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In This Issue

Comprehensive Report on
Baptist State Convention



DECEMBER 4, 1958

Executive Board Adopts Report of Survey Committee

IN A PRE-CONVENTION meeting, the Executive Board adopted the report of the Survey Committee. This committee had been appointed early this year to make a careful study of the work of the departments of the Baptist Building.

Among other things the Survey Committee recommended the reorganization of the Executive Board. The plan calls for six committees of the Board as follows: Operating, Program, Finance, Nominating, Executive, and Advisory.

The Operating Committee will be made up of the following personnel: The president of the Convention, the president of the Executive Board, and one member from each of the eight districts now recognized in our state work. This committee of ten will supervise and direct the work of the departments and any work assigned to it by the Executive Board.

This committee will be charged with the responsibility of nominating for election by the Executive Board, the Executive Secretary and the editor of the **Arkansas Baptist**. It will also recommend the election of department heads nominated by the Executive Secretary.

It will also be the duty of this committee to recommend to the Board

- (1) The adoption of specific objectives for the departments.
- (2) Board adoption of policies to be observed in carrying out these programs.
- (3) A plan of organization for the staff of the Executive Board.
- (4) Facilities and services that should be provided for the conduct of the programs assigned to the Board.

The committee should meet in alternate months, except during the summer.

The Program Committee should be concerned with the objectives, plans, policies, and accomplishments of the total program of Arkansas Baptists.

This committee will be more of the nature of a study committee to give careful consideration to long range programs and objectives (except financial). It will review and evaluate the reports of the Convention institutions and the Operating Committee of the Executive Board on their program plans and accomplishments, and also their requests for allocation of undesignated financial resources.

This committee should consist of about 25 members and should meet at least twice each year.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary ■

Jesus Offers 'Encouragement'

THE 14TH CHAPTER of John presents a scene of fear, disappointment, and sorrow, but it also gives great encouragement and hope. Jesus had announced to His disciples that one would betray Him, and another would deny him, and that he would soon leave them, and this brought great fear and deep sorrow to their hearts. Knowing the anxieties of the disciples' hearts, Jesus said some things that have helped Christians down through the ages. He said, "Put your faith in God and believe in me." Jesus knew that their Master and Leader was leaving this earth and they would be left behind. He also knew that without faith it was useless to urge the disciples to forget or overcome their frustrations.

There was cause for frustration. But faith in God gave those early disciples hope and the encouragement of Jesus furnished them with the courage to keep on trying even though they were not able to see the way.

There are frustrations, fear, and despair in every church today. These fearful people just know that the budget cannot be subscribed, and if the members do make pledges, that they will not be able to pay them, so the best thing to do is just coast along. Then when the church decides, under God, to use a plan that will challenge and encourage the people to at least make an effort to pledge and subscribe a budget these fearful people feel in their hearts that the church will be ruined.

There are other situations where the church people are in despair. The church has not seen fit to take the advice of the despairing people and are now neck deep in a program for Christ, that takes planning, prayer, effort, and dedication. This program is ministering to people by getting them to give themselves and all that they have for the ongoing of Kingdom business.

We would remind those church members who are in despair of the words of Jesus, "Believe in God, believe also in Christ." Faith in God, and trust in Jesus Christ is basic in any "all-out" effort for the sake of Christ.

The greatest encouragement for the disciples was the assurance by Jesus that they would not be left alone. Jesus said, "I am leaving, but my going will bring the Great Helper — The Holy Spirit." What comfort to troubled



SOUTHERN CONVENTION President Brooks Hays was touched by the standing ovation before and after his address at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He emphasized the "world as the Christian's workshop." (Story on page 24.)

souls! What assurance to vacillating human beings! When the disciples heard Jesus say, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter," they took new courage. From that day forward, those early Christians did things in a peculiar way, because they were a peculiar people, doing business under a peculiar power. When others said, "It can't be done," they replied, "We can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us." When others were whipped and defeated, those early Christians said, "We are more than conquerors through Him that helps us."

When others were frustrated and fearful, the disciples remembered the sobering, calming words of Jesus — "peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

If there is a lack of willingness to work, give and pray, on the part of any, let those of us who are trying to lead and minister to the needs of the careless, indifferent, uninformed church members to be encouraged by the words of our Master. We must always remember that when we have real faith in God, and are trusting in Jesus Christ, we have the assurance of His blessings. We can win victories amid defeats, we can have peace in a confused world, and we can find happiness in despair.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary ■

Convention Adopts Record Budget



CHRISTIAN Optimism is reflected on the countenances of these four Arkansas Baptist leaders chosen to responsible positions at the recent annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Little Rock. Left to right: T. K. Rucker, pastor of 1st Church, Forrest City, convention president; Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Executive Board of the convention, treasurer; L. C. Tedford, pastor of Grace Church, North Little Rock, secretary; and Burton A. Miley, pastor of 1st Church, Springdale, 2nd vice president. Missing when the picture was made was Walter Yeldell, pastor of 1st Church, West Memphis, 1st vice president. — Photo by Owen Gunter

● **EUGENE WEATHERLY**, a junior at Ouachita College, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Rankin Chapel Church near Dumas, Harmony Association. His home is at Paragould.

BAPTISTS OF Arkansas, in the 105th annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Nov. 18-20, at 1st Church, Little Rock:

- Re-elected Pastor T. K. Rucker of 1st Church, Forrest City, as president of the convention, and named Walter Yeldell, pastor of 1st Church, West Memphis, 1st vice president; Burton A. Miley, pastor of 1st Church, Springdale, 2nd vice president; L. C. Tedford, pastor of Grace Church, North Little Rock, secretary; and Dr. S. A. Whitlow (executive secretary), treasurer.

- Voted to meet next Nov. 17-19 at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, with Don Hook, pastor of 1st Church, Malvern, as convention preacher, and Dr. S. W. Eubanks, pastor of Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, as alternate.

- Authorized Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, to borrow up to \$625,000 to erect two new dormitories, one for men and one for women, between now and next September in lieu of a state fund-raising campaign authorized a year ago.

- Raised the ceiling on debt limit of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, to \$850,000, because of increased building costs.

- Authorized the board of trustees of Arkansas Baptist Hospital to negotiate with North Little Rock city authorities to work out plans for the operation of a new hospital to be built in North Little Rock, providing Arkansas Baptist Hospital is chosen as the operator.

- Adopted a budget totaling \$1,700,000 for 1959, including \$100,000 to be raised in the annual Thanksgiving offering for Bottoms Baptist Orphanage; \$884,800 to go to state causes and \$576,000 to Southern Convention causes.

- Voted, on recommendation of its Civic Morality Committee, to sponsor a new organization in cooperation with other denominations in the state that would cover "the complete field of civic morality: liquor, gambling, dope, indecent literature, and other related problems" and that the year 1959 be the time for the launching of the organization.

- Abolished their boards on camps and assemblies and provided for the camps and assemblies program to be under the direction of the Executive Committee of the State Convention.

For "Free Church, State"

The Convention adopted a resolution reaffirming "Our faith and firm belief in the historic Baptist position of a free church in a free state, involving the absolute and complete separation of church and state, and opposing the use of public tax funds for the support of religious agencies or institutions, whether such support be total or in part."

In other resolutions, the convention voted:

"Be it resolved that the cause of civic morality become a prime emphasis in our individual and corporate labors, and that simple integrity, sobriety and moral purity be urged upon our Baptist people of all age groups."

"Be it further resolved that in as much as Sunday, the Lord's day, is basic in the life of our churches, and in the teachings of Christianity, we reaffirm our belief that it is a sacred and holy day. And that since certain forces are now moving to make possible the holding of general elections on Sunday, we express our staunch disapproval of all such efforts to make such possible in our state and land."

Pledge to Prayer

"Be it further resolved that we pledge ourselves to prayer on behalf of the total life of the peoples of Arkansas to the end that God might work His way of love, grace and good will in the communal life of the state."

"Be it further resolved that we express our continued approval of the Cooperative Program as the sine qua non of the Baptist purpose of progress and prosperity, and that we give renewed interest to our support of the Cooperative Program and through the program to the total cause of Christ around the world."

The convention adopted a resolution characterizing the 1958 sessions as being sessions of "good reports, excellent fellowship, and spiritual inspiration," and calling to the remembrance of those in attendance "the way along which we as Baptists have come," stating that "the evidences of God's grace have been abundant and the needs of the world are now in every way clearly seen."

Appreciation was expressed to the members of the host church, 1st Church, and its interim pastor, Wayne Smith, "for their Christian hospitality and for their efforts in behalf of our comfort." Appreciation was also expressed for "the greater fellowship in the city of Little Rock for its cordial welcome."

The convention's leaders and officers were commended "for their efficiency in handling the convention's program and business, the program being of a very high caliber and business being conducted in the very finest traditions of Christian democracy." ■

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The Girls' Ensemble of 1st Church, McGeehe, sings for one of the State Convention sessions.



Convention President T. K. Rucker leads the congregation in singing the Doxology to conclude the 105th annual session of the State Convention.

Convention Sermon

God In Christ, Reconciling

By W. H. HICKS

Pastor, Pulaski Heights Church

(Editor's Note: Following is a summary of the annual sermon at the recent state convention.)

Scripture: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not counting their trespasses unto them; And hath committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation. We then, are now ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he had made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (II Cor. 5:19; 20; 21).

It has been observed by some critic in the realm of religion that Christianity or Christendom is in danger of losing Christ. This of course is a contradiction of terms. Perish the thought — to have Christianity without Christ is as impossible as to have an automobile without an engine.

We have Christianity because Christ, the Son of God, emerged in history as a person to redeem and reconcile God's creature, man. Christianity is a living union between Christ and those who have believed in Him unto salvation. Our salvation is not faith in a creed, however sacred. Our salvation is not faith in a church, however ancient. Our salvation is not faith in a book, however holy. Our salvation is not faith in religious ceremony, however beautiful. Our salvation is not faith in an accumulation of good works, however noble.

Christianity is unique. It does not

share with Mohammad, and Confucius, and Buddha, and Mary Baker Eddy, and John Smith the divinity of its Lord.

God became flesh and dwelt among us that we might behold Him; that He might bare His love before the eyes of sinful creatures; that He might become poor in order for us to become rich; that He shows us that forgiveness cannot be achieved by our futile efforts to be good or to do good but a sacrifice divine.

Dr. Paul Schefer tells the story of a man who had a brilliant and much-loved son who lost his life in a railway accident. Then the news reached the father. He rushed over to the home of his pastor. Opening the door without knocking he rushed up to his pastor crying out: "Where was God when my son was killed?" In this terrible moment what could his pastor say, but in a moment he had the answer: "God was just where he was when His own son was killed."

Where was God when Lazarus died? "Had you been here my brother had not died," the sister told Jesus.

Where was God when disaster overtook you? Where was God when you and I sinned against the Light?

One thing is certain: God was coming with every invasion of human life he was allowed to make.

He is the Poet's Hound of Heaven running men down, but beyond one point He cannot go. He will not coerce. He will pursue but he will not run over.

The late President Roosevelt said in

one of his fireside chats: "This generation has a rendezvous with destiny." Jesus painted the condition of the world when a new emergency of God would be expected. He pointed out the temple that would be thrown down, not one stone left upon another. False messiahs would come; don't believe them. Nation would rise against nation. Men's hearts would fail them for fear.

When things are at the worst, a new emergence of God may come. Jesus said, "When these things begin to pass, look up, and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh."

In these times where is God? He is where He has always been — reconciling, loving, intercepting, creating, redeeming, forgiving — this is God in action.

History God's Story

History is God's story and God has acted in History at three focal points: God in Christ at Bethlehem, God in Christ at Calvary, God in Christ at Joseph's Tomb.

Each was God in action, reconciling and redeeming.

God was in Christ, reconciling, at Bethlehem's manger. "God became flesh and dwelt among us."

A young Harvard student had become disturbed by the cynicism and skepticism of his professors and was driven back to consider the encounter with Christ he had had as a boy of 12 in the village church in Maryland. Though his doubts were many the grip that Christ has on his personality held. As he meditated, he wrote the words

that later were put to music and called, "Our Harvard Hymn." Here they are: "I know not how that Bethlehem's babe could in the God-head be; I only know the manger child has brought God's life to me. I know not how that Calvary's Cross a world from sin could free; I only know its matchless love has brought God's love to me. I know not how that Joseph's Tomb could solve death's mystery; I only know a living Christ, our Immortality!"

James Stewart says: "The doctrine of the incarnation means that God has come right into the midst of the shouting and tumult of this world. Jesus walked the stony earth, suffered under Pontius Pilate and endured the Cross, despising its shame."

If we do not see God in the face of Jesus Christ, we will never see Him.

God seemed to be saying, "Here in full view of my creatures is everything that I am."

A little girl says to her pastor: "I want a God with a face on." The Bible has the answer for her and for all the world. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

A man wrote his vision of Heaven: "I entered and asked where is God? And the angel replied, 'God is seen here as little as on earth, for God is infinite. But Christ is here. He is the visible image of the invisible God and only in Him can anyone see God — either here in Heaven or on earth.'"

It pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell, for in Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Paul to Colossians wrote: "He is the visible image of the invisible God."

Philip said to Jesus: "Show us the Father." "Have I been so long with

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FORMER MISSIONARY Dawson King, left, who is retiring after many years as secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, receives good wishes from Dr. Walter Johnson, pastor of University Church, Fayetteville, on whose motion the congregation stood in appreciation for Secretary King.

Convention President T. K. Rucker with the historic gavel used in presiding over the 105th annual session of the convention. Donor of the gavel was Mrs. Adolph Schweizerhof, center, a member of Central Church, North Little Rock, whose late husband made the gavel from wood secured from an elm tree planted by George Washington on the capitol grounds at Washington, D. C., in 1798. At right is Dr. W. H. Hicks, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, preacher of the annual convention sermon.

Baptist fellowship overflows into the foyer of Robinson Auditorium following one of the night sessions of the state convention. In foreground, left to right, are Mrs. Edward Maddox and Mr. Maddox, of Harrisburg, and Pastor Earl C. Edwards, of Tyronza.



An Appraisal of The 105th State Convention

NEVER HAVE we seen a Baptist convention like the 105th annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. And we may never see another like it. For hundreds of Baptists to go through a whole annual meeting without lifting an opposing or a questioning voice is, as some have said facetiously, "un-baptistic." Especially is this remarkable when actions of such great import are under consideration as was the case in the recent convention sessions.

In the election of officers, President T. K. Rucker, completing his first term, was given the democratic second term without opposition, as is customary, and Executive Secretary S. A. Whitlow was re-elected to the post customarily filled by the executive secretary, that of convention treasurer. In the case of each of the two vice presidents and of the secretary, there was only one nomination, each one being elected by acclamation. If there was a negative vote cast in the whole convention, it slipped our notice. Yet, this was far from being a do-nothing convention. Actions were taken pointing to a great expansion of our work as Arkansas Baptists in all departments.

Ouachita College, standing at the crossroads, with its student housing facilities bursting at the seams, was given the answer of Arkansas Baptists in no uncertain terms as to whether or not we are to restrict the college enrollment and tell many of our young people to go elsewhere, or whether we are to expand our facilities for the growing numbers headed our way. The answer was: "Expand!" Ouachita was officially authorized to borrow up to \$625,000 for the immediate construction of two new dormitories — one for men and one for women.

Arkansas Baptist Hospital, where an average of 55 new patients are admitted daily, was authorized to raise its debt ceiling to \$850,000 to make possible the completion of its expansion program centering around the \$1,070,000 surgical building now under construction and expected to be completed by July 1959.

Of far greater import, perhaps, than the most of the messengers realized, was the abolition of the boards of assemblies and camps and the provision for the camps and assemblies program to be under the direction of the Executive Committee, with a substantial increase in Cooperative Program support both for operation and for capital needs. This had been worked out over a period of time and had the support of the retiring boards as well as of the State Executive Board. The adoption of the new plan by the convention signals a new and brighter day for the camps and assemblies program.

The prospect of some phase of the race controversy being brought into the convention deliberations one way or another kept the people more or less on the edges of their chairs. No doubt a great share of the credit for an avoidance of this should go to the prayers of the people for harmony and forbearance. The address of President Rucker at the opening session, in which he pointed out quite effectively the nature of our cooperative work as Baptists who are self-governing as local churches and responsible to God as individuals and churches, may well have been a contributing factor. This reemphasized the fact that Baptists in conventions or associations can take no action binding or obligating local churches.

Another real factor, we believe, is the dedicated and positive leadership of the State Convention officers and workers, headed by Executive Secretary Whitlow and including the members of the State Executive Board and many pastors and other church people across the state. The plan worked out and put into operation this fall of taking the proposed State Convention program out to our people at the foundation of our organized work, in associational meetings of pastors and other church leaders, could be bearing fruit already.

No doubt our people, regardless of how they stand individually on the question of racial segregation or integration, are all together and in one accord when it comes to our main task as Christians. While race relations was not considered as such, the basic principles of Christianity, which hold the answer to the race problems as to every other problem,

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Personally Speaking . . .

Lessons in Transit

WE FUSS a lot about traffic, but, as Mark Twain said about weather, we don't do much about it.

Traffic may give you a nervous breakdown or it may help to keep you from going crazy. It all depends on whether you can learn to face it — and breathe it.

Adjusting to the traffic age is sort of difficult for us fellows who grew up on cow trails where old Brindle was about the only competitor for the right-of-way and the only fumes we had to breathe were those of burning corn-stalks or Christmas firecrackers. But some things are worse, or lead to more hardship, than adjusting.

Why is it there will not be a flivver stirring on your street — out in the residential section, of course — for several minutes before and after you get your car backed out of the carport and headed for town, but you always have to wait for somebody to pass just as you are ready to back onto the street?

Well, you can get a pretty good idea of the kind of boss the girls are going to have down at the office on any given day by how you react to this slight but annoying roadblock. (We Big Domes get so used to having our way at the office, if not at home, that it is a little hard to realize the city streets are an exception.)

Surely, a psychiatrist's couch can do no better job of bringing our character out to where it will show than a drive through the traffic during rush hours — and there are now just about 24 of these per day.

Hatred for the opposite sex as revealed in cracks about "women drivers" or "men drivers," depending on which you are not, ought to be revelatory of something. You may have to go to some sort of personality expert to find out what, and, of course, you may not be a whale of a lot better off when you find out.

One reason we don't learn more in traffic that would be worth something to us is that it takes so much of our time trying to figure out how the other drivers got that way. We are like the little girl who said to her little playmate who was crowded into the sand box with her, "If one of us would get out of here I'd have more room!"

Our attitudes toward jaywalkers depends upon our viewpoint — whether it is from behind a steering wheel or whether it is from a new-made foot-path antigogling across a roaring block of 5 o'clock traffic.

Yep, there's a lot to be learned in traffic. If we will just face it, and us!

Erwin L. McDonald

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Appreciation for Hays

Dear Bro. McDonald,

I thought you might be interested to know how our Representative Brooks Hays was received at the Florida Baptist Convention in Miami November 11. When he was introduced the Convention gave him a standing ovation. In his message of that hour he reminded us that pastors are not only representatives of their congregations but they are primarily representatives of and speakers for God. They must have moral courage in these immoral times.

The convention was threatened to be bombed mainly because of the public stand some of the pastors took on the race issue, but the sessions went on after a standing vote to do so in spite of the threat. FBI men were all over the place.

Mr. Hays was speaker at the convocation at Stetson University which also during the week-end had Dr. J. D. Gray, Harold Stassen and Billy Graham. When Brooks Hays was introduced the great crowd stood and applauded for several minutes. When he finished the standing ovation came again and he seemed deeply touched though he is not an overly emotional man. Such response came to no other man at the convention or at the Homecoming Weekend at Stetson. —Carroll D. Caldwell, Stetson University, De Land, Fla. (Editor's Note: Without knowledge of what Florida Baptists had done, Arkansas Baptists also honored Mr. Hays with two standing ovations and extended cheers.)

Revised Standard Version

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I WANT to thank you for what you said about the Revised Standard Version of the Bible in the "Letters" section of the Arkansas Baptist. If all of our Baptist leaders had been saying these things through the years, our people would not be robbing themselves now by refusing to use a modern version of the Bible.

I am continually thankful for your courageous leadership during these difficult days in Arkansas. — Signed, but name withheld.

This Night

*This blessed, holy Christmas night
My heart with love expands*

*To take in all the peoples of
All far and distant lands.*

*I want to gather each one in—
The poor, the lost, the lone;*

*I want to tell each of my love
And make each one my own.*

*Because a little Child was born
So many years ago;*

*Today my heart is filled with love
And blessed Christmas glow.*

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Southern Professor Tells of 'Fine Spirit'

SOUTHERN SEMINARY, Louisville, is having a good year, with a fine spirit among the faculty members and the student body and with only slightly fewer students enrolled than the total for last year, Professor Nolan P. Howington, of the seminary faculty, told Southern Seminary alumni of Arkansas, at their annual breakfast held in connection with the Arkansas state convention.



MR. TAYLOR

In the absence from the meeting of Dr. W. O. Vaught, chairman of the Southern Seminary library fund campaign for Arkansas, whose father had died, Dr. David Garland, pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, gave the fund report. Of \$10,835 pledged by Arkansas alumni, \$2,736.91 has been paid, leaving an unpaid balance of \$8,153.09, it was reported.

Named as officers of the Arkansas alumni of Southern Seminary for the ensuing year were: Dale Taylor, pastor of 1st Church, Smackover, president; Baptist, vice president; and Walter Johnson, pastor of University Church, Fayetteville, secretary. ■

Left, SBC President Brooks Hays is greeted warmly by his Arkansas Baptist friends at the close of the final session of the annual State Convention, in Little Rock's 1st Church.

Right, President Robert E. Naylor, of Southwestern Seminary, a former Arkansas pastor for many years, enjoys a visit with long-time friends following his sermon climaxing the State Convention.

EDITORIAL

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were dealt with again and again by speakers addressing the convention sessions. To give but one instance, Dr. Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita College, mentioned as one of the areas of conquest "for a Christian college in a world in crisis," the conquest of inter-space, dealing with gulfs that exist between men, nations, races, labor and management, and religious groups—gulfs which must be bridged. Problems in these areas cannot be solved by laws or by force, he said, for laws cannot keep people from hating although they may point the way we should go. The real solution must come from the right attitudes in the hearts of the people, he declared.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that we have had a good convention and that the spirit of harmony shown by Arkansas Baptists, the dark clouds of crisis notwithstanding, give reason for Christian optimism as we face whatever lies ahead.

Address on Russia To Be Published

"Education in Russia Demands that We Go Forward," an address by Dr. H. E. Williams of Southern Baptist College based on his experience on a 5-week educational tour to Soviet Russia recently as a member of a group of 71 American educators, was one of the highlights of the recent meeting of the Arkansas Baptist state convention.

On the unanimous vote of the convention, this is to be published in booklet form. It will also appear in the *Arkansas Baptist*, beginning with an early issue.

12,000 Professions Credited to Chaplains

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS have a total of 1,167 military chaplains, 420 of whom are on active duty, Dr. Alfred Carpenter, of the Home Mission Board, reported at the recent annual meeting of the State Convention here. Approximately 12,000 souls have been won to Christ this year through the ministry of these chaplains, he said.

Dr. Carpenter continued:

"Our chaplains are facing up to and dealing with paganism. They are winning the men of our nation in a mighty fashion.

"New mission areas are being entered by chaplains in hospitals, prisons, and industry through what is called the civilian chaplaincy.

"An average of 35,000 people in each state need the ministry of the hospital chaplaincy. The Home Mission Board now has the green light to advance in this field.

"Approximately 45,000 in each state need the ministry of prison chaplains.

"Industry in the South employs 10,000,000, only 40 per cent of whom attend any church. Here is an opportunity wide open to Southern Baptists." ■

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Ouachita Enrollment Doubles in Five Years

OUACHITA COLLEGE, with the largest enrollment in its history — an enrollment which has doubled in the last five years — has students enrolled this year from 31 states and 8 foreign countries, Marvin Green, of Stephens, chairman of the Ouachita board of trustees, reported to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, at the recent annual sessions of the convention.

According to the report of the college, published in the Book of Reports of the 105th annual session of the convention, the enrollment total for the college year 1957-58 was 1,020, 875 of whom were enrolled during the fall semester. This year, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president, reports, approximately 150 more students are housed on campus than the number normally constituting "full house."

This crowding is not good educationally, but the college did it rather than turn students away, Dr. Phelps said. But no more can be accepted in the present quarters. For this reason, Dr. Phelps continued, the college administration and students are deeply grateful for the permission granted by the state convention for it to borrow up to \$625,000 for immediate construction of two new dormitories, one for men and one for women.

Speaking briefly on "A Christian College in a World in Crisis," President Phelps told convention messengers there are three areas of conquest which demand the concentrated attention of us all: the conquest of outer-space, the conquest of inter-space and the conquest of inner-space.

"We hope to be the first to gain control of outer-space," he pointed out, "because the nation that succeeds here



NEW OFFICERS, Arkansas Baptist Pastors' Conference: E. E. Griever, pastor 1st Church, Hamburg, passes a word on to Harold Coble, pastor of 1st Church, Cullendale, vice president. Absent when the picture was made was Dillard Miller, pastor of 1st Church, Mena, secretary.

will control the world. In colleges such as Ouachita, leaders who are being trained in the sciences and mathematics may be able to contribute to our national security in this field.

"In the conquest of interspace, we must bridge gulfs that now exist between men, nations, races, labor-management, and religious groups," Dr. Phelps declared. "And this cannot be done by law or force, though law may point the way we should move, but must be accomplished through the right attitudes in the hearts of the people."

Speaking of the conquest of inner space, Dr. Phelps said, "If we are to solve the problems of the world, we must first solve the problems in the individual souls and minds. Until this happens, he said, we will not be a redeemed society. We can build a redeemed world only if we build it out of redeemed individuals, and individuals can be redeemed only by Jesus Christ. There is no alternate road to deliverance for us out of our crisis other than through Jesus Christ."

As to Ouachita's contribution in this area, Dr. Phelps said: "We are training preachers, teachers, missionaries, Christian doctors, Christian nurses, and Christian business men toward the solution of our problems through Christ."

An important development in the academic life of Ouachita was the vote of its trustees last July to offer graduate work on the master's degree level as soon as possible "consistent with sound academic practices."

"With the present shortage of qualified teachers on the college level as well as in the public schools, the offering of graduate work is vitally needed to prepare teachers for our own Baptist institutions," the annual report states. ■



New Cedar Heights Church

'Forward With Christ' World's Need

"FORWARD WITH Christ" is the note that needs to be sounded over the world, Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, said here in an address at the annual meeting of the State Convention.

Pointing to the needs of the world for the Christian witness, Dr. Cauthen mentioned:

Japan, geographically the size of California, which has a population of 90,000,000 growing at the rate of 1,250,000 a year.

Thailand, the size of Texas, with 20,000,000 population and with only one Christian to 1,300 people. In the city of Bangkok, he said, a city of between 300,000 and 400,000 people, there is not one Christian messenger.

In South Vietnam, with 12,000,000 people, there is not one Christian witness.

Pakistan has a tremendous need. In one district of 4,000,000 people, there is not one Christian worker.

Indonesia, after living 350 years in colonial status, now has gained its sovereignty. Here are 82,000,000 people.

Latin America is a section of the world almost totally without Christ.

In Africa is found a new spirit of nationalism. Ghana is a new, independent government and Nigeria soon is to be self-governing. Here the Mos-

lems are moving from the north like a tidal wave and the people are asking, "Which way shall we go — Moslem or Christian?"

The Near East is the powder keg of the world, where Moslems are in full control and the people grope in darkness.

For Christians, in season and out, our responsibility is to do what the Lord commands. It is time for us to arise and follow Him. Never has there been an order any clearer than that of Christ to Christians to go to all the world. The basic reason for world missions is that Christ has provided redemption for men of all nations.

One of the false notions that hinders Christian missions is the idea that Christianity is one of many religions and the other religions are adequate for those who choose them. Paul made it clear in his sermon on Mars Hill in Athens that all other religions are false. Paul would have the same appraisal today for all religions not based on the new birth through the sacrifice of Christ.

Across the world, in every land, the Lord answers prayers, stands by burdened hearts to help, bless and lead wherever hearts reach out to Him. He is the answer to every man's needs.

Our purpose as Christians is to help men to be born again. We are to minister to human suffering. ■

Cedar Heights to Dedicate New Auditorium Dec. 7

CEDAR HEIGHTS CHURCH, located on Highway 65, five miles northwest of North Little Rock, will dedicate



DR. McDONALD

its new auditorium on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, at 3 p. m. Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, will preach the dedicatory sermon.

Ralph Dodd, evangelist who makes his home in Little Rock, has been serving as interim pastor of the church for the last several months. Under his leadership the church sold \$15,000 in bonds to clear its indebtedness and complete the new building.

Organized in December, 1950, Cedar Heights Church first occupied a deserted night club. Its first pastor was Vernon Bellue. In 1952, R. W. Bishop became pastor and the church secured the site of its present building. The ground floor of the new building was erected in 1953 under the leadership of Pastor Bishop. This floor contained a temporary auditorium and educational facilities which the church has used until now.

During 1957, Pastor Bishop served as general building contractor. At the time he resigned last June the building was complete except for the interior.

The new auditorium is of brick construction and features beautiful colonial columns on the front. Supt. of Missions O. C. Robinson, of Pulaski Association, rates it as "one of our most beautiful rural churches."

Greatest Unused Power

Dr. A. J. Gordon frequently told the story of an American who with an Englishman was viewing Niagara Falls. Taking the Englishman to the foot of the falls, the American said, "There is the greatest unused power in the whole world." The Englishman replied, "No, no, my friend. The greatest unused power in the world is the Holy Spirit of the Living God."—Zula Evelyn Coon in *Worship Services from the Hymns* (Fleming H. Revell Company)

AN UNUSUAL 27-foot Biblical mosaic has been completed depicting the verse: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The masterpiece is the work of artist Athos Menaboni and will grace the wall of the Citizens and Southern National Bank in Atlanta. The mosaic's most unusual feature is that it has been constructed entirely of eggshells. Patiently, the artist glued thousands of shell fragments on fabricated board.

Christian Given No 'Soft Promise'

"CHRISTIANITY is never offered as a shield from the hard knocks of life," Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Executive Board of the State Convention, said in an address on "Facing the Future," before the recent annual meeting of the convention.

Dr. Whitlow continued:

"The Master never held out soft promises to gain followers. When men wanted to follow him, he spoke words of caution. He asked them to count the cost.

"The Christian faith is offered to us by our Master as a strength to enable us to live victorious lives in the midst of trials and tribulations.

"The essence and nature of our struggle is: 'The heart is deceitful above all things.' It is easy for us to form the wrong judgments, to confuse the symptoms with the disease. God's word is: 'All have sinned . . .'

"We are dealing with universal heart malignancy. We must find the process to change one into a new creation in Christ Jesus. Our malignancy must be eradicated by the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"We are confronted, as were the early disciples of Christ, with doubt and fear and evil on every hand. What should our attitude be? Jesus says to us, 'In the world ye shall suffer persecution, but be of good cheer . . .' Shall we be peddlers of doom or bearers of glad tidings? This will be largely determined by our attitudes. Attitudes of indifference and of unconcern will bring disorder into our ranks and defeat our glorious future.

"But, wait, we have grounds for blessed assurance. Christ says to us: 'I have overcome the world.' There is hope. There is our strength as we face the future.

"With the right attitudes toward ourselves, others, and toward God, we can march together under this sign: 'Forward with Christ.' Pray that we may stay together in the spirit of Christ." ■



Top to bottom, left to right: Secretary Baker James Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board visits with three Arkansas missionaries to Brazil, Claude Bumpus, Glendon Grober, and Dr. Tommy Halsell.

The Ouachita College choir sings at Wednesday night session of the convention in Robinson Auditorium.

Dr. C. C. Warren, a former pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, now director of the Southern Baptist Convention 30,000 Movement, visits with former church members of Little Rock, Miss Elma Cobb, president of the State WMU, Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary of the WMU, and Missionary Tommy Halsell, of Cuba. The reunion was in Robinson Auditorium following the Wednesday night session of the convention.



... man finds or loses his soul when he encounters Jesus

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you and you have not recognized me?" "He that hath seen me has seen the Father."

God was in Christ at Calvary, reconciling the world. The truth about sin is seen at Calvary. The goodness, and righteousness of the sinless Son of God was too much for proud, self-righteous Jews, too much for sensual and power thirsty Romans.

Decision Man's

Any man of any age either finds or loses his soul when encountered by Jesus Christ.

Calvary was more than a mere conflict with Romans and Jews. Calvary was eternity's battleground between God and Satan. Satan's power was doomed and Satan knew it if the sinless Son of God went to Calvary. But God's purpose in Christ was enacted at the Cross. The drawing power of divine love would for all time point to the Cross, where He who knew no sin became sin for us, that we might in Him become the righteousness of God.

When wicked and ignorant and misled men put Jesus on the Cross to die, they could not know that God would use their very deed to serve His eternal purpose — not theirs.

In writing this, James Stewart says: "They nailed Him to a tree, not knowing by that very act they were bringing the world to His feet. They gave Him a cross, not guessing He would make it a throne. They flung him outside the gates of the city to die, not knowing in that very moment they were lifting the very gates of the universe to let the King come in. They thought they had God's back to the wall, pinned, helpless and defeated. They did not know God Himself had tracked them down."

Went 'Open-Eyed'

Jesus went to the cross "opened-eyed." With divine determination He had set His face like a flint toward Jerusalem.

The story of the crucifixion was being read to the pagan King Clovis of the ancient Franks. He listened with eagerness though a pagan, and when he stood it as long as he could, he arose and put his hand on his sword and cried out, "If I had been there with my Franks, we would have charged up the slopes of Calvary and killed those Romans and saved Him."

Christ did not want that. He could have called out His own deliverers but it was for that hour that He came out of Heaven's glory into this world.

The cross was love's last appeal and millions of earth's creatures have stood there and gazed and gazed, have seen their sins within and as they continued to gaze they have felt a strange release as they saw sin's sacrifice.

God was in Christ at Joseph's Tomb. Without the resurrection the cross would have no power because other men, some good men, had been cruci-

fied. The atonement for sin was effected at the cross but the resurrection was God's mighty stroke that spelled defeat for Satan, death and hell.

This victory was locked in the tomb in the Garden for three days. Everything was lost it seemed and the disciples all forsook Him and fled. Why criticize them, what looks more final than death and the grave?

Defeats Penalty of Sin

They were through, but not God. The same power of our Father God that made Himself known and visible in the incarnation — the same Father God whose power and love transformed the hatred of sinful men at the Cross into a redemptive sacrifice that same power of the eternal God was now defeating the penalty of sin.

Our Lord entered Satan's last domain, broke his power, and has liberated his captives for all ages. If God in Christ has defeated the greatest enemies of man — how can we ever be discouraged about any other problem? Is anything too much for the power of God that was at work at the cross and in the resurrection? Too many Christians are living on the wrong side of the resurrection!

God in Christ invaded History in the fact of the resurrection. Because He ever liveth He can make intercession. Because He lives, we, too, shall live. It is the living Christ who confronts us with our sin and pride and self-righteousness and invites us to come unto Him and live. "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and, whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

We have now the mighty acts of God in history, God in the incarnation, God in the Cross, God in the resurrection, so let us consider a moment — God in Christ in you, reconciling. God's program of reconciliation is geared to our faithfulness. He has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation.

We are a new creation in Jesus Christ, reconciled.

An old woman once said to Mr. Spurgeon: "If the Lord ever does save me He will never hear the last of it!" If we are reconciled, neither God nor man ought to ever hear the last of it.

Must Not Fail

We will tell the story until the last prodigal comes home to the Father's home. We will tell the story until the last sheep away on the mountainside has come into the safety of the sheepfold and the shepherd's care. We must not fail.

An old legend is told of the return of our Lord to Heaven after His ascension. An angel asked what He had accomplished; what were the results of His mission. "I taught and performed miracles and died on a cross and broke

open the grave. But most of all I left eleven men there to carry on my work." "And what if they fall?" "I know them and they will not fail."

About 20 years ago the old LaSalle Hotel in Chicago burned with tragic loss of life. A Lutheran minister was asleep on the 14th floor of this hotel and was awakened with the sirens of ambulances and fire wagons. He ran to the door and a wall of smoke slapped him to the floor. He shut the door and ran to the window and could see people jumping to their death. As he turned from the window he could hear a faint voice saying, "Come this way, come this way." He got down on his hands and knees and opened the door and started crawling toward that voice, and came through the smoke to the fire escape at the end of the corridor. Then he took the place of the man and started calling back, "Come this way, come this way." Many came and each in his place took his stand and called back and every life on the 14th floor was saved that night. ■

Brotherhood Program Stresses Witnessing

A PANARAMA on "witnessing in Jerusalem" — in the home church's area — was a feature of the Brotherhood rally on the evening preceding the annual State Convention.

Thel Smith, Ft. Smith, president of the state Brotherhood, addressed the group which met in 1st Church, Little Rock.

During the witnessing program, five areas of evangelism were presented: personal soul winning; household; community missions; institutional evangelism and shop or industrial evangelism.

Preceding the meeting the annual RA fellowship dinner was held with more than 200 attending. The RA members were the guests of the men. Vernon Brown, 1st Church, Daytona, Fla., spoke on "Beyond the Four Walls." The song service was directed by J. Richard Perkins, Gaines St., Little Rock. ■

● SEVERAL MORE churches are now receiving the Arkansas Baptist. New budget plans received include: Northside, Helena, Billy Ferguson, pastor; Union Grove, Clarksville, John Woodard, pastor; and New Hope, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, Jennings Partin, pastor. New free trial subscriptions have been received from: 1st Church, Monroe, Claude Hill, pastor, and Liberty, El Dorado, Curtis Johnson, pastor.

Pastors Stress Crusade

THE PROGRAM of the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist Pastors Conference, held in connection with the recent state convention, at 1st Church, Little Rock, was planned as a contribution to advance preparations for the simultaneous soul-winning crusades of Baptists during 1959.

Quincy Mathis, pastor of Immanuel Church, Warren, in the devotional opening the program, pointed to three revival needs: a revival of stressing the doctrines we believe; in the area of soul-winning; and in church loyalty.

Speaking on "Preparing for a Revival," Theo T. James, pastor of Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, pointed out that the crusade of 1959 will be engaged in not only by Southern Baptists, but by Baptists of half a dozen other conventions or associations around the world.

He suggested that churches should be careful to select their evangelists well, but said that the success of revival does not depend upon the preacher. An evangelist does not have to be a "big name," he said, but must be a man of God who has a compassionate heart.

Mr. James further suggested:

"The purpose of publicity promoting the revival attendance is to create interest and curiosity on the part of the people, and to attract good attendance, and the best publicity is 'lip to lip and person to person.'

"The census is not worth taking unless it is used, and many preachers and churches fall short at this point.

"The best preparation for a revival is prayer."

"Preaching for a Revival"

C. Gordon Bayless, pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock, speaking on "Preaching for a Revival," said:

"Preaching is trying to get a lost man to receive the new birth and then to act like it. The preacher is not a salesman. He has nothing to sell. He is trying to give away a new way of life, something that is free to those who will accept it through Christ.

"Like the baseball player, the evangelist has four bases which he must touch: God, the preacher, the church, and the lost people he is trying to reach. And the preacher ought to do some straight preaching to the church before he centers on preaching to the lost. 'Never scrape a hog till you get the water hot.' And in a lot of our churches the water is awfully cold.

"I won't preach to a crowd that won't listen.

"Preach the word. 'Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.' Preach the word to the church. The church needs saving. Where a thousand men will follow custom, only one will follow Christ.

"Diplomatic is another word for being dishonest.

"A real Christian, when he has done

wrong, will repent. This is the test of a Christian. If some go away and stay away from the church, that is a good sign they were never of the church to start with.

"Not many Baptists would split a beer, but many of them don't hesitate to split the Sunday night crowd.

"In preaching to the lost, let the lost person know he is fallen in his nature, a fugitive from God. Let him know he has a moral and spiritual responsibility for his life, that God has appointed a day of judgment. But don't preach hell without compassion in your heart.

"Preach the remedy of the gospel. The open grave, not the cross, is the real symbol of Christianity."

Preserving Results

James Yates, pastor of 1st Church, Paragould, speaking on "Preserving the Results of a Revival," said:

"Our churches have proved to be woefully lacking in ministering to the needs of new members. So much of the time we leave them to shift for themselves. Have we been more concerned with statistics than with regeneration?"

"Immediately following a revival a church has a wonderful opportunity to help its new members.

"The pastor should write a letter to every new member. Following the baptismal service, each new member should be sent a baptismal certificate. The name of each new member should be given, along with basic information, to the department superintendents of Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, and Brotherhood.

"As soon as possible, the pastor should make a personal call in the home of the new member. As soon as expedient, perhaps the next Sunday after the baptismal service, the pastor should begin a weekly class for new members, this class to be taught for five to six weeks at the Training Union hour. At the beginning of this, or certainly by the close, each new member should be enrolled in Training Union."

Missionary Speaker

Dr. Tommy Halsell, missionary to Brazil, speaking on "My Church and World Revival," said:

"If we as Baptists are inclined to brag about how many we have in our churches, let us do a little figuring to see how many people in the world are not attending church at all.

"Before world revival can come, we must see ourselves for what we are. We are called of God and we are a minority group in the world. We are the ones to stand in the way and warn the lost. We must see ourselves as we stand responsible before God. God is depending largely upon Southern Baptists for the evangelization of the world.

"Seeing the world is one of our most difficult problems, a world in which

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Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
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Fort Smith	KNAC-TV	12:00 N

the population is increasing at the rate of 43,000,000 each year.

"Instead of saying, 'God, give me a good sermon,' a preacher should say, 'God, help me to see the world.' More than half the people of the world have never heard the name of Jesus one time.

"We need to see that Southern Baptists have the resources now for world revival, and that the arena into which we are to enter as churches is the entire world. On our foreign mission fields we need more evangelists, more missionaries. When was the last time your church has sent a young person out to prepare for the mission field?"

"We are in a bad situation when it takes all of our manpower to man the home base.

"The church that is to reach the world must be a pure church. We must preach repentance until we repent. All of our preaching, praying, witnessing and counseling ought to be to that end. What God cleanses, he fills; what he fills, he uses."

E. E. Grier, pastor of 1st Church, Hamburg, was elected president; Harold Coble, pastor of 1st Church, Cullendale, was chosen vice president; and Dillard Miller, pastor of 1st Church, Mena, secretary. ■

● MISSIONARY GLENDON Grober, formerly of Russellville, who with his family is back for a year's furlough from the mission fields of Brazil, has the following preaching engagements in Arkansas churches during December: Dec. 7, a. m., 1st Church, Rogers; p. m., 1st Church, Harrison; Dec. 14, p. m., 2nd Church, Arkadelphia; Dec. 15, p. m., "M" Night, Judsonia; Dec. 21, 1st Church, Smackover (tentative); Dec. 28, Junction City. The missionary's mailing address is LaCenter, Ky., the home of Mrs. Grober.

Southwestern Completes 96 Apartments for Married

NINETY-SIX AIR-conditioned apartments for students have been completed at Southwestern Seminary and plans call for 500 such apartments eventually, Dr. Robert Naylor, president of the seminary, reported here at the annual breakfast of Southwestern Seminary Alumni held in connection with the State Convention. These apartments are being built largely from funds raised in Fort Worth supplemented by gifts from the alumni, Dr. Naylor reported.



MR. RUCKER are being built largely from funds raised in Fort Worth supplemented by gifts from the alumni, Dr. Naylor reported.

T. K. Rucker, pastor of 1st Church, Forrest City, and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was elected president of the Alumni Association for Arkansas. Others chosen to serve with him included Dr. O. L. Bayless, pastor of 2nd Church, Hot Springs, vice president; and O. C. Robinson, superintendent of missions, Pulaski County Association, reelected secretary-treasurer.

Dr. W. Harold Hicks, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, outgoing president, presided. Sixty members and visitors were in attendance. ■



CARL M. OVERTON, pastor of Tyler St., Little Rock, for the last six years, has resigned to accept the pastorate at Clinton, effective Nov. 30. During his Little Rock ministry, the church has had 309 additions, 136 by baptism; added \$42,500 in property with only \$16,000 debt outstanding; average Sunday School attendance had increased from 148 to 238; Training Union from 72 to 107; total gifts to all purposes have totaled \$172,568, with mission giving amounting to \$20,278.

Convention Quotes

WE'VE GOT to come to the place we will be willing to stick our necks out for Christ and against liquor. In 23 years Alcoholics Anonymous has enrolled 150,000 members, but America has 183,000 new alcoholics each year. The greatest problem facing our nation now is the legalized liquor traffic.—C. C. Coulter

Mrs. S. O. Williams, in address, "Forward with Christ in Family Life":

MARRIAGE IS THREE dimensional—God, the bridegroom, and the bride. But many marriages leave out God.

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The villain of our love story is the devil. He spoils the home, the relationship between husband and wife, brings death, darkness, hate, lawlessness. God made the world—the devil marred it. Marriage and the home are not a part of the kingdom of God unless we put them back in. As was true in the case of God's closing the door of the ark after Noah and his family had entered, only God can close the door and make the home secure.

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Frequently I hear someone say: "I've asked God to send me the right person." That is not as important as being the right kind of person. Personality must be redeemed. Blessed are they that are pleasant to live with, to play with, to work with.

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In the case of a lot of couples, each one is willing to give in fifty per cent of the time. But the trouble is, each one still has fifty per cent of the time left!

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A wife said of her husband: "He is very temperamental—ninety per cent temper, ten per cent mental."

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I greatly dislike the slogan: "Christ is the guest in this home." Christ does not want to be a guest, he wants to be a part of our home.

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Much of the time we are like the woman who said, "I was four days behind with my praying but I caught up the other day during the thunderstorm."

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I try every day in the realm of social life to try to change my attitudes for the better toward others. One day I made up my mind to hold the door open for those who were coming after me. Thirteen hurried through before I could turn the door loose! Only one of these turned to say thanks—a colored woman.

Convention Welcomes New Full-time Workers

THE FOLLOWING pastors and music and education directors and associational missionaries who have come to the state during the past year were welcomed at the opening session of the convention:

E. J. Polson, Mena, Westmoreland Heights Church; Noel Tanner, College City, Pitts and Wiseman; Russell Bragg, Caraway, 1st Church; Richard L. Lanman, Midland, Midland; Delton J. Cooper, North Little Rock, Remount; J. Roland Spears, Knoxville, 1st Church;

Harold S. Carter, Pine Bluff, Oak Grove; J. F. Brewer, Helena, 1st Church; Don Moore, Ft. Smith, Elliott Church, Camden; William B. Gossett, Joiner, Joiner; Bill McIver, Ft. Smith, Rye Hill; William A. Coonits, Tichnor, First Church; Homer Martin, Grandview, 1st Church; James E. Hill, Hot Springs, Central; James H. Fairchild, Hot Springs, 1st Church;

Homer Haltom, Arsenal, Plainview; Conway Sawyers, Marked Tree, 1st Church; Dr. Sam C. Reeves, Arkadelphia, 1st Church; J. W. Northcutt, Luxora, 1st Church; J. D. Passmore, St. Joe, St. Joe; C. D. Schmidt, Pangburn, 1st Church; Lynn Leach, El Dorado, 2nd;

Don Edmondson, Magnolia, Central; Earl Bailey, Magnolia, Central; Felix Goodson, Harrison, 1st Church, Russellville; Robert Hatzfeld, Springdale, 1st Church; Robert L. Hartsell, Ft. Smith, South Side; Ed Pine, Ft. Smith, Immanuel;

Herbert Batson, Pine Bluff, 1st Church; Thurman Hitchcock, Bentonville, 1st Church; Alfred R. Cullum, North Little Rock, Calvary and James H. Dean, Nashville; missionary, Little River Association. ■

Pastors' Wives Elect Officers for New Year

MRS. DAVID GARLAND, Baring Cross, North Little Rock, was elected president of the Pastors' Wives at the group's annual meeting held in conjunction with the recent convention.

Other officers named include: Mrs. John McClanahan, Hope, program vice chairman; Mrs. Siebert Haley, Decatur, devotional vice president; Mrs. Richard Perkins, Gaines St., Little Rock, social vice president; and Mrs. Andrew Heskett, DeWitt, secretary-treasurer.

Approximately 75 attended the sessions held in Pulaski Heights Church. Mrs. H. C. Sefelt brought the devotional. The program panel on "Through the Years" was presented by Mrs. Roy Lambert, as a bride; Mrs. C. S. Holland, as a mother; Mrs. S. A. Whitlow, as a companion. Mrs. Leel Gibson, El Dorado, brought a message in song. ■

Dr. Naylor Terms Hays 'God's Man for the Hour'

WARM WORDS of commendation for Southern Baptist President Brooks Hays were spoken by Dr. Robert E. Naylor, president of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, in the introductory remarks of his message to the closing session of the Arkansas Baptist state convention.

Dr. Naylor described Hays as "God's man for the hour" as the leader of Southern Baptists. Although the nation will suffer a great loss in Mr. Hays' recent defeat in his race for reelection to Congress, it is entirely possible that God has even greater doors of service open to him, he concluded.

Basing his message on the Great Commission delivered to Christians by Christ, Dr. Naylor said:

"Christianity is the religion of the supernatural. It always works miracles where the people are gathered together. There can be no hope in a man-sized religion. For men like us, God answers prayer. For us and through prayer, God works his wonders in the world.

"If you are a child of God, you have been born again, God expects more of you in this world than is humanly possible. The church fellowship is made up of people doing the impossible. Our religion, our faith, our fellowship, our history witness that we can do what men alone cannot do.

"Never has there been a time when God's people had such open doors to walk through as we have today.

"Christ's ministry on earth is the story of the impossible, a sequence of matchless miracles as he marched toward the cross to die before a mocking multitude. What men meant for shame, God meant for victory. Through the victory of the cross he delivers us.

"The Great Commission is the climax of the word of God. The pages of history bear witness to the moving of God in the world through his people. But our chief confidence is not in the pages of history but in the pages of our personal faith. Our confidence is in God, who bought and changed us.

"For Christians, there is no more serious breach of fellowship than a failure to try. This shames one's testimony most quickly — to be indifferent to the cause of Christ in an hour like this.

"Fellowship is found at the point of effort, at the striking of the march, moving out at daybreak. God's special favor for the world is that he has chosen us. Look again at the tomb that is empty. See the miracle of God. Look into your own re-born heart. Stragglers fall first. To lag, to hesitate, to be afraid is to be lost in this hour." ■

74 Church Workers Aided By Relief and Annuity

MESSENGERS ATTENDING the State Baptist Convention in Little Rock were told that \$38,000.88 was paid to 74 church workers during 1957 through the protection plans of the Relief and Annuity Board.

Dr. L. T. Daniel, associate secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas, reported another \$10,695.72 was paid to 55 workers, ministers and widows of workers who are carried on the relief rolls for Arkansas.

Other statewide statistics disclosed that of 786 pastors eligible for the protection plan, only about 38 per cent, or 302 were actually participating. Arkansas ranks twelfth in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Daniel explained the new church-directed approach to the pastor's protection program. He said the new plan encourages the church to assume payment of the full ten per cent of the pastor's salary which goes for his protection and retirement. Heretofore, the church and pastor paid five per cent each. The maximum amount any church can pay is \$400 annually, he said.

Some of the conventions are already promoting campaigns asking the churches to assume the full ten per cent for their pastor's protection, Dr. Daniel reports.

He said this action takes the liability off of the church in case the pastor dies or becomes disabled while acting as its minister.

The Board, in its 40 years of service to the denomination, has paid out more than \$20 million in annuity benefits and more than \$6 million in relief. Payments are made from the \$61 million held in reserve for more than 24,000 participants and about 100 boards, agencies and institutions. ■

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Reunion for Ex-Skid Row Victims

CHICAGO, Ill. — At their annual "homecoming" in Chicago recently, former Skid Row alcoholics sang hymns, prayed and testified to victory from drink through faith in Jesus Christ. The "alumni" met in the ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel to celebrate the 81st birthday of the famed Pacific Garden Mission that sponsored the meeting. Nearly 1,000 people, many of them rehabilitants from lives of drunkenness, assembled in a reverent but effusive mood to hear testimonials from men and women who have, in their own words, come "from the guttermost to the uttermost."

Ex-Queen to Wed Baron

MILAN, Italy — Ex-Queen Soraya of Iran, divorced by the Shah of Iran because she could not present him with an heir, will soon be married to German Baron Harold Krupp Von Bohlen — and has "decided to become a convert to Christianity."

So claims the Italian newspaper *Europeo*, which correctly predicted her earlier marriage woes. According to the paper, Soraya "seems to have fixed the date of her conversion for December 25." (Editor's Note: Apparently someone needs to explain more perfectly the plan of salvation to Ex-Queen Soraya.)

To Star of David

JERUSALEM — Members of the Russian Christian Sabbatical sect known as *Subbotniki*, now living in Texas, will be permitted to enter the State of Israel. The Jerusalem government said other religious groups wishing to immigrate to Israel may do so also provided they pay their own passage. The *Subbotniki* sect, which observes Saturday as sabbath, left Russia in 1917 as the Communist revolution was getting under way and many settled in Texas.

To Permit Religious Teaching

GUATEMALA CITY — For the first time in 87 years, the teaching of religion in government schools will be permitted in Guatemala. Under a new presidential decree no child shall be compelled to attend religion and moral classes without parental permission. Parents may specify which religion their child will study.

THE BAPTIST March in History, written by Dr. Robert A. Baker, professor of church history at Southwestern Seminary, has been published by Broadman Press and is now on sale in Baptist book stores. In this volume Dr. Baker discusses the Baptist beginnings and some of the numerous Baptist groups. He also notes the contributions that they have made to world thought. ■

Baptist Crosscurrents

Have Sermons . . . Will Travel

WITH TOOLS of the trade in hand and an itching desire to explore the other side of the mountain we are a migrating people. Decades ago four or five generations would live out life's span on the "old home place." This is not the case today. The Census Bureau reports that 33,098,000 families in the United States changed places of residence during 1956. This frantic circle of life is apparently indicative of the restlessness of our age.

This general condition has invaded the church and ministry. While it is generally agreed the most successful ministry is one extended over a long period of years, the average term of a pastor in our churches is 3½ years. A survey of 421 churches in two large city associations and two rural associations revealed an estimated 8,800 of our 25,500 pastors changed churches in 1957. Without doubt many of those moved on the leading of the Holy Spirit. Yet this does not seem to account for the estimated 7,000 to 9,000 pastors moving to new church fields every year. Motivated by an unholy ambition there is the constant "rat-race" in an ulcerated effort to climb the ladder of ministerial success. Someone has suggested that it is easier to change churches than it is sermons. On the other hand the churches don't seem to be as unhappy with the situation as sometimes indicated. We are living in the "entertainment-mad age" that demands something new and more unusual than the last performance. It may well account for the unconscious dullness and obvious unconcernedness that faces the average pastor at the end of his first two-year "hitch."

Whether to flee the proverbial problems or the unbalanced desire to get ahead, we find ourselves greatly resembling the suave, sophisticated "trouble-shooter" on television and freely admit, "Have Sermons . . . Will Travel."—Anonymous

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When Mercy Is Misplaced

SHE WAS a fourteen year old girl, lovely and beloved as other girls. Crossing the street she was struck by a speeding auto and in a few minutes she was dead. Later the driver admitted he was intoxicated at the time. Another life had been brutally snuffed out because some man thought he must have his liquor.

Twenty-three months were required to bring the case to a decision in court, but finally the driver was adjudged to be guilty of manslaughter. And what was the penalty imposed by the judge for running down a helpless child and killing her? The penalty was a year's probation, with a ban against driving or drinking for a year! . . .

Nothing was said about sympathy for the little girl. Nothing was said of condolence for the parents and other loved ones. Nothing was said about seeing this case as a forceful lesson to others who might become guilty of the same crime.

The girl was Sylvia Gocal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gocal of Berkeley, St. Louis County. She was killed in November, 1956, and the case has just been decided recently. The driver of the car was Charles L. Freeland. The circuit judge's name is known by the people of St. Louis.

This is no isolated case. This sort of procedure is being repeated all too often. There seems to be an inclination to judge that if a man is drunk when he commits a crime his drunkenness calls for leniency. How are we ever to cope with causes of drunken driving if the courts treat death on the highway lightly?

Freeland soon revealed how lightly he regarded the judge's sentence. Two days after he was put on probation he was arrested again when he was caught driving a car, weaving from one side of the street to the other.

This is a country of law and order. The citizens are taught to obey the laws and to respect the courts. This is right.

But the courts are under responsibility to administer the laws in a way that will merit and maintain respect. This respect is difficult to support, if the courts are believed to be misplacing mercy and misrendering justice. —**Word and Way.**

Co-operative Evangelism Discussed

THE COOPERATIVE efforts of all the major Baptist bodies of North America to win the world for Christ were discussed in an address by Dr. C. C. Warren, a former pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, at a session of the recent state convention in Little Rock.

Since 1964 will mark the 150th anniversary of the first Baptist work in America organized on a national level, leaders of 21,000,000 Baptists of our continent have planned a Baptist Jubilee celebration. Dr. Warren is serving as director of Southern Baptists' effort, as their share of the advance, to establish 10,000 new churches and 20,000 new missions by 1964.

The need for God in the lives of the people of the world has never been felt any more keenly than now, Dr. Warren said.

"We cannot see any way out unless God himself comes into the picture," he declared. "Yet, the communists have us out dedicated, ten to one! We must bring our daily lives up to what we speak with our lips.

"America must have a rebirth of the spirit if we are to maintain our place of leadership in the world.

"We are in far more perilous times than the average American ever realizes. We are on our way out (as a

civilization) unless we give ourselves to God to take and use."

With 94 out of every 100 people of the world living outside the United States, God is depending on the people of America — 6 out of every 100 — to evangelize the world, Dr. Warren declared.

The procedure God has given us in this great task is the leadership of the Holy Spirit, he said. "The new world we are longing for will not come by force," he said, pointing to the futility of past wars. "Political treaties do not constitute the final answer. As one example, the \$10,000,000 League of Nations Building stands today in The Hague as a monument to something that would not work."

"But there is a brighter side," Dr. Warren continued. "God is. He is going to win. I am on the winning side regardless of what happens. This is God's day for America. Our work must be done by people willing to do the unusual, under God's leadership." ■

Nolan Howington Sees 'New Day' for Baptists

COMMENTING ON the harmony of the Baptists of Arkansas as shown in the annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Professor Nolan P. Howington, of Southern Seminary, told the messengers: "We do not have to fuss and split up to grow. Perhaps we have come into a new day as Baptists."

About the seminaries and their program of training the ministry, Dr. Howington said:

"We believe preachers ought to have something in their hands as well as in their hearts. God demands that we

love Him with all our minds. We need to be able to think clearly and plainly.

"Preachers must have a message in their hearts from the Lord. Then they must stand up, speak up, and know when to shut up.

"We need an education of the heart. We need to put some emotion to all OUR MOTION. We must have unction from on high, love for people, and hearts that glow." ■

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● WITH TWO Associations not accounted for, the number of baptisms reported for the year just closed is 560 above last year. When we get the reports from Dardanelle-Russellville, and Newton County Associations we will likely have near 800 more.

● Now that the convention is over we will give our time in the immediate future to securing the names of the members of the steering committees and planning the Associational Evangelistic Clinics for February. The association that doesn't have a steering committee by now is almost out of the running, evangelistically.

● Seth Compere reports Carroll County to be 100 per cent in churches committed to participate in the Crusade.

● Pastors, check your church's record of baptisms and list the number year by year. What year was your record year? Adopt the slogan for 1959 — "More Than Ever Before."

● The Evangelistic Conference, next Jan. 26-28 is not for pastors only. It is for EVERYONE!! Pastors should urge their members to attend, Sunday School superintendents, Training Union directors, Brotherhood presidents and WMU presidents should all stress this meeting and urge many to attend.

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Revival Reports

FIRST CHURCH, Conway: Larry Walker, Southwestern Seminary student, evangelist; Bill Emmitt, song director; J. H. Street, pastor; nine by profession, seven by letter and "practically the entire active membership" for rededication.

JAMES COLLUMS was evangelist in a weekend revival, Nov. 14-16 at Riverdale Church, near Jonesboro. Five were received for baptism, one rededication, four other professions. Cloyce Henderson is pastor.

DR. E. A. (HAPPY) Ingram was the evangelist in a meeting with the Western Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Okla., Nov. 16-23. Bill Henry, pastor. There were 12 for baptism, one by statement, one by letter and three other adult professions. ■

● **WILLIAM EMMITT**, music and educational director, 1st Church, Conway, has accepted the call to the same position in the Ardmore Church, Memphis.

Foreign Mission Board Reports

Missionaries, Money Needed for Advance

DR. BAKER J. CAUTHEN, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, reported a deepening interest by Southern Baptists in world missions at the board's November meeting. He and other secretaries of the board have attended the recent annual meetings of Baptist state conventions.

"In every instance there was a deep desire to know more about world need and our responsibility for sharing Christ with our fellow man," Dr. Cauthen said. "We can anticipate from these meetings of state conventions many people who will feel God's leadership to missionary service.

"The Foreign Mission Board is a channel through which the 31,000 churches project their mission efforts across the world. Much of this effort is reflected in the fact that already the Convention-wide Cooperative Program budget has been reached and money is now being received from Advance Program funds."

(All Cooperative Program funds received by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention through December 31, called Advance Program funds, are shared by the Foreign and the Home Mission Boards, with the Foreign Mission Board receiving 75 per cent.)

Dr. Cauthen continued: "We are approaching a season when the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be uppermost in the thinking of Baptists. It is our hope that the offering this year may be greater than ever before, not only in the amount of money given,

but in the qualities of prayer, study, and dedication which are so vital.

"We are often asked which is needed more desperately, missionaries or money. We explain that in the operation of foreign mission work approximately one-third of our income is required to maintain missionaries on the fields, one-third is required to finance programs of work, and one-third is required to construct necessary buildings.

"However, we follow a definite policy of sending the missionaries who are qualified to go and doing the best we can about our other responsibilities. There are financial needs totaling more than \$3,000,000 which we are unable to supply; but we are assured that our major step in mission advance is that of placing missionaries in larger numbers throughout the world.

"We will come to the close of 1958 having reached our objective of 130 missionaries. We will enter 1959 with high anticipation of appointing 140. We are constantly encouraged by the high quality of people who are yielding themselves to God for missionary service.

"Across the world missionaries and national Christian leaders are preparing for 1959 as a year of evangelism. Extensive plans are being made in many countries. Efforts will call for simultaneous evangelistic meetings and crusades in large cities.

"There is increasing indication that further large-scale efforts in evangelism will emerge as progress continues. Every step taken in these efforts has indicated the value and wisdom of reinforcing our witness to Christ by special evangelistic measures. When these efforts are followed by adequate measures in church development the work on mission fields presses forward in a very definite way."

8 Spanish Baptist Churches Closed

Dr. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, reported that the Baptist church at Seville, Spain, was closed on Nov. 10 by order of the Spanish Government. "The addition of this church to the list brings to eight the total number of Baptist churches in Spain which have felt the hard hand of religious oppression from the central Government of Spain," he said.

Dr. Goerner said that in the Middle East "a relatively quiet situation has developed for the time being." The Baptist school in Beirut, Lebanon, reports a record attendance. Rev. and Mrs. John W. Turner have been able to move to Tripoli, in the north of Lebanon where the revolution first broke out last May. They report that the work of the churches is gradually moving back toward normal in this dominantly Moslem area of the country. ■

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Unconscious Wish for Death

QUESTION: Since my two months old baby was found dead in bed I have frequently had screaming spells saying



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to my husband, "Don't let me die; please don't let me die." I feel that I am losing my mind. I have horrible dreams of murder, cancer, and all forms of death. What can I do? I pray, read my Bible, and am active in every phase of church work, but

these do not seem to help.

ANSWER: It sounds to me as if you have an unconscious wish to die. Many people do. There seems to be in every human being a kind of automatic justice maker — a conscience, we call it. If we have violated our consciences and not admitted it frankly, then the "sentence" or punishment must be worked out secretly.

You may have wished that the little one would die, and quickly repressed it. Or you may be punishing your husband by making him listen to you scream. You may even be holding this fear of death before your eyes to keep you from doing something you have an urge to do that you consider wrong. The human mind is very complex.

If you had a kidney trouble you would go to a urologist. For heart trouble you go to a cardiac specialist. Why don't you insist on your doctor referring you to a psychiatrist, who specializes in emotional disturbances? ■

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

Local Option Gains in Arkansas

By CLYDE C. COULTER
 Superintendent
 Temperance League of Arkansas

ON NOV. 4, five counties in Arkansas held local option elections. Greene and White counties had wet majorities.



MR. COULTER

The wets attempted to vote dry Marion County back wet. The vote was more than three to one to remain dry. In Scott and Yell counties, decisive dry victories were achieved.

There are now forty-two counties dry in Arkansas, and all of Sebastian is dry, excepting the

Ft. Smith district. In addition, there are 31 other townships and nine cities dry.

The population now living in dry territory in Arkansas is 814,937, or 42.5 per cent. The area now dry is 29,498 square miles or 56 per cent.

The American Business Men's Research Foundation, in the July-August

issue of its official publication, "The Foundation Says," states: "Arkansas and Kentucky have made greatest gains percentagewise in Local Option campaigns during the last fifteen years. The Foundation states that, from 1943 to 1958, Kentucky increased her Dry population from 42.1 per cent to 56.1 per cent, and that Arkansas, during the same period, increased her dry population from 16.5 per cent to 42 per cent."

Arkansas is the only state in the nation in which the Temperance League has secured a local option law. Other states have such laws, but they were enacted by legislatures. Twelve states have no Local Option privileges whatever.

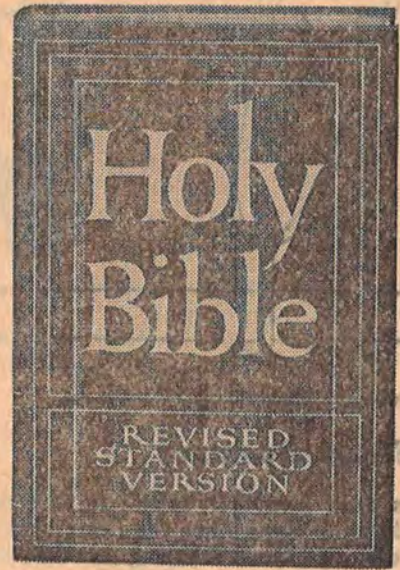
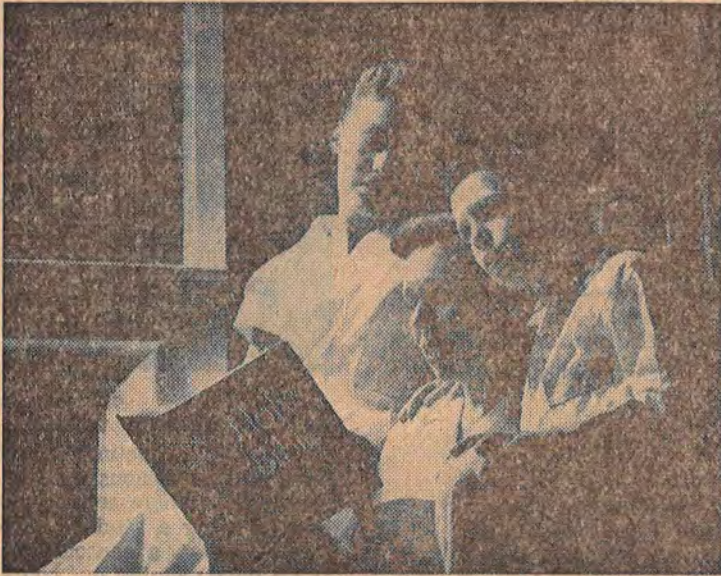
Liquor forces have attempted 18 times county-wide, and 15 times in townships and towns, to vote dry areas back wet — 33 attempts in all. They have been defeated in every attempt. NO dry territory has, so far, voted back wet. And the over-all majority to remain dry in those 33 attempts by the wets, was more than three times as large as the

over-all majority when they voted to go dry.

Earnest appeal is made here to the Christian people of Arkansas — to pastors and other Christian leaders — to join hands courageously and prayerfully in this vitally important phase of Christian service. The brewers and the distillers and their cohorts are increasingly arrogant, and they are increasing their attempts to make more people drink and drinkers to drink more, and more!

Christ has commanded that "Every tree that bringeth not good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." Also, the Bible teaches plainly that, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God." The Bible has many passages condemning the liquor traffic. May the all-wise Master of men lead us all to Christian warfare in this phase of His service. ■

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The committee of scholars responsible, through the Lockman Foundation, for this work, have restored the true meaning to thousands of obscure words and simplified hundreds of difficult passages to produce not only a fresh translation but a concise commentary. Billy Graham has endorsed it as "the most wonderful translation." According to the publishers, a total of 12,000 hours of "diligent research and prayerful study" went into the making of this book.

Two verses from John 15 will give some idea of the style and nature of the translation:

I am the True Vine and My Father is the Vinedresser. Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit — that stops bearing — He cuts away (trims off, takes away). And He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

All the Men of the Bible, by Herbert Lockyer, Zondervan Publishing House, 1958, \$4.95.

Included in this cyclopedia are names and sketches of all the men named in the Bible. The correct pronunciation of each name is given, along with the meaning of the name. This should prove a valuable book for all serious students of God's word.

The Years that Count, by Rosalind Rinker, Zondervan Publishing House, 1958, \$2

"Why wait until some future date to start to be a living witness for Jesus Christ? Why not now? You will never taste the rich fullness of His joy until you begin to share with others and shoulder your responsibility of speaking with your friends about the most important subject in all the world. If you don't bring up the subject, who will?"

This is taken from a chapter entitled, "Live for Now or for the Future," in Miss Rinker's book.

The author attempts to bridge the so-called "unbridgeable gap" between high school and college age. Adults as well as young people will benefit from it.

Studies in Mark's Gospel, by A. T. Robertson, revised 1958 by Archie Robertson, Broadman Press, \$2.50

When this book by the late and noted New Testament scholar, long a distinguished member of the faculty at Southern Baptist Seminary, first appeared, the author wrote: "The Gospel has the charm of two personalities who contributed to its contents, Peter and John Mark. Both were vivacious and versatile and have preserved the portrait of Jesus with the freshness of the

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morning."

This volume is to be the first of four reissues of some of Dr. Robertson's famous books on the New Testament.

A collection of studies rather than a verse-by-verse exposition, it includes four chapters on the person and work of Christ.

intermediate sword drills should be held in the churches sometime during February. Each church may send its sword drill winner and any number of junior sword drill winners to the associational drills to be held in March. The winners in the associational drills will go to the district drill during the week of March 23-27.

The first place winner of the sword drill in each district will participate in the state sword drill at the youth convention at Little Rock on April 10. Each winner in each of the two speakers' tournaments in each district will participate in the state speakers' tournaments on April 10. ■

● TOMMY MULLIN has been elected president of the newly-organized Brotherhood in Wynne Chapel. Other officers include: Wylie Brown, activities vice president; Charles Manchester, program vice president; Glenn Marcum, membership vice president; Wylie Brown, song leader, and Clifford Brown, secretary-treasurer.

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Honor Your Students at Christmas

—Tom Logue



This Night

By VINCENT EDWARDS

NINETY YEARS ago this Christmas a minister in Philadelphia had something special to present to the boys and girls in his Sunday School. Phillips Brooks had a very different kind of gift to offer. It was a Christmas carol he had written himself.

Today wherever the birthday of the Saviour is celebrated in English-speaking lands, the hymn he penned is almost certain to be sung. It has been heard times without number, for his carol has become one of the most popular and appealing of all the songs sung at the year's gladdest season.

Many know it by heart. The words themselves are easily remembered, and when one considers their meaning and how appropriate they are for Christmas, it is hardly any wonder that thousands of persons have become very fond of them:

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

When Phillips Brooks had written his beautiful lines, he knew they needed music to be complete. He went to Louis Redner, who was the organist of his church. Mr. Redner was not only a gifted musician. He could compose music.

Phillips Brooks showed him the little carol he had jotted down and asked if he could write a tune. Mr. Redner read the lines, and struck by their beauty, promised to do his best.

It was strange the way the music came to him. He awoke in the middle of the night with a lovely tune ringing in his mind. Losing no time, Mr. Redner climbed out of bed, lighted a lamp, and put the tune on paper.

When the boys and girls in the Sunday School heard the new carol, they liked it immensely and sang it heartily at the Christmas service. It made an instant appeal to everybody present.

As time passed, the popularity of the song steadily increased. Tens of thousands of people came to know it where there had been only three or four hundred at the beginning. The boys and girls who sang it for the first time never forgot that wonderful Christmas service of 1868.

More years went by, and Phillips Brooks was called to a bigger church in Boston. Crowds flocked to hear this great preacher. His influence and standing were strong. Because his words and acts seemed to make people think of Jesus, he had a great following all over the country. Everywhere he was loved and admired.

He was only fifty-eight years old when he died in 1893. The people were greatly saddened by his death. Louis Redner, the composer, lived until 1908.

Probably by now, all the boys and girls who first sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" are either dead or very old men and women. Yet the carol that Phillips Brooks wrote and for which his organist composed the music is very much alive. The author and the composer and even those happy young singers may be gone, but "O Little Town of Bethlehem" is more popular today than ever before. No Christmas comes and goes but that the words and music kindle the hearts of all who keep this happy season. ■

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Remedy for Baldness

DECLARING he could note some changes that had taken place since he was a Little Rock pastor years ago, changes in the hair lines of many of his old friends, Dr. C. C. Warren offered this remedy for bald-headed men, at a session of the Arkansas Baptist Convention recently:

Take a quantity of persimmon juice and a large helping of alum. Mix thoroughly. Then work this mixture into the pores of the bald spots. The remedy will not grow hair, but it will make your head shrink so that the hair you have will fit.

DR. TAYLOR DANIEL, of the Relief and Annuity Board, got more than a passing guffaw from Arkansas Baptist Convention messengers with this story, an old one ever new:

When the pastor who was conducting prayer meeting hesitated a little in the face of a request from a boy that he "pray for grandpa's floating kidney," the young fellow reminded: "You ought to be able to pray for a floating kidney — you prayed last Sunday for loose livers!"

WHEN THE EDITOR of the Arkansas Baptist requested Brooks Hays to "try to put something into your speech you are going to deliver at Southwestern Seminary that will be worth printing," Brooks came right back at a fellow Londoner (Pope County) with:

"That reminds me of the fellow at Dover who was running for constable. He had heard his opponent say, 'Elect me and I will be no respecter of persons.' But this fellow went them one better. 'Elect me,' he said, 'and I won't have no respect for nobody!'"

Now that we've had time to think this one through, it sort of looks like Brooks was getting personal with the editor!

DR. C. C. WARREN assured his congregation as he began his address at the Arkansas State Convention: "I always quit right on the dot, but so far nobody has been able to find the dot."

TAKING THE gavel from President Rucker to preside over one of the sessions of the Arkansas State Convention L. C. Tedford humorously dispensed with Roberts' Rules of Order in favor of what he called the "main-strength-and-awkwardness method."

NOLAN P. HOWINGTON, formerly pastor of 1st Church, Little Rock, now of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville: "The seminary professor explodes his little homiletical firecrackers in many different pulpits."

By A. V. WASHBURN

BY THIS time, perhaps you have already heard what the "One for One" Campaign is — a Sunday School enrollment campaign in all of the churches with the goal of one new Sunday School member for each officer and teacher. This campaign is to begin on Feb. 1, and should continue until the revival meeting begins in your church in March or in April. The duration of the campaign, therefore, would be at least six weeks.

This emphasis is sponsored jointly by the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board along with the state secretaries of evangelism and the state Sunday School secretaries. This effort can provide a practical demonstration of the effectiveness of enlisting the wholehearted support of the 700,000 Sunday School officers and teachers throughout our Convention in reaching, teaching, and winning lost people. It is our earnest belief that such a co-operative undertaking will result in the enlargement and strengthening of all of our Sunday Schools that will participate.

A WORTHY PURPOSE

The prime purpose of this Sunday School enrollment campaign, with its slogan "One for One," is to put hundreds of thousands of new people in Southern Baptist Sunday School classes before the beginning of the 1959 Sillmultaneous Revival Crusade. A Sunday School will grow best when the workers are motivated by an evangelistic passion. Revival meetings will be more effective when, in addition to the visitation of God's Holy Spirit upon the people great hosts of unsaved people have been brought under the influence of Bible teaching, and thus have their hearts prepared for the preaching of the gospel. The largest number of baptisms come by way of the Sunday School. There is, therefore, an immediate necessity that new people be enrolled in the Sunday School in order to provide a greater evangelistic harvest.

(Continued next week)

Sunday School Lesson
Jesus' Power in Human Life

By RAY S. NELSON

Pastor, 1st Church, Heber Springs

Mark 5:1-13

December 7

JUST WHAT and where the source of this man's condition we do not know, but we see sin taking its destructive toll and course in his life. The practice of sin: anything and everything that puts a barrier between a man and God, leads to the enslavement of life (John 8:34). The Devil was and is a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44) bringing death to health, peace, beauty, purity and happiness. So it was with the Gadarene.

Worthy to note is Jesus revealing the universality of his mission in the experience of the Gadarene — ministering to human need wherever, regardless of race, color or class.

Let us mention the lesson's main teaching: A demonstration of the power of Christ over the forces of evil in human life. How wonderful and enlarging is the meaning of Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and save the people that are lost." We see Jesus continually identifying himself not with the masses but the individual. While he loved all broken lives, He hated passionately the evil things that had broken them. He spoke of men as "lost" and "perishing" (Luke 15:4, 8, 24; Matt 18:14).

Broken lives were never treated by Jesus as "cases"; they were brothers to be helped. His purpose was the restoring of lost sons to the home in God from which their sins had shut them out.

Consequences of Sin

Considering the background truths relative to this man's condition, look at the consequences of sin.

The first consequence is the "bad conscience." How gnawing is this to the soul. Second consequence is "an enslaved will." Sin once admitted in the human heart and allowed to beat a path there makes way for foul shapes of sin to march up and down at will. The sinner then awakens to discover that, try as he may he cannot forsake his sin. The scriptures reveal Jesus' initial beginning was "to preach deliverance to the captives." The third consequence of sins is "a hardened heart" — when Jesus stood before Herod (unlike Pilate — John 19:33ff), not a word did he speak (Luke 23:9). Man may go on in sin until he loses the very power of recognizing goodness

when he sees it — even the glory of God on the face of Jesus may mean nothing, as at the cross.

Three others: four, "loss of fellowship with God" — utter loneliness in isolation from God; five, consequences to others"; (As someone has truly said, "that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" is not the whole truth, others too have to share their reaping; six, the ultimate consequence, "judgment."

Lost, hopeless, helplessly perishing . . . why Jesus came to earth. Sins remedy? Forgiveness! — restoring of the lost relationship, reconciling of sinners to God. Only Jesus can do that. Acts 4:12 emphasizes, "None other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

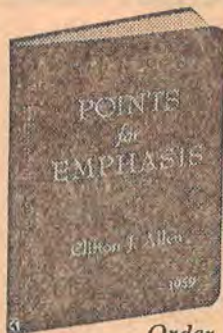
And the demons shrieking and trembling from the very fear of future judgment (Luke 8:31), that to come before their time, cried "Send us into the then considered unclean and abhorrent swine" and they were given leave or permission. God's power in Christ over the forces of evil in human life.

Large numbers came and saw the demoniac sitting at the feet of Jesus, calm as a child and praying that he might remain with the Lord, but sent away unto his own people to tell them what great things God had done for him.

Large numbers bade the Lord to leave their coasts, seeing the loss of the swine, preferring rather the material over the spiritual — health and life of God that He came to reveal and impart. ■

BIBLE STUDY BOOK READY

Every church in Arkansas will want to observe Bible Study Week, Jan. 5-9. The book to be used is "A Study of the Gospel of Mark" by Hugh Peterson. These books are now available from the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock. It would be wise to order now. ■



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Unprecedented Ouations for President Hays

BACK FOR his first appearance before an Arkansas Baptist group since his defeat in his race for a ninth term in Congress, Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, received two standing ovations from the more than 700 attending the closing session of the State Convention, Nov. 20.

The congregation stood and cheered as President Hays went to the pulpit to begin his 20-minute message. Several times there were "amens" and once applause, as he talked. As he was leaving the platform at the close of his address, the congregation stood again for a lengthy applause.

No resolution of confidence and respect was proposed. None was needed. The people showed in no uncertain terms how high this Christian leader stands in their estimation.

Women from the congregation, thinking Mrs. Hays would be attending the service with her husband, had prepared to present her a corsage, but had it delivered to her at home when she did not appear.

"She's heard my speeches so much she is tired of them," Hays confessed facetiously to a newsman.

First of several references to his recent defeat for Congress came early in his address. Expressing his deep gratitude at being chosen president of the Southern Baptist Convention, first in Chicago in 1957, and again in Houston this year, he said:

"Of course, I should never have accepted. But it was so thrilling to be elected to something, I just had to accept!"

This brought a wave of appreciative laughter.

"There is one thing about being defeated for Congress," Hays continued. "Now I can speak without inhibition." Here the crowd applauded.

"Newspapermen have been wonderful to me," Hays said, with assumed naivete, as he looked out over the crowd. "They just follow me around. I see there are some here today. Well, this is just a talk to my Baptist fam-

ily. There may be some political implications, but this is not a political speech."

Hays said he had profited by his defeat. Some of the older ones present would remember, he said, that he had been defeated before, but it had been so long since the last time "that I had just about got out of practice." He said the words of comfort and confidence his Baptist friends had spoken or written to him, and the scripture references that they had suggested to him had been of great help. "My heart has been made tender because of you," he said.

"Without Christianity there can be no true democracy," Mr. Hays said. "Left to make our own decisions, God still loves us even when we make the wrong decisions. And Christians are to go on loving one another regardless of whether they see eye-to-eye."

Referring to his new book which recently came from the Broadman Press, **This World: A Christian's Workshop**, Mr. Hays said one of his friends told him recently: "It's a mighty good book, I wonder who wrote it for you."

"I certainly appreciate your nice compliment," Hays said he replied. "I wonder who read it to you?"

Stating that he might never run for office again, Hays said, "I am thinking of the contribution I can make to my people. I seem to be stuck with the label 'moderate.' Well, the only place in the Bible I find anything about moderation is in Paul's letter to the Philipplians, to whom he said: 'Let your moderation be known to all men.'"

Moderation is not necessarily a virtue, for it may be the badge of expediency, he continued. But moderation can be made a virtue through our attitudes and our spirits when Christ is in our hearts.

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