religion. No man is a Baptist because someone else has decided that matter for him, nor is any man a member of a Baptist church because of something that was done to him when he was a baby and he had no choice in it. No man should be compelled to support any religious institution through public taxation or to suffer on account of his religious beliefs.

We believe in freedom *through* religion. We are to "proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind." We know the joy of freedom in Jesus Christ for He has set us free from the bondage of sin and fear and death. We want the whole world to know the blessings of the faith and freedom that are ours in our Saviour.

We believe in freedom *in* religion—that is in varieties of religious experience and expression. We Baptists differ in many ways in our services of worship and our religious practices. Yet with all our diversities and varieties we are united in "One Lord, one faith and one baptism."

We believe in freedom *of* religion—that is the right and responsibility of every individual to make his own choice. God waits on man's willingness to accept Christ as Lord and to receive the blessings of His grace. We respect each individual's right to make that choice as he feels led of the Spirit. The only compulsion in this matter is God's love for us in Christ and our love and concern for those who are lost without Him.

Church Membership

WHEN a man has made his choice of Christ as Saviour and Lord we ask him to join a church and to share in two ordinances that are filled with deep significance and beautiful symbolism. We believe in the baptism of believers by immersion on confession of faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord. I cannot forget two processions I saw in Haiti one Sunday. One was a procession of those who believed in the witch doctor. They were going out to bury their dead without faith in God or hope of eternal life in Christ. The other was a procession from a Baptist Church going to a nearby river to bury believers in baptism that they might be raised to walk in newness of life.

This calls for a regenerate church membership. Our lives must bear witness to our faith lest others see us and not want to believe.

One of our modern missionary martyrs, Dr. William Wallace, was buried in China after dying in prison for his faith. His Chinese friends put over his grave these words, "For me to live is Christ." His life had been such that the best tribute they could give him was to say that he had been like Jesus. God grant that our lives may bear such a witness wherever He calls us to serve.

Baptists observe a second ordinance—the Lord's Supper. At the Lord's Table we are reminded of His broken body and His shed blood and of our oneness in Him. Never shall I forget the day I stood with Brother Jacob Zhidkov at the Lord's Table in the Baptist Church in Moscow. As we stood together, one in Christ, Brother Zhidkov broke the great loaf of bread and passed it to the congregation, with the words, "This is my body that was broken for you, this do in remembrance of me." Then I took the cup saying, "This is my blood of the new covenant shed for many for the remission of sin." "The blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanses us from all sin." Truly "If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another."

Fellowship of Believers

BAPTISTS stress this fellowship of believers in the local church as the basic unit of Christian life and service. We cooperate as believers in our associations and conventions where we can do together what no individual believer or local church can do alone. In the wider fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance with all our diversity we have a remarkable unity in Christ our Lord, "the same yesterday, and today and forever."

We rejoice also that we are part of a far larger fellowship of other Christians in many lands who love and serve our Lord. We are glad to be a part of that great host as well as of the long line of faithful souls who through the centuries have borne their witness to Christ as Lord. We are one in Him.

One Sunday it was my privilege to worship with the great Emmanuel Baptist Church in Rangoon, Burma. Five different national groups worship in this church every Sunday. During the day there are services in their own language for Burmese, Karens, Chinese and Indians. It was my privilege to preach at the English service when some from all these groups and others worshipped together. As I spoke about our fellowship in Christ and our faith in the living God, I told of two Christian missionaries who were seized and held for ransom by bandits in China some years ago. Early one morning as they awoke bound

and gagged they recalled that it was Christmas day. One man with his bound hands scraped bare a place on the floor and then slowly with bits of straw spelled out the word, "Emmanuel"—God with us. Telling of it later he said, "As we saw that word and sensed that truth anew our hearts were lighter and our spirits were braver for we knew we were not alone."

Because of our faith in the Living Lord we face the future with confidence. God is with us. It is He who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. It is He who has saved us and will keep us. It is He who will lead us in the way He would have us go.

As we gather in this World Congress from many lands, the challenge of our times and the love of God call us to renewed devotion to Christ and His Kingdom. Our day calls for Christians of the highest order and the finest faith, with the deepest convictions and the greatest devotion, with the best of training and with an undying love and an abiding commitment to the mission entrusted to us by our Lord and by those who have served Him through the centuries. The forces in opposition are strong, but in such a day Christianity is not frightened but challenged, not fearful but stimulated. We know that Christianity has lived under all forms of government, and that it has and will survive all kinds of persecution. Our noted Baptist historian, Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, well says, "Christianity is more to be reckoned with today than ever before." As we serve Christ in our generation we can say with confidence as did the prophet long ago when he saw the enemies of the Lord round about the city, "Those that are with us are more than those that are with them."

A World Gospel

BUT salvation and service are personal. We are called to cooperate with all believers and to serve together as Baptists to give the Gospel to all the world and relate it to all of life. But each of us must stand in his own place and serve the Lord where God has called him. I made my own commitment to Christ long ago in an experience we all have shared. My father, a beloved Baptist pastor, baptized me, asking as I stood in the water with him, "Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?" I said, "I do," and was buried with Christ in baptism. Each of us has made that same personal commitment. We know what it can bring to the life of the believer and we wish that same blessed peace and joy for every one in all the world.

To that end let us here and now renew our covenant to serve Him as we ought. I think of our responsibility in the words of the charge my father gave me when I was ordained to the ministry. I would give you the same charge today as we begin this Congress and as we face the tensions of our times. He said, "I charge you with three things: Keep close to God. Keep close to men. Bring God and men together." We can never do this alone, but through our living and loving Lord we can and in God's good time the prayer of all our hearts will be answered, "That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." ■



MR. SMITH

Smith Resigns At Baring Cross

PASTOR Wayne S. Smith of Baring Cross Church, N. Little Rock, has resigned effective July 1 to resume his duties as assistant to President Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. He will be in charge of public relations and alumni activities.

During the year he served the church as pastor, there were 184 additions to its membership: 67 by baptism, 115 by letter, and 2 by statement. Under his leadership the church founded the South Side Mission which is presently served by Rev. Reuben Setliff, youth director at Baring Cross. A program of youth activities was instituted at the church and a Sunday School building was remodeled and given to the young people for their special activities.

Mr. Smith served as a member of the board of trustees for Arkansas Baptist Hospital and was active in Pulaski County Association work. He was also professor of preaching in the Seminary Extension Center.

Baring Cross Church honored the Smiths with special Appreciation Day services June 5, climaxed with a reception following the evening worship hour. More than a thousand members were in the long line which required almost two hours to pass by shaking hands and voicing a personal

Centennial Association First to Reach 100% Circulation of ARKANSAS BAPTIST

EVERY church of Centennial Association, Rev. D. B. Bledsoe, moderator, now has the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* in its budget. This entitles the association to the use, at no charge, of a full page of the paper once each month for the promotion of its program.

For some time certain churches of the state have used the front page of the paper going to their memberships for their local church news and promotion. Centennial Association will be the third association to use the *Arkansas Baptist* for a similar purpose but will be the first to qualify for this service free.

The *Arkansas Baptist* has a standing offer to the associations to provide one page free each month to any and all associations in which all of the churches subscribe to the paper through the Church Budget plan.

Latest of the churches to use the front page of the *Arkansas Baptist* each week is 1st Church, Crossett, Rev. Bill Hickem, pastor. The cost to churches is only \$15 per week, including printing and postage, for churches with mailing lists of 500 or fewer names, and \$17.50

for churches with larger mailing lists.

Churches of Centennial Association are:

Almyra, W. A. Relyea, treasurer;

1st, DeWitt, Rev. Andy Heskett, pastor, J. W. King, treasurer;

East Side, DeWitt, E. W. Gwin, treasurer;

Gillett, Rev. Robert D. Howie, pastor; Jeff Sargent, treasurer;

Hagler, Stuttgart, Doyle Jameson, pastor, Mrs. Joe Freeman, treasurer;

Humphrey, Rev. L. E. Jolly, pastor; Walton Kresell, treasurer;

North Maple, Stuttgart, Rev. Claude A. Hill, pastor; Garland C. Long, treasurer;

Reydel, Rev. Harold Green, pastor; Samuel P. Luckie, treasurer;

St. Charles, Rev. Edgar Joe Gannaway, pastor; H. R. Dupslaff, Jr., treasurer;

1st Church, Stuttgart, Rev. D. B. Bledsoe, pastor; Alonzo Measel, treasurer;

South Side (mission of, 1st), Rev. F. B. Dake, pastor;

Tichnor, Mrs. T. C. Cover, treasurer.

word of gratitude.

Then the Smiths were led to three long tables containing a shower of gifts from the church, various departments of the Sunday School and Training Union, and individuals.—Katy Lou Russell, Baring Cross Church

Philadelphia Church Has 100th Birthday

PHILADELPHIA Church, Rt. 2, Jonesboro, observed its centennial anniversary June 12.

C. Z. Holland, First Church, Jonesboro, was guest speaker for the program which included recognition of former pastors and older members of the congregation. Mrs. Kelley Copeland gave highlights from the church's history.

Paul Stockemer is pastor of the church. ■

Kern Heights Mission Organized into Church

KERN Heights Mission, De Queen, was organized into a church June 19 with 22 members.

Earl Humble led in the mission project, which was begun about four years ago by First Church.

Rev. E. Butler Abington, pastor of First Church, will preach for July revival services in First Church with Herbert "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, directing the music. ■

PLEASANT Grove, Conway, reports 12 additions, 11 by baptism, during the recent revival with Dickson Rial, Ft. Worth, as evangelist. Harmon Irby led the singing. Rev. Walter Ayers is pastor.



MRS. FREEMAN

Little Rock Teacher Heads National Group

MRS. CORRIE Freeman, teacher of a women's class at Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, is the new national president of Kappa Kappa Iota, teachers' sorority which numbers more than 5,000 members.

Mrs. Freeman, a sixth grade teacher in Little Rock's Franklin School, was elected at the recent convention in Tulsa. She previously had served as national vice president.

In addition to her class at Tyler Street, she also is library chairman. For many years she taught a women's class in Second Church, Little Rock.

The sorority, composed of teachers, teachers' wives and retired teachers, has 400 Arkansas members.

During her tenure as president, she will attend at least 20 state conventions.

Mrs. Freeman is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the University of Arkansas.

Her hobby is antique furniture, glass and art. ■

WAYNE Smith, Ouachita College, was evangelist for East End Church, Pulaski Association, June 12-19. There were nine additions by baptism and one by letter. Rev. Marion Grubbs is pastor.

First, Ft. Smith, Has Unusual Music Program

FIRST Church, Ft. Smith, is conducting a conservatory of music program during the summer months.

David E. Williams, minister of music, is serving as conservatory chairman and will give instruction in wind instruments. Miss Maetta Jacobs will teach organ and piano and Mrs. Lucille Williams, violin.

Purpose of the program is to answer the need of music instruction from competent teachers in Christian atmosphere; to provide a greater variety of activities for youth and tie them into work of the church; to build a reserve of talent for the future ministry of music in the church and to encourage and provide opportunities for promising musicians to develop their talents for service in the work of the Lord.

Courses being offered include: basis composition, organ seminar, beginning wind instruments. Private lessons also are available. ■

RISON Church has employed Coach Garry W. Weed to serve as recreational director for the summer months. The church recently dedicated a new building with Rev. Hugh Owen of Malvern bringing the message.

BILL H. Lewis, who has served in pioneer mission areas in Michigan and W. Virginia for the last three years, is returning to full-time evangelism.



MR. LEWIS

Mr. Lewis, who will team with Herbert "Red" Johnson of Mountain Home, will make his headquarters in Paragould. Temporarily he can be reached at 106 Forest Ave., South Charleston, W. Va. (Phone RI-4-0352).

While in the mission work early in 1957, he saw almost 600 people saved in nine months.



MR. OLDHAM

Russell Oldham Joins Immanuel Staff

RUSSELL OLDHAM, who for the past six years has been music and education director for First Church, Fayetteville, has joined the staff of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

He will direct the youth program and will promote the Training Union Work.

He is a graduate of Southwestern with a master's degree in religious education.

The Oldhams have two children, Jana Sue, 4, and James Russell, 2.

First Church Names Building for Dr. Sipes

DR. L. M. Sipes, who served as pastor of First Church, Little Rock, from 1920 to 1927, has been honored by the church with the naming of one of the buildings in his honor.

The building named for him is the old auditorium at 12th and Louisiana, which was erected during his pastorate. Following his pastorate at First Church he held posts in Conway and Pulaski Heights and later was professor at Central Seminary in Kansas City.

Dr. Sipes returned to Little Rock to retire several years ago. (DP)

SBC News & Notes

College Association

Elects Texan Head

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Evan A. Reiff, president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., has been elected president of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools.

The Association includes the 71 seminaries, colleges—both junior and senior—academies, and Bible institutes related to Southern Baptists. The Association itself, however, is not an official organization of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Reiff succeeds Charles L. Harman, president of Bluefield College, Bluefield, Va.

Other officers of the Association, elected at the annual meeting in Nashville, are Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C., vice president, and H. I. Hester, vice president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., secretary-treasurer.

Hester, the only officer re-elected, has been the association's secretary-treasurer ever since its founding, in 1948. ■

RIDGECREST, N. C. (RBA)—Three thousand Southern Baptist church musicians are expected to gather here June 30-July 6 for their annual music leadership conference. The meeting will be directed by Walter Hines Sims, secretary, Church Music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Overseas Educational Ventures Proposed

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Foreign Mission leaders outlined to Baptist educators here plans for establishing a Baptist university in Nigeria, soon to become an independent nation in West Africa.

H. Cornell Goerner, Richmond, Va., secretary of this area for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, asked that Southern Baptist college presidents consider aiding the new college in reaching

Revival Jumps Off To Good Beginning

ERIN, TENN.—(BP)—The tent revival at Erin Baptist Church got off to a jumping-good start.

Evangelist John Humphrey arrived from nearby Clarksville, Tenn., by parachuting from an airplane into a field just outside town. A West Point graduate and experienced "jumper" with the 101st Airborne Infantry, Humphrey resigned his officer's commission to enter the ministry.

Nearly all Erin turned out for the jump. It took special clearance from aviation officials and a 'chute borrowed from a Roman Catholic chaplain to make the parachuting possible.

Humphrey, who plans to enter Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth in the fall to study Theology, is pastor of Little West Fork Baptist Church, just outside the gateway to Ft. Campbell, a military base on the Tennessee-Kentucky boundary.

He was stationed in a parachute company at Ft. Campbell before he left the Army. ■

accreditation and academic standing.

He said some Southern Baptist colleges in the United States probably would need to grant affiliation to the new Nigerian Baptist University, which has a target construction date of 1962.

Listening to his explanation were members of the Education Commission of the Convention and members of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools—more than 75 Southern Baptist college officials.

The university, because of Nigeria's British colonial background, would have to follow the British, rather than American, pattern on establishment. This

requires, according to Goerner, direct affiliation with a university already having attained academic prestige.

He also said Baptist educators in the United States could help Nigerian Baptists in preparing a curriculum for the university and in determining faculty needs. ■

Stuart Named To SSB Position

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BSSB)—George W. Stuart, of Dallas, Texas, has accepted a position with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, as superintendent of Extension Work in the board's Sunday School Department. He succeeds Mrs. Will S. McCraw, who has retired.

Stuart will assume his new duties July 1. He is now associate Sunday School department secretary in the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas. Former positions as minister of education include Baring Cross Baptist Church, N. Little Rock, Ark.; South Beckley Baptist Church, Dallas; 1st Baptist Church, Galveston, Texas; 1st Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla.; and Northwest Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

A native of Paragould, Ark., Stuart attended Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, and is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. ■

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Deans of Southern Baptist colleges and universities in their annual meeting here elected George M. Smith, of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., as president. Cecil Cosper, of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., is vice president, and E. M. Keebler, of Norman College, Norman Park, Ga., is secretary-treasurer. It is the first time the deans have elected officers.

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Former Southern Baptist Convention president Brooks Hays, of Knoxville, Tenn., will address the Methodist Church's educators here July 25-27.

His topic will be, "Higher Education and Public Service."

Want to Write For SS Board?

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BSSB)—Want to write for religious publications? Here's your chance!

During the first of two Southern Baptist Sunday School conferences to be held, July 28-Aug. 3, at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly, a conference on writing for Sunday School lesson publications will be held daily at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in writing for the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School lesson publications is welcome to attend, said Howard P. Colson, editor in chief of Sunday School lesson courses in the Board's Sunday School department. Editors in that department will direct the conference.

Dr. Colson reminds that this will be the only week (July 28-Aug. 3) that this opportunity will be offered. ■

Deacon Responsibility Magazine Feature

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BSSB)—The first of a series of nine articles on "The Responsibility of the Deacon" appears in the July issue of *Church Administration*. The series will be written by different authors, and will appear over a period of the next 12 months.

The current article, "The Deacon Sets an Example in Family Life," was written by Reuben Herring, associate editor of *Home Life*.

Speaking of the deacon, Mr. Herring says, "His home is a testimony to the transforming power of Christ in family life." He points out several ways in which the deacon needs to act as an example in the home and in the community. ■

FT. WORTH—A Southwestern Seminary student was killed in a two-car collision near Chillicothe, Tex., as he returned to Ft. Worth from preaching. David Bayert, a second-year Theology student, was hit broadside in his Volkswagen car as he drove into a curve.

10-Year Expansion Set at Belmont College

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Belmont College here will embark on a 10-year capital improvements program, the first phase of which is expected to require a million dollars.

Tennessee Baptist Convention, which owns and operates Belmont, voted in November to continue development of the school on its present, historic, 30-acre campus. It is near Peabody and Scarritt colleges and Vanderbilt University.

"Great advantages have come to Belmont through an intellectual exchange with other members of the Nashville University community," Herbert C. Gabhart, Nashville, Belmont president, said. "These advantages are expected to become increasingly significant and place a premium upon our

present location."

The first million dollars of the program is expected to pay for modernization of an existing dormitory and for expansion of library and gymnasium facilities. ■

Householder Is Vocations Counselor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Lloyd T. Householder, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., has accepted the position of church-related vocations counselor at the Baptist Sunday School Board. He will assume his new position in the board's education division August 1.

Householder succeeds John M. Tubbs, who is now secretary of the Sunday School department and church building consultant of the Maryland Baptist Union Association, Baltimore. ■

Baptist Inventor Named Texas Father of Year

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—(BP) A Baptist leader here who has invented an array of mechanical equipment to brighten his paralyzed daughter's life has been named 1960 Texas Baptist Father of the Year.

He is Cecil A. Ray, superintendent of missions for the San Antonio Baptist Association.

Working at night, the 38-year-old minister has designed and built a unique motor-powered chair, three iron lungs, chest respirators, rocking beds, mechanical desks and assorted other chairs and bathing equipment.

His daughter, 12-year-old Susan Ray, has been able to move only her hands and toes slightly since a critical polio attack in 1952. She deftly drives the motor-powered chair around the Ray house by tripping sensitive switches with her fingers and toes.

By tilting her head from side to side, little Susan touches other electrical switches that move a specially-designed desk before her sling-supported hands. Now she can write, and is learning to paint, thanks to her father's in-

genuity.

When Ray began to plan the unique motor chair for Susan, he realized that he must not neglect his young son because of his daughter's handicap.

Lanny, his nine-year-old son, was the first youngster in the neighborhood to have his own gasoline-powered car. His dad built it soon after developing plans for Susan's motor chair.

A committee selected Ray for the honor "because of his significant applications of Christian faith in helping his daughter overcome severe handicaps."

The Father of the Year is a graduate of Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. Before coming to San Antonio as associational missions superintendent, he pastored Baptist churches in Ballinger, Rowena, Sulphur Springs, and Lubbock, Tex.

The award is sponsored each year by the Baptist Standard, state denominational newspaper, and the 1½ million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas. ■



Catholic Views

FRIBOURG, Switzerland (EP)

— That much-publicized editorial in *Osservatore Romano* on May 30, 1960, which states that the Roman Catholic hierarchy has the right and duty to control political decisions of Catholics, is still being contested by other Catholic editors.

The Dutch Dominican weekly *De Bazuin* asks if it can be hoped that the writer of the Rome article "will finally be converted to the conviction that the opinion he defends can be lived out only in the now extinct clerical-feudal-medieval society."

A more moderate comment appeared in the Dutch Jesuit weekly *De Linie*, stating that "the inescapable impression prevails that the laity must be relieved of all responsibility and that the general formulas of the *Osservatore Romano* are explicitly concerned with the special situation in Italy."

France's *Temoignage Chretien* editorialized: "In this country it is rather hard to imagine the higher leadership of a Catholic Action movement giving in before this sort of public statement — for example, at meetings of the MRP congress." The MRP is the Roman Catholic supported French political party.

In mid-May, Giovanni Battista Cardinal Montini, 62, Catholic Archbishop of Milan, Italy, visited the United States and toured them extensively in the company of high-ranking Catholic dignitaries. One of his duties reportedly was to reassure the U.S. hierarchy that the *Osservatore Romano* editorial did not really apply to the U.S. where Marxism is not a campaign issue.

Anglicans for 'Lighter' Beers

SYDNEY, Australia (EP) —

Australian beers are unnecessarily strong and consumption of lighter brews would "lead to fewer troubles," the Social Questions Committee of the Church of England in Australia said recently.

A statement by the committee titled, "Drinking Decently," said "The misuse of alcoholic drinks has become an important social problem in Australia . . . Neither prohibition nor a plea that all should become total abstainers, is the best way to tackle the problem."

The committee called for "effective guidance of young people in the use of liquor," and invited all Anglicans to "think about aspects of the liquor trade, including drinking at organized functions, local option, community hotels, single-bottle licenses for grocers, and club licenses."

All social drinking, the Anglican body emphasized, "should be controlled by the ideal of true social fellowship, which is a sacred thing." [Sobriety, based on total abstinence, is even more sacred.—ELM]

Girl Wants to Preach

GUELPH, Ontario (EP) — A Canadian teen-aged girl, determined to become the first female Presbyterian minister in this country, failed to impress the 250 male delegates meeting here in the 86th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Her appeal was silent because the ministers would not let her speak.

But this is only a temporary setback to Shirley McLeod, 19, of Waterloo, Ont., who says she is certain of eventually reaching ordination.

Miss McLeod is now a student at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and intends to study theology later at Presbyterian College in Montreal. Dr. Robert Lennox, principal of the College, has promised to enroll her in the theological course when she is ready.

Women have recently been elected to the denomination's Church Council, and serve on its Board of Administration. The church forbids ordination of women, however.

To these recent milestones for female Christian workers, Shirley points with pride expressing the hope that in the future another assembly with other delegates will grant her the coveted frock of a Presbyterian pastor.

Passion Play Reading

INNSBRUCK, Austria (EP) — The late Hugo Grotius' passion play, written 334 years ago, will receive its first public reading soon at the University of Innsbruck.

Titled "Christus Patiens," the document was discovered in 1958 by a Munich city councillor who was doing research in the international law division of the Bavarian State Library. It proved to be the only existing copy.

The Grotius play was written in 1626, eight years before the people of Oberammergau, Germany, took their famous oath to present their passion play every 10 years.

Grotius, a Dutch Protestant called the "father of modern international law," stresses in his play the typical Renaissance theme of the synthesis of Christianity with the best of pagan Greek and Roman thought. The life, death and resurrection of Christ are portrayed as the working out of the eternal principles of international law, with the final redemption of mankind from the horrors and devastation of war.

Anti-Protestant Measures

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia (EP) — Although Colombia's Liberal Party is friendlier to Protestants than preceding regimes, violence and pressure measures still prevail against Protestants, according to reports by James Goff, secretary of the Office of Information and Public Relations, Evangelical Confederation of Colombia (CEDEC).

Goff said the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Julio Cesar Turbay, has ruled that a Mennonite Brethren group may not operate a school for Colombian Protestant children in Istmina (Choco Dept.) because the town is in a Catholic Mission territory.

Bible Distribution Permit

THE revolutionary government of Fidel Castro has granted special permission to the World Home Bible League for the import of 20,000 New Testaments free of customs duty.

Pope Softens Ultimatum

VATICAN CITY (EP) — In a speech delivered in French to African Catholics, Pope John XXIII said the Catholic Church has a doctrine that “permits her to answer the grave problems of men” but that the church intervenes in human affairs only when moral and religious issues are involved and places full responsibility on civil authorities for their acts.

This statement was apparently given to tone down the recent newspaper statement in *Osservatore Romano* which asserted that the Roman Catholic church had spiritual jurisdiction over Catholics in public office — an editorial which stirred opposition in Italian circles and in many groups abroad. The Pope said the church does not “hinder or contradict the autonomy of political action,” and added that the church could solve the problems of Africa if given an opportunity.

‘Proselytism’ Charged

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (EP) — All Christian missionary schools receiving government subsidy must cease giving religious instruction to non-Christian pupils unless permission is granted by parents or guardians, the Malayan Ministry of Education has announced.

The government bureau said the action was taken because of recent complaints against “excessive proselytism” among non-Christians by the Christian missions.

Lutheran Censorship

BUDAPEST (EP) — All clergymen of the Southern District of the Hungarian Lutheran Church must submit their sermons to diocesan Dr. Zoltan Kaldy for his censorship, according to the Lutheran magazine *Lelkipasztor*.

The reason for the censorship, Bishop Kaldy complained, was that “only a few preachers attempt to instruct their congregations in the relations of the Church to Socialism.”

Bishop Kaldy was appointed head of the Southern District in November, 1958, with the approval of the Communist government. He succeeded the staunch anti-

Communist Bishop Lajos Ordass who had been “requested” by the Communist government to step down.

Islamic Evangelism

CAIRO, Egypt (EP) — “The Complete Islamization of Sudan!” That’s the theme of a crusade currently being conducted by the Egyptian government. Already large numbers of Moslem preachers have been sent to Southern Sudan to work for conversions.

Reports of “mass conversions” to the Islam religion are filtering out of the Sudan. These say that action has been taken by the Sudanese government to expel many foreign Christian missionaries.

Applications to enter the Sudan by workers with several American mission agencies have been turned down by the Sudanese government. This reluctance to grant visas is not new. It has been prevalent since April, 1957, when the Arab government nationalized the country’s mission schools.

Jehovah’s Witness Jailed

VERONA, Italy (EP) — Alberto Cortini, 24, has gone to jail here instead of submitting to an Italian military order to take arms.

For Cortini, a Jehovah’s Witness from Forli, this was sentence number three because of his adamant stand against bearing arms. Last April the young Italian finished his second one-year prison term for refusing to wear a military uniform. He recanted on that score, however, and agreed to don the military garb when sent back to his regiment. When he balked at handling a gun, Cortini was once again taken to court.

Italian military and civil legislation provides for no exemptions from army service because a subject conscientiously objects to military service.

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London Baptists Say, ‘Thank You’

LONDON, ENGLAND — (BP) London Baptists mailed a “thank you” note to Southern Baptists on behalf of three of their ministers.

The ministers — W. Charles Johnson, W. C. Channon, and C. R. Goulding — returned to London after visiting Southern Baptist churches and convention offices this spring.

The Council of London Baptist Association of Churches expressed its “sincere thanks and appreciation of the wonderful welcome given to our brethren.” The Council was grateful for the fellowship between the British and United States Baptists and prayed for Southern Baptists “God’s richest blessing.” ■

Released-Time Declines

NEW YORK CITY (EP) — For the third straight year, the number of students in this city’s released-time program for religious instruction declined this term.

School officials said that a total of 118,808 pupils participated in the program during the 1959-60 school year, compared with 121,869 in 1958-1959 and 123,166 in 1957-58.

Under New York’s program, students are released from school classes for an hour each week to obtain religious instruction at nearby churches or church schools.

Protestant Losses

NEW YORK (EP) — Although no American missionaries are known to be missing or dead, reports from various mission groups indicate that many Protestant churches were destroyed or damaged as a result of the recent earthquakes and tidal waves in southern Chile.

Many national church workers and Christians were included in the total of some 5,000 who were killed and the millions who were left homeless as a result of the tragedy.

The denominations reportedly sustaining serious church losses include Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Seventh-day Adventists and Southern Baptists.

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Alcoholics Are Home-Made

1. Just continue to give him everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe that everybody should cater to his selfish whims.

2. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he's "on his own and then he can decide for himself." Never teach him anything about God so that he will surely have no Rock of Ages on which to anchor his life.

3. Never make him responsible for anything. Just continue to pick up after him. In this way he will become adept in throwing all responsibility on others and when he reaches manhood he will expect everybody else to do his work for him.

4. Never correct him, lest you develop in him this thing called "guilt complex." Spare the rod and you will nurture a horrible rascal.

5. Smother him with love. Never turn him loose so that he learns gradually to be on his own. When he complains about the teachers or the "kids" you just join in with him condemning everyone so that he will have good training for that later-in-life complaint of the typical alcoholic, "Nobody loves me."

6. Never guide him to solve his own problems, so that he will certainly never learn that life contains a goodly portion of difficulties. Thus when problems do arise for him when he is out on his own he will most certainly seek refuge from them in a bottle.

7. And there's another thing that will help him become an alcoholic or perhaps emotionally ill in some way. When he plays in a game always expect him to win and if the ball game doesn't suit Junior, tell him to pick up his ball and bat, break up the game, and go home. He's sure to remain a poor sport the rest of his life, and he will never take defeat graciously.

8. Therefore, encourage his tantrums, and he will forever feel that he should always have his own way.—California Council on Alcohol Problems, submitted by Dr. Wm. E. Brown, Executive Director, Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., Waldon Building, Little Rock.

Roland Church
Building Progresses

ROLAND Church, Pulaski Association, expects to move into the new church building by Aug. 1.

The brick church will have 3,150 square feet of space, including an auditorium, six Sunday School rooms and a baptistry.

Frank Cline, Sunday School superintendent and buildnig committee chairman, said most of the work has been done by volunteers. Only \$12,000 has been expended and officials estimated that \$4,000 will complete the structure.

Rev. Ewell Boyles is pastor. ■

FORREST PARK Church, Pine Bluff, began construction of an auditorium May 30. The modern structure will be 50 by 93 feet, air conditioned and will also house nurseries for the smaller children. Theo Warlick is chairman for the \$90,000 project.

LEON M. GAMBRELL of Tampa, Fla., has been called as interim pastor of South Side, Pine Bluff. He is the father of the church's music director, Tom Gambrell.

GRADY CHURCH dedicated their pastor's home June 5. The dedicatory message was by Dr. Robert L. Smith, First Church, Pine Bluff.

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Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

Saved to Serve

GOD delivers from the mouth of lions—and sharks, too. Such was the experience of Samuel Jennings, March 26, 1704.

When Samuel was 18, he went to sea and was assigned aboard a man-of-war. Life was so miserable on ship that he attempted to escape



DR. SELPH

while they lay anchor in the Bay of Barbados. Slipping over the side of the ship, he swam toward

the shore.

Suddenly, a shark seized him by the left hand and pulled him under the water. Not having anything with which to protect himself, Samuel kicked the huge fish with his right foot. This proved futile. Next, he set his right foot against the shark's mouth intending to pull the hand loose, or off. To his horror, the big fish opened his mouth and took hold of the foot. Now both hand and foot were caught.

He said, "I cried to God mentally to have mercy on my soul, which I thought would soon be separated from my body."

He continued to punch the fish with his right hand but to no avail. Feeling that his lungs would burst for he was under water all this time, he gave up. All at once, his hand and foot came

loose—bitten off, and he came to the top. He began swimming toward the shore calling for help. He was heard and rescued.

Later, his soul agony was as great and indecision held him in its vice-like grip as had the shark.

He had heard preaching on the baptism of infants and read much on the subject. Though he had heard no teaching against this, his study of scripture had led him to think differently.

Such interest in the subject led him to discuss the matter with various ministers. He prayed to God for wisdom and direction, but relief did not come quickly.

Then one day he went to Mr. Callender, the Baptist minister at Boston. He asked, "What about the baptizing of infants? I am not able to reconcile this practice with the Scriptures."

(See HISTORY, page 19)



SHOWN ABOVE is the group of Arkansas students attending Student Week at Ridgecrest. Included in the group is the cast for "Christ in the Concrete City" which was presented at Ridgecrest as one of the highlights of the Student Week program. Also in-

cluded in the Arkansas delegation was the Arkansas BSU Choir. The Arkansas students won the Sweepstake Trophy in sports as they did last summer at Glorieta.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary

Missionaries Speak

FOREIGN MISSIONARY speakers will be featured in at least 21 "Family Night" associational meetings during July, sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union.



MISS COOPER

Rev. and Mrs. Loyce Nelson, natives of South-west Arkansas, have just returned to the state for a year's furlough from their station at Hiroshima, Japan. Mrs. Nelson will speak in the following associations: Little River, Red River, Hope and Carey, and Mr. Nelson will be in Current River, Greene County, Mt. Zion and Trinity.

Miss Camie Jay, a popular speaker in Arkansas GA camps, now serving in Venezuela, will speak at meetings in Benton County, Conway-Perry and Caroline.

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Arkansas Valley and White County Associations will hear Dr. John A. Abernathy, of Korea.

Rev. Glendon Grober, of North Brazil, will be the guest speaker in Harmony, Delta, Bartholomew and Ashley County.

Miss Anna Frances Todd, of Columbia, will attend meetings in Independence, Black River, Woodruff and Faulkner associations.

Ridgecrest Conferences

Seventy-three from Arkansas attended the YWA Conference at Ridgecrest which closed June 22. Sixty-seven went by chartered buses under the leadership of Miss Mary Hutson, state WMU director.

A limited number of spaces are still available on the chartered bus for the WMU Conference at Ridgecrest, Aug. 11-17. Details may be secured from the state WMU office. — Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. ■

Arkansas Organist At Rio Meeting

MRS. W. E. Allen, the former Edith Ayers of Ft. Smith, will serve as organist for the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She will use an instrument presented by 1st Church, Ft. Smith, to the Itacurussa Baptist Church where her husband, Dr. Allen, served as pastor for more than 20 years and where Mrs. Allen is organist, superintendent and teacher of a Junior department.

Mrs. Allen wrote that there were no organs in Rio to be rented and only four Baptist ones available.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen have served as missionaries in Brazil since 1921. In addition to pastoral responsibilities, they have both taught in the Baptist Seminary, WMU Training School, and Rio College.

Mrs. Allen is the author of a number of books ranging from songs for children to *Syllabus for Study of the Old Testament* and *Biblical Archaeology of the Old Testament*. The last two are in Portuguese and are used as texts in the seminary and training school. ■



MR. TAYLOR

1st CHURCH, Newport, Rev. Ed F. McDonald, Jr., pastor, has called Rev. James Taylor, former minister of music at 1st Church, Jacksonville, to be associate pastor. Mr. Taylor began his new duties May 15.

Harmony News

A SERIES of ads on "What Baptists Believe" is appearing in the Pine Bluff *Commercial*. Cost of the project is being borne by several pastors and laymen.

HARMONY Association has been rated superior on associational minutes sent to Nashville. The association rated 106 out of a possible 110.

H. J. ADKINS, pastor of Plum Bayou, resigned effective June 26. Prior to his service at Plum Bayou, he pastored Sulphur Springs Church.

CENTER Church has called Grady Estes of Klamouth Falls, Ore., where he has served seven years. He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

No Paper July 7

FOLLOWING a custom of several years, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine will have no issue for the week of July 4, this being one of two weeks each year we have no paper. Our next paper will be that of July 14.

The editor and staff wish their readers a "sane and safe" 4th of July.

**BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS
JULY, 1960**

- Preacher: Dr. Grady C. Cothen
 July 3 "A Prophet Looks At Our World" (Isa. 1:15)
 10 "Religion Or Christianity?" (11 Tim. 3:1-5)
 17 "The Greatest Factor In Your Life" (Titus 2:1-8)
 24 "The Soul Away From God" (Isa. 1:18)
 31 "What's Right With The Church" (Matt. 16:18)

City	Station	Time
Arkadelphia	KVRC	3:00 p.m.
Berryville	KTCN	-----
Conway	KCON	7:00 a.m.
Corning	KCCB	1:00 p.m.
De Queen	KDQN	1:00 p.m.
El Dorado	KELD	3:30 p.m.
Fayetteville	KFAG	----- Sun.
Fordyce	KBJT	4:00 p.m.
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
Hope	KXAR	5:00 p.m.
Jonesboro	KNEA	9:30 a.m.
Mena	KENA	1:30 p.m.
Monticello	KHEM	3:30 p.m.
Paragould	KDRS	8:30 p.m.
Paris	KCCL	-----
Prescott	KTPA	1:00 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	7:30 a.m.
Van Buren	WFDF	10:00 a.m.
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Little Rock	KTHS	5:00 p.m.
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(HISTORY, continued from page 17)

A long conversation followed, several of them. In addition, the minister loaned Mr. Jennings some books which he said, "I found so agreeable with the scriptures that I quickly sought to be admitted to the communion of the Baptist church at Boston.

"Having made a verbal profession before the church and congregation, I was baptized (that is, dipped in the water) by Mr. Calender, June 9, 1718."

He served his community well as Representative and in other offices. He remained a member of the Baptist church at Boston until his death in 1764. ■

ALWAYS do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.—Mark Twain.

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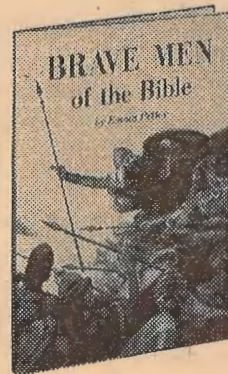
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Sunday School

Outreach for Unreached

A NEW book, *Outreach for the Unreached*, will be recommended for use in Sunday School Preparation Week, Sept.



MR. HATFIELD

18-25. The author is A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. This book will be available in Baptist Book Stores, Aug. 15.

Outreach for the Unreached, a Sunday School general administration book, will be useful not only during Preparation Week, but in clinics, group schools, enlargement-training campaigns and other training events in churches and associations. It is in Category 17, Sunday School Principles and Methods, of the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training.

Dr. Washburn, who has served

in the Sunday School Department for over 25 years, stresses the major contributions a Sunday School makes to the total ministry of the church and gives convincing reasons for outreach through the Sunday School.

The author suggests that a church should appraise its Sunday School as an organization that implements the task of the church, and he discusses the four basic functions of the Sunday School, namely, reaching the people, teaching the Bible, winning the lost, and developing the saved.

Included in the book is a development of how a church can achieve its objectives through a properly functioning Sunday School. Dr. Washburn suggests these approaches: (1) discovering and providing for the people, (2) enlisting and developing workers, (3) breaking through the space barrier, (4) using goals for developing Sunday School work, (5) getting better Bible teaching done, (6) going after the people. He concludes with a chapter "More Is the Word" in which he stresses need for more manpower, organization, readiness, and enthusiasm.

Sunday School Preparation Week is not only a week for intensive study of Sunday School principles and methods, it is also a week for evaluation, goal-setting, and beginning a new program of work. — Lawson Hatfield, Secretary ■

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June 19

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Benton, First	615	100	1
Crossett, First	551	197	2
Cullendale, First	406	194	
El Dorado, First	796	253	2
Fountain Hill, First	67	32	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave. Mission	587	250	
Ft. Smith, Trinity	22		
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	303	110	
Huntsville, First	371	134	2
McGehee, First Mission	99	16	3
Magnolia, Central	416	172	
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	45	26	
North Little Rock, Levy	620	229	
Springdale, First	738	229	
Van Buren, First	456	162	3
W. Memphis, Calvary	425	113	2
	357	147	
	235	126	2

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Memphis, 1961

THE SECOND National Conference of Southern Baptist Men will be held in Memphis September 13-15. Many Arkansas men



MR. TULL

will remember with joy and a prayer of thanksgiving the first conference in Oklahoma City in 1957, with about 9,000 men in attendance.

The goal for the Memphis conference is 12,000 men! The goal for Arkansas is 700. Alabama expects to have 1,500. Tennessee's goal is 1,866; Texas', 2500; Mississippi's, 1,000; Louisiana's, 400; etc. Men will be there from all of the states which make up the Southern Baptist Convention, and from most of the 50 states of the United States. Many foreign countries will be represented.

The above goals have been carefully worked out by the Brotherhood Commission, giving adequate consideration both to proximity and potential.

The announcement of the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men is made at this time in order that you may put it into your 1961 calendar, and avoid any conflicts.

The conference is a must for every Southern Baptist man!

Arkansas Baptist men are fortunate that both Conferences for Southern Baptist men (one already held, and one in prospect) have been scheduled for states which are contiguous to Arkansas. It was easy to go to Oklahoma City in 1957. It will be even easier for much of Arkansas to go to Memphis in 1961. Arkansas Baptist men are closer to Memphis than the men of most other states, even those over a large part of Tennessee. (Look at your map!)

We trust that Arkansas Baptist men will respond to this wonderful opportunity in such numbers that the goal of 700 will be only the bottom step which they shall

mount as they go upward towards a really worthy attendance at the Conference. Complete information about the conference, where it will be housed, the nature of the program, and who are the program personalities, will be sent in due time to every church, every pastor, every Brotherhood leader, and every Brotherhood member in our state.

Make your plans now to be there then!—Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary. ■

WALTER Delamarter, interim secretary of the Texas Baptist Human Welfare Commission, has accepted a position as executive director of the Edna Gladney Home for Unwed Mothers, in Ft. Worth. He has served with the Baptist general convention of Texas since 1957.

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Independence Day around the World

By Kathryn W. Meals

ON JULY 4, 1776, the colonial government of America adopted the Declaration of Independence and with courage and faith severed relationship with England. This was the birthday of the United States of America which we celebrate with fireworks, parades, and patriotic speeches on the Fourth of July.

Other countries, too, have their independence days, on which they celebrate freedom from oppression. One of these is France.

French independence was born on July 14, 1789. Revolutionary bands that had swarmed the streets of Paris all night attacked the Bastille. The fortress fell, and the French Revolution was unleashed in all its bloody fury. King Louis XVI and his frivolous queen Marie Antoinette were beheaded on the guillotine, liberty and equality were proclaimed, and the stones of the hated Bastille were set into a street so that "free feet could trample on them."

Ever since that bloody day in 1789, Bastille Day on July 14 has been a most important national holiday in France. Flags fly everywhere, and there are large, impressive military parades. Fireworks are set off on the hills and bridges, and there is a ceremony in Paris at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. The people of Paris celebrate in the streets all night. In fact, celebrations of Bastille Day often last for several days.

Sweden celebrates her liberty from Danish rule in an unusual way. The Vasa Ski Race early in March commemorates the historic ski journey of Gustav Eriksson, a refugee who became Sweden's first king.

Norwegians celebrate their independence from Sweden on May 17. On this day in 1814 they won their own constitution and parliament. May 17 is celebrated throughout Norway with music and speeches. School children carrying flags march through the

streets. Bands and choral groups pay homage to the war dead, to poets, musicians, teachers, scientists, and statesmen who are national heroes. After these events, the rest of the day is devoted to games, contests, folk dancing, and singing. In the evening there are displays of fireworks.

Turkey celebrates Republic Day on October 28 in observance of the proclamation of the republic in 1922. Parades, band concerts, torchlight parades, and dancing mark the day as a special one.

August 1 is the independence day of Switzerland. On August 1, 1291, the cantons of Schwyz, Unterwalden, and Uri formed the Swiss Federation. This anniversary is celebrated by bell ringing, bonfires on mountaintops, and fireworks.

Iceland commemorates its independence from Denmark on June 17 with speeches, parades, band music, folk singing, and dancing.

Holland has three liberation days which the people celebrate. Leiden Day on October 3 marks the lifting of the Spanish siege of Leiden in 1574. On August 28 the Dutch observe the relief of Groningen when it was besieged by troops in 1672. May 5 is the anniversary of liberation from Nazi occupation in 1945.

Mexico also observes three independence days, each of which can well be compared with our Fourth of July. On March 21 the Mexicans celebrate the birthday of their great leader Benito Juarez. On September 16 they observe Mexican Independence Day. On November 20 they celebrate Revolution Day with *fiestas*, athletic contests, speeches, parades, and fireworks. Each of these independence days marks a step forward in the struggle for Mexican democracy, which is now accomplished.

Almost every country recognizes some independence day. Often this is observed in much the same way as we celebrate our holiday.

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A Smile or Two

Good Old Days

"AND what did you do before you were married?" asked the radio moderator of the dour-looking contestant.

"Anything I wanted to," was the reply.

Walking Papers

"OH, I know my wife is through with me this time."

"How is that? What happened?"

"Last night she made me turn in my towel marked HIS."

Accommodating

WINDOW placard in a Birmingham, Ala., pet shop: Lonely kitten desires position with little girl—will do light mousework.

No Margin For Failure

MATRON to paratrooper on furlough: "Son, how many successful jumps must you make before you graduate?"

PARATROOPER: "All of them, ma'am."

A Good Address

YOUNG wife (at post office window): "I wish to complain about the service."

POSTMASTER: "What is the trouble, madam?"

YOUNG wife: "My husband is in Atlanta on business and the letter he sent me is postmarked Miami Beach."

Nice Trade-In

"LOOK what I got for my wife," Jack exclaimed proudly to his neighbor next door, as he showed him a new car in the garage.

"You lucky dog," he replied, "Where did you make a deal like that?"

Overstocked

A WESTERN TV actor, noticing a small boy wandering around the set, said to him: "Well, son, would you like to have my autograph?"

"No, sir, I wouldn't," replied the lad, "but I would like to know what you do with the horses after the riders are shot."

Lone Exception

CANDIDATE: "There are 100 jails in this state and I'm proud to say no member of my family has ever been in one of them."

VOICE from audience: "Which one is that?"

Men Who Spoke for God

By J. E. JACKSON, *Pastor*
Wheatley Baptist Church
Devotional—1 Peter 1:10-16
July 3, 1960

GOLDEN TEXT—2 Timothy 4:2—
Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

God in His marvelous wisdom has never left Himself without a witness before men. When it seems that God has abdicated His throne and surrendered His authority, these witnesses appear from out of nowhere at the appropriate time. At the darkest



MR. JACKSON

times God raises up men (and women) who will stand in the gap for Him. Shagar strode forth from his fields and slew the Philistines with his oxgoad. David left his flocks to do battle with Goliath. Elijah abruptly appeared on the scene to exalt God over Baal.

Amos was also one of these witnesses, and was a typical prophet or "forth-teller." His was a lone voice calling Israel to repentance, warning that failure to turn back to God would inevitably result in God's fierce judgment being poured out upon the nation. Who were these prophets, these men who spoke for God?

I. Prophets Were Men Who Saw The Urgent Need of Moral and Spiritual Reforms (7:7-9).

Prophets were usually the only men with any spiritual sensitivity. God's voice no longer made any impression upon the religious leaders for they were often as corrupt as the people they led.

Israel was a nation steeped in the lowest forms of sin. The Lord revealed His grievances with the nation to His witness Amos. These charges were various: despising the law of the Lord, social injus-

tice, sexual corruption, profaning of holy things, and shutting up the mouths of the prophets, to mention only a few. Religious principles were confined strictly to the place of worship and not applied to everyday life. Amos was thus made familiar with the moral and spiritual problems facing Israel.

Jehovah God indicated to Amos that His patience had run out (2:13). He had sent prophets to warn them (2:11, 12). Famine (4:6) and drought (4:7) had been their portion. Crop failures had plagued them (4:9) and pestilence had claimed the lives of many (4:10). Many of their fine young men had died in battle for a way of life that was soon to vanish away (4:11). God had moved against them in various ways (4:11). Yet God concluded: "Ye have not returned unto me."

The plumbline had been applied; Israel had failed to heed God's last call for national repentance. There was now no other alternative—justice must fall, Israel must "prepare to meet thy God."

II. Prophets Were Men Who Were Unpopular (7:11-13).

In not every case were the prophets unwanted and unpopular. But as Amos came preaching and rebuking, he soon found himself labeled as a "fanatic." Often the unvarnished truth "as plain as the nose on your face" is unpleasant and a very bitter pill to swallow. Human nature was the same when Amaziah urged Amos to go to Judah and do his preaching there, and when the Gadarenes insisted that Jesus depart immediately from their country. In both instances the serenity and complacency of the people had been disturbed.

Jesus reminded the chief priests and elders in Matthew 21:33-41 of the treatment usually given the

prophets. Jeremiah we know was cast into a foul dungeon, Daniel was thrown to the lions, Elijah was threatened with violent death, and legend tells us that Isaiah was sawed in half. What was it about these men that caused such adverse reaction?

III. Prophets Were Men Who Had A Definite and Burning Message (7:14-15).

The prophets saw through God's eyes shocking immorality and shameful spiritual neglect. They heard the message He wished them to deliver. Having seen and heard, and being unable to restrain themselves, they opened their mouths and poured out the burdens of their souls.

Why did Amaziah say of Amos, "The land is not able to bear his words?" The mission Amos carried out was not his own, nor was it of his choosing. Neither was the message he proclaimed his own. God had come upon him while he was tending to his duties and had given him the commission, "Go, prophesy unto my people Israel." Amos himself pointed out that he was not a prophet originally, nor was he the son of a prophet.

The reason for his unpopularity is found in the contents of his message. This message burned in his soul and he proclaimed it fearlessly. The prophecy was neither a soothing salve nor a painless panacea. Rather, it was a discomfiting, embarrassing, frightening revelation which foretold dramatically the drastic end of the Israelite way of life. His was no message to assure the public that war was far away, that death and destruction could never blight their land, and that all was well and would be well forever. Amos only presented the truth that had been revealed to him, which was exactly what God expected. He was true to the prophetic function of warning people of things that are menacing to spiritual health.

Conclusion

Where are the prophets of the Lord today? Can we say there are no prophets? After all, proph-

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ets were men who spoke for God. All Christians should speak out for God, for decency, for morality.

Is there need of moral and spiritual reform in your life, your home, your church, your community? We ought to first undertake those reforms at home, rather than point accusing fingers at the neighbors.

Jesus plainly warned that the world will hate us, not for who we are but Whom we speak. He did not promise us beds of roses to glide on into Heaven. There have been times when it was most unpopular to be a Christian, and many followers have answered with their lives for their faith. Are we prepared to be unpopular and to take the ridicule and persecution of men while we proclaim the truths of the Gospel?

We today have the same definite and burning message for the world as did the prophets and apostles: "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they

be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Look unto me and be ye saved; all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Isaiah 1:18; 45:22; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Acts 16:31; Romans 12:1.)"

We Christians should be doers of the Word, as well as hearers. Instead of flaring up at a sermon, we should prayerfully consider how aptly the message really did apply to us. You have heard the old saying, "If the shoe fits, wear it." We might add, "And if it doesn't fit, don't throw it at the

preacher."

Remember that when the pastor stands to preach, he is God's man. He has spent long hours in seeking God's message and in preparing his heart as well as his sermon. God still uses the "foolishness of preaching" to proclaim His wonderful message. ■

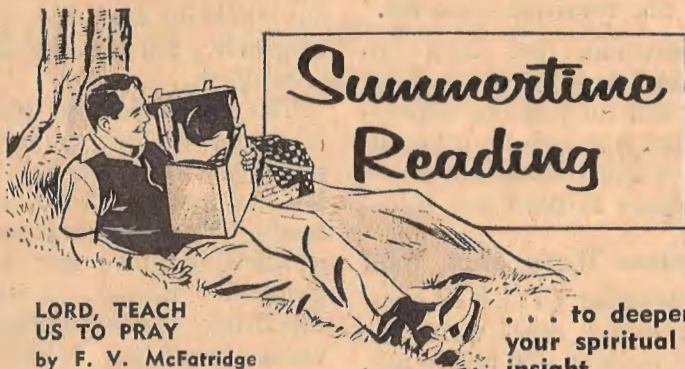
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