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*Growing Children Need Christian Guidance (See Page Five)*

# The Church and the Community

A Devotion By B. H. Duncan

"Having favor with all the people."

The people of the community had a wholesome respect for this group of Christians. It is a sad day in the life of any church when the community loses respect for it, or when the church so conducts itself that the community can no longer respect it as a church of God, doing the work of God's kingdom.

There were three things in this Jerusalem church which commanded the utmost respect of the community. There was first their unity of spirit and purpose and the consequent co-ordination and harmony of their activities. They were vigorously engaged in a great program of Christian service. They were so persistent in their loyalties that they did not quit after a week or two. They were so enthusiastic in their work that they continued with ever mounting joy.

Again, they maintained a high standard of moral living. It was plain to be seen that these people were living on a higher plain, that they were exercising a rigid self-control, that they had found a higher aim in life for which to strive and, best of all, they were finding the supreme joy of life in righteousness, purity and sobriety.

Once more, this church was actually conquering sin, not compromising with sin. Men and women were being restored to respectable living, those who had once cast off all moral restraints.

It is not surprising that we read: "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Any church which orders its life and activities according to this pattern will win the lost to Christ and multitudes will be saved from sin. Sin-blighted lives will respond to the gospel appeal of such a church as surely as the grass parched by the long summer drought will spring up following the refreshing showers.

"And they continued daily with one accord in the temple . . . praising God, and having favor with all the people" Acts 2:46, 47.

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The Jerusalem Baptist Church was recently reorganized. Missionary R. L. Lindsey reports an Assyrian, Arab, Jew, Russian, Pole, Slav, and American among the nine charter members.

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# ★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

A condensed summary of trends and events taken from publications and original sources each week by Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

## Facts of Interest

Crime increased 7.6 per cent in 1946 to reach a record high, according to J. Edgar Hoover. Mr. Hoover observed that the gradual breakdown of the American home is beginning to be reflected in the national behavior and is a real cause for alarm.

Of the 645,431 arrests studied by the FBI, 478,211 were white, 159,172 were Negro, 5,700 were Indian.

In 1946, there was an 18.3 per cent decrease in arrests of women as compared with 1945. More persons aged 21 were arrested than any other group, indicating that the juvenile delinquents of war years are graduating from petty thieves to armed robbers. Crimes in rural areas increased 14.1 per cent in 1946 and 7.4 per cent in urban communities. Fifty-four per cent of all persons arrested had police records.

In case you are interested, there were 530,000,000 pairs of shoes manufactured in the U. S. last year, enough for nearly four pairs for the entire population.

And sale of cosmetics rose 5.5 per cent in 1946 to total \$850,000,000, compared with \$338,000,000 in 1938. American women painted on \$28,080,000 worth of lipstick, dabbed on \$72,390,000 worth of powder, and used \$86,940,000 worth of perfumes, colognes and toilet water. To take the paint and powder off, the women used \$90,800,000 worth of creams.

But men also paid a price for their looks. Sale of razors and blades amount-

ed to \$60,000,000 in 1946, with other tonorial accessories amounting to an additional \$90,000,000, including \$50,000,000 for packaged toiletries, according to a recent survey. There are 4,000,000 men who use electric razors, valued at \$35,000,000.

Non-commercial printed matter, up to a weight limit of four pounds six ounces, when sent as a gift, may now be mailed to the United States Zones of Germany, excluding Berlin.

## In the Field of Religion

More than 800,000 copies of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament were sold during its first year of publication.

Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the British Board of Trade has said that Britain's crisis can be solved only by the application of moral and spiritual remedies.

For the first time in several decades the American Bible Society has sent Bibles and portions of Scripture to Russia. Recently, 5,000 New Testaments and 100,000 copies of the Gospels in Russian and 500 copies of the New Testament in Greek were sent.

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, missionary of the Congregational-Christian Church, has been denied entry to Moscow to organize prayer groups for the international conference there.

The Northern and Southern groups of the Presbyterian church are studying plans for union. The plan, if approved by three-fourths of the presbyteries, would unite 2,500,000 members of the Northern church and 600,000 members of the Southern church.

Clarence J. Howard, editor of the St. Augustine's Messenger, estimated that an average of 43 Negroes became Catholics each day in 1946.

Plans for union of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational churches in New Zealand have been approved by the New Zealand Methodist conference.

Canadian Sunday schools increased their enrolment 21 per cent in 1946.

## Baptist Highlights

Dr. Frank Tripp has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., to accept the position as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Hospital Commission and administrator of the New Orleans Baptist Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Dewey Moore have returned as missionaries to Italy. There were 292 baptisms reported by Baptists in Italy in 1946.

Bernard D. King has been elected state Brotherhood secretary in Georgia.

Dr. Howard P. Whidden has retired as editor of the Canadian Baptist.

Negro Baptist leaders have proposed that the American Baptist Seminary and the National Baptist Training School at Nashville be merged.

Average salaries of pastors of full-time Southern Baptist churches climbed 18 per cent in 1946 to reach \$2,506. Georgia salaries are at the top of the states with a \$2862 average.

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# Across the Editor's Desk

## Churches Multiply

Southern Baptist churches in the towns and cities have more than doubled during the past quarter-century while the number of churches in the country and small villages has slightly declined, a survey just completed by Porter Routh of the Baptist Sunday School Board reveals.

The new survey will be published in the 1947 Southern Baptist Handbook, an annual publication of Mr. Routh's Department of Survey, Statistics and Information.

A survey of rural churches made by E. P. Alldredge in 1922 revealed that at that time 1.3 per cent, or 15,722, of the churches were located in the open country. The 1947 survey shows only 15,216 churches located in the open country. More than 7,000 Southern Baptist churches are now located in towns and cities, as compared with 2,961 in 1922.

Mr. Routh asserts that "although the number of rural churches has slightly decreased, they are stronger and better organized. They minister to practically the same number of people they served in 1922, since the higher birth rate in the rural sections has been able to replenish the large number who have gone to urban centers."

Out of the 10,110 full-time churches (preaching services every Sunday) in the Southern Baptist Convention, more than 2000 are located in rural areas, Mr. Routh said. Nearly all of the denomination's 8,772 half-time churches (preaching every other Sunday) and the 7,327 quarter-time churches (preaching once a month) are located in the open country or small villages.

The average salary paid fourth-time ministers has nearly doubled since 1922, jumping from an average of \$144.81 to \$287 annually. Half-time pastors now draw an average of \$522 as compared with \$453 in 1922. "But," Mr. Routh adds, "hundreds of churches which were quarter-time and half-time in 1922 are now full time churches."

## Demand for Liberty

Eighty members of the Amish Reformed church are abandoning their 75-year-old community near Bierne, Ind., and will migrate to southern Tennessee. They are leaving Indiana to keep their children out of public high schools.

The Amish exodus is the climax of four years of controversy over the education of their children. They want to teach the children in their own schools, but lack the necessary funds. Since Indiana law requires children to be in school until they reach 16, Amish children must go to public high schools.

For a time Amish youngsters attended

Bierne High School, but they were withdrawn because, Amish elders said, the worldly influence of public school had a bad effect on them.

In Tennessee the children will not be required to attend public high school. Thus far the Amish have bought 250 acres of land in Lawrence County, about 75 miles south of Nashville.

## Religion Popular

A religious program conducted weekly by the United Church of Canada over radio station CKBI, Prince Albert, Sask., has a greater listening audience than the Bob Hope show carried by the same station.

The Rev. A. B. B. Moore, principal of St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, said that a recent survey showed that Bob Hope's show had a listener-popularity rating of 22 while the United Church program was rated at 24 plus.

The program, conducted Thursday evenings by the Rev. W. J. B. Tate, known throughout northern Saskatchewan as the radio minister, has been heard regularly for several years.

## St. Louis Reservations

Due to an avalanche of requests for reservations for the Southern Baptist Convention all reservations must close April 15. All requests of that date will be cared for either in hotels or homes. Each reservation will be confirmed before Convention date.—O. R. Shields, chairman of St. Louis Convention Committee.

## Perspective

Which way runs the hill?  
Is it up or down?  
And who is an alien  
In some other town?  
Is a daisy a weed,  
Or is it a flower?  
And where on the earth  
Is the midnight hour?  
A man is called good,  
But who sets the measure?  
What one casts away  
Is another man's treasure.  
I look at a pine tree  
And think it grows tall,  
To one in an airplane  
It seems very small.  
Endless the chain—  
It's the way you construe it,  
For value begins  
From the place where you view it.

—Marel Brown

## Missions by Radio

The Southern Baptist Convention is interested in establishing an international short-wave broadcasting station for foreign mission work in various countries around the earth, Dr. Sam Lowe, of Atlanta, chairman of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, told a group of government and congressional leaders at a recent dinner on Capitol Hill in Washington.

The dinner, arranged by Senator Walter F. George (D.-Ga.), was attended by Senator Tom Connally (D.-Texas), Senator Arthur M. Vandenberg (R.-Mich.), Senator Wallace H. White (R.-Me.), Assistant Secretary of State Williams Benton, Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, and several sub-executives of the Department of State.

Dr. Lowe told the group that Southern Baptists are willing to enter into a cooperative arrangement with Protestant mission bodies to bring the idea of a powerful missionary shortwave station to fruition. The project, he said, would require millions of dollars for financing. He pledged Southern Baptists to "do their full part" in any such undertaking.

Assistant Secretary of State Benton was quoted by those attending the dinner as having pointed out that all international short-wave broadcasting has been in the hands of the Department of State and that as long as the present situation obtains such a project on an international scale by private groups would be impossible.

However, he is said to have stressed that future policies have not yet been determined by Congress. A proposal now is being discussed, he said, which would place international broadcasting in the hands of a foundation partly financed by the federal government but controlled directly by trustees appointed from all walks of American life. The plan would provide for government use of the international broadcasting facilities part of the time, but private broadcasts would be approved by the trustees of the foundation.

Dr. Dawson, spokesman for the Baptists, commented after the dinner that "the subject is complicated, but the government is manifestly friendly to such proposals as the one presented by Dr. Lowe in behalf of Southern Baptists."

## Vigilance Asked

The Birmingham, Ala., Baptist Pastors Conference has gone on record as favoring a national organization to "combat every attempt to invalidate the American Bill of Rights and its corollary, the separation of church and state."

The pastors requested the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations "to approach the Federal Council of Churches and all Protestant denominations, the Jews, the Masons and other groups," regarding formation of such a national organization.

### Truman Cancels

President Truman has advised that because of a heavy spring schedule he will not be able to speak at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis May 11.

The President had tentatively accepted an engagement to speak at the invitation of Dr. Louie D. Newton, Convention president, who recently visited the White House.

In a letter to Dr. John W. Raley, chairman of the Convention's committee on order of business, the President's secretary wrote:

"The President is extremely sorry that he is unable to be with you and your associates at that time, but you have his very best wishes for a successful convention."

Original plans had been for the President a Baptist, to bring his 94-year-old mother to the meeting and deliver a special Mother's Day message.

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

First Church, Judsonia, recently had evangelistic services in which Pastor James E. Carroll, Second Church, El Dorado, was evangelist and W. J. Morris, Pine Bluff, was singer. L. M. Keeling is pastor.

First Church, Texarkana, Dr. James B. Leavell, pastor, has closed evangelistic services in which Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss., did the preaching and John S. Ramond, Shreveport, La., led the singing.

"America Must Be Christian," new book on missions by H. C. Goerner, is now available in a paper-bound edition for 75 cents. Many requests for the paper edition have come from those who want to teach a class. Those who have read "America Must Be Christian" have made most favorable comments, such as: "The best book ever written on missions;" "a comprehensive statement of the present situation in missions;" "his statement of the task of Southern Baptists is the clearest presentation

of our challenge today;" and "a balanced presentation of the whole mission program, foreign, home, state, and local." The book may be purchased from the Baptist Book Store.

Organization of the Junior Royal Ambassadors at Wynne Church was completed at a Father and Son Banquet at which 20 were in attendance. Membership was increased 50 per cent at the second meeting.

Rev. A. D. Kent has again been called to the pastorate of New Prospect Church, near Van Buren, after having been away three years. The church has recently gone to full-time services. Plans are underway for the erection of a parsonage. Pastor Kent served the Excelsior Church, near Greenwood for more than two years, and for the past five months has been pastor of Vesta Church. Since Pastor Kent left New Prospect Church a \$7,500 building has been constructed.

### PASTORAL CHANGES

Carl Bunch from Nettleton Church to Rowe's Chapel Church, Monette.

A. D. Kent from Vesta Church to New Prospect Church, near Van Buren.

J. Harold Griffin from East Side Church, Greene County Association, to Barton's Chapel, Trinity Association.



FIFTY-EIGHT YOUNG WOMEN received nursing degrees from the Baptist State Hospital School of Nursing in one of the largest graduating classes in the institution's history. Thirty-two members of the class are pictured here with Bibles presented by the Gideon Society Auxiliary.

Left to right, they are: First row: Mrs. Raymond Lindsey, Auxiliary president; Martha Ellis, Ava Faye Carter, Eulene Mathis, Wanda Hames, Lois Purtle, Ruth Phillips, Virginia Burns and Mrs. Graham Smith, chairman of the Auxiliary Bible Committee.

Second row: Frances Hutchinson, Hilda Hinson, Mary Wilson, Bernie Mae Foreman, Johnnie Griffith, Margaret Stephens and Olevia Whitlock.

Third row: Margaret Smith, Leota Floyd, Norene Brown, Ruth Birkhead, Juanita Irby, Sue Smith, Eleanor Barfield and Julia Caldwell.

Fourth row: Oma Lee Brewer, Loree Young, Edith Harper, Margaret Williams, Kathryn Doss, Billy Jean Cole Ruth Clayton, Paul-

ine Mitchell, Juanita Holland, class vice president, Mrs. Theo Harrell Auxiliary secretary, and Polly Norris.

Graduates not present when the picture was taken are: Margorie McBride, president, Mary Alice Raney, secretary, Marguerite Moody Blackburn, Billye Jean Brown, Louise Bradbury, Anita Clayton, Daisy F. Cofer, Helen Marie Childress, Hazel Mae Davidson, Ollie Edith Edwards, Mardelle Bishop Fabian, Betty Jean Farmer, Juanita Hagler, Ledenia Hughes, Lorene Gellog, Kathryn Marie Maxine Morton, Thelma McAdoo, Jewel Merkt, Jewel Dean Out, Jackie Ryan, Hazel Shannon, Billie Jean Sorrells, Emma Jean Taylor, Virginia Webb and Betty Wasson.

Baccalaureate sermon for the graduates was preached by Dr. R. C. Campbell of First Church, Little Rock, and commencement address was by William Hall Preston of the Department of Southern Baptist Student Work, Nashville, Tenn. John Gilbreath, hospital administrator, presided.

# Baptist Orphanage Plans and Policies Are Outlined by Superintendent Snider

By L. B. SNIDER, Superintendent  
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage

My family and I arrived at the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage on February 3. Mr. and Mrs. Pugh were present and in charge when we arrived and remained with us through our first week. They gave us much helpful assistance in acquainting us with the institution's setup and routine and in interpreting the children's needs to us.

The children and the staff upon our arrival gave us a warm welcome and made us glad to be among them. Also the Board of Trustees, the members of the First Baptist Church and other citizens of Monticello, and various friends and supporters of the Home throughout the state, have given us a cordial welcome to Arkansas and to our Children's Home—which welcome we sincerely and deeply appreciate.

The following is a brief report of some of the work we have been doing at the Home and propose to do in the future.

**STAFF:** We propose to set up and maintain a child centered and individualized program for our institution. Our first big need toward setting up such a program is an adequate staff. Certainly it is evident that a good staff is necessary for the successful operation of a children's institution.

Since assuming our work we have employed a farmer and a cook. We are still much in need of a man and wife to serve as houseparents for our boys. Also we are in need of a seamstress who can also serve as relief housemother.

Later, perhaps by midsummer, we hope to begin looking for a professionally trained case worker or two to add to our staff. Such workers are necessary if we are really to meet the deeper needs of our children. Many dependent children, because of the tragic experiences they have suffered, have developed deep emotional problems and they need careful and understanding help in working through these problems or disturbances.

The case workers work directly with the children and interpret their deeper needs to the housemothers and others who work closely with them. If children who are disturbed are not given understanding help in working through their problems, they may become serious delinquents, mental cases, etc. Some symptoms of serious emotional disturbances in children are: enuresis, stealing, periods of extreme elation or depression, sex problems, inability to utilize one's full mental ability in school, inability to make friends, inability to control oneself, extreme shyness, suspiciousness, extreme hostility, etc. We need a treatment program for each child and we cannot have such a program without the services of professionally trained case workers.

**FARM:** Our farmer is Mr. D. P. Smith. Mr. Smith is a part time student at Arkansas State M. College. He is married and has two children. He is instructing our boys along the line of scientific farming. Our boys like Mr. Smith very much and he enjoys working with them. We have applied for membership in the Triple A Soil Conservation Program.

Last month we received from our farm 1437 pounds of milk, 270 pounds of beef, and 397 pounds of pork. Incidentally, the milk we got was about an hundred gallons short of the

quantity our children should have had for the month. We bought some milk to make up for part of this lack.

We need several new milk cows. We hope we may be able to get registered jerseys for our milk stock in the near future. There would be a number of advantages in our having registered stock. We could then enter our boys in the 4-H Club work with registered calves, would be assured of a good price when we have a cow or calf for sale, etc. If any of our friends throughout the state wish to give us a registered jersey cow the gift will be most acceptable and appreciated right now.

**MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS:** We found all of our buildings in need of extensive maintenance and repair work. The roofs on our two old barns have to be replaced. The roof on our storage building needs to be painted as does the flat tin roofs on Pugh and Hyatt Halls. The tile roofs on Hyatt and Pugh Halls also are in need of considerable repair and replacement to put them in good condition. The window shades in both of these halls are worn out and in many instances gone and the screens in both buildings are bad and in many instances will have to be replaced.

The heating facilities in both of these buildings are inadequate and the basements in both buildings are in bad state of repair. The doors to these basements in most instances are off and many of the windows are out so that the water runs or blows in freely. The larger part of the above buildings too are in need of painting both within and without and the plaster in both buildings in many places needs to be replaced. Termites are rapidly destroying the hardwood floor of our administration building. This floor will have to be treated at once and the damaged flooring replaced.

Our Board of Trustees have instructed us to have our property put in a good state of repair. We are in the process of having some of this work done now and propose to have the rest done as soon as possible. The cost, of course, will be considerable, but it is economy to have it done now.

## Program Designed To Meet Children's Needs

As stated above, we are endeavoring to make our institutional program one which will meet the needs of the children. In other words, we are building our program around our children's needs. We are endeavoring to utilize all of both our material and human resources toward this end.

We plan to utilize the farm in the interest of the children. The farm provides the children, particularly the boys, with many wholesome outlets in farm work and instruct them along the line of scientific farming. We believe we can do this and at the same time make the farm a definite financial asset.

We are in the process of organizing our daily routine work and adapting it to the interests of the children. Insofar as we can, we are assigning each child the job in which he is most interested and for which he has some ability. We are trying to teach our children that our work is a cooperative enterprise. We consistently require each child to do his work when once it is assigned to him. When we train a child to do his daily routine work well and to work cooperatively with others, we



Superintendent Snider

have taught him a lot as to how to live. We utilize individual interest, group pressure, and the positive relationships between the children and their supervisors to keep the routine work moving smoothly.

**LIBRARY AND STUDY HALL:** We have started a library and study hall for our children in our chapel. We propose to furnish this library with reference books, maps, etc. which will stimulate the children to reading and aid them in their school work. Sixteen of our children in the grades and eight in high school made one or more unsatisfactory grades for the last six weeks period. This is too many low grades for our children and I am sure with the proper encouragement and help on our part they will do better.

We are using some of our brighter children to tutor those who need help. Two of our older children preside over the study hall each week day evening. We pay these children a small amount for their services. We consider the children's schooling very important and we plan to give them all the encouragement and help we can so that each one can make full use of his school opportunities.

**CHILDREN GIVEN ALLOWANCES:** We are giving each of our children a small weekly allowance. Allowances range in amounts from 10 cents for the youngest children to 50 cents for the oldest.

There are no restrictions as to how they use the money. We encourage them to give at least a tenth to the church and we believe they give even more than this. The rest of the money they spend for things they have wanted a long time. Some of the boys have been buying loud smelling hair oil, and all of them apparently have been buying bubble gum! Quite a few are having us save their money toward something they very much want. Several boys are saving toward buying bicycles, one is saving toward buying a watch, one for fishing equipment, etc. One girl is saving her money for a particular kind of shoes she wants, another for a camera, an-

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# Church Fires Increase 20%

By Religious News Service

Damage caused by fire to churches in the United States during the past year will run as much as 20 per cent above the \$4,800,000 loss suffered by edifices of 30-odd denominations in the previous year, according to estimates made by Warren Y. Kimball, fire record executive of the National Fire Protection Association here.

In 1945 there were 2400 church fires in the United States and the Association's records now indicate there were probably at least 400 more fires in churches during the past year.

## A New Hazard

In estimating church fire losses, Kimball pointed to a new and growing danger—that of possible retaliatory acts by subversive agencies against militant churches that speak out against un-American activities.

"We are not making that statement to alarm the churches but to urge them to take greater measures of protection because of the trend of the times," he declared.

"Churches today are as popular a target for the pyromaniac as they ever were because of spectacular possibilities envisioned by persons so inclined," the national fire official warned.

A noticeable change in attitude by church officials toward greater fire protection has come about during the past year, he pointed out, "but we still have a long way to go."

"Church authorities are more sympathetic toward adopting protective measures but there is a decided lack of information and much remains to be done to bring the potential danger into greater prominence."

## Precautions Urged

Records thus far compiled show the traditional trouble spots still exist in too many of the nation's churches. Heating plants and those parts of churches around the organ loft, with unmoderated electrical equipment, caused a great percentage of fires in houses of worship during the past year.

"We still urge churches to consider the ideal manner of safeguarding their heating plants—by locating them in fire-resistant structures outside the main building or doing the same in the church basements," Kimball said. "If we could eliminate this danger one of the greatest sources of church fires would be overcome."

"Church fires occur on an average of three each day in the United States. Fire, like rain, falls upon the just and unjust, in accordance with the natural laws, and churches are daily paying the inevitable penalty for improper construction and indifference to fire protection and indifference to fire protection and fire hazards."

"People are beginning to realize the difficulty of replacing these structures, because of building materials shortages, to say nothing of the historic and sentimental value of churches.

"The minimum of protection for any church is a good automatic alarm system that will attract attention to the fire at the outset and sprinklers placed in hazardous areas of the buildings."

## Little Loss of Life

Mr. Kimball said several churches in Canada during the past year were saved from destruction by having either or both of those protective devices.

He said fire officials are amazed at the number of churches that are left unattended

during the week, with little or no attention paid to them.

Strangely enough, the Association official explained, there has been little loss of life in church fires during the past year, despite the hazards of lighted candles, flimsy decorations, processions, delicate costumes used in church affairs, and similar factors.

He said ordinary good housekeeping in most churches, caution in use of candles, cleaning up after socials, refraining from forcing heating plants, and simple precautions against fire that are exercised in most homes, would cut down the annual national toll tremendously.

Church fires are among the most difficult to fight, Kimball pointed out, because of the nature of church construction—high vaulted roofs, plenty of room for drafts in concealed spaces in the walls and the lack of automatic alarm facilities, which enable the blazes to get good starts.

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Second Church, Pine Bluff, reports a good church revival in which Pastor E. C. Brown, Blytheville, did the preaching. Pastor H. H. Bridges says: "Bro. Brown is a good preacher and wise leader for revival meetings. He understands the pastor's problems and knows how to help work them out."

# Dr. Tripp Elected to Succeed Bristow As Southern Hospital Superintendent

By E. P. VANDIVER  
President, Board of Directors  
Southern Baptist Hospital

Dr. Frank Tripp, pastor of the First Church of Montgomery, Ala., for the last nine years, has been elected superintendent of Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans to succeed Dr. Louis J. Bristow, who resigned after 23 years of service in that office.

Doctor Tripp is well known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, of which body he was vice president in 1935-36. He has served on the Convention's Executive Committee for 17 years, and was its president several years. He organized and carried to a successful conclusion the Hundred Thousand Club for the payment of more than six million dollars debts on Southern Baptist boards and agencies. He has been a successful pastor in several States and his interest in the ministry of healing has been manifest wherever he has lived and served.

Doctor Bristow has done a notable work as superintendent of the Hospital in New Orleans. Before going there he had established the South Carolina Baptist Hospital and served as its first superintendent, and also the Alabama Baptist Hospital. When he went to New Orleans in 1924 the Convention constituency was not a unit in support of the hospital work, and the infant enterprise had rather rough sailing for several years. There was no money at all, and Doctor Bristow lived on borrowed money for five months before denominational funds began to come in.

By his wise, tactful and competent management the hospital won its way into the hearts of the brotherhood, and today it is one of the outstanding Baptist institutions in this country. For several years it has ranked amongst the very top houses of healing, and only one

# 16 Arkansans Will Graduate at Seminary

A total of 220 men are candidates for degrees at the annual commencement exercises of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Louisville, May 2. Of these, sixteen are from Arkansas. They are:

Garland H. Allen, Tuckerman, B. D. degree; John Shelburn Ashcraft, Detonti, B. D.; I. McDonald, Russellville, B. D.; William H. Montgomery, Donaldson, B. D.; Carl McKinley Overton, Arkadelphia, B. D.; John H. Parrott, Tuckerman, B. D.; Thurman N. Shaddox, Harrison, B. D.; John E. Steely, Mountain View, B. D.; Alfred C. Vansant, Jacksonville, B. D.; Lehman Franklin Webb, Tuckerman, B. D.; Walter Lee Yeldell, Jr., Little Rock, Th. M. degree; Daniel Wade Armstrong, Hartford, Th. M.; David O. Moore, Texarkana, Th. M.; Frank Ford Norfleet, Weiner, Th. M.; Ellis Loraine Tiffany, Siloam Springs, Th. M.; Weldon E. Marcum, Jonesboro, B. D.

Commencement speakers will include: Dr. W. W. Adams, president of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., who will deliver the baccalaureate address, April 30; Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, who will speak at the annual Missionary Day services held as a part of the graduation exercises, May 1; and Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Seminary, who will give the commencement address, May 2.

non-government owned hospital in the United States admits a larger number of patients annually, according to figures published by the American Medical Association.

Under Doctor Bristow's business management the New Orleans Hospital has prospered in a material way just as it has in its service. With no money whatever to start with, the Hospital has grown until today it is a plant which has cost more than two and a half millions of dollars, all of which is paid for; and it has more than half a million dollars surplus in a building fund. Acting under authority of the Convention, work to establish a Southern Baptist Hospital in San Antonio is now under way, with every prospect of success. And the Executive Committee of the Convention has approved similar projects for Jacksonville and Birmingham. Doctor Tripp, a glorious consummation, we all believe, will take up this work and carry it through to the end.

Doctor Bristow is the last of the "old guard" among Southwide Baptist executives. When he took up the work in New Orleans, Love was secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Gray of the Home Board; Van Ness of the Sunday School Board; Lunsford of the Relief and Annuity Board; Henderson of the Brotherhood (then called Laymen's Movement); and James was secretary of the now non-existent Education Board. The Seminary presidents who were Mullins, Scarborough and DeMent of these have gone on to their reward. May Brother Bristow's life be spared to us for years to come.

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Realization . . .

# Glories of the Resurrection

By DOUGLAS M. WHITE  
First Church, DeWitt

In his doctrinal expression of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, Paul states that "He was delivered for our offenses, but raised again for our justification."

Even though the death of Christ were vicarious, and He expired under the burden of our sin and guilt upon Calvary . . . even though the wrath of God was poured out upon Him there, and He laid down His life to satisfy the demands of a broken law and the justice of God . . . even though the shedding of His blood was in response to the mute appeal of a hopeless and helpless humanity; unless Christ rose again from the dead it was all in vain, a useless and a worthless sacrifice. A dead saviour is no saviour. That is why, in defining the Gospel to the Corinthian Church, Paul is careful to state: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

## Resurrection Makes Pardon Possible

It is true that He died under the curse of human sin, but it is also true that He rose from the dead to deliver men from their sins. Death without resurrection would be as a pardon without a signature, a vault without a key, a haven without a harbour, an inheritance without an executor. The death of Christ to atone for our sins is only made valid by His resurrection from the dead. "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." The forgiveness which is ours by virtue of His death upon the cross is made available to us through His resurrection. The free pardon of God is procured only upon the basis of the resurrection. The cross pays the price; but the resurrection procures the pardon.

He was "raised again for our justification." God declares us to be just when we come into vital relationship with the risen Christ through faith. "We shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." Apart from resurrection it would be impossible for a just God to pardon a guilty sinner; we would just be tantalized with a life which could neither be obtained nor lived, and a futile sacrifice.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." The verdict of "not guilty"—the only thing which can bring peace to the troubled heart—can never be pronounced by the judge of all the earth until those who are at enmity with Him because of sin, have put their faith in sin's conqueror, the Lord Jesus Christ. The sins for which the incarnate Christ died can only be forgiven and removed by a risen Christ. God proclaims the innocence of every believer on the ground of the resurrection of His crucified Son.

## Ours Is Only Living Saviour

Dr. Harry Rimmer was traveling in Egypt and, while negotiating with the Secretary of State, a refined and cultured gentleman, he engaged him in conversation concerning religious experience.

*This is the second in a series of four messages on "The Glories of the Resurrection," being heard on eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.*

"We believe that God has given to man three revelations of Himself," said Dr. Rimmer.

"We, too, believe that," said the man, who was a Moslem.

"We believe that God has revealed Himself in the words of creation."

"We, too, believe that."

"We believe that God has revealed Himself in a book—the Bible."

"We believe that God has revealed Himself in a book—the Koran."

"We believe that God has revealed Himself in a man—that man is Jesus Christ."

"We believe that God has revealed Himself in a man—that man is the prophet Mohammed."

"We believe that Jesus died to save His followers."

"We believe that Mohammed died for his people."

"We believe," said Dr. Rimmer, "that Jesus is able to substantiate His claims because He rose from the dead."

The Moslem hesitated, then his eyes fell, and finally he replied, "We have no information concerning our prophet after his death."

Jesus Christ is supreme because He is the only one who ever conquered death and triumphed over the grave.

*I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.*

*He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's  
narrow way.*

*He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with  
in my heart.*

—A. H. ACKLEY.

## Personal Belief Necessary

"Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." See him as he stands by the altar with upraised hand, ready to plunge the sacrificial knife into the heart of his only son, in accordance with the command of God. Abraham believed that God, who had miraculously given him a son in his old age that through him might come the One in whom all families of the earth should be blessed, would raise Isaac from the dead in order to fulfill His promise. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able to perform."

In like manner we must believe that God, having permitted the foul dagger of sin to stab His only begotten Son to death has raised Him from the dead for the redemption of all who will believe in Him. Those who put their faith in the risen Christ discover that He has imparted to them His own garment of righteousness, without which no man may come into the presence of God. "If thou shalt confess

with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Only a heart belief in a living Saviour, expressed in the outward confession of the lips, will bring salvation to lost men and women.

Down through the ages men have vainly sought for one who could take hold of Almighty God with one hand and sinful man with the other, and bring them to reconciliation. All those who have proposed to do so have failed because they lost their grip when the icy fingers of death closed about their hearts and the death rattle was heard in their throats.

"There is one God, and one mediator between God and men the man Christ Jesus." "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." The God-man, who died and rose again, is the only one who can satisfactorily mediate between a holy God and a sinful man, bringing them into harmony. Because He lives, and is now seated "on the right hand of the Majesty on high" He can save from the uttermost to the uttermost. Salvation is complete and eternal for all who put their trust in Him. "For me to live is Christ." Will you open your heart to the living Christ today?

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## Church Sponsors

### Mothers' Council

A Mothers' Council "to encourage fellowship among the mothers, to give the mothers instruction in child rearing, and to bring more mothers into the fellowship of the church" has been organized at Second Church, Little Rock. Rev. Roy Paslay, assistant pastor and educational director of the church, said he believes the council is the first to be organized in any Baptist church in the state.

Lectures on child guidance have been given by various speakers. Harry S. Kirshman, guidance director in Little Rock High School, spoke on "The Social and Personal Development of the Child" at a recent meeting. Dr. M. Ray McKay pastor of the church, discussed "Religious Development of the Child" at the first meeting; and Miss Gay Gattis, supervisor of Nursing School at Senior High School, Little Rock, has spoken at another meeting.

Mrs. David M. Switzer, Jr., has been elected president of the Council. Mrs. John Heflin is vice-president; Mrs. J. L. Copeland, secretary; and James Henderson and Mrs. Charles Routon, program chairmen.

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## F. E. Calvert Dead

By B. V. FERGUSON, Pastor  
First Church, Fort Smith

Rev. F. E. Calvert of Fort Smith died recently. His funeral was conducted at the First Baptist Church by the pastor. He was a member of this church for some 25 years.

Bro. Calvert was a minister of the gospel for some 60 years or more. He had been a Christian for nearly 75 years. He lived to the ripe old age of 86. The last few years of his life were not given to the active service in the ministry. He had been pastor and missionary in Missouri, where he was reared, and in Oklahoma the most of his life.

Bro. Calvert was a great man and served well in his day. He had also attained considerable literary ability, and was connected for a considerable time with newspaper work.

I regarded Bro. Calvert as one of the best men and the soundest and best informed Baptists I have ever known. He had a great faith and was faithful to the end.



## Orphanage Plans

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other for a trip to camp, another for a radio, and so on.

We give the children allowances because of the constructive effect the possession and use of money has on their worthwhileness, and our children need the stimulation or lift that money brings them. Quite a few friends of our Home have already expressed their approval of allowances for the children and a number of them have given us money to be used for this purpose. So we have started an allowance and recreational fund. The recreational part of the fund is used to pay the children's way to athletic games at the schools, and for other wholesome recreation and entertainment.

**MEDICAL PROGRAM:** Doctors Robert and Lewis Hyatt and Dr. J. M. Price are working with us in developing a medical program for our children. These same physicians will serve our children. Our medical program will include regular semi-annual physical examinations for the children and annual examinations for our staff. A health chart will be developed for each child which will serve as a guide for us toward building up and maintaining a good state of health for each of the children. A program for regular dental services is also being developed for our children.

We propose to give the children good wholesome food—the kind of food they need for proper growth and development. One such food is eggs. Our children need an abundance of this bone building food. We are suggesting that Arkansas Baptists send us an offering of eggs during the spring season. Baptists in other states do this for their Children's Homes. We have cold storage space at the Home in which we can store 75 to 100 cases of eggs. Eggs may be sent to us by Express, Parcel Post, etc. We shall be glad to pay express charges and return empty cases to donors.

**CHILDREN MADE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY:** What should be our children's relation to the community? Should we isolate them from the community or make them a part of the community? The answer from experience is that by all means we should make them a part of the community. In line with this policy we are sending our children to the church for the Training Union, GA, RA and Sunbeam Band services, rather than having these services here at the Home. Also we are making it possible for our children to attend and participate in the various exercises conducted by the schools. This contact and participation with the other children in the community in the various community activities is necessary for our children's normal development.

**POLICIES:** Our Board of Trustees in a recent meeting authorized us to revise the written policies of our institution with reference to the admission and disposition of children. We are, therefore, revising our admission policy so that we can admit children with or without their custody. We shall henceforth require the custody of a child only when the transference of his custody to us will be in the interest of the child.

We have eliminated the age limits for the admission and disposition of children. We shall now admit any white child whose needs we believe we may be able to meet, regardless of his (or her) age and keep him only so long as we are able to meet his needs. It is not in the interest of the child to have to

look forward to a date when he is required to leave the institution. We do not have such a plan in our own homes. Each child should think in terms of leaving only when he is ready to leave or when a better plan is worked out for him.

We are discussing the matter of changing the name of our institution from an orphanage to a children's home. This change, we believe, should be made. The above changes in the policies of our institution will make possible a great enlargement of our work. They will mean that we shall have an opportunity to render a much larger and better service to the dependent children of our state.

**PUBLICITY:** We hope to keep Arkansas Baptists informed as to the policies, program, needs, etc. of our Children's Home. We believe Arkansas Baptists will provide adequate and intelligent support for the care of our dependent children when they know of their needs. Space in the Arkansas Baptist is very limited during this time of paper shortage when the size of the paper has to be curtailed, but we are assured that our Home news, reports, etc. will be published promptly when at all possible.

We would be pleased to have the reaction of the friends of our Home to our program as outlined above.

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## Layman Leads

By J. T. BARBEE, Pastor  
First Church, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

Lawson H. Cooke, secretary of the Brotherhood of the South, led in a Brotherhood revival in First Church, Carlsbad, N. M., beginning March 9. From the time he arrived until he left our men were lifted in a spiritual way by a layman, such as had never before been experienced.

On March 16 we received 10 additions to our church. One was a great big fellow who became convicted of sin under Bro. Cooke's messages. He came forward in complete surrender.

Bro. Cooke shoots straight at the mark for real men. (The fellow mentioned above stands six feet, three inches tall and weighs around 250 pounds. He is a real man in every other way, too.)

The good accomplished in our laymen's revival will carry on indefinitely. Any church securing such services from this great man of the Lord will be blessed in a way never before attained.

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Clyde C. Godfrey of Booneville, a student in Southwestern Seminary, is pastor of Newsome Church, 160 miles east of Fort Worth.

A precious parchment Bible dated 1241 has been donated to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem under the will of the late Dr. Joshua Shame. The Bible is richly illuminated and contains annotations by David Kimhi, famous Spanish rabbi, who died in 1235, and in whose family the Bible was preserved from generation to generation.

A record of 22,000 pounds (about \$88,000) was paid at auction in London for Volume I of the famous Gutenberg Bible. The purchase was made by Ernest Maggs, London Book seller, on behalf of a private buyer.

"Bethel in Battle," a chaplain's sketch book, was written by Pastor Mark Lowry, Goss Baptist Church, Goss, Miss. It was written out of his experiences as a chaplain in the army during the war. The price is \$1.50 postpaid. It may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store or from the author.

Stand Up And . . .

## BE COUNTED

By DUKE K. McCALL

The standing of the Southern Baptist Convention among the religious bodies of the United States is involved. The quota of Southern Baptist chaplains for both the Army and the Navy will be determined by what is done. The reaction to any resolution passed or position taken by the Southern Baptist Convention on any matter of morals or on the separation of church and state will be affected.

Your part is to stand up and be counted. Every ten years the Census Bureau of the United States government makes a census of religious bodies. Because there is no bishop over any Baptist pastor to report for the churches, the Census Bureau sends out a questionnaire to every Baptist church. If that is not filled out and mailed in, the official figures concerning Southern Baptists will be incorrect for the next ten years.

Authors and government officials rely on this census of religious bodies for their information. At the same time this information does not open the door to any sort of invasion of the rights of Southern Baptists. The information itself is actually published by the Southern Baptist Convention in many different places but that will not help if the official census report is incorrect.

Help Southern Baptists to have the standing and influence among the denominations of the United States it deserves by sending in a complete, accurate report at your earliest convenience.

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Benton County Association began simultaneous schools of missions in many churches of the county April 6. Mission speakers for the week were Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe, Southern Baptist missionaries to China; Miss Vena Aguilard, missionary to French people in Louisiana; Rev. John T. Davis, of Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans; Mrs. Roe R. Beard, who works with her husband among the Cherokee Indians in eastern Oklahoma; Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Rev. S. A. Wiles, missionary Central Association; Rev. Meldon S. Lloyd, missionary Mt. Zion Association; Rev. G. E. Lafferty, missionary, Boone-Carroll Association; Rev. S. U. Butts, pastor, First Church, Coweta, Okla.; Rev. Floyd M. Craig, pastor, First Church, Haskell, Okla.; Rev. W. E. Darby, pastor, First Church, Southwest City, Mo.; Rev. Bob Jackson, pastor, First Church, Fort Gibson; Okla.; Rev. Troy E. Brooks, pastor, Lowell Church; and Rev. Grady O. Watson, missionary to the deaf, New Orleans, La.

Members of First Church, Paragould, presented Pastor I. M. Prince with a new Dodge four-door sedan at the close of regular services March 16. Presentation speech was made by J. A. Edwards.

The Executive Board of Tri-County Association has sent a love gift of \$50 to Rev. C. W. Anderson, who recently retired from his post as missionary of the association and has made his home at Burlison, Tex. Accompanying the \$50 was a note which said: "In a measure may this express to you our love and appreciation for the work you did while you were with us. God alone knows the value and eternity shall reveal it to us."

## RURAL ARKANSAS CRIES FOR GOSPEL

Some years ago I heard Brother Elmer Morgan preach a missionary sermon that was a dandy. The scripture he used was the parable of the Good Samaritan. He said something like this: "Here was a man who had been robbed, stripped of his raiment and half dead who needed help. The priest and Levite, religious leaders of the day, saw his plight, but were not moved with compassion to lend a helping hand. But an old half-breed, a Samaritan, looked upon the man with compassion and did for him what the others could have done and ought to have done."

Then Brother Morgan made this application: "All over our state are destitute areas where the gospel ought to be preached and missionary work done. As Baptists we are under an obligation to render this aid to the people of our state. It is our privilege as well as duty. If we don't, some off-brand religious groups will come along and enter the fields and do, in some measure, what we Baptists ought to have done."

Now, brethren, that is exactly what is being done. The mission territory which ought to have been entered by Baptist missionaries years ago, is now being filled with missionaries of various sects. The Assembly of God and Church of God groups are now well scattered over the state. But there is a new group drifting into the northern section of the state. It is known as the Missionary Christian Alliance. It seems to be an inter-denominational movement and is financed by northern interest.

This group now has many church houses with pastors living on the field. Over at Parthenon, right under the shadow of the old buildings of the former Parthenon Baptist Academy, is such a church. There is no Baptist Church house, but this Missionary Christian Alliance not only has a building of worship, but also a nice little library building filled with religious books. One could guess the type of books to be found there.

To show how the various sects are entering our state we quote below a few excerpts of a letter from a young man from Des Moines, Iowa, which was addressed to the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

"For three years I have been a missionary in the Ozark mountains of Northwest Arkansas. The church I have been going to and the school along with the missionary board I was under are of the "Open Bible Standard Church," a tributary from the Aimee Semple McPherson, Four-Square Organization which you no doubt know are Full Gospel as they call themselves. This may be hard for you to understand, but I'm not Full Gospel, if you use it as often applied. I am Baptist and always will be.

"I have that burning urge to do missionary work again among the hill people. That is why I went under Open Bible in the first place. They offered me a place and told me I could have a little community or people's church. Well that didn't work out. They became eager to indoctrinate all the new converts in their interpretation of the Holy Spirit, Tongues, and Divine Healing. I could do on no longer.

"Those hills are teeming with young people who are blessed with talent. Electricity is just now penetrating into these parts. As yet no other church would give any opposition right now. Yet I know what is in the offing. The Open Bible Pentecostal Church has extension plans laid to penetrate the hills from an existing station they now have near by.

### Department of MISSIONS

*C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent*

The people of the community are Baptist and extremely poor but strong Christians.

"What the people need is a leader. They have done well, alone, but I do not want to see their flock be infested with wolves. If you have jurisdiction over that territory and consider the experience I have had along with the studying, I here-by make application for a missionary position in that community. With \$75 per month the Mrs. and I could get along

until I get my bearing in the community. I am originally from the hills and believe I know my people."

It is the hope of the Mission Department that such fields as mentioned above may be fully supplied with Baptist missionaries. So, as long as funds are available, these destitute areas will be helped. Baptists just cannot afford to neglect these mission fields and leave the task to these religious sects.

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Following a survey which revealed that there are 85 Baptist students attending Hendrix College, Conway, a BSU has been organized. Its purpose is to seek the enlistment of these Baptist young people in the program of the Baptist churches of Conway. Pastor Harold Tillman, First Church, Conway, and T. D. McCulloch, state Student Union secretary, led in the organization. Officers are Kenneth Parker, president; Juanita Metcalf, first vice-president; Frances McClurkin, second vice-president; Alfred Earl Stabler, third vice-president; Elizabeth Thorn, secretary; and Wallace Glover, reported.

*Statewide . . .*

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## Baptists in Maryland...

# Where Pastors Are Few

By JOHN D. FREEMAN  
Rural Field Worker,  
Home Mission Board

Eastern Baptist Association of Maryland extends some 100 miles from north to south along the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay. In that area are many thousands of people, farmers, dairymen, truck growers, factory workers, and all kinds of fishermen. They are a bighearted, sturdy people, many of them of New England extraction, but with an increasing number of Southerners among them.

Baptist churches are far between. According to the 1945 reports, there are 18 churches in the area, with 3,129 members. Eight of these churches reported no baptism for that year.

The field served by Pastor Charles Paul, Hurlock and East New Market, covers an area approximately 12 miles in diameter, yet the two churches reach on an average less than 100 people in their weekly teaching services. More people of the area express a preference for Baptists than are being reached, yet most of them live too far from either meeting house to attend unless transportation could be provided.

Hurlock could go to full time work, but that would mean that East New Market would have no resident ministry, probably none at all, for preachers are scarce in the area. The field is typical of thousands of others throughout the South; every time one part-time church takes the full time of a pastor one of two others must go with no pastoral care, and many of these are slowly dying.

### Cooperating in Service

A beautiful bit of joint labor was carried out during the week of March 9 - 16 under the direction of William J. Crowder, Maryland rural worker. He aided Pastor Charles Paul in an effort to revive the work in East New Market. Because the church is extremely small and its members either work every day or else are in school, it was necessary to have outside aid in making the survey, so seven other pastors of Eastern Association came and did the work in a fine spirit of generosity.

The survey could not be completed because of impassable rural roads, the result of the heavy snowstorms of the last part of February. But it showed clearly the lack of vision which leads Baptists to neglect planting and maintaining a church, or some extension work, in every well defined community. Only in those areas where Baptists did this in other days were there any appreciable number of prospects today.

### A Great Field

Maryland is a great field for Baptist endeavor. Secretary Jo-

seph T. Watts with his helpers is working against tremendous odds, for there are so few churches in the state and so very many needy fields. Furthermore, thousands of Baptists from the southern states now live in this state, yet for the most part are unaffiliated with the Baptist Churches because too far removed from them. There are scores of fishing villages, many goodly farm villages, large towns, and great open rural sections that are unchurched, just waiting for Baptist workers who, of course, cannot be sent in any appreciable numbers by the Maryland State Board because of its small constituency.

The fine spirit which led most of the pastors of Eastern Association to join in the work at East New Market will help hasten the extension of our work, and make possible provision for the spiritual needs of many others of the seaboard state. For a time of real fellowship, good fun, hard work and generous sharing of talents, I recommend such a program as that which Dr. Crowder devised for the East New Market field.

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## NEW BOOK

By HAROLD C. SEEFELDT  
Pastor, First Church, Paris

It has recently been my privilege to review the new book, "Verities of the Gospel," written by Dr. Zeno Wall, who for more than 20 years has been pastor of First Church, Shelby, N. C.

These messages come out of the deep, rich experiences of this noble man of God. Dr. Wall is outstanding as a pastor, preacher, evangelist, counselor, and friend. In spite of his attainments and honors he has not lost the common touch, and these messages are but echoes of sermons delivered. To know the man behind the messages makes the messages more real, but anyone will profit indeed to thoughtfully review some of the verities of the Gospel as here presented.

Dr. Wall is also the author of "Heartening Messages" which has gone into its third edition. These two books are both Broadman Books of Merit, and can be secured at our Baptist Book Store. The price is \$1.50 each.

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## Letter to the Editor

Caldwell Commended

Dear Editor:

Please allow me the coveted opportunity of saying a word to Arkansas Baptists about my old Louisiana friend, Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions for Arkansas Baptists.

I was greatly pleased some days ago on learning through the columns of the Arkansas Baptist of the action of the Executive Board in electing Dr. Caldwell to this strategic opportunity in the great, good state of Arkansas. Knowing Dr. Caldwell as I do, his love for the Lord, his consecration to the great task of winning lost men to a knowledge of Jesus Christ, his ability in the field of organization, and his experience in the pastorate and denominational affairs, I have no hesitancy in saying that Arkansas Baptists made a wise choice.

It was my privilege to know Dr. Caldwell at close range in Louisiana. He was one of the most beloved pastors in the entire state. He was never too busy to give to his denomination freely of his time and talents and training. He occupied several key positions in the denominational life of Louisiana Baptists, and in every instance gave a good account of himself and rendered a high type of Christian service.

May the blessings of our heavenly Father attend him in this new and larger opportunity which has been opened to him. Increasingly, Arkansas Baptists will find occasion for thanksgiving to God as he leads in a great, aggressive, progressive mission program.

B. C. Land, Director  
Stewardship Promotion  
Baptist State Executive Board  
Montgomery, Alabama.



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## A Great Time Was Had by All

In reporting the Youth Choir Festival held last Friday night in Mitchell Hall, Ouachita College, it is difficult to avoid the use of superlatives. In every way, the first event of this kind sponsored by Arkansas Baptists exceeded the highest goals.

Approximately 300 young people, aged 13 to 18, from all over the state participated in a beautiful concert of church music directed by Dr. Warren Angell, dean of the School of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University. This climaxed a busy day of singing by each of the individual groups for adjudication. The groups comprised Girls' Ensembles, Mixed Three - part groups, and Four-part Choirs of Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass.

Written comment on the work of each group will be mailed to its director. In this way, the strong points observed in the singing can be magnified and the weak points eliminated.

Great enthusiasm was manifested by the young men and women singing, and much unusual talent came to light. Dr. Angell was very generous in his praise of the work done in preparation for this musical event, and urged the boys and girls to continue their splendid efforts. He predicted that next year's Festival will be marked by greatly increased attendance and musical development.

Words of sincere appreciation are herewith presented to Dr. J. R. Grant, president of Ouachita College, who so cordially cooperated in making the facilities of the school available for the Festival. Mrs. N. W. Denty, the dietician, served bountiful and delicious meals to the group. The invaluable work of Miss Maxie Cleere and the entire personnel of the Ouachita Choir was a major factor in the success of the undertaking. Jim Parker rendered superior service as the accompanist for the rehearsals and the program. Special thanks goes to the three adjudicators, Dr. Angell, Miss Cleere and Mr. Hatcher Hoyt, music director of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

All the directors who prepared the Youth Choir of their church to have a part in this Festival should feel a sense of pride and gratitude over its outcome. It is certain that work in the realm of Youth

Choir activities will henceforth meet with much warmer response than formerly. Parents will see to it that a full music ministry is available to their children through the religious education facilities of their church. Next year the work will be expanded to include also a Junior Choir Festival.

Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state director of church music, working with the support of the Religious Education Department and its director, Dr. Edgar Williamson, has a greatly enlarged program planned for the coming months. The State-wide Hymn-playing Contest for Juniors and Intermediates will be the next feature of the plan and will take place at the Church Music Convention, meeting at the First Church, Little Rock, Monday and Tuesday, June 9 and 10.

### There is Power In Associational Training Schools

The associations which are having Associational-wide Training Schools are finding them to be powerful institutions of training. Most of the schools are receiving more awards in one week than the number of awards received by all of the churches for the whole year, when conducted by the church one at a time. Some associations are receiving up to a 500 per cent increase.

This means that not only more awards are earned, but that more churches are training; more Sunday school workers are training; more books are being taught, and more and better Sunday schools are being developed. The power from these schools is derived from the workers who, through training and inspiration, leave the school to more efficiently serve their Lord.

Thus far, one or more workers from the Department of Religious

Education have helped in the promotion and work of these schools. For information or help in an Associational-wide Training School, write to your State Sunday School Superintendent, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

### Gainesville Association Has Simultaneous Training School

Gainesville Association recently had a Simultaneous Training School for Sunday school workers. Due to the flu, only about one third of the churches were able to complete the course. In spite of the sickness the school was a grand success. It now looks like there will be an increase of over 500 per cent in awards received over last year. One small church, with only 28 members, had a study course with an average of 17 in attendance. This is the first course this church has ever had. Another small church had three classes, with around 60 in attendance each night. Rev. H. W. Johnston is missionary of the association.

### WANTED! Training Union Quarterly Reports

Report forms have been sent to each Training Union in Arkansas. Every individual union should fill out the report form found in the back of the quarterly, and mail to the State Training Union director just as soon as possible. It is highly important that we receive reports at the close of each quarter. It is one of the best mediums

of information which will indicate the weak points in your work, as well as the good points, and will greatly aid you in the work for the next quarter, for you will know just where the extra effort should be placed. This is the only way that this office has of keeping in close touch with the training work of the various churches.

We are most anxious to report every A-1 union, or A-1 Training Union organization at the close of each quarter. We are confident that there are a number of Standard unions each quarter that are not reported for the reason that reports are not sent in. Directors, presidents, and leaders are urged to make a regular quarterly report of their Training Union work.

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### The Missionary Leader

The question is often asked, what can a Missionary Leader of a Training Union do? The answer to this question is found on page 29 of the April issue of the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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THE PRESENCE of 83 men out of an enrolment of 100 is a testimony on the effectiveness of organization and work made by the Minute Men's Class of First Church, Nashville. The class, organized three years ago from two small classes, has grown from an average attendance of 8 or 10 men to 60 or 80 each Sunday.

Pastor W. E. Perry, teacher of the class, says: "This growth has come about by organization and work. The teacher has not had to do all the work; the men of the class have gone into the

'highways and hedges' and brought them in. We feel that this class is a bit unusual in that Nashville is a small town, having a population of about 3500.

"But the best has not been told," says Pastor Perry. "The pastor has had the pleasure of baptizing several of these men during the past three years.

"Baptist churches of Arkansas, do not say that the men will not attend. They will attend. So organize and go after them."

**Liberty Association Promotes WMU Clinic**

By Mrs. IRA B. ROGERS

Liberty Associational WMU promoted a very successful clinic March 27-28 at the Immanuel Baptist Church, El Dorado, with 125 women in attendance. Mrs. H. C. Terry, superintendent, Mrs. Charlie V. Crain, young people's counselor and other associational officers had planned well for this meeting.

Simultaneous conferences were conducted for presidents, secretaries and circle chairmen, enlistment, programs, mission study, community missions and stewardship chairmen and young people's counselors respectively by Mesdames C. H. Ray, executive secretary, J. E. Short, president, H. M. Keck, mission study chairman, F. E. Goodbar, community Missions chairman and Charlie V. Crain, associational young people's counselor.

A model missionary program was presented by Mrs. Short and Mrs. Goodbar explaining community missions. At the evening session Mrs. Ray held a conference on Business Woman's Circles after which plans were made for organizing a BWC Federation in the association, the superintendent appointing a committee to recommend officers for election at a meeting to be held in May. Mr. Alvin Hatton, RA secretary, assisted Mrs. Charlie V. Crain in a conference on RA work with four pastors and 17 other workers in attendance, Dr. Carl A. Clark, pastor at large in the association, delivering the challenge to the workers.

On the second day of the clinic

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90 women witnessed the following demonstrations: Model Executive Committee meeting presented by Mrs. J. E. Berry, president WMU of Smackover; Model Business meeting by Mrs. C. H. Ray; Model Missionary Round Table by Mrs. L. R. Prickett, president, Southeast District; Church Night of Stewardship under leadership of Mrs. Harold B. Tillman.

Inspiration speakers were Miss Elma Cobb, student secretary of Nurses at the Baptist State Hospital and Mrs. H. B. Tillman of Conway.

**The Culpeppers Transferred to Chile**

By HUGO H. CULPEPPER

As many of our friends throughout the state already know, some months ago we began preparations for returning to China. When plans were completed, at the last moment the shipping company cancelled our passage for lack of space. During the interim, the trend of events in north China led the Board leaders to suggest that it would be unwise for us to try to get into north China just now. While we came to agree with their

judgment, it meant further delay in getting to our work after these years of delay during our experience of internment in the Philippine Islands.

It was not unnatural for our hearts to turn to Chile as a possible field of service. Ruth's first impression of a call to foreign missions came through the influence of Miss Anne Laseter, a missionary to Chile who was speaking at a GA conference. During our seminary years, through our friendship with a fellow student from Chile, Honorio Espinosa, we came to feel the challenge of Chile as a mission field. Through the years we have had a standing invitation from him as a leader in the Chilean Baptist Convention to join them in their work for Christ there. After prayerful consideration, we came to feel that we should go there and get settled in a place of service now.

In keeping with our request, the Foreign Mission Board authorized our transfer to Chile at the February meeting of the Board in Richmond. We expect to sail from

New York City on a ship of the Grace Lines, May 16, 1947. After a voyage of about three weeks through the Panama Canal and down the west coast of South America, we shall arrive in Santiago, Chile, where we are to be stationed just now.

The Baptist work in Chile is a minority movement; there are only about 4000 Baptists in all of Chile. But there is real religious freedom there, and about 25 Southern Baptist missionaries are working to win people to a vital faith in Jesus Christ, such as evangelical Christianity seeks to propagate. Our impression, as we go, is that the number of Roman Catholics there who are zealously living their faith is also a minority. While nominally Roman Catholic, the majority of the people are indifferent to religion. Secularism and a materialistic viewpoint on life seems to prevail there.

We shall appreciate the prayers and continued interest of friends here at home, as we shall seek to be used of the Lord there in the work of the Kingdom.

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# Brotherhood Odds and Ends

The Brotherhood Conference at Ridgecrest will be held during the week of August 14-20. During the same period will be held the Foreign Mission Board Conference, the Young Men's Mission Conference, and the Editorial Conference. There will be many opportunities during this week for getting a view of much of what Southern Baptists are doing both at home and abroad. It should be a great week at Ridgecrest.

If you are planning to go to Ridgecrest it will be well to make your reservation as soon as possible. Send one dollar (per person) to Mr. Robert J. Guy, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

We are happy that the Brotherhood Department was able to participate in the recent series of Bible Conferences held in the various districts throughout the state. We believe that the conferences were profitable to those who were able to attend.

In a Brotherhood revival held by the First Baptist Church of Rogers, there were nineteen additions, fourteen coming by baptism. One of the features of the revival was an all men's choir. Brother Rel Gray, pastor, is doing a great work among a very lovable people.

Some of our churches are hesitating to set about to organize their men into a Brotherhood because "We don't have enough men." The fact is that the pastor and one faithful layman can together form the nucleus of a fine Brotherhood.

Brotherhoods in many of our smaller churches are being formed with less than a dozen charter members. Logically, the way to enlist men in the Brotherhood is first to organize the Brotherhood of the men who are willing, and then seek to enlist the others.

A few men engaged continually at the work of their church can bring the impossible to pass.


Men are challenged by big tasks! Often we set little things before big men, small tasks which make no real challenge to their abilities and powers.

Men are not developed by small jobs and little responsibilities.

It is also well to remember that God uses busy men!

The church Brotherhood activities program should present to every man of the Brotherhood a sort of panorama of Christian experiences. Every man needs to discover his aptitudes and abilities and to have the opportunity to develop his specialties.

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## Figures to Inspire

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Church	Addns.	S. S.	T. U.
Arkadelphia, First	1	546	224
Bauxite, First	1	339	102
Benton, First	8	507	124
Including Mission		591	
Camden, First		490	120
Conway, First	2	418	115
Cullendale, First	1	303	108
El Dorado Churches:			
First	4	829	195
West Side		219	77
Fordyce, First		296	120
Fort Smith, First	7	1088	346
Hamburg, First	2	316	166
Hot Springs Churches:			
Park Place		395	131
Second	6	501	141
Including Mission		555	
Jacksonville	3	199	95
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	4	455	92
Bellevue	2	43	
Bethel	3	47	
Calvary		139	49
First	9	882	264
Galnes Street	7	342	201
Grace		100	33
Immanuel	14	1008	242
Including Mission		1410	540
Pine Grove	1	63	48
Plainview		105	75
Second	12	717	135
South Highland	4	257	78
Woodlawn		124	52
Magnolia, Central	3	418	130
McGehee, First	1	423	112
Mena, First		311	88
Monticello, First		256	48
Mount Ida, First		161	123
Norphlet, First	1	214	93
North Little Rock:			
Central	1	202	53
Levy	1	152	
Paragould, First		603	237
Paris, First	1	398	125
Pine Bluff, First		704	180
Including Mission			
Rogers, First	2	315	93
Springdale, First	5	328	145
Including Missions		429	
Warren, Immanuel		97	64
West Memphis, First	10	471	202

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# Relief and Annuity Board Reports Most Prosperous Year in History

By R. S. JONES  
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Relief and Annuity Board

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Relief and Annuity Board was held in Dallas on March 26.

The first annual report of the new executive secretary, Dr. Walter R. Alexander, was heard with much satisfaction as it revealed a true and experienced hand at the helm of this great Board so vital in the life of Southern Baptists. Many of the members expressed their appreciation of Dr. Alexander and their confidence in his ability to direct the affairs of the Relief and Annuity Board. His varied experience in the business world and in the pastorate has admirably fitted him for this important position.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. W. Marshall Craig, chairman of the executive committee; Mr. George J. Mason, recording secretary; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer—investments.

Reports read before the Board showed 1946 to be one of the most prosperous the Board had ever known. Many new members were enrolled in the several plans through which the Board serves our Southern Baptist constituency. A total of 2,541 new certificates were issued during the past year. Reports showed that as of January 1, 1947, six other states qualified for participation in the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan, bringing a total number of states now participating in this plan to 12. It is hoped that this plan will be operating in all 19 states and the District of Columbia at an early date.

Resolutions of appreciation for the long and fruitful service rendered by Dr. Thomas J. Watts, former executive secretary, were read. These resolutions showed something of the development and growth of the Board during Dr. Watts' long term of service.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. Orville Groner, showed total income for 1946 to be \$2,705,588.22 and total expenditures amounting to \$1,261,734.58. His report also showed total assets as of December 31, 1946, \$10,909,740.27.

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# Saul's Tragic Record Is Warning Against Rejection of God's Will

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

The era of Samuel as judge over Israel had been a memorable one. From the day of his vision and prophetic call he had been constantly under the guidance of Jehovah. Because of his increasing years, however, he retired from the judgeship, placing his sons in his stead.

Unfortunately Samuel's sons did not conform to the righteous pattern left for them by their father as judge of Israel. They judged corruptly: "And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after *lucra*, and took bribes and perverted justice" (Sam. 8:3).

But bribery and perverted justice on the part of judges was too much for the elders of Israel. Gathering themselves together at Ramah they expressed their desire to Samuel for a king: "Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."

## "Make Us a King"

Samuel was much displeased at the request of the people, but there was nothing to do but yield to their urgencies: "But the people refused to harken unto the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles" (1 Sam. 8:19-20).

Immediately, therefore, he prayed unto Jehovah, and Jehovah reminded him that it was not he that Israel had rejected, but Jehovah himself (were they not both forgetful of and ungrateful for the marvelous deliverance wrought for them by God in bringing them up out of Egypt?

Samuel there related to the people the message of Jehovah and made known unto them the manner of king that would reign over them, warning them, "Ye shall cry out in that day because of your king whom ye shall have chosen you; and Jehovah will not answer you in that day" (1 Sam. 8:18).

But the people were adamant in their desire: "Nay; but we will have a king over us," they said, "that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles" (1 Sam. 8:19-20).

Yielding, therefore, to their urgent demands, Samuel instructed the men of Israel to go "every man unto his city."

The dye had been cast. Israel would have a king.

## Young and Goodly

It is one thing to be young and another to be goodly, and it is still another thing to be both young and goodly. Saul was all of this. "And he had a son, whose name

## Sunday School Lesson

For April 13

1 Sam. 9:1-2; 11:12-13; 15:1, 22-26, 34-35

was Saul, a young man and a goodly; and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people" (1 Sam. 9:2).

Saul, son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, was beyond doubt the most favorable prospect for the kingship in all of Israel. The divine events which marked his elevation to the kingship make this indisputably clear.

Saul did not seek the kingship; the kingship sought him. In him the man and the hour met.

## Propitious Circumstances

It would be difficult to imagine a ruler coming into office under more propitious circumstances. Truly it may be said of him that in coming to the kingship he was led by the unseen hand. Inasmuch as Israel wanted a king, God would see to it that only the best was provided. "And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom Jehovah hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, "Long live the king" (1 Sam. 10:24).

The story of Saul's mission in search for his father's asses, of his meeting and feast with Samuel, and his choice for the kingship is recorded in chapters 9 and 10 (1 Sam.). Certainly no king ever went forth upon his mission with more evidence of divine favor than did he.

Chosen by Jehovah, blessed by natural endowments, and surrounded by divine favor at every step of his journey, Saul was in position to render a noble service for the God of Israel that would be as lasting as time.

## Rejected

Chosen though he had been by Jehovah, and anointed as king at

the express command of the Lord, Saul was unwilling, for long, to harken unto the voice of the words of Jehovah.

Because of the violence which Amalek had done to Israel, Saul was instructed to go and smite Amalek and "utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass" (1 Sam. 15:3). When it came to Agag, the king, however, and "the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good," Saul utterly refused to destroy them, destroying instead only that which was "vile and refuse."

Like many victors in wars Saul was attracted by the rich and prized booty and in being drawn to it he lost sight of the will of God.

It was indeed a woeful end for so great a king. But Samuel's words were decisive and final: "And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return unto thee; for thou hast rejected the word of Jehovah, and Jehovah hath rejected thee from being king over Israel" (1 Sam. 15:26).

It was a sad day in the life of Samuel and still sadder for the life of Saul when they parted for the last time as the Scriptures record in 1 Sam. 15:34-35: "Then Samuel went up to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeath of Saul. And Samuel came no more to see Saul unto the day of his death; for Samuel mourned for Saul: and Jehovah repented that he had made Saul king over Israel."

## Foundation

The church began with lay workers: A commercial fisherman preached the first sermon, a preaching deacon was the first martyr, a tentmaker was the first missionary. . . . The successful ongoing of the church in these times depends upon the arousing of laymen and lay women to their personal responsibility and to the need for better undergirding, guiding, and helping our ministers and other professional Christian workers.—I. O. Royse, Clayton, Mo.

# Ferriell Leads Two Churches


Piney Grove Church, Hope Association, continues to make progress under the leadership of Rev. Lawrence Ferriell of Arkadelphia. The building has been remodelled and repainted. An air conditioning and a propane gas system costing \$300 have been installed. Building of a pastorium is being considered.

The church has recently completed a study course. The church roll is being revised. Pastor Ferriell divides his time between the Piney Grove Church and the Bigelow Church in Perry County Association, both with half-time work. Despite this busy schedule he finds time for revival meetings in other churches and has open dates in June, July, and September.

Believing it to be a worthy mission program, Pastor Ferriell is planning to begin a radio broadcast over KGGI, Little Rock, the fourth Sunday in April. The time will be from 6:30 to 7 or 7 to 7:30 a. m. The plan is to continue the broadcasts every other week for 54 Sundays.

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## Why Don't Baptists Sprinkle Babies?

Baptist churches do not sprinkle babies because Baptists base their practice upon the teaching of the Bible and not upon the dogmas of the Roman Catholic Pope. Sprinkling as a substitute for Bible baptism is a Roman Catholic dogma, and not even mentioned in the Bible. Get this straight—any person who has accepted sprinkling for baptism has never been baptized at all. Sprinkling is the Roman Catholic's substitute for Bible baptism.

The Roman Catholic Pope claims to be Christ's viceroy on earth, that is, he claims to represent Christ on earth, or that he is to mankind on earth what Christ is to mankind in heaven. The Pope claims the right to change, or alter, any Christian doctrine or practice. The Pope of Rome substituted sprinkling for New Testament baptism, which is the immersion of a believer in water.

The Roman Catholic church practiced immersion for several hundred years. In fact, the change was not officially made until the thirteenth century at the Council of Ravenna.

### Why Sprinkling?

Why did the Pope substitute sprinkling for baptism? Keep in mind that the Catholic church practiced immersion for baptism, for several hundred years, and adults only were immersed. Then the priests originated the idea of baptismal regeneration, that is, that baptism has power to save, and that everyone has to be baptized in order to be saved.

They then argue that if baptism saves, everyone must be baptized, and the earlier the better. They could force baptism upon infants, but it was inconvenient to immerse babies. Therefore, the priests substituted sprinkling for immersion. For several hundred years the priests sprinkled infants and immersed adults. At the Council of Ravenna the Pope officially declared that sprinkling should be substituted for immersion as Christian baptism.

Now any honest Catholic priest will tell you that Bible baptism is immersion, but he will go on to tell you that Christian baptism is sprinkling. He ought to be honest enough to say that Catholic baptism is sprinkling. Baptists do not sprinkle as a substitute for Scriptural baptism.

Baptists do baptize believers. Baptism, as the word signifies, is an immersion. And, since Jesus in the Great Commission commanded that we make disciples before baptizing them, and since one becomes a disciple through faith in Christ, therefore, Scriptural baptism is the immersion of a believer, or the burial of a believer, in water. Baptists do not baptize babies, because babies are not believers, and because baptism does not save, and does not help to save.

### The High Honor

Baptists believe that the highest honor and privilege that God ever bestowed upon an in-

dividual is the privilege of a personal choice. To a Baptist, the blackest fraud and greatest wrong ever perpetrated upon a helpless infant would be to force Roman Catholic sprinkling upon it, and then tell that person in later years he had been baptized.

Even if baptism had power to save, babies do not need it, since infants are not lost until they come to the period of personal accountability, and then each must repent for himself, believe for himself, and obey Christ for himself.

If sprinkling is strictly a Roman Catholic substitute for Bible baptism, and if sprinkling babies is a Roman Catholic dogma, then why do so many Protestant churches or denominations that practice sprinkling at all have come directly or indirectly out of the Roman Catholic church, and brought sprinkling and other pernicious Catholic dogmas along with them. Their founders, as Martin Luther (founder of the Lutheran Church), protested and came out, but brought along with them many of the unscriptural practices. That is why they are called Protestants.

Baptists are not Protestants. They were never, in any way, connected with Roman Catholicism. Baptists were here preaching and practicing exactly what we preach and practice before Roman Catholicism existed.—Baptist Standard (Texas.)

## How Many Messengers Will Your Church Send?

You will need messenger credentials if you are going to the Convention in St. Louis next month. Write us how many messengers are going from your church and we can send you the blank cards.

**Article III. Membership:** The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches cooperating with the Convention as follows:

1. One messenger for each church contributing to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.
2. One additional messenger for every 250 members; or for each \$250.00 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.
3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches, to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10).

## The Honor Club

Do you have a Baptist Honor Club in your church? We are striving to pay our old debts mainly by this method.

We would like to have a solicitor or a committee in every Baptist church in the state who will solicit members for the Honor Club. Each member will agree to pay as long as possible, one dollar per month through his church treasurer designated for the Honor Fund. At the end of each month the church treasurer will forward the contributions to us, and every dime of it will go toward paying off our old debts. This contribution is to be over and above the regular contribution made to the church of which the donor is a member.

If you will send us the name of this solicitor in your church, we can send leaflets explaining the Honor Club, and some Pledge Cards, and some individual envelopes also if they are wanted.

### "It is Christian"

Former Pastor James F. Brewer Jr. of First Church, Morrilton, spoke well for the Honor Club when he wrote in his church bulletin:

"The honor and name of Arkansas Baptists is again being put on the auction block.

"Several years ago that honor was sold out for 35 cents on the dollar because it was the only thing which could be done. Now, comes the opportunity and the ability for us to redeem our name at full value by the payment of all our debts out of surplus mission funds and the extra gifts of our people. Can we do it? Ought we do it?"

"Our answer is an unvarnished, unashamed, 'YES.' Any debt which was created for the sake of mission causes (as is the case with Arkansas Baptists) can certainly be repaid out of surplus mission funds. We shall thereby, simply be paying for something which we already have.

"We can do nothing now which shall so much vindicate our loyalty to all missions as that we shall apply present funds to the payment of past values. We have long enough been accused of blundering; we have long enough been accused of being poor stewards.

"We can do nothing now which shall so strengthen our present mission work and message as that we shall use all monies possible to redeem our name. It is the honorable thing to do. It is right, it is Christian. Let technicalities and quibblings be now and finally banished!"

**HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION?**