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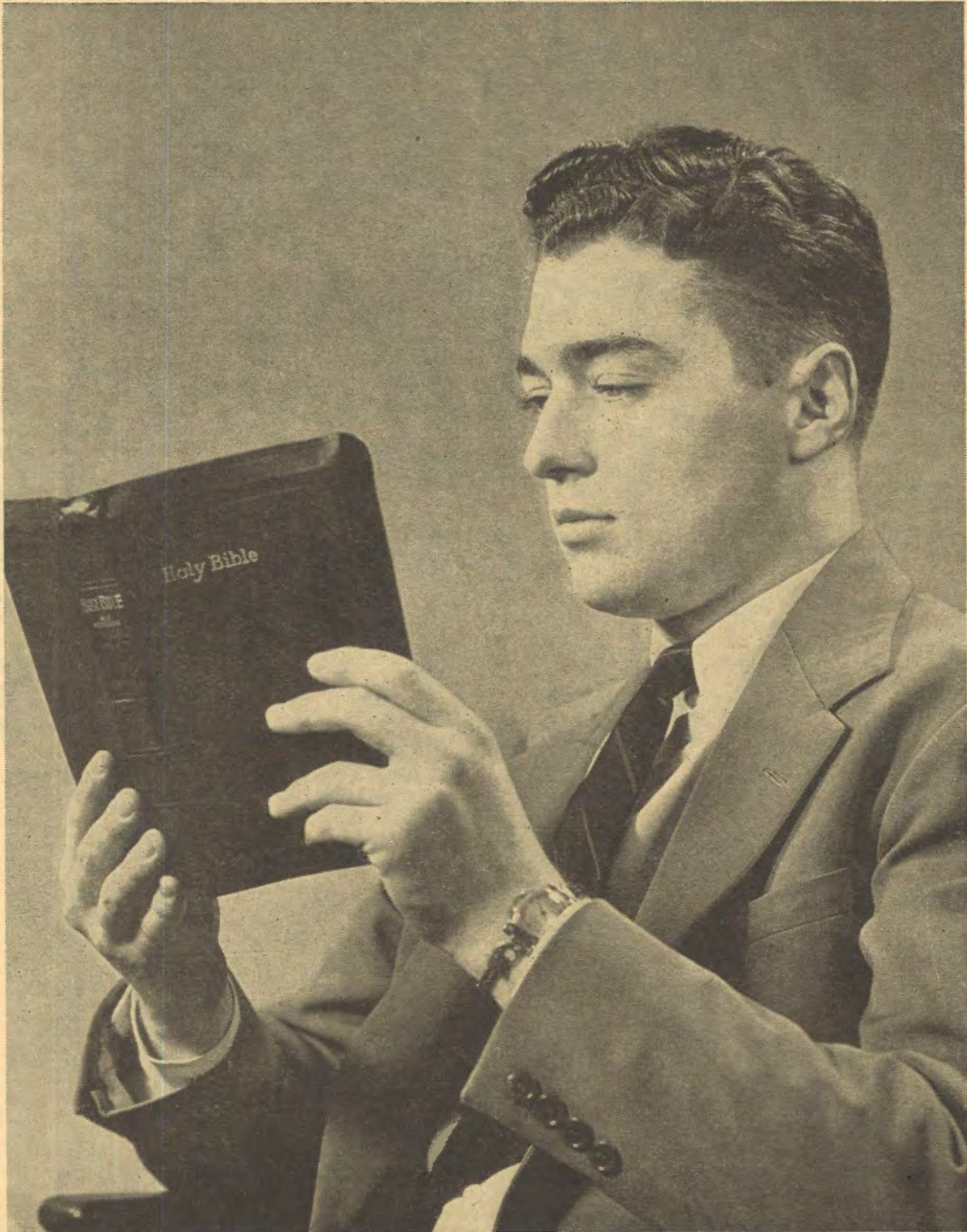
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"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night."

H. Armstrong Roberts

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Report Of The Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Meeting in Little Rock, First Church, November 20-22

By the Editor

Pre-Convention Meetings

The Executive Board met on Monday afternoon, November 19, prior to the meeting of the Convention the following day. The Board heard the report of Dr. B. L. Bridges, General Secretary, which was received with gratification and was approved.

The Board adopted a recommendation by the Missions Committee that the Christian Education Day offering next June go to the two Negro Baptist colleges in Arkansas; Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, to receive two-thirds of the offering; Morris-Booker Memorial College, Dermott, to receive one-third.

No changes were made in the proposed 1952 budget which was adopted by the Board in its July meeting.

The Pastors' Conference

The pastors' conference Monday afternoon featured a program under the general theme, "I Magnify My Office." Program personnel included Johnny Jackson, Louann, song leader; Quincey Mathis, Dermott; Homer Bradley, Pine Bluff; James Harris, Texarkana; Bill Eustis, Siloam Springs; B. E. Eldridge, Bauxite; Burton Miley, Marianna, and D. C. Bandy, Pochontas.

President Theo T. James, First Church, McGehee, presided over the meeting. It was estimated that 200 pastors from all parts of the state registered for this conference.

Ministers' Wives' Conference

The ministers' wives held a conference at the same time the pastors were in their conference. Mrs. Ralph Douglas, Helena, conference president, is responsible for the organization of the Ministers' Wives' Conference and served as first president of this organization.

Mrs. T. K. Rucker, Forrest City, was named as president to succeed Mrs. Douglas. Other new officers are Mrs. Theo T. James, first vice president; Mrs. C. W. Caldwell, secretary-treasurer.

Brotherhood Night

Monday night was designated "Brotherhood Night." The program was arranged and was under the direction of Mr. Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood Secretary.

The Brotherhood program was of the highest order. The program featured the men and the men-to-be.

A very impressive feature of the program was the recognition accorded Royal Ambassadors of the W. M. U. under the program topic of "We Recognize Some Men-to-be." A large number of Royal Ambassador members was present and awards were given to those members which had achieved certain goals in their Royal Ambassador work. These awards were given by Dr. J. D. Wagnon, pastor of First Church, Zwolle, Louisiana. Dr. Wagnon also delivered a timely and inspiring message on the subject, "God's Boys Today—God's Men Tomorrow." He placed emphasis upon the proper guidance of the boys of today in order that they might become the men they should be tomorrow.

The closing message was delivered by Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of First Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Herring's subject was "Choices That Make the Man." The speaker named three choices that

are primary and fundamental in life: The choice of where one takes his stand; the choice of the altar on which one will place his life's devotion and sacrifice; the choice of the court in which one is to be judged.

Dr. Herring's message was superlative in its keen analysis, in its spiritual inspiration, and in its divine challenge.

Convention Proper

The Convention program opened Tuesday morning, November 20, at 10 o'clock, with the call to order by President T. H. Jordan. Dr. J. I. Cossey, Walnut Ridge, led the devotional. Mrs. Vernon Hall, Little Rock, gave the welcome address, and Pastor Walter Hill, Stuttgart, gave the response.

The great auditorium of First Church, Little Rock, was filled to capacity for the morning session, and the congregation remained throughout the morning program, which was challenging and inspirational from beginning to end.

The president's address by Dr. T. H. Jordan on "Christian Union" was timely, well-prepared, and well-delivered. Dr. Jordan placed emphasis throughout his message on scriptural unity rather than on organic union where scriptural and spiritual unity might not exist. Since we published this message in the Arkansas Baptist last week, we will not undertake an analysis here. However, we would urge every subscriber to the Arkansas Baptist to be sure to read it, because this message sets forth clearly, concisely, and scripturally, the Baptist position on Christian union.

It was inspiring to see 38 new ministers and educational directors introduced to the audience by the General Secretary, Dr. B. L. Bridges. The Arkansas Baptist joins all Baptists of our Convention in welcoming these pastors and other Christian workers into our Arkansas Baptist fellowship. We would invite these friends who have come into the state within the last year to visit Baptist Headquarters and the various departments of the state work housed in the Baptist Building in Little Rock. We would also pledge to these new friends our full co-operation and offer our services to them in any way that we can be of any help in their work. We are confident that this welcome and this offer of service includes all those who work at Baptist Headquarters.

Convention Sermon

The morning session was concluded with the Convention sermon by Lloyd A. Sparkman, Pine Bluff. Pastor Sparkman called on Pastor J. T. Elliff of First Church, Fordyce, to read the scripture, the story of the Prodigal Son as recorded in Luke 15. Following the scripture reading, Pastor Sparkman had arranged for a quartet from Ouachita College to render a special musical number.

Since the Convention sermon has already been published in the Arkansas Baptist, we will make no attempt to comment on or give an analysis of the sermon here. However, we wish to say that Pastor Sparkman rose to the occasion of this high hour and lifted the great Convention audience to new spiritual heights as he talked about our

Christian Confession

A Devotion by the Editor

"... with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

There may be, and there doubtless is, a great deal of "suffering in silence," among men and women. Yet all suffering is likely to find its voice and speak its woe, especially if it can find a listening ear.

Rheumatism, operations, nervousness, and other ailments, provide subjects for a major part of the conversation of every community.

Nor are we prone to rejoice "in silence." We talk of our joys to our friends and acquaintances.

Once more, we talk about our work, our achievements, and our plans. Suppose you are engaged in a work which fascinates you and challenges you to your very best efforts; and try to say nothing about it to anybody.

Much of our daily conversation revolves around our sufferings, our joys, and our work. This parallels in a remarkable way our Christian confession and emphasizes the inevitability of confessing our Christian experiences.

We must confess our sins to complete the experience of repentance. This is the most difficult of all confessions to make. "I have sinned" is not easy to say, and the proud human spirit rebels against this humiliating confession.

Because of this reluctance to confess sins, efforts have been made to explain away sins as something quite innocent and harmless.

We must confess Christ to complete the experience of faith. Peter confessed, "Thou art the Christ the son of the living God." This was the confession, by word of mouth, of what Peter had experienced in his heart. Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God."

Faith is not complete until it does declare itself. If faith does not speak out and make its confession of Christ, it is either afraid to trust Him or it is afraid to confess Him; it either doubts Him or it doubts itself. In either case faith is not complete.

We must confess our salvation to complete the experience of Christian growth. This confession takes the form of our Christian testimony or witnessing for Christ before others. We confess our sins and we confess our faith in Christ, as our personal Savior. And when we have done so, we are ready to confess our salvation to the world, "before men," as Jesus Himself puts it.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:10.

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Convention Report

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"Faithful Father." The reception of the message was frequently emphasized by the response of the audience in amens. The warmth and spiritual appeal were felt by all present.

The speaker closed his message with an appeal to his fellow ministers and to the laymen and women of the congregation to pledge with him to keep their hands always in the faithful Father's hands. The vast congregation rose in response and the service was closed by prayer, which was led by the speaker.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by a devotional rendered by W. M. Pratt of Tyroneza.

Under miscellaneous business, two amendments to the constitution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention were approved. These amendments were published last week.

D. B. Westmoreland, Warren, read the report on Baptist publications which was spoken to by Editor B. H. Duncan. The report revealed that the Arkansas Baptist has reached a circulation of 36,938; that there are 357 church budget subscriptions accounting for 34,262 subscribers, and 143 club subscriptions accounting for 2,351 subscribers, and 325 individual subscriptions.

It was reported that the increased cost of paper stock, printing, and other items of increase in the expenses of publishing the Arkansas Baptist amounted to approximately \$100 a week. To cover this increased cost, the proposed allocation from Cooperative Program receipts is increased to \$8,000 and the budget subscription rate is increased from eleven cents per month to twelve cents per month. A goal of 40,000 subscriptions was suggested with an appeal to the agencies and institutions of the Convention, pastors, and other interested church workers to cooperate in expanding the circulation of the Arkansas Baptist to reach that goal.

Religious Education

The Religious Education report was read by Othar Smith, Conway. It was spoken to by Dr. Edgar Williamson, director of the Religious Education department, and Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Williamson reported that the Executive Board had authorized the division of the various phases of the work which have been included in the Religious Education department and that four separate departments be made as follows: Sunday School, with Dr. Williamson as head of the department and George Hink as associate; Training Union, with Ralph Davis as director; music department with Mrs. B. W. Nininger, as director; and B. S. U. department with Dale Cowling as director.

Dr. Williamson expressed his appreciation to all his co-laborers and expressed his opinion that the division resulting in the separation would be to the advantage of the work as a whole.

T. L. Holcomb of the Sunday School Board spoke of the contribution of the Sunday School Board to the work in Arkansas. He said that this contribution consisted of money, of the personnel from among the Sunday School Board employees, and the Baptist Book Store.

Dr. Holcomb emphasized the supremacy of Christ in all our work. Quoting some one who said that if the world was to be saved, Southern Baptists would have to save it,

Dr. Holcomb stated, "Jesus is the Savior, and if the world is ever saved Jesus Christ will save it. He is the Savior, we are His messenger boys."

Dr. Holcomb stated that the Sunday School simply meant that the church was organized to teach; in the Training Union, the church is organized to train. And so with all phases of our work.

Dr. Holcomb made the interesting statement that Arkansas was the first state in the Southern Baptist Convention to employ a full time music director.

The report of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs was read by T. K. Rucker, Forrest City. It was reported that 734 individuals filled out a card indicating a decision for Christ: 52 accepted Christ as Savior, 17 offered themselves for definite service, 347 dedicated their lives to Christ, 118 did not indicate why they came.

Woman's Missionary Union

Miss Nancy Cooper, state W. M. U. Secretary, presented the report for the W. M. U. and called on Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, state W. M. U. president, to speak to the report.

This report revealed that the number of organizations has steadily increased until there are now in the state 581 Woman's Missionary Societies, and a total of 1,330 auxiliaries for young people, or a total of 1,911 missionary organizations with a membership of nearly 30,000.

The following figures reveal special offerings accounted for by the state W. M. U. treasurer: Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions \$62,449.27; other special gifts to Foreign Missions \$222.74; Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions \$25,426.50; other special gifts to Home Missions \$502.16; Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions \$16,047.99; Southern W. M. U. Building Fund \$3,818.88; Narcotics Education Fund \$868.03; special gifts, miscellaneous \$5,382.98.

Our Hospitals

The report on hospitals was presented by Russell Clubb of West Memphis.

The oral report, there being no written report, included the Arkansas Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, and the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. John Gilbreath told of the work at the hospital in Little Rock, and then presented Frank Groener, administrator of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, who spoke of the work of that institution.

Relief and Annuity Board

John L. Dodge, Hot Springs, read the report for the Relief and Annuity Board which was spoken to by R. S. Jones, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Jones stated that the Relief and Annuity Board has expended relief funds in Arkansas in excess of the amount Arkansas had given to the relief department, that this excess amounted to \$1,400.

He suggested that a special offering from the churches was needed to provide more funds for the relief department to take care of the aged ministers and widows of ministers who were not in any of the annuity plans.

Dr. Jones emphasized the necessity of increasing the disability annuity which now stands at \$500 per year. This, he said, is insufficient to meet the needs of those whose health fails them before they reach retirement age. He reported that some of the states are giving one fellowship offering a year taken at the time of the observance of the Lord's Supper, and with this offering they are providing an additional \$400 for the disability annuity within their states.

In Arkansas there are 657 ministers participating in the Ministers Retirement Plan, and 658 churches participating in the plan. That means that approximately 400 ministers and 400 churches are not in the Ministers Retirement Plan.

Stewardship

J. W. Buckner, Crossett, delivered a challenging message on Stewardship. He reviewed the history of Stewardship Emphasis as revealed in the Bible. Beginning with Abel, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Mr. Buckner traced the teaching of stewardship in the Old Testament, and then showed from the teachings of Jesus that the same principle obtains in the Christian program of kingdom promotion.

"Tithing," said Mr. Buckner, "leads to the greater stewardship of life and life powers. It is a spiritual exercise which is involved in the whole Christian experience."

Mr. Buckner emphasized the tithe as sufficient for every need of the churches and the denominational program.

The Tuesday afternoon session was closed with a sermon by Dr. K. Owen White, pastor of the host church. Dr. White took his text from Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." "Power to Witness" was his subject. Power to witness to the person of Christ; power to witness to the purpose of Christ; power to witness to the power of Christ.

Evening Session

The evening session was opened with a devotional service by Hugh Cantrell of Stevens.

The Brotherhood report was read by L. E. Coleman Sr., and spoken to by Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood secretary.

The report revealed that there are now 307 Brotherhoods in the churches of Arkansas, an increase of 56 Brotherhood organizations during the past year. There are also 34 Associational Brotherhood organizations, an increase of seven of these organizations during the past year. The goal as set up by the department of Brotherhood is a Brotherhood organization in each church, and an associational Brotherhood in each association.

Christian Education

The report on Christian and ministerial education was read by Stanley Jordan, Springdale.

The report quotes Thomas A. Bohannon of Texas, who said, "Christian education is the highest form of education; it is an educated heart. It is more than a culture; it is a spirit, a power, a foundation, a testimony." Mr. Jordan emphasized the need of Christian education for the doctor, the lawyer, the merchant, the farmer, the banker, the broker, as well as for preachers and missionaries.

The report for Southern Baptist College of Walnut Ridge was read by C. E. Lawrence, Little Rock, who presented President H. E. Williams, who spoke to the report. Dr. Williams reviewed the ten years history of the college stating that the college had majored on an educational program for rural churches. Starting with an enrolment of 42, ten years ago, the student body reached an enrolment of 1,110 in 1949. The operating expense of the college has grown from \$10,000 the first year to \$367,000 as of the

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Kingdom Progress

South Augusta Mission



Early last spring Mrs. W. J. Cagle of Augusta, and a member of First Church, opened her home for a mission service to be held on Friday night of each week. The service was popular from the beginning and the attendance soon reached a total of 55.

The deacons of First Church took notice of this project and their interest resulted in the construction of a building for the mission. A Sunday service was designated as mission Sunday and an appeal for funds resulted in a contribution of \$3,100 for the construction of the mission building. The church borrowed an additional thousand

and dollars and the building is now complete.

The Sunday School has an enrolment of 68, and the Training Union an enrolment of 35. Twenty-five persons have been baptized from this mission by the mother church and several persons have been received into the church by letter.

"Let's build another mission" is a comment by members of First Church, Augusta. It is reported that the Augusta Church is enlisting more people in Sunday School, and that the prayer meeting is growing as a direct result of the mission activity.

Second, El Dorado, in Revival

Pastor Jesse Reed and Second Church, El Dorado, were assisted in a stewardship revival, November 4-11, by Pastor J. W. Buckner, First Church, Crossett.

Pastor Reed says, "The last Sunday was demonstration day and we asked our people to bring the tithes and offerings for the past week. We had 547 in Sunday School and \$1,545 offering. The revival really revived many of our church people and of course we picked up some new tithers."

Second Church recently ordained three young men as deacons: O'Neal Smith, Jimmy Creed, and Roy Reed.

Pastoral Changes

J. R. Stogsdill has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Mountain View, to accept the call from Immanuel Church at Newport.

Dr. S. W. Eubanks has accepted the pastorate of First Church, DeQueen.

Seibert Haley to Oklahoma

Pastor Seibert H. Haley has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Walnut Ridge, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Waurika, Oklahoma. Pastor Haley began his work with the Oklahoma church December 1.

During his ministry at Walnut Ridge, 89 persons were received into the fellowship of the church on profession of faith and baptism, and 162 by letter. In addition to extensive improvements to the physical property of the church, the church budget has been substantially increased and the building debt substantially decreased.

W. Dawson King has resigned the pastorate of the Hebron Church. Ed Stewart of Ironton has been called by the Hebron Church and will begin his work there December 9.

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California Has Phenomenal Increase In Baptisms

By C. E. MATTHEWS

Below is a record of baptisms in the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, from 1940 to the present time. Surely this record set by Southern Baptist churches in numerical growth in churches as well as in baptisms should be an inspiration to all our states. California is cooperating one hundred per cent with every program Southern Baptists foster, including that of evangelism. Only God knows what the future holds for Southern Baptists in the great West.

The number of associations of Southern Baptist churches in California have increased from one in 1940 to 21 in 1951; the number of churches have increased from 13 to 301; baptisms per year have increased from 142 in 1940 to 5,111 in 1951; church membership has grown during the same period from 1,039 to 39,880.

Besides the 5,111 persons received into the churches by baptism, 6,834 have been received during the year by letter. The total number of additions for the year is 11,945; the net gain in membership is 8,030.

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First Church, McGehee, Plans December Programs

First Church, McGehee, is climaxing its December program with a youth week-end revival, December 26-30, with Student Night on December 30.

The youth revival will be conducted by a team of young people selected by Dr. Dale Cowling, Baptist Student Union Secretary. The team will be composed of Tommy Purnell, Pine Bluff, organizer and director, with Archie Fray, Fordyce, and Jim Tillman, Pine Bluff, as helpers.

On Sunday, December 23, the combined adult and youth choirs, directed by Mrs. Jim Merritt, will present the Christmas Cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem."

Pastor Theo T. James has planned his sermons to emphasize the over-all Christmas program for the month: December 2, "Christ's Birth Foretold;" December 9, "Mary, the Mother of Jesus;" December 16, "Is Jesus the Messiah?"; December 23, "Let Us Go to Bethlehem."

Pastor James' emphasis on the youth program was featured in his Sunday evening sermons for the month: "Christian Youth's First Question," "Youth's Answer to the First Commandment," "Why Youth Fails," "Youth's Savior."

Other programs of the month include the Week of Prayer program by the W. M. S., December 3-7, and the special Foreign Mission program Wednesday evening, December 5.

Minister Ordained

Roy W. Reed was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Bethel Church, near Fayetteville, in the afternoon of November 25. The ordaining council was composed of pastors from neighboring churches in the Washington-Madison Association.

Pastor Stanley Jordan, Springdale, served as clerk. Other participants in the ordination services were A. L. Leake, associational missionary, who conducted the examination; Vance W. Edmonson offered the dedicatory prayer; Pastor G. W. Morrison, of Immanuel Church, Fayetteville, presented the Bible; Pastor Walter L. Johnson, First Church, Fayetteville, preached the ordination sermon and delivered the charge to the candidate.

Training Union Clinic At Forrest City

A Training Union officers' clinic was recently held in the First Church, Forrest City. Attendance reached a total of 107.

Conferences were conducted for directors, associate directors, presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, group captains, daily Bible readers' leaders, missionary leaders, and social leaders.

hontas; Virgil Defreese, Bald Knob; Charles Lawrence, Little Rock; Charles F. Wilkins, Newport; H. W. Ryan, Jacksonville.

Temperance League Of Arkansas Committee

Sidney Oxendine, Dardanelle; Vernon E. Yarborough, Little Rock; J. C. Melton, Hot Springs; Arch Campbell, Little Rock; Fred Parris, Little Rock; Y. W. Ethridge, Hamburg; B. L. Bridges, Little Rock; G. W. Smith, Monette; Elmer Morgan, Cullendale; Harry Hunt, North Little Rock; J. F. Queen, Little Rock; J. A. Abercrombie, Little Rock; Mrs. W. I. Moody, Little Rock; Oscar Ellis, Salem; Mrs. W. R. Pate, Russellville.

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By Religious News Service

Missionary Who Wrote Pro-Communist Letter Returns

Dr. Dryden L. Phelps, American Baptist missionary who was called home to explain a published letter praising the Chinese Communist regime, has arrived in San Francisco, with his wife from China.

State Department officials picked up the veteran missionary's passport. He declined to comment on the pro-Communist letter which had appeared in *The Churchman*, and in *Soviet Russia Today*. The letter characterized the Communist reorganization of Chinese society as "the most profoundly religious experience I have ever been through," and asserted that "God is working right alongside these Communists."

"We are missionaries who have been engaged in religious and educational work," Dr. Phelps said. "We are now returning for consultation with our board, and deem it wise to make no statement until after the conference with the board."

Last December, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society announced that it had asked Dr. Phelps to return to consult about the letter. In reply to the society's call, he said, "You may say absolutely that I am not a Communist, and that I have never had any connection whatever with any political party or organization anywhere."

Dr. Phelps is expected to appear before the society's board of managers early in January.

Senator Sees Rights Covenant Restricting Religious Freedom

Senator John W. Bricker (R-Ohio) charged that the proposed United Nations Covenant on Human Rights would give Congress authority to interfere with freedom of religion in the United States.

The Ohio senator, who is mapping an attack against the U. N. Covenant designed to prevent ratification of it by the United States, said he would warn the Senate against infringements of religious liberty contained in the present draft of the Covenant.

"The First Amendment provides that Congress shall make no law prohibiting the free exercise of religion," he said. "Compare the First Amendment's absolute prohibition on the power of Congress with the power which Congress would acquire under Article 13 of the Covenant, providing in part, as follows:

"Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs shall be subject only to such limitations as are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others."

Senator Bricker also said that the United States should not sacrifice any of its sovereignty to the U. N. and should not ratify a covenant that makes similar compromises on other essential freedoms and which contains such articles of "socialist dogma" as governmental guarantees of employment and adequate housing.

The senator said that he will press his case against the Covenant on Human Rights before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee when Congress reconvenes in January.

Senator Taft Non-Committal On Vatican Ambassador

Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio), candidate for the 1952 Republican Presidential nomination, said that he hasn't taken a positive position on the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

Asked at a press conference for his views on this subject, Senator Taft said:

"I haven't taken a positive position on that. We (the U. S. Senate) don't have to pass on it until January.

"It seems to be a very novel idea," he added.

Church Construction Feels Impact of Defense Program

The National Production Authority announced that drastic curtailment of civilian building necessitated by the steel shortage has resulted in the denial of 476 applications and the granting of only 174 from religious, educational, and welfare organizations in the final quarter of 1951.

Applications for the first quarter of 1952 are now being processed, and only in cases of extraordinary emergency will any further construction permits for the present October-December quarter be granted, NPA said.

On the basis of construction now in progress, and those projects which were authorized to start in the final quarter of the year, the NPA estimates that church construction this year will total \$477,000,000, a new all-time record, exceeding the mark of \$409,000,000 set in 1950. October church construction dropped to \$33,000,000, a decline of 21 per cent from September, as controls began to take hold.

The outlook for 1952 is for a very sharp drop, defense officials said.

Disciples Layman Establishes Foundation

Religious, charitable and educational institutions will benefit from a \$500,000 foundation established by an 80-year-old St. Louis realtor.

He is Oreon E. Scott, prominent Disciples of Christ layman, president of the denomination's Christian Board of Publication, and a member of various Disciples boards and agencies.

Creation of the foundation was announced at a birthday dinner for Mr. Scott at Union Avenue Christian Church, of which he is an elder and charter member. From the foundation the church will get funds for a library and for the maintenance of a large lighted cross on its tower, which has become a St. Louis landmark.

"After all, we are really only custodians of what we have," Mr. Scott told the birthday dinner guests. "I believe the Lord has given us our abilities and our worldly gains to use them as best we know how while we are living and to do our best to see that they serve others after we are gone."

Some people believe that success depends entirely on luck and pluck: luck in finding somebody to pluck.

A Smile or Two

Three absent-minded professors were so absorbed in conversation that they didn't hear the train come in nor hear the conductor's "All aboard" until the puff of the engine attracted them. Then they all rushed for the train and two scrambled on it. The third looked on sheepishly.

The agent, standing nearby, offered consolation. "100 bad, mister. But two out of three made it—that's pretty good."

"Yes," sighed the professor, still looking wistfully after the train. "But those two came down to see me off."

Mrs. Brown: Has the new florist any children?

Florist's Neighbor: Yes, a girl who is a budding genius, and a boy who is a blooming nuisance.

—Exchange.

"Does your wife ever pay you any compliments?" asked the curious bachelor.

"Only in the winter," was the nonchalant answer.

"In the winter? How do you mean?"

"Well, when the fire gets low, she says, 'Alexander, the grate!'"

Father took his small son to church. At one stage of the service the clergyman announced: "We shall now sing hymn number 220, 'Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand.' Two hundred and twenty."

The puzzled youngster nudged his father. "Dad," he whispered, "do we have to work this out?"

"What an interesting mountain! There must be stories about it."

"Sure are. Once two people went up there from here and never came back."

"Goodness! What happened?"

"Went down the other side."

—Sunshine Magazine.

The full meaning of Sunday School teaching apparently doesn't sink in all at once. One youngster was overheard saying to a playmate: "Share—share like the Bible says or I'll hit you on the head!"

—Hastings (Neb.) Tribune.

Two little girls were playing and one pretended that she wanted to rent the other's playhouse.

"Have you any parents?" asked the owner of the playhouse.

"Yes, two," was the reply.

"I'm sorry," said the tiny landlady, "but I never rent to children with parents. They're so noisy and destructive."

—New York Times.

A thug stepped from behind a tree and stuck a gun in the ribs of his victim. "Hand over your money!" he barked, "or I'll blow your brains out!" The citizen promptly replied, "Blow away, brother. I can live in this town without brains, but I gotta have money!"

—Quote.

Teacher: "Percival, have you learned your history lesson yet?"

Percival: "No'm, I haint had no time yet for nothin' but my grammar lesson."

Breathes there a man with soul so dead Who never to a cop has said, When past the limit he has sped, "Gee, why doncha pinch that guy ahead?"

News From Baptist Press

Baptist Orphanages House 4,000 Children

Bottoms Baptist Orphanage at Monticello, supported by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, cared for as many as seventy homeless children at one time during 1950, according to reports compiled by the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The institution, with a maximum capacity of seventy-two children, employs eighteen adult workers and has a physical plant valued at \$228,370. Rev. H. C. Seefeldt is superintendent of the home.

Arkansas' Baptist home for children was chartered in 1894, and has a present endowment of \$3,700.

In the Southern Baptist Convention territory, twenty-one orphanages are owned and operated by the Baptist conventions of the eighteen states in which they are located. They have a total property value of \$14,024,320 and combined endowment of \$5,070,954.

In 1950 the highest number of children in residence in the homes at any one time was 4,057. The twenty-one institutions have a total capacity of 4,146.

During the year 808 people were employed by the homes. They served as superintendents, matrons, teachers, and domestic workers. Expenditures for the past year, including operating expenses and capital improvements, in the twenty-one homes was more than \$4,500,000.

Young Negro Given Scholarship To American Seminary in Nashville

Believing that "the answer to racial problems is purely personal, not legislative," one Sunday School class in First Church, Greenville, South Carolina, has probably instituted a new step in Christian education with the awarding of a scholarship to a Negro youth for study at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee.

Grady H. Donald, 22-year-old graduate of Benedict College in Columbia, received the \$500 from the Ives Class and is now studying in Nashville. Donald, whose home is in Anderson, would have been unable to attend school without the scholarship.

Ives Class has been working on the project for some time after finding that only 500 young Negro ministerial students were graduated from United States schools last year. Class members are expecting the idea to spread so that other classes will help train leaders for Negro Baptists.

December Meetings in Nashville Expect Over 350 Baptist Leaders

More than 350 Southern Baptist leaders, including state secretaries, editors, board and committee members, and state workers from twenty-two states, will meet in Nashville in December for various planning conferences.

The meetings scheduled include:

Executive Committee, December 11-13, Sunday School Board Chapel; Porter Routh, executive secretary; George B. Fraser, Washington, D. C., president. Those expected to attend include thirty-one members, ten Southern Baptist Convention executives, twenty editors, and twenty state secretaries.

Baptist Sunday School Board, December 12, 9:00 a. m., Jarman Chapel, First Baptist Church, and Sunday School Board Chapel; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, executive sec-

retary; Dr. W. F. Powell, Nashville, president. Twenty-eight state members and eighteen local members expected.

Inter-Agency Council, December 10, Sunday School Board Chapel; Dr. Courts Redford, Atlanta, chairman. About ten expected.

Committee on Denominational Calendar, December 12, 5:30 p. m., Sam Davis Hotel. W. L. Howse, Fort Worth, chairman. Twelve expected to attend for outlining 1953 calendar.

Committee on Order of Business for Southern Baptist Convention, December 12, 9:30 a. m.; J. Powell Tucker, Orlando, Florida, chairman. Seven expected.

Over-All Planning Committee for Evangelism, December 10-11, Jarman Chapel, First Baptist Church; Dr. Charles E. Matthews, Dallas, secretary. Expect about 125 to attend.

State Baptist Student Union Secretaries, December 17-19, Sam Davis Hotel; G. Kearnie Keegan, Nashville, secretary. Twenty expected.

State Training Union Secretaries, December 17-19, 2:00 p. m., Sunday School Board Chapel; J. E. Lambdin, Nashville, secretary. About fifty expected.

State Music Directors, December 17-19, Executive Building; B. B. McKinney, Nashville, secretary. About twenty expected.

Dr. Robert G. Lee Reported Recovering From Recent Surgery

Dr. Robert G. Lee, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, expects to return to his pulpit in Bellevue Church in Memphis at least by the Sunday before Christmas. He is making good recovery from serious surgery performed at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tuesday, November 20.

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New Orleans Seminary Objects To Appointment to Vatican

Below is a copy of the telegram sent to the President of the United States, and to the Southern Senators. Numerous Senators have replied, not one favoring an ambassador to the Vatican. Most of them came out flatly against the idea.

"The 18 faculty members and 657 students of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from 26 states on November 16 voted unanimously and vigorously requesting you to oppose the appointment of General Mark Clark as Ambassador to the Vatican because such appointment violates the principle of separation of church and state; because such appointment would show preference to one religion; because it will create untold strife and disunity and because it is unnecessary for the purposes claimed as its motive.—Roland Q. Leavell, President."

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Among the Missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Culpepper, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile, are in the States on regular furlough. Their address is 2524 Wolfe Street, Little Rock. Both Mr. and Mrs. Culpepper are natives of Arkansas.

Miss Martha Elizabeth Hairston, Southern Baptist missionary appointee to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 758, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Miss Hairston, native of Warren, is now studying the Portuguese language.

Trends and Events

By J. P. EDMUNDS

The exacting but far-reaching work of a denominational field worker is revealed in the report of Mrs. Richard Parrish as she retires from the state Sunday School staff after 14 years of service to Georgia Baptists. She travelled 198,488 miles, taught 460 study courses, directed 121 religious surveys, organized 407 new Sunday School classes, conducted 24 Vacation Bible Schools, and enlisted 537 new Sunday School workers.

Forty Protestant missionaries, including Southern Baptists, were carrying on active missionary work in Korea as of November 1. Thirty-five of them are working among refugees in the extreme Southern area.

A survival of religious faith in Russia is "hampering the triumphal progress toward Communism," states a Moscow army newspaper, and declares that this must be stamped out by "systematic anti-religious propaganda."

Nine thousand Protestants attending a rally in St. Louis mailed personal post cards to the President opposing General Clark's appointment.

United States Marines and Army troops in Korea this winter will be wearing new insulated rubber boots that operate on the Thermos bottle principle and protect against frostbite even at 45 below zero.

The public tax "take" for the past six years of 260 billion dollars exceeds by twelve billion dollars the "take" of the previous 156 years.

A new magazine, to be called **Religion and Health**, will begin publication in North Carolina in February, 1952. It will be a pocket size, sixty-four page monthly, whose purpose will be "to bridge the gap between religion and medicine."

More than 3,000 people—Indian, Negro, and White—attended the annual Tri-Racial Goodwill Festival in Carthage, Mississippi to celebrate more than 100 years of harmonious living together in Leake County.

Liquor interests are planning to wage another "educational" program to show the pernicious effects of the bootlegger, who is hurting their business. They say the proposed \$1.50 a gallon tax increase will bring more bootleggers "to debauch the nation."

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Protestants Joining Forces On Vatican Ambassador Issue

Organizations representing 98 per cent of America's Protestants are joining forces in protesting against President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

Disclosure of plans for the united action was made by Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Groups that are conducting consultative conversations on the matter, he said, include the National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, the National Lutheran Council, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Seventh-day Adventists and others.

—Religious News Service.

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present. The assets of the college have increased from \$5,000 to more than a million dollars.

Dr. Williams stated three problems that face Christian education today: The spectre of statism; wild speculation and experimentation in education; non-support by Baptists.

The report on Ouachita College was read by W. O. Vaught Jr., Little Rock. The report reveals an enrolment of 475 college students in Ouachita and 40 special music students, a total of 515. There are 145 ministerial students in Ouachita, and 41 other young people who have dedicated themselves to full time Christian service.

An important item in the report and one that will be received with gratitude and appreciation by Arkansas Baptists is that fact that Ouachita College is free of debt; that current assets, as of August 31, 1951, exceeded current liabilities by more than \$7,000.

It was reported that "during the interim, when the school will not be approved by North Central Association, the University of Arkansas has agreed to validate the work of students done on our campus."

A Five Year Plan

The administration of Ouachita is proposing a five year plan for expansion and improvement of the facilities in the college. This plan proposes an aggressive public relations program; additional endowment; stable income; acceptable athletic program; meeting the standard of North Central Association for accreditation.

Tommy Tedford, B. S. U. secretary for Ouachita, presented an interesting program in which all phases of college life and activity were presented by students.

Authorization was granted the college to construct the first unit of the administration building, funds for which are in hand.

The Convention also granted the college the privilege of constructing a boys' dormitory, the cost of same to be retired by the income secured from rental of rooms.

Wednesday Morning

The devotional service was conducted by H. L. Lipford, Brinkley.

James Harris, Texarkana, presented the proposed 1952 Cooperative Program budget as recommended by the Executive Board. This budget was set up tentatively by the administration and finance committee last summer and then presented to the Executive Board for its approval in July. The Executive Board accepted and approved the budget as presented by the administration and finance committee. When presented to the Convention it was also accepted and approved without alteration. Many people stated that for the first time in their experience with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Executive Board, a budget had been accepted both by the Executive Committee and then by the Convention without any alteration and without changing a single figure. There was unanimity throughout the consideration of this budget which is given below and which becomes the financial goal for Arkansas Baptists in 1952. We sincerely hope that Arkansas Baptists will study this budget and the causes for which their Cooperative Program contributions go. It is a challenging budget and yet it is within easy reach of the Baptists of the state.

1952 Proposed Budget Arkansas Baptist State Convention

DIVISION I	
NON-DISTRIBUTABLE ITEMS:	
Administration	\$ 28,000.00
W. M. U.	22,000.00
Retirement Plan	21,000.00
	\$ 71,000.00
DIVISION II	
STATE CAUSES:	
Promotion and Convention	\$ 6,500.00
Brotherhood Department	11,800.00
Department of Religious Education	28,700.00
Old Debts	41,000.00
Hospital School of Nursing	30,000.00
State Missions	70,000.00
Ouachita College	150,000.00
Orphanage	30,000.00
Ministerial Education	3,000.00
Emergency Reserve	5,000.00
Arkansas Baptist Foundation	6,000.00
Southern Baptist College	20,000.00
Siloam Springs Assembly	5,170.00
Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis)	10,000.00
Central College Liquidating Agency	50,000.00
Office Building Payment	8,000.00
"Arkansas Baptist"	8,000.00
	\$483,170.00
DIVISION III	
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION CAUSES:	
40% of total distributable budget (State and Southern Baptist Convention Causes)	\$322,113.33
	\$805,283.33
TOTAL BUDGET	\$876,283.33

After presenting the budget for 1952, Mi Harris, chairman of the committee appointed by the Executive Board to formulate a statement of policy concerning the support of Ouachita College for the next five years, offered the following suggestion: That the Convention look with favor toward the support of Ouachita College with the approximate sum of \$150,000 per year for the next five years, if economic conditions and financial support of the Cooperative Program justify.

Executive Board Report

Dr. B. L. Bridges, Executive Secretary, reported for the Executive Board. Many encouraging notes were sounded in this report.

Dr. Bridges reported, "We lack approximately \$52,000 on the old honor debt. The ninth payment will be made shortly and there remains only one payment after that. The amount of each payment is approximately \$46,000." Since the 1952 budget carries an item of \$41,000 for the honor debt, it is expected that enough additional funds will come in from those who have supported the honor club to make up the final payment in 1952. It will be a day of rejoicing not only for those who receive their checks, paying the last of these honor debts, but it will be a time of rejoicing for Arkansas Baptists when they have paid in full the debts which they incurred years ago.

Dr. Bridges also reported that the debts owed by agencies had been reduced since the meeting of the Convention in 1950, from approximately \$300,000 to \$116,000 as of the present; \$55,000 of this amount is a Central College obligation "which is well exceeded by the commercial value of the property in Conway."

Another encouraging item in the report by Dr. Bridges is that "thus far the budget (for 1951) has been paid by the churches and their friends. Each month of this year

the board has remitted to each institution and agency every dollar that was allocated to them." The budget for 1951 is \$743,441.67. This budget has been met in full to date and \$72,836.17 has been given in designations.

It was recommended and approved by the Convention that any surplus in budget receipts at the end of 1951 be divided 50 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention causes and 50 per cent for Ouachita College.

Seminaries

The report on seminaries was read by Rel Gray, Rogers. Representatives from the seminaries included, Theodore Clark from the New Orleans Seminary, B. K. Self, Benton, who represented the Golden Gate Seminary, J. M. Price from the Southwestern Seminary, and Dale Moody from the Southern Seminary, who also spoke for the Southeastern Seminary.

The message on theological education was delivered by Dr. Moody, who spoke on the purpose of theological education. Mr. Moody said that the purpose of theological education was that the man of God may be complete, thorough; it is to train complete men to do a complete job. "The qualifications of this man whose training is complete are," said Mr. Moody, "that he should be a man of the Holy Spirit; a man of strength; a man of the Scriptures; and a man of sound doctrine."

Home Missions

The Home Mission report was read by Dr. O. L. Bayless, Hot Springs. He introduced Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, who spoke to the report.

Dr. Lawrence spoke on our mission program and used as his text, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Dr. Lawrence emphasized that every believer is a missionary, a witness. The base of supply, he said, is the homeland.

Dr. Lawrence stated that the five year crusade of the Home Mission Board includes the following items: Organize more churches, enlist more people, baptize more people.

Wednesday Afternoon

The devotional service was led by Dale McCoy, Gurdon.

The report on the Bottoms' Baptist Orphanage was read by W. E. Perry and was spoken to by H. C. Seefeldt, superintendent, and Sam C. Reeves, El Dorado.

The report states that the population of the Home remains practically the same, because as one child moves out another is able to come in. The capacity of the home is 36 boys and 36 girls, making an over-all family, including the staff and the children, of between 85 and 90. The total number of children cared for during the year was 93 as of November 9. Fifteen of the children of the Home have made professions of faith during the past year and have been baptized into the fellowship of First Church, Monticello.

The 1952 budget carries an allocation of \$30,000 for the Orphanage and the Orphanage is authorized to solicit a Thanksgiving and Christmas offering to raise the balance of its operating expense. In addition to the \$30,000 allocation in the Cooperative Program budget, the Orphanage needs between

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\$40,000 and \$50,000 to meet its actual operating needs.

T. T. Holloway, Dallas, Texas, presented the work of the American Bible Society. The Society is a missionary, non-profit organization supported wholly by gifts. It publishes literature except the Bible. It distributes literature except the Bible.

Southern Baptists recognize the American Bible Society as an essential part of their own world-wide mission program. Resolutions commending the work of the Society and requesting the churches to contribute to its support have been adopted by state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention.

In 1945 Southern Baptist churches gave a total of \$44,952 to the Society. These contributions from Southern Baptist churches have increased year by year until the 1950 contribution amounts to \$78,643.

Dr. S. F. Lowe, of the Southern Baptist Convention Radio Commission, Atlanta, Georgia, discussed the work of the Commission and its radio ministry for the past several years and its outlook for the future.

Foreign Missions

The Foreign Mission Board now has 829 active missionaries and 117 emeritus missionaries. The Board also establishes schools of all kinds from kindergarten to colleges, seminaries, training schools, hospitals, and publication houses. The Board is now operating in 27 national areas.

During the current year missionary work was begun in Ecuador and Peru in South America, and in Southern Rhodesia in Africa. Missionaries were also appointed to Jordan in the Near East. The greatest advance in any one national area has been in Japan where there are now 72 missionaries as compared to less than 20 in 1941.

Wednesday Evening

The devotional Wednesday evening was led by W. A. Moody, Mammoth Spring.

The report on obituaries by Theo T. James, McGehee, was read by W. O. Taylor, Ozark. Tribute was paid to those of our Baptist fellowship who have been called to their heavenly home and their eternal reward since the last meeting of the Convention.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Chaplain Commission, discussed the work of Southern Baptist chaplains now in the armed services. Dr. Carpenter stated that the chaplaincy has a permanent place in the overall program of Southern Baptists. He stated that "we want God called men in the chaplaincy." Southern Baptists now have 387 chaplains on duty in the armed services. The quota by January 1 is for an additional 105 chaplains. Dr. Carpenter stated that there had been 10,000 conversions this year under the guidance and direction of the chaplains in the armed services.

Central College Liquidation

W. H. Hicks, Little Rock, presented the report of the Central College Liquidating Agency. The report states that during the period that the agency has been functioning, it has disbursed a total of \$83,761.02, and that \$70,654.36 has been paid by the agency on the obligations of the institution. The remainder of the amount disbursed has gone for utilities, insurance, maintenance and repairs on the Conway property. All

known obligations, the report states, total approximately \$57,500.

A resolution was passed by the Convention to give "full authority to the Board of Trustees of Central College to bargain, sell, convey and transfer title of any real estate and personal property whose title may reside in the said Board of Trustees to any purchaser or purchasers for any consideration or purchase price that may seem in the judgment of the Board of Trustees to be proper and satisfactory."

State Missions

The state mission report was read by Percy Herring, Osceola.

Among the various phases of the state mission program are city missions, associational missions, and pastoral aid. The Department of Missions is supplementing the salaries of associational missionaries throughout the state. There are only eight associations in the state which pay the full salary of their missionaries.

During the first ten months of this year these associational missionaries report 946 professions of faith, with 727 additions to churches by baptism. There have been 28 Sunday Schools organized, 62 communities surveyed, 19 dead churches revived, 28 mission points opened, and 106 churches aided in calling a pastor.

During the past year 47 churches have been aided with supplements to their pastors' salaries. Thirty-two churches are being helped with this type of aid at the present time.

Other phases of the state mission program include giving financial aid to churches in their building programs, \$15,000 is allocated to this type of mission work. The department also maintains a chaplain at the State Sanatorium, Booneville. Charles Finch is the full-time chaplain at this institution.

One Negro woman, Gwendoline Luster, who is a seminary graduate, is employed by the Department of Missions to work with the young people of her race.

The department also promotes evangelism and sponsors the state-wide evangelistic conference and simultaneous crusades. It employs two full time evangelists, W. E. Wiles and R. A. Hill. Traveling expenses are provided for silent workers to go from Little Rock to Mena, Lake City, Russellville, and Texarkana, to preach the gospel in silent language to those who cannot hear.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell presented two pastors and one associational missionary, who told the Convention audience what the state mission department had done in their particular fields of service.

Michigan Churches

The Motor Cities Association of Southern Missionary Baptists in Michigan sent a petitionary letter to the Convention asking for admission into the fellowship of Arkansas Baptists. This association is composed of eight churches. It was organized November 5, 1951, with messengers representing these eight churches. Each church as well as the association itself adopted the petitionary letter which was presented to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Grace Church, Little Rock, also presented a petitionary letter for fellowship in the Convention of Arkansas Baptists. A credentials committee was appointed composed of James A. Overton, J. F. Queen, and Walter Yeldell to examine the petitionary letters. The committee recommended that the messengers of the association in Michigan and

Resolution

Adopted by the Arkansas Baptist Convention

WHEREAS, on date of October 20, 1951, Honorable Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, nominated and appointed General Mark W. Clark as a diplomatic representative to the Vatican, the seat of the Roman Catholic Church, with the full rank and title of Ambassador, and Baptists do not recognize the 107.8 acre estate called the Vatican as a State, but believe that it is a Church;

WHEREAS, after prayerful consideration of this matter, we humbly beg leave to submit:

First, that said appointment violates the American tradition of separation of Church and State and the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

Second, it tends to create dissension among American citizens at a time when unity is essential, in that it gives recognition and preferred status to the Roman Catholic faith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, assembled in regular annual session, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, that we go on record as opposing any such appointment or the confirmation of such an appointment by the United States Senate, and that we respectfully request the President to withdraw his appointment of General Clark and that no appointment be made at any time, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation with the request that their vote be cast against such appointment and any legislation leading to the appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican or a personal representative sent by the President to the Vatican.

Certificate

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Resolution was presented to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in regular annual session, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, on date of November 20, 1951, and was then unanimously approved and adopted.

T. H. Jordan, President

W. Dawson King, Secretary

that the messengers of the Grace Church in Little Rock be recognized as co-operating Southern Baptists and accepted into the fellowship of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The recommendation of the committee was adopted by the Convention.

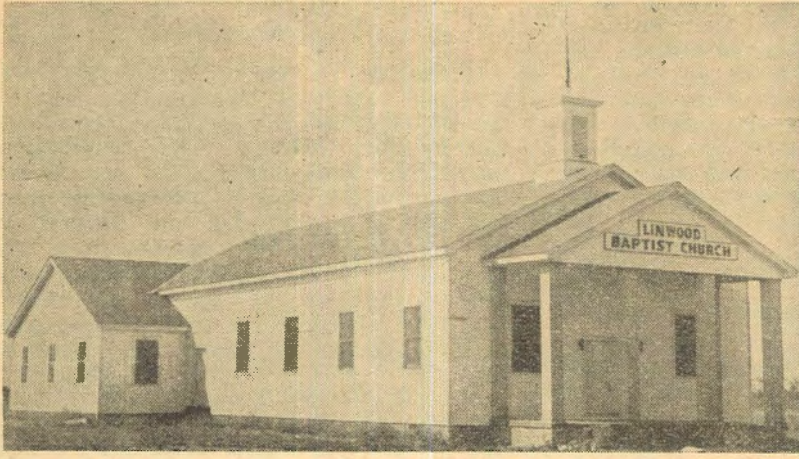
The closing message of the Convention program was delivered by Dr. J. Harold Smith, Fort Smith. Dr. Smith speaking on the subject "Golden Bells" read as his scripture text Exodus 28:33-36 and Romans 1:16.

Dr. Smith delivered a very powerful message which gripped the minds and hearts of the Convention audience and stirred their souls to greater enthusiasm in the Lord's service.

Speaking of the golden gospel bells, the speaker declared that these are invitation bells, warning bells, and joy bells.

The 1951 session of the Arkansas Baptist Convention was closed on a high note of spiritual inspiration and a high resolve to promote a greater program for the Lord in Arkansas, in 1952.

Another Mission Is Organized Into A Church



The Linwood Baptist Church is the fruit of a church-centered mission program. The South Side Church, Pine Bluff, Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor, spent many years in preparing the ground, sowing the seed, and cultivating the crop, which finally led to the recent organization of the church.

This church is fifteen miles southeast of Pine Bluff on Highway 65. As a mission it was called Moscow, which is the name of the community. The school, however, is named Linwood, so when the mission was organized into a church the name, Linwood, was adopted.

Through the years, services

have been held in the school building. When the movement to erect a building got under way last spring, S. D. Davis, associational missionary, gave the major part of his time supervising the construction and purchasing the materials.

Several things can be said in commending this building program. First, the building was well planned. Too many shoddy buildings are thrown up today. The Linwood Church, when completed, will have Sunday School departments and rooms for all ages; a baptistry; rest rooms; kitchen and dining room; and a large auditorium which is a beauty. It is regrettable to see new church

buildings under construction which have no plans except an auditorium. Sometimes three or four Sunday School rooms will be built without any plans as to what ages or classes will use them. The Linwood Church is well planned.

Another fine thing about the Linwood Church is that it is well located. It is on a very popular hard surface highway, adjacent to the public school. Thus, the church, along with the school, will become the center of community interest. Baptists do a wise thing when they locate their churches near the consolidated schools.

South Side Church and Pastor Sparkman have rendered an everlasting service to the cause of Christ and the Baptist denomination in establishing the Moscow Mission, and in leading it into the organization of the Linwood Church. There it stands on the side of the highway—a credit to the denomination and a memorial to the mission minded South Side Church.

Let us remind you that this new church is fifteen miles from the mother church. The mission program of a church need not end at the "city limits." Go down the highway like South Side Church did or out in the country to some vacant school house.

Another fine thing observed regarding the Linwood Church and their new building program is the spirit of co-operation. The South Side Church extended its ministry to a people where there was no church. The fine people of the community were grateful and co-operated in attending, in

financing the work, and in erecting the building.

We see, also, a splendid example of the way a missionary can co-operate with a church in its mission program. S. D. Davis worked hand in hand with Pastor Sparkman and the people of community in seeing the building program through.

It is our prediction that the Linwood Church will become one of our great rural churches.

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Pulaski County Hymn-Sing

The Pulaski County Hymn-Sing was held November 4, at Holly Springs Church, with Bob Hall, the new associational director, in charge of the program. The program was developed around the theme of Thanksgiving, with Pastor Trammel leading the devotional, and Miss Mary Johnson as the accompanist.

Holly Springs and Crystal Hill were the churches bringing special numbers.

There were a total of 57 people representing seven churches. The next Hymn-Sing will be held with Crystal Hill church, first Sunday in December, at 2:30 p. m.

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Introducing—

Ralph E. Longshore of Alabama, succeeds J. P. Edmunds, secretary of Co-Operative Fellowship Promotion Through Associations in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mr. Longshore is twenty-eight years old, is a graduate of Howard College, and has had eleven years experience as pastor. He comes to the Board from the Sunday School Department of the State Mission Board of Alabama.

Mr. Longshore has been successful in his work, and has the commendation of the Baptist leaders in Alabama. He makes a good appearance, and will give freely of his energy and talents to his new work.

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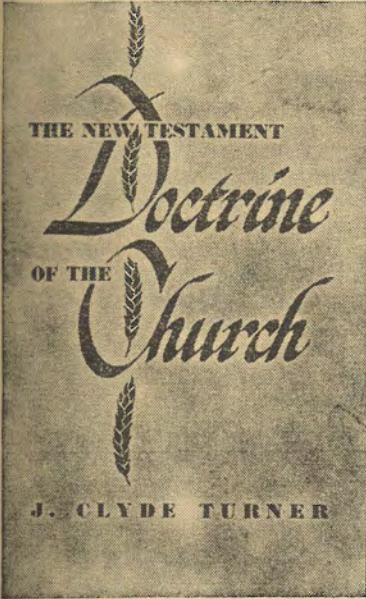
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Here is the book recommended for study during January Bible Study Week, January 7-11, 1952. Two hundred thousand copies are now off the press and available through the Baptist Book Stores.

Join with thousands of other Southern Baptist churches in a study of *The New Testament Doctrine of the Church* next January. It is a basic doctrinal study which every worker and every church member needs.

Write your Book Store now for a supply of these books. Get them into the hands of your members as soon as possible for advance study. Create intensive interest in the week through posters and announcements. Place responsibility on your Sunday School officers and teachers for attendance of those in their departments and classes.

Let us plan to take full advantage of this week as an opportunity for additional intensive Bible study and as a regular part of the Bible Teaching Program of your church.

North Point Has Hymn-Sing

There were sixteen people present at the North Point Church of Pulaski County Association on November 5, for the regular Hymn-Sing. The Sing was directed by Bob Hall, and Rev. David Patton led the devotional, the theme being, "Christmas." Mrs. T. B. Johnston accompanied at the piano. The next Sing will be held at Pilgrims Rest Church.

Last Call!

Last call for YOU to attend "M" Night in your association. A few associations conducted "M" Night on December 3 or 4, but most of them are planning to hold this associational Training Union Mass Meeting on Monday night, December 10.

Who should attend? Every Training Union worker in every church should plan to attend the meeting in his association. Churches that do not have Training Unions should make an effort to have key people attend and get the inspiration to go back and organize a Training Union! Find out where your meeting will be held and enlist a number of cars or a bus and have your church well represented.

You may get your sword drill, Junior memory drill, and speakers' tournament tracts at the "M" Night meeting. Write to your state Training Union secretary, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock for additional tracts.

That leads us to say: All churches should be at work with the Junior, Intermediates, and Young People. The memory drill, sword drill, and speakers' tournament should be conducted in the churches during February, with the elimination tournament in the association the first part of March. State tournaments will be held at the State Training Union Convention, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 14-15, 1952.

"I'd rather attend the State Training Union Convention than the Southern Baptist Convention," said James Birkhead of Crossett. Do you have a testimony to make concerning the State Training Union Convention? If so, let us hear from you!

North Zone Hymn Sing For Pulaski County

The North Zone Hymn Sing for Pulaski County was held Sunday afternoon, November 18, in the Worrells Memorial Church, North Little Rock.

The program was directed by Bob Hall, Associational Music Director, and Mrs. Joe Simmons, First Church, North Little Rock, was the accompanist and also led the devotional, the theme of the program being, "Faith."

The next Hymn Sing will be held December 16, in the Gravel Ridge Church.

A Timely Appeal To Young People

Today's struggle for the world is basically a struggle of ideas. Nothing can overcome an idea but another, more powerful idea.

To fortify themselves for this battle of ideas young people need to study *The New Testament Doctrine of the Church* during January Bible Study Week in 1952.

Young people need to study this book because they must fight this battle of ideas. They need to study it because the New Testament doctrine of the church is imperiled in our day.

On the one side stands communism, designing to stamp out Christianity altogether. On the other stands Catholicism, which some would have us believe is the only alternative. From within our ranks of evangelical churches has arisen the ecumenical movement with its fallacious doctrine of the church.

What does the New Testament teach about the church? To this source alone Baptists go for the answer. Young Baptists need to gird themselves with the New Testament answer.

This is an appeal to young people to make plans now to participate in this intensive study of Baptist beliefs. Assist your superintendent in scheduling January Bible Study Week. Lead other young people to sign up for the study. Victory in the struggle for the world awaits your decision.

Ouachita Association Hymn-Sing

The Ouachita Association held its Hymn-Sing November 11, in the Concord Church at Ink, Kay Mansell, the Associational Music Director, was in charge of the program and the theme was, "A New Song," taken from Psalm 40:3.

Special numbers were brought by First Church, Mena, and the Acorn Baptist Church.

There were a total of eleven churches, representing 119 people. The next Hymn-Sing will be held February 10, 1952, in the Cove Baptist Church.

Coming Events

December 10—Training Union "M" Night

December 30—Student Night at Christmas.

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Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

—Charles H. Spurgeon



Hospital to Receive New Class Next January

A class will be enrolled in the Mather School of Nursing January 8. Young women who are interested in making Nursing a Career and who are graduates of an accredited high school are invited to write for information regarding the training program and for the necessary forms with which to file their applications.

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Clothing And Gifts For Koreans

Many inquiries have come regarding the sending of used clothing to Korea for distribution by Dr. John Abernathy. Realizing the possible difficulties of getting packages to him, information was sought from the Foreign Mission Board, and we quote from their response:

"The only facilities which Southern Baptists have for getting much needed clothing into Korea is through ARK (American Relief for Korea, Inc.) . . . Clothing contributed through ARK will reach the suffering people of Korea, though it will not be handled through mission channels. The addresses to be used are: The ARK, 5215 Flushing Ave., Maspeth, Long Island, New York, and The ARK, 10901 Russett St., Oakland, California. Those contributing should send five cents per pound to pay the cost of processing.

" . . . Inquiry at the post office department in Richmond indicates that parcel post service has not yet been resumed except through APO facilities and Dr. Abernathy has asked that his APO number NOT be used. To send clothing addressed to him in care of his APO number might mean that he will lose APO privileges.

" . . . Southern Baptists should give attention to the plight of suffering people of Korea and contribute funds to Korean relief through the Foreign Mission Board. CARE will make distribution to needy people or you may send your contributions through the Foreign Mission Board designated for CARE packages to Korea or you may send them directly to Dr. Abernathy. (CARE, 20 Broad St., New York 5, New York)."

Names of individuals in Yugoslavia, who are in need, may be secured from the Foreign Mission Board, 2037 Monument Ave., Richmond, Virginia.

Achievements Noted

Many gratifying results were noted in the annual report submitted to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The following figures reveal some of the special offerings accounted for by the State W. M. U. Treasurer, during the period October 1, 1950-September 30, 1951.

Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions	\$62,449.27
Other Special Gifts to Foreign Missions	222.74
Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions	25,426.50
Other Special Gifts to Home Missions	502.16
Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions	16,047.99
Southern W. M. U. Building Fund	3,818.88
Narcotics Education Fund	868.03
Special Gifts—	
Miscellaneous	5,382.98

Of the latter figure \$4,420.44 was given through the District Budget, a fund providing gifts for the W. M. U. Training School; Margaret Fund students; Arkansas Baptist College (Negro); scholarship to National Baptist Missionary Training School (Negro); Conference for district and associational officers; district expenses; supplements for young people's work and office expense.

"Thank You, Arkansas Women!"

Notes of gratitude have come from the two missionary speakers who were guests at the annual district meetings and through whom the offerings were distributed.

Miss Kathleen Manley, missionary-nurse from Nigeria, who was in seven districts wrote, "That was the most beautiful check I have ever seen and it is hard to realize how much is contained on that one piece of paper. I bought the screens and they are traveling out with Miss Sanders . . . I wish I knew a lot of nice words with which to say 'thank you' to each and every one who had a part in buying those screens. . . . I am just so happy about this I do not know what to say and I know I should write a nice letter that you could put in the Arkansas Baptist. I will do that some day, but in the meantime, please thank the people for me."

Miss Jaxie Short from China was a guest in Northwest District and acknowledges a gift of \$50.25: "Thanks for the check for \$50.25 which will be used for religious work in Pooi To in Hong Kong. In a letter I had from one of the teachers there she said, 'thirty-six of the students were converted in the three day's revival last week. (Dr. McKay did the preaching). Most of them are Juniors (in Junior High), eight from my class."

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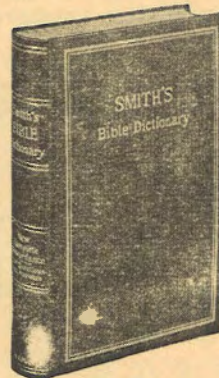
All over Arkansas, and from many places over the Southland, high school seniors are making plans to attend Ouachita College. College days are just around the corner for you if you are a senior in high school. So make your plans today to attend the friendliest college on the face of the earth . . . Ouachita College.

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U. S. Ambassador To Nashville?

By DUKE K. McCALL, President
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It has just occurred to me that if the United States is going to send an ambassador to all of those religious groups which are opposed to communism and which have constituencies behind the Iron Curtain, one of the ambassadors would be sent to Nashville, Tennessee.

The Southern Baptist Convention does not own quite 108 acres in Nashville, but obviously the size of the area is an irrelevant detail. The appointment of that fine gentleman, General Mark Clark, as ambassador to Vatican City makes that fact perfectly obvious since no one would uphold the appointment of an ambassador on the basis of the size of Vatican City. Presumably the Baptist building at Ninth Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee, would be a large enough area to warrant an ambassador to the office of Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

I recognize that there are some other technicalities, but these should unquestionably be brushed aside out of consideration for the welfare of the world. For example, there is no interchange of citizenship between the United States and Dr. Routh's office force, but the ambassadorship I have in mind will not be dealing with that type of thing anyway. No other government has thus far sent a representative to Southern Baptist Convention, but the United States is not limited to a "me too" course of action. I can anticipate the argument which will be advanced by some who see this proposed ambassadorship in Nashville as unconstitutional and illegal. These objections need not to be answered. They can simply be brushed aside on the grounds of expediency.

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of opposition to communism. It has often declared itself to be an ally of the United States Government in opposing totalitarianism whether Communist or Fascist. Its representatives have given their blood, and indeed their lives, as martyrs in the battle for free minds and the right of every man to a personal faith in God.

I write these things merely to point out that the Southern Baptist Convention is the kind of ally the United States wants. To imply that the assistance of the Southern Baptist Convention in the fight against communism can be secured only by the bribe of an ambassadorship would be considered by 7 million Baptists as libel. Both the Southern Baptist Convention and all other freedom loving people would gladly make available to the free world any information which might serve the cause of peace and justice. To suggest that such information has to be bought by the American Government is scandalous.

It is not generally known that there are at least 2 million Baptists in Russia. In fact there are many Baptists in every country behind the Iron Curtain. I would like to point out that this makes Nashville a good listening post to determine what is going on behind the Iron Curtain. Unfortunately I must confess that the information which filters through is often sketchy and inaccurate. I do not, therefore, advise the use of churches as espionage agents. A Christian church would hardly appreciate such perversion on its Divine Commission. It has a different kind of job.

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The more I write the less reason I can think of for wanting an ambassador of the United States at the headquarters of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. In fact it would just single Baptists out for jealous criticism by other denominations. It would tend to divide the opponents of communism, and as President Truman has said, he wants them united. I withdraw the suggestion.

—Nashville Banner.
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Sunday School

By H. W. WHITE

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The Lord's Day at
The Lord's command teaching
The Lord's book to
The Lord's creation for
The Lord's glory.

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—Deets Pickett, The Voice.
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By CHARLES A. WELLS

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The powers that move the incalculable weight of the ocean's tide, the silent flow of water—that transforms a desert into a fruitful valley and many other such forces—remind us that God still does much of His work through deep and silent processes. Thus He works with the characters of men. And throughout the world this Christmas tide, forces will be in action that will dwarf the biggest atomic demonstration.

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Pine Bluff, South Side	633	255	
El Dorado, Immanuel	608	298	
Including Mission	655	342	
Hot Springs, Second	608	176	
Camden, First	565	131	
Including Missions	624	284	
Benton, First	554	111	
Including Mission	602	152	
Magnolia, Central	537	190	1
Including Mission	593		
El Dorado, Second	490	220	
Crossett, First	486	195	3
Fordyce, First	481	189	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	472	270	9
Hot Springs, Central	445	210	
Siloam Springs, First	442	329	
Forrest City, First	433	192	
Including Mission	496	248	
Hot Springs, Park Place	424	175	4
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	414	138	2
Paris, First	411	136	2
Cullendale, First	401	142	2
El Dorado, West Side	400	137	
West Helena	400		
Springdale, First	387	270	
Including Mission	502		
Malvern, First	385	129	
Paris, First	365	160	2
Including Mission	396		
Little Rock, So. Highland	356	182	
Conway, First	345	126	1
Stuttgart, First	340	227	2
Including Mission	380	254	
Fort Smith, Calvary	336	150	2
Hot Springs, First	319	121	1
Smackover, First	310	117	
Hamburg, First	309	126	
Rogers, First	308	150	3
Including Mission	374	204	3
Monticello, First	293	89	
Wilson, First	289	148	2
Hot Springs, Piney	269	195	9
Wynne	258	64	1
Pine Bluff, Second	250	111	
Bentonville, First	249	78	
Including Mission	259		
Fort Smith, Temple	247	197	1
Fort Smith, South Side	245	146	1
Fort Smith, Immanuel	244	148	1
Mena, First	228	107	1
Gentry, First	219	168	
No. Little Rock, First	215	74	
Levy	215	118	4
Gurdon, Beech Street	209	106	
Piggott, First	209	92	
Star City, First	200	69	
Tyrone	197	133	1
Including Mission	278	205	
Little Rock, Hebron	197	110	3
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	196	101	
Little Rock, Calvary	195	85	4
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	188	81	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	182	129	9
Carlisle, First	167	75	
Alma, First	163	96	
Augusta, First	158	57	4
Including Mission	192		
Pine Bluff, Bethel	151	83	1
Little Rock, Ironton	149	126	2
Hot Springs,			
Harvey's Chapel	142	106	1
Fort Smith, Cacanauh	135	90	
Lavaca	135	61	
Warren, Immanuel	108	85	
Van Buren, Oak Grove	100	76	4
Curtis	99	100	
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	89	59	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	87	42	1
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	80	51	2
No. Little Rock, Grace	71	35	1
Hot Springs, Emanuel	68	43	
Little Rock, West Side	62	41	
Little Rock, Bethel	58	32	
Douglasville, Second	57	44	
Fort Smith, Rye Hill	54	53	
Little Rock, Biddle	53	53	4
El Paso	48	30	
Boonville, Glendale	46	44	

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PRAYER

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know, God answers
prayer.

I know not when He sends the
word

That tells us fervent prayer is
heard.

I know it cometh soon or late,
Therefore, we need to pray and
wait.

I know not if the blessings sought
Will come in just the guise I
thought

I leave my prayer with Him
alone.

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Moses' Charge To The People

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Deut. 30:15-31:3; 33:27-29

Moses was ready to die. His life's work was finished. He had led Israel forty years, till a new generation had grown up; the unbelievers had died in the wilderness. It was an important event when he called the entire congregation together to review the many commandments of God, and that occasion is recorded in the book of Deuteronomy.

Two Ways—Life and Death

Deut. 30:15

"See I have set before thee this day, life and good, death and evil."

Since the days of man there have been two ways to live; the principle of righteousness has always been, do good and live; do evil and die. That was the case of Adam; of Cain; it is the law of God; it is the law of civilization. It is true in the spiritual realm; it is true mentally; it is true physically. In the spiritual, one chooses Christ or rejects Christ; those are the two ways spiritually. In the mental realm, one's mind is redeemed and used for righteousness, or it is given over to evil and wasted, or sometimes even lost. In the physical, people live right or they are dealt with according to the laws of the land. "Do good and live, or do evil and die." We must observe certain moral standards in society or suffer the consequences. There is set before each of us this day two ways of life: good and evil, life and death.

Make A Choice

Deut. 30:16-20

"Therefore choose life, and live." And Moses tells us what is involved in this choice:

1. Love the Lord thy God.
2. Walk in His ways.
3. Keep His commandments, statutes, judgments, verse 16.
4. Obey His voice, verse 20.

And interspersed among these verses are some wonderful promises for obedience: 1. "The Lord shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it." 2. "Thou mayest live long and multiply." 3. "Thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers." 4. "Cleave unto Him for He is thy life and the length of thy days." Surely, experience and observation teaches us, if we knew it no other way, that the words of Moses are true. Any person living, who is 40 years of age, has seen this principle proved many times in

his life time. In 1914 Germany went forth conquering and to conquer. That aggressive nation trampled over the rights of their weaker brethren for a time, but the Lord raised up the allies to defeat the Kaiser and his followers. He died in exile some years later. Another generation grew up, and we saw Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin set themselves up as gods over their own brethren, and went forth to conquer the democratic nations of the earth. Some have fallen; others are due for a fall. (Recent news out of Russia is that statues of Stalin are the latest fad.) The nations that have chosen to do evil are just as doomed to destruction as the sun is certain to shine. God has decreed it so; history proves that He keeps His word.

"Keep His commandments, and live . . . multiply . . . possess the land . . . have length of life." But, if Israel, though God's chosen nation, called out and set apart for His service, allowed their hearts to be turned away, if they refused to hear His words, if they turned to idol gods, "I denounce unto you this day that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong thy days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to possess it." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" . . . and "All nations that forget God shall be turned into hell." There are two ways—life and death, good and evil.

Follow God's Leader

Deut. 31:1-3

Moses had to die. He disobeyed God once and was not permitted to lead Israel over the Jordan. He committed them to the care of Joshua, the man whom God had chosen to become their deliverer. When they were ready to enter the promised land, certain blessings were to be theirs, under the leadership of Joshua. 1. "The Lord thy God. He will go before thee."—Divine leadership guaranteed. 2. "He will destroy those nations from before thee."—Divine protection assured. 3. "And thou shalt possess the land."—Divine sustenance was theirs.

The Lord uses the same pattern with Christians, the same blessings are ours for obedience as was Israel's. We have God called leaders, our pastors, who live separated lives, whose lives are spent in prayer, meditation, in searching God's word, seeking divine

leadership in carrying on His work. They are not called to be dictators, nor church bosses; they are as human as were Moses and Joshua of old, subject to mistakes and no one realizes that more keenly than does the minister of the gospel; but they are God's ministers to lead the way, and all must recognize the fact that a church does much better with a pastor than it does without one. As Israel was instructed to follow Joshua as he followed the Lord, so should we today work and co-operate with our pastors, for they are ordained of God to lead His people to higher planes of service, to greater victories, to deeper consecration, and to daily spiritual blessings.

Every church likes to be known as one that is up and going; as being successful and progressive, but too many times the pastor and a faithful few carry on, while others detain either by indifference and laziness, or by criticism and nagging.

A Happy People

Deut. 33:27-29

Who is a happy people? "Hap-

py art thou . . . O people, saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency." "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are His everlasting arms."

There is no real nor lasting happiness outside the service of God. There is no permanent prosperity nor progress outside the will of God. The way to be thoroughly happy is to bury one's self in Christian work, and live daily for Christ and for others.

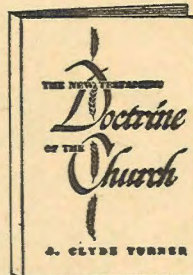
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Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, is the new president of the Baptist State Convention.

Brother Sparkman has been with the South Side Church ten or twelve years. He took the church when it was small and when it was having a great deal of difficulty in many directions. The first few years of his pastorate were marked with difficulty and hardship, but Brother Sparkman stuck to it and finally the light began to dawn for a great day at South Side Church. The last five or six years have witnessed one of the most marvelous periods of growth that any church has had. More recently they have erected a beautiful sanctuary. The congregation has likewise increased. Brother Sparkman has a definite evangelistic ministry and the Lord is giving him many souls in salvation. For the coming year the South Side Church has increased its contributions for the Cooperative Program as much as 66 2/3 per cent and they plan that this contribution should amount to \$15,000 for the year.

Brother Sparkman will make a good presiding officer in our Convention. We congratulate him, too, on being the president of a great body of Baptist people.

Welcome to Our New Association

The Motor Cities Baptist Association of Michigan is now a part of our Convention. They petitioned the Convention for membership at the recent meeting of the Convention and were approved and accepted for membership. Coy Sims, former Missionary in Independence County Association, is the Moderator of the association and was elected to the Executive Board of our Convention as representative from this association. Eight churches comprise the membership of this new association. Olen Sisk is the Missionary, and Hurbert Collins is the Clerk. Welcome brethren.

More Good Responses

Many pastors have informed us by word of mouth that their churches are greatly increasing the 1952 gifts for the Cooperative Program. So many have told us so that we cannot remember the figures they quoted. It seems that **McRae** will go from \$60 per month to \$100 a month. Seldom do we find a church that increases as much as 66 2/3 per cent. E. F. Simmons is their esteemed pastor.

Lake City church, A. F. Muncy, pastor, will give \$60 per week. This will be \$3,120 for the year. Sometimes the **Lake City** church gets behind on its contributions but when A. F. Muncy and Deacon Fred Carter set the stakes the church will reach the goal. We don't have to worry about that.

First Church, Russellville, if it follows the recommendations of pastor and deacons, will give \$5,734. Can you beat that? Look at the reports of former years and note the glorious increase. W. E. Speed is the trusted leader and pastor.

Dr. O. L. Bayless, Second Church, Hot Springs will work toward a \$5,000 contribution for the year. We venture they will reach it, too. Bayless is a "born leader." Only a short time ago the church was giving only \$800 per year.

First Church in Conway will increase their gifts to the Cooperative Program from \$6,000 to \$7,200. The Conway church had been on a \$6,000 basis several years. They had experienced internal troubles. These troubles are disappearing under the consecrated leadership of their prayerful pastor, O. O. Smith. They are going forward. They have recently had a great revival with Pastor McDonald, Dermott, assisting Pastor Smith.

Other fine and encouraging reports have come in to us but we have learned so many things during the Convention meeting we cannot remember them all. Write us, brethren, if you know anything encouraging.

During the past five years Southern Baptists gained 28,870 new members in California and increased their Sunday School enrolment from 9,339 to 40,000.

Mississippi Baptists have elected C. E. Wilbanks, Vivian, Louisiana, as Director of Evangelism, and Joe Abrams, Jackson, as Director of Promotion. Dr. S. B. Platt, prominent physician of Columbus, was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood.

The Georgia Baptist Convention, meeting at Macon, received from Senators George and Russell assurance that they would oppose the nomination of General Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican.

The Training Union Department issued 497,950 awards in 1951, a gain of 24,037 over 1950.

According to Porter Routh, Texas has given as much to Southwide causes during the first ten months of 1951 as was given by all Southern Baptist churches in the year of 1931.

Two Kinds of People

Someone has said that there are two kinds of people in the world: Those who plan how it can be done and those who plan how it cannot be done. Arkansas Baptists can do what our 1952 budget demands of us if every pastor and church in our State plan how it can be done. The deciding factor is not our resources; the deciding factor is our attitude. **First Church in El Dorado** will increase her gifts to the Cooperative Program for 1952.

—Sam Reeves, Pastor,
First Church, El Dorado.

Griever and Davis, Vice Presidents Of the Convention

Pastor E. E. Griever, Hamburg, and Pastor L. H. Davis, Fort Smith, were elected vice presidents of the Convention. Pastor Dawson King of Hebron was elected Recording Secretary of the Convention.

Ambassador to the Vatican

Il Messaggero, an independent newspaper in Rome, says: "The time for the appointment was obviously carefully chosen so that argument over it may have time to develop and die out while Congress is not in session. By January, when Congress meets again, it will be possible to discuss the appointment calmly."

Mexican Catholics have been exhorted by their archbishop to vote for candidates in the 1952 presidential elections who "will do the most for the country according to the standards of the church."

Let's Make It One Hundred Per Cent!

Of our 1,065 churches only 37 have failed thus far to make a contribution to the CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM in 1951. This is another testimony to the wonderful spirit of co-operation and harmony which exists in our state. No one individual would claim the glory for this "State of the Churches" or for the "State of our Convention affairs," for it has been team-work that has brought it about.

Letters have gone out to those 37 churches urging them to do their best to make some kind of a contribution to the Cooperative Program before the books are closed on 1951. Let us all pray for them that they, too, shall have a part in "encircling the globe for Christ," which is the Cooperative Program at work.

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Structural Steel Allotted For Seminary Buildings

Not much was said about it, but the New Orleans Seminary building program was stalled for several months due to the steel shortage. However, 61 tons of structural steel have been allocated so the work can be resumed.

Pilings had been driven for an administration building and for a women's dormitory and brick and tile already piled near the building sites.

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