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Personally
speaking



Brown - bagging

Those who argue that the welfare of the state hinges on the passage of a mixed-drink bill are having a lot to say about brown-bagging.

Who are the brown-baggers anyhow?

The brown-baggers are those grown-ups who have never been weaned. They are still on their bottles. They cannot eat a meal without having their little nips.

The brown-baggers are the modern counterparts of the carpetbaggers of another time in our history. They are out to take care of their own desires regardless of what it may cost the state.

The brown-baggers are those who say, "If they want me to be law-abiding, they better change the laws to suit my whims, I don't care if it is against the law for drinks to be served in public places, I will serve mine where I please."

The brown-baggers are kindred spirits of those who take other laws into their own hands. They are like those who say, "I couldn't care less what the law says about the speed limit on the highways. I will drive as I please. If it says 30 miles an hour, I will drive 40. If it says 60, I will drive 75."

They are like those who do not let the game-and-fish laws get in their way, but who hunt and fish as they please and set their own limits.

They are like those who reason, when making out their income-tax returns, that only the simple-minded play it straight.

The strangest part of the argument of the wets is that brown-bagging is the fault of those of us who hold out against open bars all over the state. That is like holding the law-abiding and sane driver responsible for the carnage caused by the drivers who insist on being laws unto themselves.

We personally feel that the brown-bagging angle is being grossly over-emphasized. We have enough confidence in the integrity of the people to believe that the most of them will observe the law, even on drinking in public places.

Brown-bagging notwithstanding, there is a lot less liquor being consumed in Arkansas now

than would be the case with open saloons everywhere.

Erwin L. McDonald

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Dropping our pilot

The unexpected announcement of his resignation by Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has brought great pangs of remorse to the hearts of those of us associated with him in the Baptist work here. We had steeled ourselves for his official retirement, at the end of 1970, but now he is to leave us June 30, a year and a half early.

The Operating Committee and the Executive Board have a most difficult assignment as they look for Dr. Whitlow's successor. This is true not only from the standpoint of the position that must now be filled, but also because of the marvelous achievements of our leader who is now stepping down.

As to the position, some idea can be gained as to the magnitude of the place when it is taken into account that the State Convention now consists of nearly 1200 churches with memberships totaling more than 340,000, and with a Convention budget now exceeding \$3,000,000 a year. Further considerations are the various departments of work headed up here in Baptist Building and the institutions and agencies of the Convention.

It can be said to Dr. Whitlow's credit that the job he leaves is much bigger than the job he began a little more than eleven years ago. Through his leadership the Baptist work has prospered and expanded in every area. And not the least of his achievement has been his untiring labors to provide the spacious and beautiful new Baptist Building, which has now been in use since the first of the year. A means to the greater end of accomplishing Christ's purposes through the state's largest evangelical group, the new Baptist Building will nevertheless stand as somewhat of a monument to the S. A. Whitlow Administration.

As to the man himself, Jack Whitlow, as he is known affectionately to his relatives and friends, is a rare combination of genius, grace, common sense, compassion, and fair-mindedness all rolled together. He is the kind of person of whom those who know him best can say, "He is solid gold," or "He is all wool and a yard wide." You never have to wonder where he stands. You can be sure he will stand for what he believes to be right. He

plays no favorites. You do not have to be a "big shot" to get his ear or to enlist his support if you really have a case.

Those of us who have had the privilege of working with Dr. Whitlow feel that the secret of his great personality is really no secret. He is a Christian. He endeavors in all of his ways to follow his Lord. This is reflected not only in his preaching—the first love of his career—but in everything he does, at work and at play, and wherever he is.

Now as Dr. Whitlow and his lovely, loyal, and talented helpmeet, Lorene, build their home in Hope and prepare to go there for their retirement years, we pray God's continued blessings upon them. May they continue to be used greatly in Kingdom work. Arkansas Baptists will ever be deeply in their debt.

The request of the Executive Committee for the prayers of the people as they seek a successor for Dr. Whitlow should not be taken lightly. Theirs truly is a tough assignment.

It happened *Down in Arkansas*

The Fellowship Supper announcement in the bulletin of First Church, North Little Rock, was a simple statement of the supper menu: "Roast Beef, Creamed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Hot Rolls, Dessert."

With a menu like that, they didn't even have to say, "Y'all come!"

Are We a 'Christian' Nation ?



Spotlights 'value system' in education appraisal

It is fairly obvious that the letters from Mr. Harry M. Cloud and Patrice Underwood in answer to my recent letter carried in the Jan. 16 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, indicate that their value systems and mine are so far apart that we are talking different languages. They evidently have totally missed what I was trying to say.

I personally value very highly the private enterprise system. I do not want anything from government that I can provide for myself or which I may secure from another source. The Marxist idea is the reverse of this position. This is the alarming thing about the world situation today that there are so many millions devoted to the Marxist idea in spirit. There must be at least 50,000,000 people in America who have no scruples against a complete monopoly of government in many or all areas of our life. They do not realize that they are hastening the complete domination of mankind with the Marxist way of life. Communism, whether home-grown by stupidity or forced upon people by foreign supported revolution ultimately results in the same tragedy for mankind. I am so very sorry that neither of these two writers seem to have a concern in this area. This is what I had in mind when I said "the future is frightening" in my first article.

I also value very highly the idea of

personal and unique commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour, Lord and Master of life. I too believe that Baptists have many values that the entire world needs. I cannot therefore want to see their unique and great qualities disappear in a totalitarian governmental system which is inherent to the Marxist ideology. Nor do I want them to lose in the haystack of the ecumenical movement those values for which many of our fathers paid with their lives.

Miss Underwood is no doubt a very fine young lady and sincere in her position. However if she could sit in my chair for a few years and see the problems that modern young people face as a result of being shaped for twelve years of their lives in a spiritually sterile educational system, I think then she would feel there is a reason for the moral crisis in America. The major portion of that reason lies in what these young people have not been taught as well as the warped ideas some are often exposed to. American education is drifting rapidly away from any regard for the spiritual. The fact that some communities in Arkansas may not have realized it is no indication that they will not eventually become victims of the overwhelming trend. Also, I would like to add that if she could see the schools of the Soviet Union, as I have seen them, she would see that it is not likely that when any government has a mo-

Protection for liquor?

We have just this day seen an article in the Arkansas Democrat wherein you propose that the liquor sales in Arkansas should be handled by state-owned liquor stores.

As Baptists of Pine Bluff, Arkansas we herein voice our disapproval of your proposal. According to our way of thinking, it is wrong for the state to enter into the monopoly of any business. If it is wise for the state to enter into the liquor business, would it not be wise also for them to take over the printing business and publish the Arkansas Baptist? It is no more right for the state to handle the liquor business than it would be for them to take over the insurance business, the public utilities, the drug stores, or the hamburger stands.

We are unalterably opposed to your proposal and want to go on record as such. Miss Elizabeth Sanders, Member of First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff; Mrs. A. K. Matlock, Member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Pine Bluff; Mrs. E. E. Matthews, Member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Pine Bluff.

REPLY: If liquor were something good for those who drink it, I would agree with you that it should have the same rights as any other legitimate business, including the publication of this magazine. But it is a legally established fact that liquor is harmful to our people and that it must be controlled. The manufacture, advertising, distribution and sale of beverage alcohol, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled, is not a business like any other business. The liquor business has no basic right but must exist only by the sufferance of the state. Therefore, the liquor business

is subject to such limitations, taxes and controls as the state might impose.

is subject to such limitations, taxes and controls as the state might impose. In view of our distance in viewpoints, I can resort to but one proposal. I would like to invite either or both of them to spend a month on this campus with an open and intelligent mind. I think then they would understand what we are trying to do in Christian education.

I make no appeal for church-related colleges that are not Christian nor the distorted products of some of them. I do feel however that church related colleges that are truly Christian are more needed in modern life than ever in the history of Christianity.

I am distressed that there seems to be people among us who seem to have no appreciation of the values that real Christian schools are trying to perpetuate. During recent months, we have witnessed on this campus more than thirty professions of faith in Christ. Scores of people have made other commitments of deep and lasting import. Over the twenty-seven years of her service, her ministerial students and professors have been used of the Lord in bringing into the Kingdom of our Lord and the churches of this area, near 60,000 people. What state college or university in all of America has been used of the Lord in a similar manner?

I do not imply in the least that America should do away with her state schools despite their spiritual poverty. Only a foolish person would suggest that we do not need state colleges and universities. Only a grossly foolish person would suggest that we do not need the church related colleges in modern life. H. E. Williams, President, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

is subject to such limitations, taxes and controls as the state might impose.

One of the most effective controls of the liquor business is to take the profit away from it. This has been done in many states by restricting sales to state-owned and state-operated liquor stores. That is why I am for such a set-up in Arkansas. The fact that the change-over would bring in many millions of dollars to the state that now go to liquor dealers is incidental but a worthy consideration.—ELM

'Year of our Lord'

Accept my hearty thanks for reminding us that 1968 was 1968 A. D. and my sincere congratulation upon the birth of your grandson. I think of you frequently and always with high regard.—Olin T. Binkley, President, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Christian Civic Foundation hears appeal for better liquor laws



OFFICERS of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas elected Jan. 20 include, from left, Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, secretary; Branch T. Fields, Sr., North Little Rock, president; and Mrs. Edgar Dixon, Little Rock, and Rev. David P. Conyers, North Little Rock, vice presidents. (Arkansas Gazette photo by Larry Obsitnik)

Arkansas needs enforceable liquor laws, enforcement of the liquor laws, and education of the public to the dangers of drinking and the satisfactions of sobriety.

So declared Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita University, in an address to the annual meeting of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock,

"If the laws on the books are difficult or impossible to enforce," said Dr. Phelps, "then we should favor the improvement of the statutes. One does not have to believe in weak and-or confusing laws to be for civic righteousness."

But better laws are not synonymous with mixed drinks, Phelps said. Why not reduce the amount of beer and liquor

which can be legally brought into a dry county and discourage "legal" bootlegging? he asked.

Dr. Phelps said that "we especially need to remove hypocritical situations where the law says one thing and the opposite is practiced." He said that believers in civic righteousness have a special responsibility to support public officials who attempt to enforce the laws.

While liquor-control laws are a necessity, education is the ultimate answer to the problems of injury and death from drunken driving, of absenteeism from jobs because of alcoholism, of family problems from drinking, and of crimes committed under the influence of liquor, Phelps said.

"Drying up the thirst for liquor is a

much slower course than drying up the source, but it will ultimately prove more effective," he concluded.

On a motion by Dr. Phelps, the Foundation voted to ask its president to appoint a committee to call upon Governor Rockefeller to: "express our approval for his veto of the gambling measure in 1967; express our opposition to any legislation expanding the sale and use of beverage alcohol that might be proposed; express our gratitude for the Governor's vigorous stand in behalf of law enforcement on all levels; and express our support of constructive tax measures and our willingness to pay our proportionate share of taxes to provide for worthy educational and social programs."

Branch T. Fields, Little Rock attorney and newly elected president of the Foundation, named the following committee to confer with the Governor:

Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, chairman; Mrs. W. Payton Kolb, Little Rock; James B. Gannaway, Little Rock attorney; Frank Lady, Jonesboro attorney; Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, executive director of the Foundation. Mr. Fields will be an ex officio member.

Besides Mr. Fields, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Edgar Dixon, Little Rock, first vice president; Rev. David P. Conyers, North Little Rock, second vice president; Rev. Carter Rogers, Little Rock, third vice president; Dr. McDonald, secretary; Dr. Alfred A. Knox, Little Rock, treasurer; and Dr. Goodloe, executive director.

The following were elected to the executive committee as members-at-large: Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Jonesboro; Dr. Rheubin L. South, North Little Rock; Dr. Kenneth L. Spore, Altheimer; Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Little Rock; Judge Edward S. Maddox, Harrisburg; and Dr. Horace E. Thompson, Little Rock.

On the motion of Judge Maddox, the Foundation voted to go on record as "strongly expressing opposition to any kind of mixed-drink bill, including local option on mixed drinks."

The Foundation heard pro-and-con discussion of state liquor stores for Arkansas but took no action on the issue. Speaking in favor of state liquor stores as "desirable to better control the liquor traffic and to take away much of the present power of the liquor lobby" were Dr. McDonald and Mr. Conyers. Speaking in opposition were Mr. Gatlin and Mr. Lady.

Key bills under consideration in sessions of Legislature

By W. HENRY GOODLOE, Executive Director
Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc.

At this date, over 180 bills have been introduced in the General Assembly and the pace of work for the legislators increases accordingly.

All of these bills are of interest to every citizen of the state, but it is difficult for even the members themselves to keep conversant with the content of different proposals, much more so for the people out over the state.

Senator Harvey has introduced three bills in the Senate which are of special application in the area of liquor control, particularly where driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol is concerned.

Senate Bill No. 33 proposes an act designating that "a person who operates a motor vehicle upon the highways of this state shall be deemed to have given consent to a chemical test of his blood, breath or urine for the purpose of determining the alcohol content of his blood if arrested for any offense arising out of acts alleged to have been committed while the person was driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol."

Senate Bill No. 32 proposes, among other things, setting the blood alcohol level at 0.10 per cent for assumption that the person driving was under the influence of liquor.

Senate Bill 31 prescribes penalties for the first and subsequent offenses of persons driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

These three bills are of great significance especially HB 33 which relates to an implied-consent law involving cer-

tain Federal highway funds and their allotment to individual states.

House Bill No. 113 is basically the administration's mixed-drink bill and it is not necessary to discuss it since the newspapers have given much publicity to it, except to state that it is a very objectionable bill, as has been brought out in hearings. House Bill No. 125 is very similar and equally objectionable. Representations are still very much in order from over the state to defeat these bills and to encourage and commend those in the House who have consistently sought their defeat.

Other bills introduced which will be of special concern in our work are:

H.B. 18 establishing a distance of 100 yards from a church or school for permits to sell alcoholic beverages. The distance previously set was a part of Act 352 of 1939 which was invalidated by the Supreme Court in 1967. Since that time, the only rule used to establish distances has been a regulation of the ABC Board setting the distance of 100 yards from schools, churches or other liquor outlets.

Certainly we welcome this effort to give the ABC Board some legal backing for their regulation, but we would hope that the bill would be amended to conform to those distances established in the original 1939 Act, that is, 200 yards from schools or churches and 100 yards from other outlets.

H.B. 23 prohibits the sale or use of certain compounds for the purpose of inducing an intoxicating condition. The purpose of this is primarily to establish reasonable standards to prohibit the practice of glue sniffing.

Dutton to pastorate of Tucson church

Vernon R. Dutton, pastor of Matthews Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, for the past 9½ years has resigned to accept the call to Central Church, Tucson, Ariz.



Mr. Dutton

During his ministry with the Pine Bluff Church 1,052 members were received into the church, with 399 coming on profession of faith and baptism. Contributions totaling \$497,221.00 with \$59,534.00 given to missions is a part of the financial record of the church.

In 1961 the Matthews Memorial Church sponsored the Watson Chapel Mission which is now the 347 member Watson Chapel Church.

A new educational building and nursery facilities were added to the church plant at a cost of \$194,000 during Mr. Dutton's ministry.

Mrs. Dutton (Dr. Vivian Dutton) is on the faculty at A & M College, Monticello, in the department of education.

Mr. Dutton has served as Moderator of Harmony Association and on the executive board of the Arkansas State Convention.

Lindsey is author

Dr. Henry C. Lindsey, academic vice president at Ouachita University, and Dr. G. Allen Feomans, professor of Speech at the University of Tennessee, have co-authored an article that appears in the January issue of *The Speech Teacher*, published by the Speech Association of America.

The article, called "The Telephone Lecture as a Supplement to Teaching," deals with some of the newer electronic devices used to enrich and supplement the teaching-learning process.

New building for Star City First

First Church, Star City, has recently dedicated a \$120,000 education building.

The new two-story structure contains approximately 11,000 square feet of floor space with an adult department, one for Juniors, Junior High, Senior High, kitchen and a fellowship hall that seats 250 people.

A former pastor, Don Cooper, brought the dedicatory message in the morning services. The building was presented symbolically by a key from B. F. McGraw to the pastor, Bill Kennedy. Edwin Moss, Jr. led the dedicatory prayer.

New subscribers

Church	Pastor	Association
One month free trial received:		
Pleasant Valley	H. M. Dugger	Calvary
New budget after free trial:		
Scranton, 1st.	Delbert Hill	Concord
Maple Grove; Trumann	E. W. Teague	Trinity
Holland	Doyle Howell	Faulkner
Keo	James D. Bynum	Caroline

Fund campaign set for Medical Center

Governor Winthrop Rockefeller and W. R. (Witt) Stephens, honorary chairman and chairman, respectively of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center Development Council, have announced the appointment of the following men to serve as vice chairmen of the Development Council: Raymond H. Rebsamen, Dave Grundfest, Edward L. Wright, S. J. "Stoney" Beauchamp Jr., Warren E. Bray, and Reeves E. Ritchie.

The Development Council, to consist of approximately 100 of the community's civic and business leaders, will provide and enlist the leadership necessary to raise a minimum of \$2,000,000 to com-

plete the financing of an all-new, 500-bed Medical Center to be built on University Avenue in the Western part of Little Rock.

In making the announcement, Mr. Stephens said, "We are extremely pleased to have this group of men lend their prestige and influence to this important program, and to see that these funds are raised. They are men of action and ability, and are fully aware of the growing shortage of hospital beds in the Little Rock area. Their concern is evidenced by the fact that they are willing to pool their many talents to insure that this project becomes a resounding success."

The Board of Trustees of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center announced last year its plan to conduct a community-wide fund raising campaign to raise the \$2,000,000 to assist in the financing program to build the new \$18,000,000 medical complex on 53 acres of land owned by the Center. The remaining financing is to be accomplished by the receipt of \$4,000,000 in a Federal grant (Hill-Burton) and the balance in long-term loans.

A comprehensive study financed by the Center indicates that by the year 1980 the Center must plan to receive more than twice as many patients as it now serves.

The existing facilities of ABMC, located at 1700 West 13th Street in Little Rock, will be converted into a long-term Rehabilitation Center for the treatment and management of chronic diseases.

Jessieville Church ordains Cooper

Jimmie Car Cooper was recently ordained by Jessieville Church. Hugh Owens was in charge of the ordination.



Mr. Cooper

Hugh Cantrell led in the questioning and Clarence Shell preached the ordination sermon. J. N. Cooper led the ordination prayer. Mr. Cooper has been pastor of Jessieville Church for the past 8 months. He is a sophomore at Ouachita University and is married to the former Vickie Sue Hatfield, Hazen. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cooper, Almyra.

Pine Bluff Central holds dedication

Central Church, Pine Bluff, recently dedicated its new sanctuary.

A brief history of the church was presented by Mrs. R. W. Wood. Superintendent of Missions Harold White spoke on "The Church Facing the Future." The pastor, Grady Estes brought the dedicatory message, with the prayer being led by Walter Gage.

In addition to the new sanctuary the church constructed a large fellowship hall connecting the old building and the new sanctuary. A new three-bedroom parsonage was constructed across the street from the church.

How do you measure up?

"You must be witnesses."

Acts 1: 8 WILLIAMS



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

Voice of the turtle

There is an air of mystery along the magnificently scenic St. Johns River. The white egret and other types of wild life may be seen along this beautiful dark green river, banked with lush green foliage under the tall live oaks bearing their long grey beards of Spanish moss.

Last week we revisited Central Florida with its clear blue lakes and abundance of citrus trees along the broad four-laned highways, which make driving in this section a very pleasant trip.

We revisited Bok Tower and Cypress Gardens and as we drove toward the gardens I wondered if there would be many flowers blooming in January. I need not have doubted. There were gorgeous roses, various types of lilies, snapdragons in profusion, azaleas, bougainvillea, and many other blooms of brilliant colors. We saw the famed water-ski show again and I'll have to vote for the clowns as my favorite part of the act. We watched one man flying on a big kite connected to a motor boat by a long tow rope; others performed on one ski, or barefoot, skimming over the waters of lovely Lake Eloise.

Near Bok Tower we drove through the Mountain Lake Sanctuary area (one has to have special permission) where we marveled at the beautifully manicured lawns and gardens. Here are the winter homes of many well-known families (Hershey, Jergens, etc.) We inquired about the home of the late Roger Babson, remembering a pleasant visit with him some years ago. The gatekeeper informed us that after his death the Mountain Lake Corporation bought his home and divided it into four apartments. The grounds are still very beautiful. I remember so well some of Mr. Babson's sage remarks as he showed us around his garden. In shallow water surrounding a pretty fountain stood an old iron turtle.

"My father gave me this turtle years ago," said Mr. Babson. "Son, every time you look at that turtle He will tell you something," . . . I can still see him smiling as he quoted his father. . . "If you want to get any place in this world, you must first stick your neck out!"

Perhaps that old turtle could tell us some other things . . . such as "Slow down and live . . . the race is not always to the swift."

In the midst of the beauty of this central Florida country I am also reminded of the Psalmist's admonition, "Be still and know that I am God."

Comments, suggestions, or questions, may be addressed to Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.

'Militant,' maybe, 'innocent,' no!

The *Arkansas Gazette* has given the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* credit for bringing to the debate on the mixed drink issue "both the militance and the awe-inspiring innocence peculiar to Baptists in any discussion of the liquor question." (See *Gazette* editorial, "Points to Remember in the Mixed Drink Debate," Jan. 22.)

We may or may not be militant, depending on how you look at it, but we are certainly not "innocent" in the sense of the word as used here by the *Gazette*.

We are not "innocent" as to the increase of liquor consumption that always results from making liquor more easily available to the public.

We are not "innocent" as to the number of liquor outlets and the amount of alcoholic beverages consumed always having a direct relationship with the number of alcoholics produced. We know that states which have legalized liquor by the drink have always shown an increase in the number of alcoholics.

We are not "innocent" to the fact that increased consumption of alcoholic beverages that always goes with increased availability through liquor-by-the-drink sales *always* increases high-

way accidents and deaths caused by drinking drivers.

We are not "innocent" as to the great increase in crime and law violations that always comes with provision for liquor by the drink, with its great increase in liquor outlets.

We are not "innocent" of the fact that the only business that liquor is "good for" is the liquor business. The more the liquor business thrives, the greater the hurt to legitimate businesses.

We are not "innocent" enough to swallow the argument of the liquor-by-the-drink advocates that the ready availability of liquor is the deciding factor in attracting tourists, conventions, and business and industry.

We are not "innocent" enough to overlook that alcohol-related costs always far exceed the tax revenue produced from the sale of alcoholic beverages in any given locality.

In Arkansas, law enforcement, crime, and rehabilitation necessitated by liquor consumption cost the state \$5 for every \$1 of revenue. And this is not to take into account the cost to the individual who drinks and to the family and the society touched by his or her influence.

We are aware that the strongest support for liquor-by-the-drink legislation comes from those desiring easy access to liquor—the drinkers—and from those who wish to profit from the sale and consumption of liquor—the liquor manufacturers and dealers. We appeal to all who have the welfare of the people at heart to oppose any move to increase the availability of liquor.—ELM

From the churches

Walnut Ridge, First: Earl Borah, Bob Broughton, Jewell Mitchell, Dennis Scudder and Dewey Vance. Sermon given by J. I. Cossey, pastor, Harrisburg. Others on the program were Jim Tillman, pastor, Frank Wilcoxon, W. R. Glenn and Cecil Guthrie, missionary.

Spring Lake, Ozark Acres: Verle Decker, Otis Carson and Stan Parson. J. C. Smith preached the sermon. Others taking part were Ed Ashburn, pastor, Cecil Guthrie, and Simon Norris.

First Church, West Memphis: Frank Angeletti, Wayne Crouch, Harry Lesco and Frank Washburn. Dr. James F. Eaves, pastor, Union Avenue Church, Memphis, was the ordination speaker.

Calvary, Greene County Association, has ordained Leslie Freeman.

First Church, Ft. Smith; William Lacewell, Jim Harwood, and Marvin Gattis.

First Church, Fayetteville: Jack Woody, Bill Brunner, and Dr. Clare Venema.

Beech Street Church, Texarkana: Bill Schroeder, Fred Stotts, Iman Otwell and Eugene Hodge.

A one-day pastor's retreat sponsored by Harmony Association's Evangelism committee is planned at Springlake Assembly, Lonsdale, Feb. 27. Dr. Tal Bonham is chairman of the Evangelism committee.

Guest speakers for the day will be Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr. pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and Tommy Hinson, president of Arkansas Baptist

State Convention.

Fellowship, Bible study, conferences and recreation are on the agenda for the day.

Ed Gray has resigned as pastor of Dollarway Church due to ill health.

H. L. Lipford is serving the church as interim pastor.

E. S. Ray is serving Kingsland Church as interim pastor.

First Church, Gould, has recently purchased some property adjacent to their present property. Plans are underway to tear down the old sanctuary and rebuild. Houston Austin is pastor.

L. D. Eppinette, North Little Rock, is interim pastor at Oak Grove Church, on Highway 65 North.

False signs of Jesus' return

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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past president, Southern Baptist Convention*

"But when ye hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by"—Luke 21:9.

To understand this one must compare it with Matthew's parallel in 24:6. "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." To this Jesus added famines, pestilences, and earthquakes (Matt. 24:7; Lk. 21:11).

It is of interest to note the popular conception, and that of some interpreters, that these things are cited as signs of the approaching, imminent return of the Lord. But Jesus clearly said that "the end is not yet." In Matthew he prefaced these with a warning against being deceived by false christs, wars, and rumors of wars, earthquakes, famines, and pestilences. This warning was timely then as now.

In effect Jesus was saying that these things are a normal part of world history. They are not signs of his second coming.

Jesus is coming again. That fact is sure. But these things should not be interpreted as signs of its imminence. He may come at any second—at a time when men do not expect him.

The duty of Christ's people is not to try to chart the times and seasons. It is to be about his business and to be constantly watching. For he may return before this sentence is finished. Or before it is read. But whether he comes soon or tarries, his people are to be busy for him.



NEW MISSISSIPPI EXECUTIVE: W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, Miss., has been elected executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson. He succeeds the late Chester L. Quarles who died last July in Peru while on a missions tour. (BP) Photo

Student conference planned at Louisville

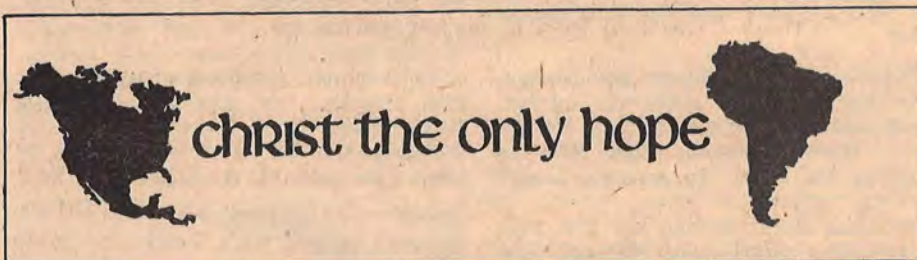
LOUISVILLE, Ky.—A jazz liturgy, a dramatic theme interpretation, and vigorous discussion will highlight the annual Student Missions Conference here at Southern Seminary, Feb. 21-23.

"What the World Needs Now" is the theme of the gathering, which is expected to attract more than 1,000 college students from the South and Midwest.

Three Southern Baptist pastors—Jack Noffsinger of Knollwood Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Louis Wilhite of West End Church, Birmingham, Ala.; and William L. Self of Wieuca Road Church, Atlanta, Ga.—will address the conferees in plenary session, as will Professor John Killinger of Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tenn.

Ron Willis, who ministers to hippies in the Haight-Asbury district of troubled San Francisco, and James Wright, who is a home missionary serving in New York City, will bring the students new insights on the church and the modern urban climate.

Registrants will pay a fee of \$3 to cover travel insurance and the Friday evening buffet. Housing, as available, will be offered at no charge to the students. Information and pre-registration materials are available from the Student Missions Conference, Southern Baptist Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. 40206.



FIRST CHURCH, Bay, has presented certificates for perfect attendance in Sunday School to these members, front row, left to right: Ricky Strickland, 6 years; Mark Holmes, 7 years; Timmy Copeland, 3 years; Randy Mink, 1 year; back row, left to right: Odell Richie, Sunday School superintendent; Sherry Strickland, 8 years; Verona Tice, 6 years; and Mike Cooper, 5 years. The pastor of Bay First Church is James McDaniel.

Your state convention at work

What about tomorrow?

Today the need for men with missionary vision and zeal is tremendous. No church can fulfill its responsibility in the total area of missions without the leadership and response of men. Far too few of the men in our churches understand the real meaning and challenge of the missionary message of the Bible and the responsibility of each Christian to be a missionary where he is. Tomorrow the need will be even greater.

We must begin today to meet tomorrow's need for mission-minded men with the knowledge of missions to meet the challenge. Boys who will be tomorrow's men should be confronted with the missionary teachings of the Bible and be taught their places of responsibility as Christians in the plan of sharing the message of Christ with those who do not know him.

Men, quite naturally, should take the lead in providing missionary instruction for boys, not only by word of mouth but by example. Men should take the lead in providing mission action projects in their church community in which boys can participate to provide first-hand experience in missions.

Royal Ambassadors is the Baptist missionary education unit for boys 9 through 17 years of age. The Royal Ambassador program is comprised of three units: Crusaders for boys 9-11, Pioneers for boys 12-14, and Ambassadors for boys 15-17. These units, however,

cannot function except as men provide the leadership. Providing leadership for Royal Ambassador chapters should be one of the major objectives of the church Brotherhood director and the Royal Ambassador leader. The Baptist Men's group should lend assistance and help provide men when needed for Royal Ambassador workers.

What about tomorrow? Mission-wise, tomorrow's needs must be planned for today. Is your church planning for tomorrow?

Get acquainted at home

Mission-wise many Baptist men and Royal Ambassadors really do need to get acquainted with our Home Mission opportunities. Believe it or not, one of the greatest mission fields in the world today is the United States.

The Home Mission study emphasis for February will deal with the two youngest states in the Union. Crusader Royal Ambassadors will study the book, "Jud's Alaskan Adventure." This study will focus their attention on the mission needs and opportunities in our forty-ninth state. Be sure that plans are made for the boys to take part in this special study.

Baptist Men and Pioneer and Ambassador-age boys will study the mission needs and opportunities in our fiftieth state, Hawaii. Baptist Men will be studying the book, "In Aloha Land."

The Pioneers and Ambassador-age boys will study "Song of Hawaii." Every Baptist man and Royal Ambassador should study these books regarding our island state. Out of the entire population, only 7 per cent are any type of evangelical Christian and only 1 per cent are Baptists. The remainder of the people are either Buddhist or have no religious affiliation.

The church may have a church-wide study; if so, Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors would join in their respective groups to study. If no church-wide study is planned, the Baptist Men's unit and the Royal Ambassador chapters should make plans for the study in their own meetings. Make plans for learning more about Home Missions. Books for use in the study may be secured from the Baptist Book Store. Also a tract, "In Aloha Land," is available from the Brotherhood Department. This will give suggestions for planning for the mission study. Pray for and make plans for the Home Mission offering in March.

If your church does not have a Baptist Men's unit of missionary education or Royal Ambassadors, plan to organize the units necessary to provide missionary education for the male membership of your church nine years of age and up. Free help and organizational information materials are available from the Brotherhood Department, 208 Baptist Building. Call on us if we may be of service to you.—C. H. Seaton

About Mrs. Pugh

For many years Mrs. C. R. (Lillie M.) Pugh, along with her husband, served as superintendent of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, now known as the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children. That she is still remembered and loved by many in the state was evidenced by the greetings which were sent to her during the recent holiday season.

Last October Mrs. Pugh suffered a broken hip and has been hospitalized since. She is unable to personally acknowledge correspondence, and we are glad to apprise friends of her condition and address:

Mrs. Lillie M. Pugh
co Riddell Nursing Home, Inc.
P. O. Box 509
Winona, Miss. 38967

Important events

The 80th Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union will be held at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, April 1-2.

Outstanding program personnel include

Miss Alma Hunt, serving her 21st year as executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention; Mrs. Albert Bagby, veteran missionary in Brazil; and Rev. James Hampton, missionary in Tanzania.

Following the night session there will be an opportunity to visit the new Baptist Building.

Mrs. Roy E. Snider, completing five years as president, will preside.

Other opportunities offered by Woman's Missionary Union during the Spring include: YWA Convention, Benton, February 7-8; Week of Prayer for Home Missions, Mar. 2-9; Girls' Auxiliary Queens' Court, Apr. 25-26. — Nancy Cooper, executive secretary and treasurer, WMU.



DR. JAMES D. BELOTE is the newly elected secretary for East Asia for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He has recently completed a three-week tour of the area for which he has responsibility.



Texas units win PR competition



The North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce presented its annual Good Citizenship Award recently to Mrs. John (Betty) Harp.

Mrs. Harp, president of the Ridge-road Junior High School PTA, was honored for work in behalf of the schools.

A member of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, Mrs. Harp is now the church bookkeeper and a Sunday School teacher in the Senior High Tenth Grade department. She has been president of the Woman's Missionary Union, and active in many other phases of Park Hill Church work.

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—For the second consecutive year, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas won the largest number of awards in the annual Baptist Public Relations Association Awards Competition.

The best of show, however, went to the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and its public relations director, Floyd Craig, current president of the association.

Southwestern Seminary has a total of seven awards, all first and second places. The Texas convention in Dallas won six awards, all second and third places.

The Christian Life Commission won five awards, to rank third in the number of awards won.

Judges in the competition, three advertising men in Dallas, reported a total of more than 300 entries in 19 different categories.

The 58 awards (first through third in each category plus best of show), were shared by 24 different Baptist organizations, institutions and agencies, and were presented during an awards banquet at the association annual meeting here.

In first place awards, Southwestern Seminary public relations man John Seelig won three top awards, for a feature story, letterhead and annual report; and Craig of Nashville won two first places in addition to best of show, for direct mail and a poster.

Four others won two first places each—the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, for two photography categories; Baylor University, Waco, Tex., for a brochure and alumni magazine; the SBC Radio-TV Commission, Ft. Worth, film and newsletter; and the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, for a news feature and magazine.

Other first place awards went to Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., catalog; Baptist Press, Nashville, news story; Baptist World Alliance, Washington D. C., feature story; the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, film-strip; Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, PR project; and the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, advertising.

Three other organizations won four awards each: the SBC Home Mission Board, Baylor University in Waco, and the SBC Radio-TV Commission.

Winning two awards each were the Baptist World Alliance, Dallas Baptist College, Dallas; the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Baylor Medical Center, Dallas; Southern Seminary, Louisville; and Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

Organizations winning one award, either in second or third place, were Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.; the Alabama Baptist Convention, Birmingham; Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C.; and First Church, Decatur, Ga.; on a radio advertisement produced by Jay Durham of the SBC Home Mission Board. (BP)

Home Missions ranks reach 2393 in 1968

ATLANTA—A new year tabulation at the Home Mission Board here puts the total number of missionaries serving the agency at 2393.

The most recent appointees are: Bob and Jo Alice Brackney, directors of Christian Social Ministries in Camp Hill, Pa.; John W. Brill of Holdenville, Okla., state director of work with National Baptists in Oklahoma; H. Wesley Wiley of Caswell County, N. C., director of Metropolitan Ministries in Washington, D. C.; Hershel Henry Henkel of Afton, Tex., superintendent of missions in Wilcox, Ariz.; Joe Henry Music of Austin, Tex., pastor-director in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Raymond

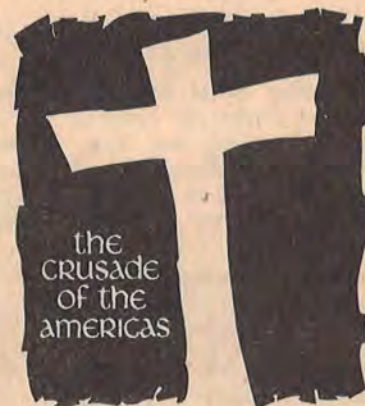
H. and Gloria Ann Singleton, directors of activities at a Baptist center in El Paso, Tex.

The Brackneys had been living in State College, Pa., where he was pastor of South Hills Church and also served on the religious affairs staff of Pennsylvania State University.

The Brackneys will be working through the Keystone Baptist Association in Camp Hill.

The former pastor of Lowe Baptist Church in Phoenix, Henkel will work through the Cochise and Mt. Graham Baptist Associations in Wilcox.

Music will continue as pastor of the University Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, and in addition, will direct Southern Baptist Missions efforts in the area. (BP)



Children's Home plans expansion

Extending the ministry of Arkansas Baptists is the reason for construction plans now under way at the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children in Monticello.

After months of study and planning, the Properties Committee of the Board of Trustees has recommended that two cottages be built. These cottages, when completed, will compare with cottages which the trustees inspected in Jackson, Miss.

Each cottage will house twelve children and two cottage parents. The cottages will be self-contained units with complete facilities for the occupants. Versatility of the cottages will allow from one to three children to occupy a

room. In this way special and individual needs can be met. The cottages will meet contemporary child-care specifications recommended by the Child Welfare League of America.

Bids will be let in March of this year and construction will follow immediately. Norris J. Sparks, Little Rock, is the architect-engineer.

We are excited about this project. These are much needed cottages which will replace two 44-year-old, dormitory-type buildings.

Maurice Caldwell is executive director of Arkansas Baptist Child Care Ministries.—Jerry Don Abernathy, chairman of Properties Committee

The bookshelf

The Resurrection and the Christian Faith, by W. J. Sparrow-Simpson, Zondervan, 1968, \$6.95

The author is a well-known English scholar, one of the contributors to the Oxford Library of Practical Theology. Here he does exhaustive treatment of one of the most vital Christian doctrines. Always courteous and reverent, Dr. Sparrow-Simpson does not hesitate, however, to deal with the difficulties encountered in studying what the Bible has to say about the resurrection.

The Tent of God, A Journey Through the Old Testament, by Marianne Radius, Eerdmans, 1968, \$5.95

As the sub-title indicates, Mrs. Radius portrays the Old Testament as a journey—all the way from the garden god planted to the manger where the Son of God was born. She sees the Old Testament not as a mere collection of interesting stories, but as the account of God's people traveling a carefully mapped route to a destination, both the route and the destination being revealed by God himself.

Living in Both Worlds, by Eileen Guder, Zondervan, 1968, \$3.95

The author deals with the difficult problem of Christians applying the absolute honesty of the real, spiritual world to this temporal life. She issues a challenging call to Christian commitment and complete dependence upon God.

Finney's Lectures on Theology, by Charles G. Finney, first printed in 1840, reprinted by Bethany Fellowship, 1968, \$3.95

Out of print for many decades, this remarkable classic will provide the reader with personal studies in theology from one of the most respected and

learned teachers of the 19th century. The materials consist of the actual outlines from which Mr. Finney taught his classes.

Witnessing Laymen Make Living Churches, by Claxton Monro and William S. Taegel, Word Books, 1968, \$4.95

The authors tell how the witnessing ministry of laymen is bringing new life to churches in Houston, Tex. The program, begun in 1952, continues to grow.

The Kingdom of the Cults, by Walter R. Martin, Bethany Fellowship, 1968, \$5.95

A new, comprehensive reference work dealing with the major cult systems in the present Christian era, this is a valuable tool in the field of comparative religion. The author presents a historical analysis of the rise of the cult systems; a theological evaluation of the major teachings of the systems; and gives a contrast from the viewpoint of Biblical theology, with emphasis upon exegesis and doctrine.

Sourcebook for Speakers, by Eleanor Doan, Zondervan, 1968, \$5.95

This book contains 4,000 illustrations, quotations, sayings, axioms, anecdotes, poems, and sentence sermons, all arranged in alphabetical order by subjects.

Cybernetics and the Image of Man, by Harold E. Hatt, Abingdon, 1968, \$5.95

Today revolutionary techniques have greatly narrowed the margin between man, as an intelligent, decision-making being, and machines that "are almost human." The author aims at helping 20th Century man to rethink himself in view of cybernetics.

The cover



GOVERNOR Rockefeller and President Nixon during a recent Nixon visit to Hot Springs.

Nixon has Capitol worship 1st Sunday

WASHINGTON—President Nixon worshipped at the White House Sunday and heard evangelist Billy Graham pray that in a time of crisis of the spirit, God will give him and his associates "a wisdom that is beyond their own."

On his first Sunday in office, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon invited members of the cabinet, other ranking officials, the White House staff and families to services at 11 o'clock in the East Room. There were seats for 224, all were filled, and a few persons stood in the rear.

There were prayers and hymns and a sermon as in most churches—but no collection.

Dr. Graham in a lighter moment took note of the omission. He recalled that the last time he and Nixon attended church the latter was a bit uneasy and nervous. He said the then president-elect leaned over and said he had no money with him, so "I loaned him the biggest bill I had."

Nixon, a Quaker by faith, plans to attend private White House services each Sunday, rather than to worship in downtown Washington as has been the custom with other presidents.

The chief executive said he and Mrs. Nixon plan to worship in the executive mansion every Sunday when they are in town, with different pastors officiating.—Arkansas Gazette



A trial of open communion

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.
PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

JOHN T. HUGHES, 91, Russellville, died Jan. 16.

A retired farmer, he was a member of East Point Church, in Dardanelle-Russellville Association.

Survivors include two sons, Jesse Hughes, Russellville, and Jewell Hughes of Tennessee; a brother, R. B. Hughes of California; two sisters, Mrs. Nora Wilson, Knoxville, and Mrs. Mattie Young of Texas.

MRS. W. THERON MORGAN, 53, Roland, died Jan. 16

She was a member of Calvary Church and worked in the Junior department of the Sunday School. Her husband is head of the County Road and Bridge Department. Other survivors include a son, James T. Morgan, Pine Bluff, three daughters, Mrs. Mary Cobb, Little Rock, and Misses Susie and Sally Morgan, Roland; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Nowlin, Roland; two brothers, James R. Nowlin, Roland, and John P. Nowlin, Little Rock.

MRS. JOHN M. JAMES, 87, Little Rock, died Jan. 17.

She was the widow of John M. James; a member of Second Church, Woman's City Club, Poets Roundtable, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Board of the Legal Aid Society, the Pulaski County Historical Association, and the Daughters of 1812.

Survivors include her son, Robert L. James, North Little Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Varra Smith, Marianna, and Mrs. Arra Burnett, Ashland, Mo.

MRS. ROXIE WASHINGTON, 72, England, died Jan. 15.

A member of Eudora Church, England, the Baptist Christian Relief and the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Willie Washington; a son, Floyd Taylor of California; and a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Parker, Heath.

NOAH L. KUHN, 76, of near Dardanelle, died Jan. 18.

He was a retired farmer, stockman and carpenter and a member of New Hope Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lota Piercy Kuhn; a foster-son, Franklin Blanton Kuhn, Little Rock, two daughters, Mrs. Wilson Grace, Dardanelle, and Mrs. Tom Grace, Russellville; three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Kolb of California, Mrs. Reece Whitford, Little Rock, and Mrs. Opal Weems of New Mexico.

Bethany, N. Y., had been stirred by a revival. Many new converts sought out the Baptist church but stumbled over its teaching known as "close communion"—especially the youth from the Free Will Baptist church.

At a covenant meeting in which there was full attendance and many presented themselves for baptism, a prominent member of the church arose and moved "that the pastor be instructed to invite to the Lord's table all such Christians as had been immersed on a profession of their faith and were in good standing in evangelical churches."

When the motion was seconded the pastor cautioned the congregation that since this was an important step they should move slowly. He asked for discussion but the members were so sure of the rightness of the motion that the vote was unanimous in favor of the invitation.

"The result was, these 'Free Will' friends came into the church like a flock of sheep over a stone wall, scared by wolves on the other side. . . The church was like the boy who drew the elephant: no hay to feed him on, no stable to put him in. Decidedly a big thing on our hands. The next day we baptized 33, and at the communion, followed the instructions given by the church in Bethany.

"Eighty-four came to the Supper from the Presbyterians, Methodists, and Free Will Baptist congregations, and two from the Universalists. They said they had been dipped and thought the Universalists were evangelical. (Our elephant began to bellow for food and not a lock of hay to give him.)

"The next month at the Lord's Supper there came 31. At the third, 13 of the invited guests; at the fourth, five. (Our big animal showed signs of falling into a decline.) At the end of eight months, none of our invited guests cared to take the trouble to commune with us. (He had died a natural death.)"

The church soon rescinded the motion by an overwhelming majority and voted to give letters to all discontents. Five took letters and left the church.

H. K. Stimson, *From the Stage Coach to the Pulpit*, (St. Louis, R. A. Campbell, Pub., 1874) pp 87-8

Church Attendance Report Form

We want to help church secretaries to help us to give an accurate report of attendance for each Sunday. To do this we urge each church to mimeograph or print cards of standard postal size with the following information, in the format shown here. Churches reporting for their missions could add the mission name under the line for each category of attendance, or additions to the church.

CITY _____

NAME OF CHURCH _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE _____

TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE _____

ADDITIONS TO CHURCH _____

DATE OF SUNDAY REPORTED _____

Pastor

The measure of a man

By T. B. MASTON

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics
Southwestern Theological Seminary

"When God measures a man he measures the heart and not the head." Is this statement from a denominational publication correct, does it contain an element of truth, or does it represent a false antithesis or alternative?

It is true that God measures a man primarily by what is within the man rather than by external appearances. His word to Samuel when he was selecting a successor to Saul is an abiding word. He said to Samuel: "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7). The Lord considers what a man really is and not what he may seem to be.

It is possible that the statement quoted above was made in an effort to correct the tendency of some to over-emphasize native ability and training in the work of the Lord to the neglect of dedication and consistency of life. There may be a sense in which God is more concerned about the size of our hearts than of our heads, but he evidently is most concerned about the dedication of both to his purposes in the world.

There is a possibility that the statement stems from an anti-intellectualism which is still entirely too prevalent among Southern Baptists. Many Baptists are afraid of the trained mind.

They seemingly think that education will undermine faith. It may be that their attitude is derived primarily from the threat that education and the trained mind poses for them. Their faith may be based more on second-hand, hand-me-down ideas and prejudices rather than on meaningful personal experiences. Their faith may be dependent on non-essentials rather than on essentials, on the superficial and incidental rather than on the real and vital.

In contrast to some Southern Baptists, God is evidently not afraid of the trained mind. There is considerable evidence that he has a special affinity for the trained mind if that mind is dedicated to the work of God among men. Many of God's big men in the Old Testament and New Testament were men with the very best of training. This was certainly true of Moses who was trained in all the learning of the Egyptians and Saul or Paul who had studied at the feet of Gamaliel.

This should mean among other things that every child of God should secure the best possible training and then dedicate it to the service of God and his fellow man. The head or the mind, as is true of the total personality of man, is a part of his stewardship responsibility.

Our conclusion is that the statement may serve a good purpose as a corrective, but as is frequently true of a corrective it goes too far. Some limiting word should have been inserted such as "When God measures a man he measures primarily the heart and not the head." Or, possibly better: "he measures both the heart and the head" or "the heart as well as the head."

It seems, however, that God does not measure a man so much by his heart or his head as he does by the moral and spiritual stature of the man. Paul suggests that the work of the apostles, prophets, pastors, and others who perform distinctive functions within the Christian fellowship was to equip God's people. The latter in co-operation with the specially called ones were, among other things, to build up the body of Christ till we all come "to a mature manhood and to a perfect measure of Christ's moral stature" (Eph. 4:13, Williams).

Here is God's supreme measuring stick for a man. How do we measure up when we stand beside the stature of Christ? How tall are we?

Black-church move seen as growing

SEATTLE—While not agreeing with black militants, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Kilgore Jr. believes the black church movement is taking shape in the United States and will become strong in a year or two.

The clergyman, identified with the black caucus of the American Baptist Convention and pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles, said he understands the fires which burn within the black militants as they search for identity and to authenticate their blackness.

If society will not accept people on their worth and merit instead of, as now, on color and status, "There will be real trouble in the churches," Dr. Kilgore said. (EP)

Gallup poll shows attendance drop

PRINCETON, N. J.—Church attendance in the United States declined slightly in 1968 but still remains higher than attendances reported before World War II, according to the Gallup Poll.

Based on seven national polls taken during 1968, the report discloses that 50 million persons, or 43 per cent of all Americans, attend church on Sundays. This represents a drop of 2 per cent from 1967. It is far below the figure of 49 per cent in 1958, but is higher than the 1940 figure of 37 per cent.

In 1968, the percentage for Catholic attendance was 65, and 38 per cent for Protestants. The decline in church attendance among Catholics over the past ten years has been 9 per cent while that of Protestants has been 5 per cent.

Most of this decline, according to the Gallup Poll, is due to non-attendance by young adults. The breakdown according to age groups for 1968 follows:

AGE	ATTENDANCE
21-29 years	34 per cent
30-49	46 per cent
50 and over	44 per cent

The higher the education of the adult the greater the probability he will attend church on Sundays, Gallup said. Forty-seven per cent of those who went to college attend church, while only 43 per cent of those with a high school education and 41 per cent of those with a grammar school education attend.—(EP)

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Houston foundation plans India crusade

HOUSTON—A four-month evangelistic campaign in India is being planned by an organization called the New Life Foundation of Houston, which is seeking to enlist 500 pastors, laymen and musicians from across the Southern Baptist Convention to participate in the campaign.

Four crusades are scheduled—one each month, August through November of 1969, according to Joe West, director of the foundation and coordinator for the crusade.

Known as the All-India New Life Crusade, the nation-wide endeavor is be-

Preview of 'Riot' replaces sermon

NEW YORK—Bodies, some with faces frozen in pain, sprawled amid a welter of empty beer cans and torn garments on the floor of Broadway United Church here at the close of the Sunday morning service of worship.

Then, one by one, the "bodies" came back to life and quietly strode out of the room.

In lieu of the usual sermon, the congregation had witnessed a preview performance of the new play, "Riot." The play has opened for a six-week run. Performances are given in the Fellowship Hall of the church, which has been converted into an arena-type theater.

"Riot," produced by a Boston-based theater group, centers on a panel of four men who explain their views on the racial crises to the audience. The chairman is a Negro. He is a professional who has "made it" but is nevertheless still sensitive to the problems of the ghetto.—(EP)

Charges 'relief' prolonging war

NEW YORK—Religious groups sending relief to Biafran refugees are prolonging the civil war and thus causing more deaths, Edwin Ogebe Ogbu, Nigerian Ambassador to the United Nations, charged on a radio broadcast here.

A missionary who is helping to ship food and medical supplies to the Biafrans replied that he could not "let one person die" because of political considerations.

The ambassador charged, and Father Dermot Doran denied, that religious agencies, particularly the Catholic agency, Caritas, are giving the Nigerian-Biafran war "an overtone of a religious war."—(EP)

ing sponsored by the 5,900-church India Prayer Fellowship, comprised of evangelical churches of India, including a number of Baptist churches.

"Our teams will go into the India churches and give them practical help and counsel in how to share the message of Christianity with the masses around them," said West, former pastor of the Westheimer Baptist Church of Houston.

"All the local meetings will be held in established churches and Christian schools," he added. "Christians are not allowed to meet in large auditoriums, in parks, or on the streets."

Currently 34 associate crusade coordinators, who will be leading teams in major India population centers, have

been enlisted from eight states—Texas, Michigan, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Louisiana, North Carolina, Colorado, and New Mexico. West hopes for widespread support from all states.

He noted a particular interest in India because at the present time, only medical missionaries are allowed to enter the land. There are only seven Southern Baptist missionaries serving in India, all in the medical field.

The foundation which is sponsoring the crusades, however, has no official connection with the Southern Baptist Convention and its Foreign Mission Board. Rather, the foundation operates independently from the Foreign Mission Board, said Winston Crawley, overseas division director for the board in Richmond.



A TEMPORARY brush arbor offers shelter for services of this rural church near the village of Kalangala, about 35 miles from Lindi, Tanzania, in East Africa. Rev. and Mrs. David H. Whitson, Southern Baptist missionaries, visit with members of the congregation. Land has been secured for a church building for the eight-month-old group, and members will make their own brick to erect the building. (Photo by H. Cornell Goerner)

Institutions — Arkansas Baptist Medical Center CORPORATION HOLDS THIRD ANNUAL MEETING



The Arkansas Baptist Medical Center System-Corporation held its third annual meeting, December 3, in the Student Union Building. The Corporation meets annually to hear reports from the Board of Trustees and the Administration.

Pictured above are the members who attended the meeting. Front row, seated, left to right: Dr. Joe Rushton, Magnolia; Rev. R. H. Dorris, North Little Rock; Shelby Blackmon, Little Rock; Kenneth Price, North Little Rock; Rev. Homer Bradley, DeWitt; Rev. L. H. Roseman, Little Rock; Rev. Jesse Reed, Little Rock; Rev. Lehman Webb, Hot Springs; Harold Wood, El Dorado; Rev. D. C. McAtee, Smackover; and Rev. Doyle Lumpkin, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Standing, left to right: Dr. Art Martin, Fort Smith; Dr. W. H. Hicks, Little Rock; Hardy Winburn, Little Rock; Dr. Don Harbuck, El Dorado; Rev. J. W. Royal, Judsonia; W. M. Freeze, Jr., Cash; Rev. H. L. Lipford, Mabelvale; John R. Thompson, Little Rock; B. J. Daugherty, Little Rock; R. A. Lile, Little Rock; Rev. J. T. Elliff, Little Rock; Floyd Chronister, Searcy; Rev. Harold White, Pine Bluff; James Linder, Little Rock; Rev. F. E. Goodbar, Little Rock; Dr. Sam Reeves, Arkadelphia; Hardy Little, Jonesboro; Clarence Jordan, Hot Springs; Ray M. Wilson, Little Rock; Louis Lanford, Little Rock; and Jimmie Alford, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Following the Corporation meeting, the Board of Trustees held an organizational meeting and elected R. A. Lile, president; Kenneth Price, first vice president; Floyd Chronister, second vice president; and B. J. Daugherty, secretary-treasurer.

Missionary Becomes Assistant Administrator



James C. Ware

James C. Ware, a native of Ruston, Louisiana and administrator of a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico for the past eight years, has assumed his duties as assistant administrator at

ABMC.

Mr. Ware is a graduate of Ruston, Louisiana High School and received a B. A. degree from Louisiana College. To qualify as a missionary, he attended New Orleans Theological Seminary and received his B. D. degree. In 1958, he was graduated from the University of Minnesota, with a master's degree in hospital administration. He served his residency at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Ware (Susan) reported to the Mexican-American hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico. The hospital was built by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1957 and had 46 beds. "In 1965, we added 50 more beds," he said. "We also operated four mobile extension units which traveled within a radius of 20 miles of the city," he said.

As assistant administrator, Mr. Ware will be responsible for the following departments: Radiology, medical records, physical therapy, occupational

therapy, inhalation therapy, pastoral care, education coordinator and pathology and laboratory.

The Wares have four children, Ruth Anne, 14; Mary Ellen, 11; Jimmy, 9; and Rebecca, 8. Mr. Ware lists his hobbies as fishing, hunting and archaeology. Mrs. Ware is a degree registered nurse and a housewife.

\$53.1 Billion Spent For Health Care in 1968

Figures published in the December "Bulletin", published by Social Security reveal that public and private expenditures for health care during fiscal 1968 amounted to \$53.1 billion dollars in the United States. Private expenditures during the year were \$33.7 billion and public spending for health care was \$19.4 billion. Public funds accounted for payment of 22 percent of the personal health care provided during the fiscal year 1966. In fiscal 1967, this figure had jumped to 32 percent; amounting to \$12.8 billion.



Patsy Thurman



The north half of Intensive Care has been completely renovated, as pictured above on the right. The open ward concept has been carried out to provide nursing personnel with continuous observation of all patients in the unit. The new facility has a six-bed open ward arrangement plus a one-bed isolation room. Total capacity of the Intensive Care Unit is now 20 beds. The seven beds are to be used as an intermediate stop between transfer from the Intensive Care Unit to the general nursing floors.

Mrs. Patsy Thurman, a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, recently assumed her duties as secretary in the Medical Education Department.

Mrs. Thurman attended school in Pine Bluff and from 1952 to 1959, she was employed as secretary to the president of the National Bank of Commerce in Pine Bluff. She and her husband, Don, moved to Little Rock in 1962. Mr. Thurman is a supervisor with the Arkansas Rehabilitation Service.

The Thurmans reside at 9215 Cynthia Drive in Little Rock. They have two children, Walter, age 9½ and Ellen, age 5.

Employees of the Month - '68

During 1968, the following employees were selected by the Employees' Council and the editor of the Buzzer as Employee of the Month.

January's selection was Peggy Echols, supervisor of the nuclear medicine section of the Radiology Department; February, Edna Srygley, payroll clerk in the Accounting Department; March, Ed Micheli, Maintenance Department; April, Audrey Lucas, Chief Medical Records Librarian; May, Claudia Stox, salad maker in the Dietary Department; June, Dorothy Tanner, supervisor of Central Supply.

In July, the Employee of the Month was Don Whitehorn, orderly in Physical Therapy; August, Raymond P. Wiggs, Assistant Laundry Manager; September, Emmalee Bankhead, Radiologic Technologist; October, Floye M. Brown, medication nurse on 3-G; November, Buddy Aley, printer; and December, Alma Price, ward secretary in the Nursery.

Eleven of these employees are still performing in the same manner as at the time they were cited as Employee of the Month. The one who is no

longer working has resigned because she is about to become a mother. We salute all 12 of these employees and express our appreciation for their continued contribution.

Maintenance Secretary



Frances Foust

Mrs. Frances Foust is the new secretary in the Maintenance Department. She is a native of Clinton, Oklahoma and came to Little Rock by way of Maryland and Utah. Her most recent employment was with the National Jet Company in LaVale, Maryland.

Mrs. Foust has two daughters, one living in Helena, Montana and the other in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She also has three grandsons and two granddaughters.

Section Officers for '69

The following doctors were elected to offices in their respective Sections for the year 1969. **Anesthesia** Section: Chief, Dr. Fay Barnhard; Vice Chief, Dr. W. J. Cottrell; Secretary, Dr. Agnes Kolb. **EENT** Section: Chief, Dr. James L. Smith; Vice Chief, Dr. H. A. Ted Bailey; Secretary, Dr. Billy M. Chandler. **General Practice** Section: Chief, Dr. David Cheairs; Vice Chief, Dr. Forrest Miller; Secretary, Dr. James Murphy. **Medicine** Section: Chief, Dr. James H. Abraham; Vice Chief, Dr. Louis Tolbert; Secretary, Dr. William N. Jones. **OB-GYN** Section: Chief, Dr. Irving Kuperman; Vice Chief, Dr. James L. Hagler; Secretary, Dr. J. O. Porter. **Pathology** Section: Chief, Dr. R. A. Burger; Secretary, Dr. Douglas Young. **Psychiatry** Section: Chief, Dr. Frank Westerfield; Vice Chief, Dr. Vale Harrison; Secretary, Dr. R. Fred Broach. **Surgery** Section: Chief, Dr. Joe Buchman; Vice Chief, Dr. John Satterfield; Secretary, Dr. Harold Hutson. **Radio-logy** Section: Chief, Dr. Harold Langston; Secretary, Dr. John Lane.

She lists her hobbies as sewing, cooking, water skiing and fishing. She is a member of Alpha Gamma Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International.

Mrs. Foust's brother, Arch R. Gilchrist, is an administrative assistant for maintenance at St. Vincent's Infirmary in Little Rock.

"A Man Needs A Place To Go"



Mr. Carroll (left) discusses with Mr. Gifford, the work to be done on the year-round program of maintaining the 12-acre hospital grounds.

This month the Buzzer salutes Shelby T. Carroll, Executive Housekeeper for Memorial Hospital, a man who retired from his job after 20 years but who had no intention of quitting work. "A man needs a place to go and work", he said, "and I was lucky. I found a job that needed to be done, with responsibility, challenge and an opportunity to make a contribution."

Shelby Carroll is a native of Russellville, Arkansas. He is the oldest of six children born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carroll. At age five, the Carrolls moved to Cotton Plant where Shelby attended school and met Grace Van Pelt, later to become Mrs. Shelby Carroll, who is affectionately referred to by Shelby as "Miss Lady."

In 1939, Shelby volunteered for the C.C.C. and reported to camp at Jacksonville, Arkansas. His immediate supervisor was "Lank" Langston, now Dr. Harold Langston. He was discharged from the C.C.C. in March, 1941, and was inducted into the Army in June, for one year. "I got out 20 years later," he said. In the meantime, he had risen from the rank of private to warrant officer, third class. He served in the South Pacific, Germany, Korea, plus stateside assignments in Oklahoma, Arkansas (twice), Washington and Fort Riley, Kansas, where he was discharged. He had received

eleven service medals including the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (twice).

After retiring from the Army in July of 1961, Shelby and "Miss Lady" moved to Little Rock, bought three-quarters of an acre of land and built a home. "We caught up on our fishing and by December we were settled in our new home and I was ready to go to work," he said.

Mr. Carroll worked at the hospital a couple of days in December, 1961, for the linen supplier and was officially put on the hospital payroll on January 2, 1962.

As Executive Housekeeper, Shelby supervises twelve employees in housekeeping, storeroom, linen room and ground maintenance. He is very proud of the fact that two of his employees will have finished seven years in February and another will have been there five years in February. "The employees are very close to each other and our departmental pride is unchallenged in the hospital. We are almost always first to respond to programs which reflect credit to the hospital, such as the United Fund and Building Fund Campaign. It's another way of belonging to something worthwhile — it's being a part of the big picture," he said.

In discussing his work, Mr. Carroll

said, "My biggest satisfaction is working with and among people. We appreciate the compliments from visitors, patients and fellow employees on how clean, neat and pleasant the hospital and grounds look. We not only clean 85,000 square feet of floor space, but we dust, polish, scrub and clean the beds, lamps, work counters, desks, equipment, windows and walls. In the storeroom we maintain approximately 1,800 individual items and dispense approximately 200,000 items annually. In the linen room we handle approximately 15,000 pounds of linen per week, including everything from sheets and wash cloths to operating gowns and masks. The hospital grounds include twelve acres and require a year-round program of mowing, watering, grooming, fertilizing, planting, pruning, etc."

Shelby could have retired at age 44 and pursued his hobbies of hunting, fishing and gardening. However, such is not the nature of a man who likes people. "What I do is important — it is meaningful. Not only does it need to be done, but it must be done right. Fortunately, I am able to do it. I have a place to go, where I belong, and where I am needed — that's what is important about a job. It is a good feeling to see a patient leaving the hospital and to know that I have had a hand in helping," he said.

Shelby follows his hobby of fishing with the same vigor and enthusiasm with which he does his work. Each week-end, weather permitting, will find Shelby and "Miss Lady" headed for a nearby lake in search of the big one that got away.

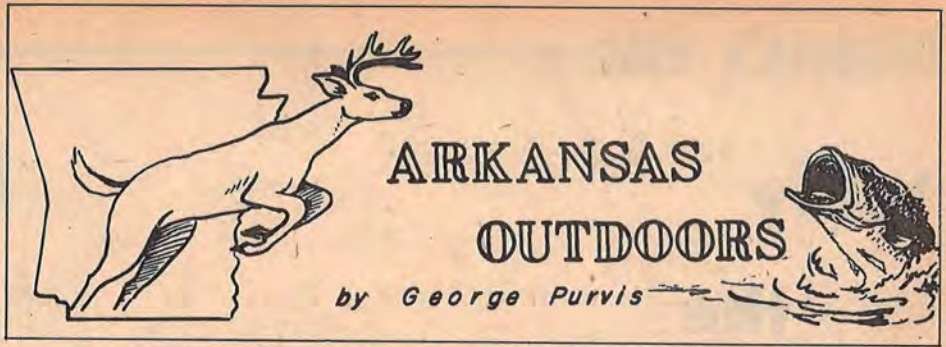
The Buzzer salutes Shelby Carroll, Executive Housekeeper at Memorial Hospital . . . another employee asset to good patient care.



Mr. Carroll receives and inventories some of the 15,000 pounds of linen used by the hospital each week.

The Negro merchants and clergymen of Harlem, deeply concerned by the rising tide of criminal violence by blacks against blacks, are demanding hard punitive action. They want drug addicts driven from the streets. Convinced that the courts have been too lenient, they want stern mandatory sentences for muggers and narcotics pushers with a minimum 30 years for those convicted of first-degree murder rather than the present 15 years. This last harsh recommendation was the main thrust of a report on crime released by the New York branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. (NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN)

"The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders probably saved many lives in the nation's black ghettos this past summer by rushing its report into print five months ahead of schedule, its deputy executive director contends. . . Last April saw almost as many riots and disturbances across the nation as the entire summer of last year. But the total deaths and destruction hardly approached the scale of the Detroit riot alone, which, in July 1967, killed 43, and the 1967 Newark riot, with 23 dead . . . U. S. Department of Justice figures show that 87 persons were killed during riots of June, July and August of 1967, while only 19 died during the same months this past summer." (ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT)



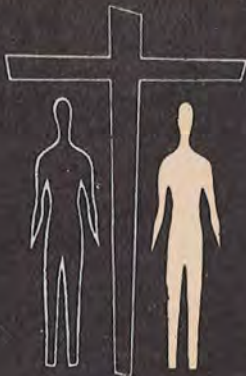
Predictions for 1969



DESPITE the vagaries of man and nature, prospects look good for hunting and fishing in Arkansas during 1969. Good sportsmanship remains the key to conservation and enjoyment of the outdoors.

As we enter the new year many predictions of various kinds are made. Here are a few about fish and game for 1969.

- (1) Hundreds of anglers will be fined for fishing without a valid license. Most of them, in the next few weeks will claim they simply forgot or didn't know that new licenses are required each year on January 1.
- (2) Several new state fish records will be set in 1969, since there are at least three categories that should be easy to break.
- (3) Water pollution will kill large numbers of fish but the general trend in this problem area will look brighter.
- (4) More fishing licenses will be sold than during 1968.
- (5) Wildlife habitat will continue to shrink and when it is all but gone hunters will raise their voices for the commission to do something about the poor hunting in their areas.
- (6) A new record deer kill will be set if the state's sportsmen will let the commission follow the recommendations of its staff of biologists.
- (7) Finally, more people would enjoy fishing and hunting in 1969 if they would put less emphasis on the limits and more on the privilege of being able to fish and hunt.



"The ground is exceedingly level at the foot of the cross."

Willy the squirrel

By ANNA HARTZES



"I have seen all there is to see of the woods. There is nothing here that I cannot see near my own home," decided Willy the squirrel after searching the woods for several days.

"I will return to my friend John and to my home."

His friend John lived in the big, white house on the other side of the woods. Willy's home was in the big oak tree that stood in John's backyard.

Willy was happy as he thought of again seeing his friend John and of resting peacefully in his comfortable home in the oak tree. He jumped merrily from tree to tree, heading back. He was a long way from home. Soon he felt tired. He stopped to rest. It took him almost a whole day to return home.

When Willy finally approached John's yard, he heard a strange noise. Sensing that he should not hurry on, Willy crept up a tall pine tree and looked down into the yard. Willy could not

believe his eyes.

"John has a new pet!" he cried, seeing the soft, brown puppy playing under Willy's oak tree.

As Willy sat in the tall pine tree watching John's new pet, he thought of the many days he had been gone.

"John has forgotten me," he sobbed, tears falling down his face.

"I never meant to leave John. All I wanted was to go out and see the woods," he sniffed as he looked sadly at the big oak tree that had been his home.

"I must leave, now that John has a new pet," Willy decided. "John will not want me around."

Willy wanted to have one last look at John. He waited for John to come out of the house and into the backyard.

There was a stir at the back door. A strange boy came out—and a strange

mother.

"My friend John has moved. I will never see him again," gasped Willy, his heart aching.

Then Willy's heart beat fast. Coming out of the house now were John and his mother.

Willy's body shook with happiness as he realized what he saw.

"The strange boy and his mother are visitors. They are leaving and taking their pet with them!" Willy exclaimed. "John does not have a new pet!"

In his excitement, Willy hurried down the pine tree and hopped into John's yard. Suddenly he stopped. He should not come into the yard as if he belonged. Maybe John had forgotten him or did not want him back.

Before he could turn around to leave, he heard John call, "Look, Mother, Willy is back!"

Was it true, or was Willy dreaming? Was his friend John really happy to have him back? Hesitantly, to make sure, Willy hopped across the yard to John. He chattered to him about the woods. He told him that he had not meant to leave John, only to see the woods.

John's eyes lighted up as if he understood every word Willy told him.

"I was afraid you would not come back, Willy. I missed you so," John answered when Willy paused to catch his breath.

"John was afraid I would not come back," Willy thought sadly. "And I did not realize he would miss me so much if I left for a few days. I will never leave my good friend again," Willy vowed. And he never again did.

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Characters from Bible times

Fill in the correct word in each blank, and you will find the name of someone from the Bible.

1. —liath: A command to leave.
2. —ah: A negative reply.
3. —er: To pat softly.
4. An—: Sketched a picture.
5. —h: Deep track in mud or snow.
6. —y: To scratch or damage.
7. M—ha: Painting or sculpturing.
8. Ja—: The part of a roasting ear we don't eat.
9. M—: The boat Noah built.
10. L—: Slang word for an instrument similar to banjo and guitar.
11. T—y: An insect that eats wool.
12. Est—: Another word for she.
13. Abra—: A kind of meat we eat with eggs.
14. Sam—: What a boy is to his father.
15. —ul: Short word that means father.

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Answers: Goliath, Noah, Peter, Andrew, Ruth, Mary, Martha, Jacob, Mark, Luke, Timothy, Esther, Abraham, Samson, Paul.

Why Jesus came

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Life and Work
February 2, 1969
Matthew 1:21
Mark 10:42-45
Luke 19:1-10

We found a clear basis for missions in the Old Testament from our first unit's study. God revealed himself to man and charged man with the responsibility of proclaiming this revelation to people still in the dark. Of course, man botched up the whole thing. God's people took the land given them, desecrated it with idol worship, ignored the prophet's warnings and finally lost their land. So God began again.

Actually, God just kept working with the few who remained faithful. He patiently prepared the people again for his great secret he was about to share. At last the time was ready and God came into the world as a human being, a tiny baby at that. Phase two of our unit study begins at this point. We turn now to trace the development of missions in the New Testament. Let us use the following aim as a point of reference in our study: "To understand better the mission of Christ and to commit ourselves to a continuing ministry for Christ in the world."

The first lesson concentrates on the reason or reasons why Jesus came. We will look at three clues given and then summarize our findings.

Clue No. 1—His Name

Nearly everyone minimizes a part of his name. Since we had no choice in it, that bothers us a little. Then, too, it may be a part of someone else's, which doesn't always suit us either. Usually, though, we just don't associate any virtue or design with what we are called. It is just a name our parents gave us.

This was most certainly not true of Jesus. His name meant something. It was chosen well before his birth and revealed by God to his earthly parents. Very simply, it means "saviour." Can you think of a more appropriate name than that? Jesus was to save people from their sins, which is the one thing people cannot do for themselves. There just aren't any do-it-yourself salvation kits. Jesus, only Jesus, is Saviour. Thus we have the first clue as to why Jesus came.

Clue No. 2—His statements

The most obvious place to look for a clue on Jesus' coming would be among his statements. He told us his mission

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from time to time. One such time was during a reprimand given the disciples for scuffling over the place of honor. He rebuked their unworthy method of seeking first place. Instead, he told them that if they really wanted to compete for top honors to do so in service. The one who does the most for others will get the top honors. It is perfectly all right to be called great if you are called so because of unusual service. Even the world at large recognizes that, although wealth talks pretty loud in most places.

Jesus then stated even he came to serve. Surely, he accepted their service but he also took the initiative and showed the way. He went about doing and then explaining what he had done. Quite the opposite from our talking and then explaining why we didn't do it.

Jesus did not meet an untimely death. He was right on schedule. He gave his life, no one took it. His sacrifice was a part of his service. This is the second clue as to why Jesus came.

Clue No. 3—His example

The story of Zacchaeus gives us another clue as to why Jesus came.

Now Zacchaeus was like the rest of us—he was very fond of money. And he had a good name too but a very poor reputation. He was hated because of his tax collecting shennanigans (?). In fact, he was probably the top crook in his area.

But Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, and he found a way. Of course, he didn't know it, but it was Jesus' last trip through Jericho.

Actually, he put himself in a most vulnerable spot to see Jesus. Everybody loved to throw rocks at tax collectors in trees. It was the national pastime.

Along came Jesus and it seemed he was looking for Zacchaeus. It became increasingly clear that he wanted him even if it meant losing the whole town.

Jesus invited himself home with Zacchaeus, a thing he seldom did, so cer-

tain he was of Zacchaeus' decision.

Whoever made the motto of Jesus being the silent guest in the home was voicing what most people want but certainly not what Jesus wants. He wants to be the permanent head of each household.

Zacchaeus really changed. He went from "I get" to "I give" in record time. His ways straightened up over night.

"Down in the human heart,
Crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that
Grace can restore;
Touched by a loving heart,
Wakened by kindness,
Chords that are broken will
Vibrate once more."

We must say that not every man is like Zacchaeus, but we must believe every man is. Thus we have another clue. . . His example of searching out every man; the down and out and the up and out.

Summary

Why did Jesus come? He came to save the world from its sin.

He came also to serve those he would save and set the pace of service for all time to come.

But most of all, he came looking for us. We didn't find him, he found us. Thank God that Jesus came!

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What is the kingdom of God?

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Mark 4:21-32

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Although parables appear in Old Testament literature, they first come to prominence in the fourth chapter of Mark and its parallel passages in Matthew and Luke.

In the afternoon of his long and eventful day which began with the appointment of the twelve and was interrupted by the scribes' charge that he was in league with Satan, Jesus sat in a small boat and spoke to a large audience which stood along the shore. It was there that he found the parable to be a most effective teaching tool.

To the uninitiated, a good story served as an attention-getter. It was interesting, sometimes startling, but always left the listener with something to think about which might serve to bring him back for more teaching.

To the disciples it was more than an attention-grabber; when explained, it clarified deep spiritual truth and helped them to gain deeper insight (4:10-13).

The parable of the sower might better have been called the parable of the soils, because its central truth seems to be that the response to the Gospel is determined by the preparation of the heart. The hard and calloused heart, the shallow and insincere heart, and the crowded and cluttered heart all fail to bear fruit unto salvation. Only the good and understanding heart is productive, but its yield is quite encouraging (4:5,20).

The lesson concentrates on three brief parables: the parable of the Lamp, the parable of the Seed Growing of Itself, and the parable of the Mustard Seed.

The Lamp and the Bushel (4:21-24)

These five verses in Mark contain five striking statements, four of which are repeated by the risen Lord in each of the letters to the churches addressed in the book of Revelation. William Barclay thinks that the varied use of them may indicate that the statements were disconnected and axiomatic. Even so, they do seem to say to the disciples that the Lord did not use parables to hide the truth from those outside the kingdom.

1. Light from the parables (v.21). In his private explanation of the parable of

the sower, the Lord had said that the disciples were able to understand the kingdom of God, but to those outside he spoke in parables (v. 11). One might understand the statement to mean that the purpose of parables is to conceal the truth from the masses, but that is not what he meant. A parable, he says, like a lamp, is not placed under a basket or bed where its light would be hidden but on a stand so as to give light to the whole room. The next verse makes this meaning clear.

2. The openness of the kingdom (v. 22). If things are hidden, the purpose is that when the time is right they will be revealed. If a treasure is hidden, the purpose is that it will be preserved and taken out of hiding at a later date. The kingdom of God is open for investigation, but men can gain insight and understanding of it only as they are prepared by experience.

3. Spiritual understanding (v. 23). If one has ears, let him hear, i.e., if one has the necessary spiritual equipment for understanding what is being taught about spiritual matters, he is to make use of that ability and understand all that he can about the kingdom.

4. Hunger for learning (v. 24). Jesus warned his disciples that one will get out of his listening in proportion to what he puts into his listening. The person who attends his Bible class half-time, sits in his chair half-awake, half-attentive and half-believing will not receive as much from his class as the one who is all there. Worked out mathematically, he receives one-sixteenth as much.

5. The law of learning (v. 25). The man who brings some degree of spiritual appreciation coupled with a desire for more when he comes to hear spiritual truth, will gain additional spiritual insight; but the one who listens to the Gospel without sincerity and without a desire to gain spiritual depth will carry away less spiritual perception than he brought. Spiritual life, like other forms of life, must receive food or it will die.

The Mystery of Spiritual Growth (4:26-29)

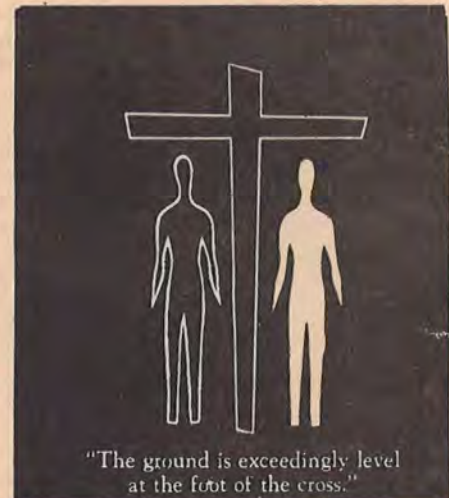
Growth is a mystery because life is a mystery. The teacher of this lesson

would do well if he could manage to introduce this study with a careful explanation of what life is. He might explain, if he can, the difference between the seed that has life in it and the seed that is lifeless. About all he can really say is that if one is planted it will germinate and produce a new plant, but the other will not.

Spiritual life, too, is mysterious. A parable containing a seed of spiritual truth is planted in a human mind and, mysteriously to us, it sprouts and eventually bears fruit unto salvation. The witness who sows the Gospel seed in the heart of another does not understand how or why it grows, or why in other instances the seed does not grow. The mystery lies in the life which inheres in the Gospel and in the condition of the heart in which it is planted.

Kingdom Expansion (4:30-32)

The mustard seed was used in reference to very small things. Jesus said, "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed." The mustard plant grew into a sizable plant, large enough for birds to build nests in its branches. The continuum from the small seed to the large plant is spanned by growth. Thus, the kingdom of God has grown from a small beginning into a mighty kingdom whose subjects are found on all the continents of the earth, and some have been known to make rings around the moon.



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A Smile or Two



If you get too high up, you discover there are not many friends around.

—ARK-E-OLOGY by Gene Herrington

Attendance Report

Church	January 19, 1969	Sundav School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Alexander, First	62		32	
Alicia	54		48	
Berryville				
First	143		64	2
Freeman Heights	129		55	
Camden				
Cullendale, First	376		99	2
Camden, First	435		98	2
Cherokee Village	87			
Crossett				
First	522		144	
Mt. Olive	250		148	
Dumas, First	280		73	
El Dorado				
Caledonia	37		30	
Ebenezer	167		52	
First	626		414	
Victory	64		28	
Forrest City, First	551		170	
Ft. Smith, First	1,216		406	4
Gentry, First	170		76	
Green Forest, First	170		83	
Greenwood, First	256		100	1
Harrison, Eagle Heights	209		111	2
Hicks First, Ashdown	40		34	
Hope, First	468		145	2
Hot Springs				
Emmanuel	55		23	1
Grand Avenue	197			
Lakeside	129		90	
Jacksonville				
Berea	101		48	
Chapel Hill	105		67	
First	444		138	
Marshall Road	273		124	8
Second	173		70	3
Jonesboro, Central	447		174	1
Little Rock				
Crystal Hill	170		100	
Geyer Springs	557		203	6
Life Line	529		144	2
Rosedale	221		77	
Louann	37		37	
Magnolia				
Central	582		181	5
Immanuel	87		83	
Marked Tree, Neiswander	101		42	
Monticello				
Northside	106		69	2
Second	239		108	
Mountain Pine	119		54	
Nashville, Ridgeway	113		52	1
Nettleton, Jonesboro	238		88	
North Little Rock				
Baring Cross	566		175	
Southside Mission	27		13	
Calvary	450		144	
Forty Seventh Street	169		75	
Levy	447		113	3
Sixteenth Street	40		36	
Park Hill	858		219	2
Sylvan Hills	245		94	
Paris	345		121	1
Pine Bluff				
Centennial	282		115	
First	705		141	
Green Meadows	75		29	
Second	198		71	
Pocahontas, Shannon	95		45	
Rock Springs, Berryville	80		49	
Sherwood, First	195		91	1
Springdale				
Berry Street	84		47	1
Caudle Avenue	107		31	
Elmdale	341		117	4
First	397		129	
Oak Grove	69		38	2
Van Buren, First	387		164	1
Chapel	35			
Jesse Turner	11			
Vandervoort, First	50		27	
Walnut Ridge, First	287		111	
Warren				
First	389		133	
Southside Mission	90		50	
Immanuel	242		75	
Westside	79		48	
West Fork	107		57	
West Memphis, Calvary	291		104	

Fair exchange

An elderly farmer wrote to a mail order house as follows: "Please send me one of the gas-line engines you show on page 787, and if it's any good, I'll send you a check."

In time he received the following reply: "Please send check. If it's any good, we'll send the engine."

Point of view

A personnel manager was interviewing the applicant for a job. "How long did you work on your last job?"

"Fifty years."

"How old are you?"

"Forty-five."

"How could you work on a job 50 years and only be 45 years old?"

"Overtime."

Silent type

Little Junior, who hadn't spoken a word in all of his six years, finally blurted at breakfast: "Mom, the toast is burnt."

His amazed mother shrieked joyfully, hugged him and said: "Junior, why haven't you spoken to us before this?"

"Well," replied Junior, "Up to now everything's been OK."

Bountiful

"Norah," said the minister to his housekeeper, "I've asked Mr. and Mrs. James to dinner at 6:30, but I think I'll give them a quarter of an hour's grace."

"Well, sir," replied the housekeeper, "I'm religious myself, but I think you're overdoing it."

Firmness

"That lump on the side of Willie's head," little Willie's sister informed the teacher, "that's where Daddy helped him last night with his arithmetic lesson."

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In the world of religion—

Communications conference scheduled for June

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.—Specialists in all communications media including radio, television, publishing, films, tapes and computers, will attend the Space Age Communications Conference, June 7-13, 1969, at Campus Crusade for Christ Arrowhead Springs headquarters here. Purpose of the conference is to share technology in an effort to provide a cooperative program for helping to fulfill Christ's commission to believers in this generation.

In special seminars the battle lines will be clearly delineated, and practical programs of strategy for helping to

Says Koran key to good government

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—Saudi Arabia has stoutly defended its system of government contending that, though ruled without popular elections, the country's justice is guaranteed by the tenets of the Koran.

In a communication to the United Nations concerning the status of women in Saudi Arabia, the government lashed out against mass information media and women's associations and warned that feminist movements might ultimately defeat their purpose by "striking at the very root of the family as the most basic institution of society."

Assemblies train Sunday School workers

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—More than 50,000 people in about half of the 8,500 Assemblies of God churches will participate in the denomination's training program for Sunday school workers throughout 1969.

"Teaching for Christian Maturity," authored by Dr. George M. Flattery who is president of the denomination's International Correspondence Institute, is

Free Evangelicals to read Bible

MINNEAPOLIS—Throughout the year ahead, 15,000 people in the Evangelical Free Church of America will read the entire Bible through.

This is the pledge of all who joined the "Every Line in '69" Scripture reading crusade, according to the Rev. Kenneth E. Meyer, secretary of Christian Education of the EFCA. "If they all keep their covenants," he said, "they'll read a total of 11,606,190,000 words between them."

change the world will be presented, according to Conference Director William P. Strube, Jr. "With jet aircraft and helicopters, any spot on earth can be reached within hours," he said. "Electronic computers, radio, television, films, tapes and high speed presses are available to communicate God's truth—the answer to anarchy, riot and revolution."

The conference will be sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ. William R. Bright is president of the international movement. (EP)

Radio, television and newspapers were accused of conditioning the minds of listeners with "propaganda, sometimes brash but quite often subtle, to extol certain ideologies or political systems for serving special interests."

Saudi Arabia admitted that there are no elections in their country but it argued that the rights of Moslem women and men—are firmly guaranteed by Islamic law. As one example of such rights, it cited the right of women to acquire property or engage in business even against the will to their husbands or fathers. (EP)

the title of the teaching materials.

Premise of the text is expressed in a quotation from the writings of Herman Harrell Horn: "What a man shall be is the fulfillment of what he is becoming. Destiny is the harvest of character; character is the summation of habit; habit is the repetition of deed; deed is the expression of thought; and thought is the spring of life." (EP)

Meyer said the crusade planners were amazed at the response to the Bible reading challenge. Persistent daily and weekly reading pays off well in accomplishing the goal, he said, adding: "There is something about reading the entire Bible through that does something for you, spiritually speaking." (EP)

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'Clyde the Claw' relieves workers

CHICAGO—Day after day a machine at the Ford Motor Company's stamping plant here performs one of the dullest, most disagreeable tasks without tiring or complaining.

"He" is Clyde the Claw, an "unimate" industrial robot made by Unimation, Inc. The unimate is able to learn an entirely new job just as quickly as a human teacher can lead him step by step through the routine of another task.

Today some 200 unimates are working full time in a wide variety of industries and it is predicted that their number will grow to 5,000 in the next five years.

Clyde simply picks up automobile parts and puts them on a production line. He is hardly in the same league with robots, cyborgs and androids of science fiction. But he is a toddler who will grow up into sophisticated machinery for the work force of tomorrow, leaving men free for other and more challenging pursuits. (EP)

Nuns dismissed for false teaching

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.—Accused of teaching "evolution vs. creation," three nuns have been dismissed from a Roman Catholic parochial school here.

The nuns were accused by parents not only of teaching evolution but of teaching that there is no sin, no angels, no devil and no necessity for the Ten Commandments. (EP)

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