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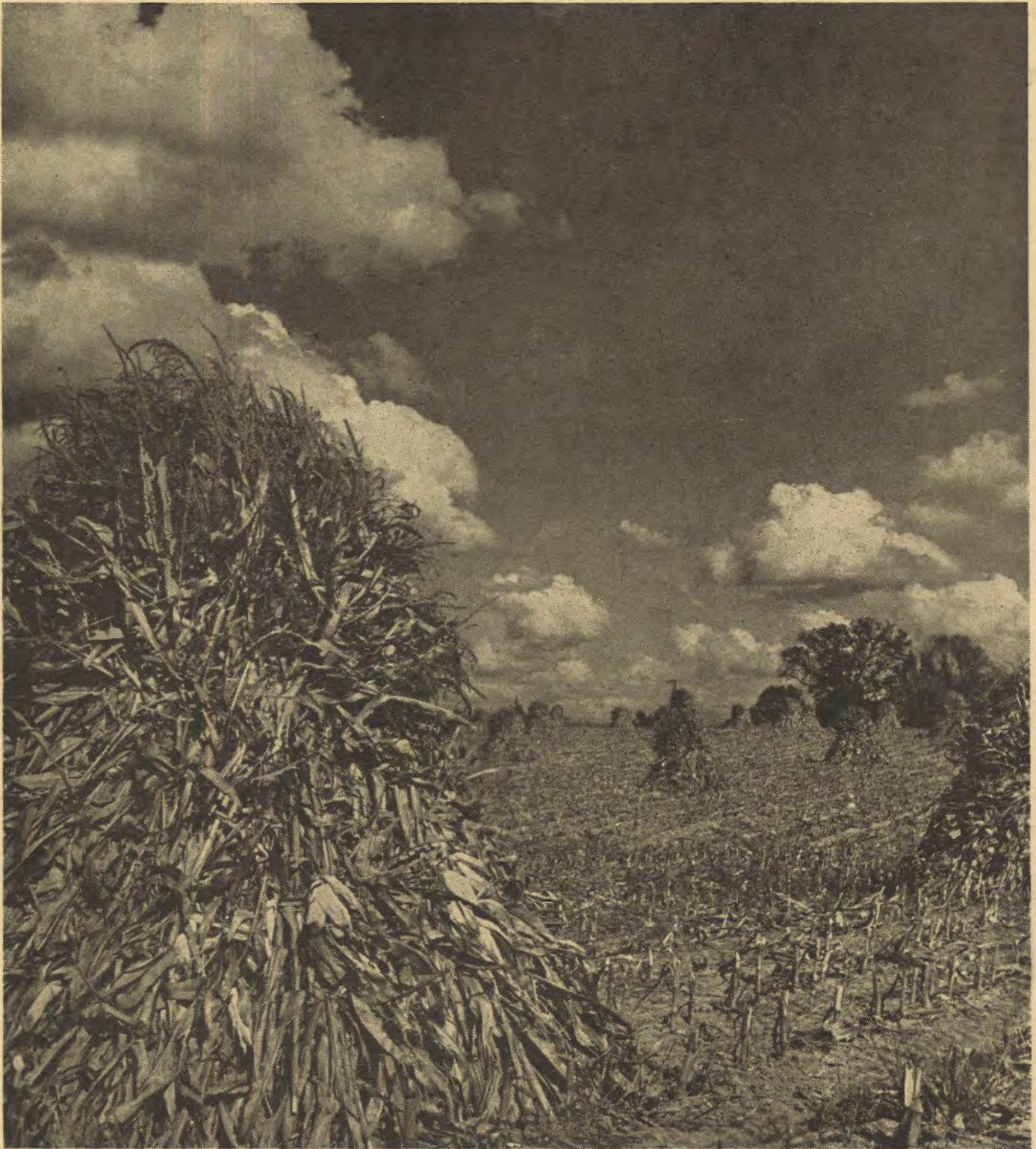
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# Sudden Death of President E. A. Fuller Great Shock to Seminary and Friends

By GAINES S. DOBBINS  
Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

News of the sudden death of President Ellis Adams Fuller, on Saturday, October 28, in San Diego, California, brought shock and grief not only to the Seminary family but to a multitude of friends throughout the Convention and far beyond.

Doctor Fuller had suffered a break in his health during the summer, and had spent several weeks in the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. He was urged by physicians and colleagues to take a long-overdue rest. He agreed to a leisurely visit to Arizona, New Mexico, and southern California, representing the Seminary at these state Conventions and at the same time seeking to regain his strength. Unable to say no to the insistent demands for his services as speaker, his engagements increased from few to many, and while preaching at the First Southern Church of San Diego he was stricken. Surviving him are his wife, Elizabeth Bates Fuller; a son, Ellis Junior; and two daughters, Sarah Elizabeth and Ida Lee.

From Wednesday afternoon until Thursday afternoon the body lay in state in the Alumni Memorial Chapel, where funeral services were conducted by Dr. Fuller's pastor, Dr. Rollin Burhans of Crescent Hill Baptist Church. Appropriate Scriptures were recited by Dr. Robert G. Lee, President of the Southern Baptist Convention. The prayer was led by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, former president of the Baptist World Alliance. Brief addresses interpreting the life and work of Doctor Fuller were made by Dr. W. O. Carver, representing the Seminary, and by Dr. J. Clyde Turner, on behalf of Trustees and the denomination.

## Overcame Difficulties and Hardships

Doctor Fuller's education came the hard way. His early experiences as a young preacher were those of difficulty and hardship. His rise to prominence and great usefulness stemmed from hard work, recognized merit, and complete devotion to Christ and His cause. His record in the Seminary was such as to bring him the invitation to serve as Fellow in the New Testament Department under Dr. A. T. Robertson. After brief pastorates at Greenwood and Greenville, South Carolina, he was called to head the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board. His leadership gave great impetus to evangelism throughout the South.

In 1928 Doctor Fuller became pastor of First Church, Atlanta, where he served for fourteen fruitful years. During this period Doctor Fuller served as president of the Home Mission Board at the time of this agency's great crisis. He was honored as president of the Georgia Baptist Convention and of the State Sunday School Convention, and was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention. He was useful and influential in the affairs of the Baptist World Alliance, serving on its administrative and executive committees.

Doctor Fuller's call to the presidency of the Southern Seminary was accepted after a long struggle in which the pull of the pastorate was finally overcome by his sense of obligation and opportunity in the service of this great school which for nearly a century has had as its chief purpose the preparation of men for the gospel ministry. In this position he was led to see that he could extend

his ministry as preacher, pastor, evangelist, through his influence on the lives of a generation of young preachers as well as directly in the services of the churches.

## Left Living Monuments

Doctor Turner, paraphrasing the epitaph of the great architect Christopher Wrenn, said, "If you would see Doctor Fuller's monument, look about you." When Doctor Fuller came to the Seminary it was in all but desperate need of enlarged building and equipment. There were but three rooms big enough to take care of the main classes. There was no chapel, the students meeting for worship in an improvised assembly room. The library was inadequate. More than half the students were compelled to live off the campus because of lack of housing. The small faculty was overloaded to the breaking point. The original building debt contracted in the 'twenties had not been fully paid.

After eight years of Doctor Fuller's administration, the Seminary's resources have been greatly increased. An addition to Norton Hall provides classroom facilities, an attractive student center, broadcasting studio, bookstore and postoffice. A combined faculty center and guest house is our pride and joy. A recently acquired apartment house takes care of several families of the faculty and staff. A missionary apartment furnishes accommodations for furloughed missionaries taking refresher courses. A great apartment building, housing ninety-seven student families, to bear Doctor Fuller's name, is under construction and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Dearest to the heart of Doctor Fuller of all these building achievements is the Alumni Memorial Chapel, the construction and furnishing of which he supervised with loving care. Adjacent to the Seminary campus is the Music School, representing Doctor Fuller's realized dream of a school for the training of musicians and directors of music whom the churches could call in full confidence of their intellectual and spiritual qualifications as well as their competent musicianship. The faculty, still too small, has been doubled in these eight years, and the debt not only paid but the Seminary placed on the soundest financial basis of its history. To be sure, all of these achievements cannot be credited to Doctor Fuller alone, but in them all he was the guiding spirit.

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## Book Review

### Points for Emphasis, 1951

Hight C. Moore, author

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## God Is Knowable

A Devotion by the Editor

"... that they might know thee the only true God."

The very first thing we should settle with definite finality is that God can be known. Great emphasis has been placed upon the omniscience of God. That God knows things. But is it less significant that God knowable, as well as knowing? God may be looking through a powerful telescope which brings into focus all the universe, and which enables Him to see and know all things. But it is just as true and just as significant that God has turned the telescope around and pointed it at Himself so that He may not only know but that He may also be known.

Does not that truth make a vast difference in your thought of God, does it not enrich your conception of Him and bring Him into clear and understandable focus?

God has made extensive, clear, and unmistakable revelations of Himself. All nature speaks of God. The infinite variety of design, the magnificent array of beauty, the intelligible operation of the laws of nature, the abundant riches of the earth, are all revelations of the infinite and yet knowable God.

But God is not content to be known only through nature, for nature is not an adequate revelation of the intelligent God to intelligent beings. Therefore, God has acted apart from nature and men have known His movements. God has willed and men have known His purposes. God has loved and men have known the yearning of His heart. God has entered into the life of the creatures of His hand, and men have known the wisdom of His counsel, the strength of His grace, the freedom of His forgiveness and the surety of His promises.

But for a complete revelation of Himself, God used one other method: the revelation of Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ. In spite of all that God had done to make Himself known, men still felt that, while they might know a great deal about God and His operations, they were still doubtful that God could be personally known. The appeal of Philip is the classic expression of this feeling: "Lord, show us the Father and it sufficeth us." And the answer of Jesus is the answer to every question or doubt that God is knowable. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." And the self-revelation of God is complete; He has shown Himself to be a God who can be known.

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3.

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## "Count Your Many Blessings, Name Them One By One"

It is conceivable that we would have a better world, a better society, more friends, more joy, and even better health if all our grumbling and complaining were turned into thanksgiving. We would doubtless be astonished and we might possibly be ashamed if a record were made of just one day's complaining and played back to us so that we could hear ourselves grumbling when we should be expressing thanksgiving.

### Thankful Every Day

It is well that we have a Thanksgiving Day. But this Thanksgiving Day should remind us that we should be thankful every day, not merely one day in the year.

It is surprising how we grumble about the good things of life. This grumbling may be illustrated by a modern fable written by a man who signs himself Aesop Jones. The title of the fable is "A Good Day." The fable narrates that there was once a Good Day, warm but not too warm; bright and snappy and glorious. The fable states that this Good Day took a walk to receive men's praises and bask in their gratitude. So this is what it heard: Casper Rinehart: "Dear me! We need rain." Mary Jones: "How monotonous this weather is!" Samuel Sprague: "Getting horribly dusty." Morton Grant: "It's so windy today I can't burn my leaves." Granny Simmons: "Horrid cold! I wish the sun would come out real hot and cure my rheumatism." Ned Greely: "Heigh-ho! The weather today gives me spring fever." Then the Good Day went back home discouraged. "What's the use," it said, "of being a perfectly Good Day, if this is all I get for it?" So the next day it rained.

Is this an overdrawn picture? If you think so, just take note of the complaints of people in one day and even on the very best day.

### Blessings Twice Enjoyed

Someone has recorded a thanksgiving prayer on this wise: "Oh Lord, receive our thanks for all thy manifold mercies toward us, and grant us thankful hearts which double all thy blessings and enjoy them twice, in fruition and in remembrance, and out of them all bring not harm, but good to our souls, because they all draw us nearer to thee."

Isn't it true that genuine gratitude enables

us to remember our blessings and therefore enjoy them twice? Can you not recall former blessings for which you are still grateful? Then it stands to reason that as we multiply our gratitude we also multiply our memory of the blessings we received and so we multiply our blessings.

It is said that Beethoven had his piano placed in the middle of a field, and then "under the smiling sky, with the birds singing around him, flowers shining and grain glistening in the sun, the master musician composed some of his great oratorios."

Those who have made the greatest contribution to the world either in the field of music, or art, or science, or philosophy, or religion, have been those who have gained inspiration from the blessings of God which they enjoyed daily, and who out of grateful hearts gave thanks for those blessings.

Someone has said that "God has a good ear for heart music." Do you recall the story of the ten lepers whom Jesus cleansed? He asked this significant question. "Were there not ten cleansed, but where are the nine?" Only one of the ten had returned to give thanks to Jesus. Where are the multitudes today, the multitudes who are blessed with God's bounties going on in their careless and indifferent way, never pausing, never returning to give thanks to the Giver.

Another has said, "If Christians praised God more, the world would doubt Him less."

### The Point of View

"Two boys went to gather grapes. One was happy because they found grapes. The other was unhappy because the grapes had seeds in them.

"Two men, being convalescent, were asked how they were. One said, 'I am better today.' The other said, 'I was some worse yesterday.'

"When it rains, one man says, 'This will make mud;' another, 'This will lay the dust.'

"Two boys examined a bush. One observed that it had thorns; the other, that it had a rose.

"Two children looking through colored glasses, one said, 'The world is blue;' and the other said, 'It is bright.'

"Two boys having a bee, one got honey, the other got stung. The first called it a

honey bee; the other, a stinging bee.

"I am glad that I live,' says one man. 'I am sorry,' says another, 'that I am no better.'

"One says, 'Our good is mixed with evil.' Another says, 'Our evil is mixed with good.'

"Which are you? How do you receive your blessings? There are different ways of receiving blessings. At this Thanksgiving season let us look into the matter of our dispositions, and into our ways of looking upon life and the blessings it brings. It is a good time to examine ourselves and see if we have a Thanksgiving Heart." (Hallock)

### Perennial Thanksgiving

Surely in this particular season, in this favored land of ours we should be thankful beyond measure, humbly thankful. We have not suffered as other peoples of the world have suffered. Our fields have produced abundantly, our factories have produced equally abundantly, our resources are beyond the fondest hopes of most of the peoples of the world. Oh, let us humble ourselves and give thanks to God for all His benefits, and may we not forget that it is He who provides all these good things for us!

But beyond the material blessings of life that we enjoy, there are the spiritual. What privileges we have to worship and praise and propagate our religious faith and no one may say nay to us! The larger percentage of the world's population is held in bondage either to ignorance or to a power-mad dictator or to sin. While it is true that many people in our own land are in bondage to sin and Satan, yet we have the liberty to worship God according to our light and the dictates of our consciences. But beyond this liberty provided by our government we have the incomparable liberty provided in Jesus Christ, if we are true disciples of His. The Christian knows a freedom, a liberty, that is not known to others. We can never cease to thank God for the freedom of soul in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

And the special blessings that come to us day by day, week by week, year in and year out, are from the bountiful hand of God and should call forth from us a perennial song of thanksgiving, a prayer of gratitude and of praise.



# Kingdom Progress

## Simultaneous Revival In Brazil

By JOSEPH B. UNDERWOOD

Recife, Brazil, is a city of more than a half-million people, with only 5,000 or 6,000 Baptists. Thirty-eight Baptist churches joined their forces and resources to make an impact on this vast metropolitan center. After months of thorough preparation, the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade began on September 3 and continued until September 10. The churches had already observed a week of prayer, visited the unenlisted church members and the unsaved prospects, and had preached in various mission points in their respective sections of the city, distributing tracts and invitations. On Saturday, September 2, two cars equipped with public address systems visited the many open markets of the city, inviting thousands of people to the Baptist churches of that zone, distributing some of the 50,000 invitations giving the name and address of each of the co-operating churches and preaching brief messages.

In addition to the regular Sunday services on the third, there were twelve open-air meetings that afternoon with three or four churches co-operating in each. Every afternoon in the down-town area, a converted priest who has been a Baptist pastor for nearly 20 years, preached to a crowd of from 12 to 2,000 people. Invitations, Gospels, and tracts were also distributed in these meetings. It was interesting to see the people leave their office work, stand at the windows of the office buildings and listen attentively to the message. On Thursday, Brazilian Independence Day, our churches co-operated in promoting a mass rally in one of the centrally located city parks. Much publicity had been given this meeting in the churches; over the

radio, and in the newspapers. Nevertheless we were thrillingly surprised to see a crowd of 10,000 people, the largest evangelical mass rally ever held in Brazil, according to some of the older pastors.

The newspaper and radio advertisements greatly contributed to the effectiveness of the campaign and the impression it made on the people of Recife. The two cars with public address systems toured the city daily to invite the people and announce the services. Each church was busy in personal work and invitation.

What were the results? The immediate results indicated more than 500 public decisions to accept Christ as Savior—in a one week revival campaign by not more than 5,000 Baptists. Twenty-five thousand people heard the Gospel preached in services conducted in plazas and the down-town area. More than 150,000 invitations, tracts, and Gospels were distributed. The newspaper and radio advertising made a lasting impact. Our pastors and churches felt a united spirit seldom experienced previously, which was reflected in the recent state convention. The churches continue to experience revival fires and conversions. Enthusiasm for next year's campaign is high. The churches were overflowing with the large attendance during that week and many still have the same happy experience. One of the smaller churches counted more than 1,500 visitors during that week and reported 61 professions of faith!

Thus does God continue to shower His blessings upon this co-operative effort of 38 Baptist churches in Recife.

## Joyce City Pastor



Thomas D. Newton

Thomas D. Newton became the pastor of the Joyce City Church on November 1.

Mr. Newton is a native of Oklahoma. During the ten years of his ministry he has served the following churches, each in Oklahoma: Antioch, Sigler, Elm Grove, Council Hill, Dustin, and Hyde Park, Muskogee. He has baptized 300 into these churches. During the past two years that he was pastor at Hyde Park, Mr. Newton led in the enlarging of the parsonage to six rooms and the building of six additional Sunday School rooms on the church plant. He has been active in associational and state work all of his ministerial life, having served as moderator of Haskins Association four years, and was serving as vice-moderator of Muskogee Association, one of the largest associations in Oklahoma when he came to Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton have five children. The two oldest sons are active Christian laymen. The youngest son is a ministerial student in the Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma. They have two younger daughters at home.

### Big Creek Association Has Stewardship Revival

Big Creek Association held a Stewardship Revival November 13-17 with all twelve of its churches co-operating. The subjects discussed were: "Earmarks of a New Testament Church," "God's Plan for Financing His Church," "Missions or the Stewardship of the Gospel," "Am I a Good Steward or am I Robbing God?" and "Budgeting and Financing the Church through the Sunday School."

The following preachers spoke in different churches rotating from one church to another: J. C. Wicker, pastor of Hardy Church; J. H. Mayfield, pastor of Mammoth Spring Church; Claud Crigler, missionary in White River Association; Tom Poole, pastor, Salem Church; James Busby, pastor of Alton, Missouri, Baptist Church; Carl Bunch, missionary of Mt. Zion Association; Glen Giles, pastor of Kensett Church; J. M. Hitt, Walnut Ridge; Amos Greer, missionary of Green County Association; W. J. Smith, pastor in Mississippi County; and H. M. Dugger, missionary of Big Creek Association.

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," is no hollow platitude. In this simple, but meaningful greeting is expressed our sincere hope for a year free of worry and pain. We can help insure the realization of this by doing everything possible to reduce traffic accidents—by walking and driving carefully.—Arkansas Safety Council.

### Highland Heights Church, Memphis Enters New Building

By CHARLES G. LOVETTE

The Highland Heights Church, Memphis, Tennessee, Slater A. Murphy, pastor, conducted services in their magnificent new half-million-dollar sanctuary for the first time Sunday, November 19.

Sunday School attendance of 1,624 and Training Union attendance of 709 reached an all time high in these two organizations. The morning worship taxed the auditorium and balcony to capacity when some 2,000 gathered to thank God for his wonderful power and guidance in the building of this church.

This was the beginning of eight-day series of revival services in which Dr. Murphy will do the preaching and the leading. Choirs and soloists of the city along with the church's own choir will furnish the music. Glenn A. Smith is the director of music, with Mrs. Wilson Morgan at the organ and Mrs. Glenn Smith at the piano.

Should you kill or cause injury to your fellowman you would have spoiled the holiday season for many people, including yourself. Don't let this happen to you or to him. Be careful when you use our streets and highways, dear church members, today and every day.—Arkansas Safety Council.

### N. C. Church Group Maps Anti-Liquor Program

A five-point anti-alcohol program to be pushed during the 1951 session of the North Carolina Legislature has been adopted by the executive committee of the Allied Church League, which represents 13 denominations.

The program includes state-wide public school education on the evils of drinking; state legislation to ban beverage alcohol advertising in North Carolina newspapers, and on the radio; repeal of a present law which permits the transportation of a maximum of one gallon of whiskey from wet counties into dry areas; repeal of a law requiring that most prosecutions of liquor traffic cases be tried in state courts, and a state-wide referendum on the sale of alcoholic beverages.

For the past 17 years North Carolina has been part wet and part dry.

—Religious News Service

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Jesus would want his people to be joyous during the season in which they commemorate His birth—so let us be careful that none of us are hurt while walking or driving today and every day—in order that the happy days may not be marred for anyone.—Arkansas Safety Council.



## Class Leads State In Orphanage Support



*Men's Bible Class, First Church, El Dorado*

By H. C. SEEFELDT

Pictured above is the Men's Bible Class, First Church, El Dorado, Sam Reeves, pastor, and Judge J. G. Ragsdale, teacher.

This class and church has led the state the last three years in supporting the Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage, having given approximately \$1,000 each of the three years, in addition to the amount given by the rest of the church, which has averaged above \$1,500, plus equipment they have provided.

This year the class has set a goal of \$1,500, and the leaders of Liberty Association hope raise \$10,000. J. D. Tollison, pastor, Immanuel Church, El Dorado, who is Associa-

tional Moderator, and a member of the Orphanage Board, has written a personal letter to each pastor in the Association. Julius Miller, a member of the Orphanage Board, has led in his Church and Association these years in promoting the Thanksgiving Offering, for which the Orphanage is most grateful.

The reason this class has given as they have is because the men visit the Orphanage as a class, on a Sunday before Thanksgiving. This year they encouraged others to join them from their Association. Approximately 150 have visited the Home in the last three Sundays and over 90 ate dinner with the children Sunday, November 5.

### "Bibles for Korea" First in Radio Series by Dr. Francis C. Stifler

"Bibles for Korea" is the title for the first broadcast, December 5, in a series of radio talks each Tuesday morning in December and January, by Dr. Francis C. Stifler, American Bible Society secretary, on the Mutual Broadcasting Company's coast-to-coast network program, "Faith in our Time," 9:15 to 9:30 a. m.

Dr. Stifler, a Baptist minister, is well known among Southern Baptists through his speaking at Southern Baptist Convention meetings and at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. Dr. Stifler has become noted for his skill in presenting human interest stories about the worldwide distribution of the Bible. This is his fifth annual series on the program, "Faith in our Time." The complete schedule is:

- December 5—"Bibles for Korea"
- December 12—"Have You Thought of Giving a Bible?"
- December 19—"The Bible for Our Fighting Men"
- December 26—"After Christmas, What?"
- January 2—"The Bible Through the Centuries"
- January 9—"Reading the Bible"
- January 16—"Living the Bible"
- January 23—"Sharing the Bible"
- January 30—"The Bible in Communist China."

The joyous season would be empty for any of us who were hurt while walking or driving. Let us express our good will for our fellowman by using every care and caution to prevent his being hurt, now and always.—Arkansas Safety Council.

### Nall's Memorial in Successful Training Union Revival

A five night Training Union Revival and Study Course held November 15-19 at Nall's Memorial Church, Highway 10, Little Rock, resulted in nine professions of faith and additions to the church, according to Lucien Coleman Jr., pastor.

Misses Bobbie Holland and Carol Cooper, Ouachita students, assisted the pastor by teaching study course books. Zahle Elms, a Ouachita ministerial student, was the speaker each evening.

Mr. Coleman reports a completely organized Training Union as a result of the services.

### New Film Available Free on "Hard Core"

"Hard Core," a 16 mm. sound motion picture documentary short on the sick, handicapped, and aged refugees in the care of the International Refugee Organization, has been released for distribution and is available free of charge from the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office, 2940 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans. It is being shown by every television station in the United States this month.

Narrated by stage and movie star Walter Abel, this picture was made in Central Europe, Norway, and Sweden early this summer and tells the tragic story of a group of refugee men, women and children, their handicaps and their unconquerable determination to overcome them. The picture runs 15 minutes.

## Achieving Correlation In Church Activities

By J. E. LAMBDIN

The Inter-Agency Council of Southern Baptist Agencies is eager to help all the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention to achieve correlation in all their church activities. To bring this about, the group of representatives of the Southern Baptist Agencies which provide materials for the educational program of Baptist churches is urging all churches to set up and operate a church council.

### The Church Council

The church council (or cabinet) is a group in each church composed of the pastor and the heads of all of the church agencies, including the chairman of the deacons. The pastor is the chairman of this group. This council should meet at least once each quarter, and at the call of the pastor as often as is necessary.

### What Correlation Is

All the ministries of a New Testament church are important. A church carries on its preaching ministry through its pastor. It performs its teaching ministry through the Sunday School. It carries on its ministry of training in church membership through the Training Union. A church conducts its Brotherhood to enlist its men in all the ministries of the church. It carries on its W. M. U. to enlist and develop its women and young people in the great cause of missions. A church functions through all its agencies to develop all of its members in soul-winning, missions, stewardship, and Christian living.

Correlation in its essence is the bringing of all the agencies and ministries of a Baptist church into the proper relationship with one another. The purpose of correlation is to enlist all the people of a church in doing all the work of a church. To achieve this, each agency must be thought of as a church agency, and the work which it does must be conceived as a church ministry, or church work.

Correlation does not mean the subjugation or subordination of one agency or one ministry to another agency or ministry. It does mean that as a church builds, controls, and operates all its agencies it magnifies each one in its own sphere, relates each one properly to all the others, and leads all of them to co-operate with one another in the total church program. With this viewpoint all the church members are working for the church rather than for separate agencies.

### Pastor's Leadership

Every pastor can achieve correlation through a functioning church council. This council should build a church calendar for 1951 in which all emphases, all events, all activities, and all meetings are planned thoroughly and spaced properly in the calendar so that all of the church members may co-operate fully in all these things. When this is done correctly the church can concentrate and mobilize all its resources for major emphasis and participation in any one of its ministries at a given time. For instance, when a church puts on its Bible Study Week, January 1-5, through its Sunday School, it can mobilize all its resources through all its agencies to co-operate in that event. Likewise the church can use its Training Union for sponsoring a great, graded, all-church membership, soul-winning study course in March in preparation for life revivals, and can lead all its other agencies to co-operate.

Many churches are already achieving correlation through this plan. All of them can do it.



# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

By Religious News Service

## Assail Commercialization of Christian Holidays

Commercialization of Christian holidays in the United States was sharply attacked in a statement adopted by the local Council of Churches in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The Council said that business circles have commercialized days "holy and hallowed by the Christian community," including Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Mother's Day and Children's Day.

Singled out for special criticism was a promotional effort to have October 15 observed as "Children's Day." The effort has the backing of Parents' Magazine and a National Children's Day Committee.

"We believe that this is nothing more than an attempt to lure the public into spending money in the name of children," the statement said. It added that Council members preferred the June date on which Children's Day has been observed by the churches for many years.

"We prefer to think of Children's Day as symbolized by a child in the midst of a church, not sales tags," the statement said. Business interests, it charged, were in need of a sales stimulus and were employing "the subterfuge of calling this stimulus Children's Day."

## Evacuated Missionaries Begin Return to Korea

Protestant missionaries evacuated to Japan from Korea are beginning to return to Seoul, although conditions in the liberated city are far from settled and most of the mission houses are still showing the effects of the North Korean occupation.

First missionaries to resume work in Seoul were Dr. Fred P. Manget, of the Methodist mission, and Dr. and Mrs. George H. Rue of the Adventist mission. Three nurses—Ruth Martin and Theima Maw, of the Methodist mission, and Beulah Bourne, of the Canadian mission—have been given permits to re-enter Korea.

Two Protestant missionaries, who have been serving as chaplains with the American and Korean forces, have been in Seoul since its recapture. They are Harold Voelkel (Presbyterian, U.S.A., mission), and William E. Shaw (Methodist mission).

## Aid in Korean Relief Sought by Baptists

An inquiry as to what the Baptist World Alliance can do to aid the relief program in Korea has been sent to Gen. Douglas MacArthur by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Alliance Relief Committee.

"The Baptist World Alliance stands ready to use its relief funds in Korea," Dr. Caudill said. "It may be necessary for us to send members of our staff into Korea to get first-hand knowledge of the situation. We have many Baptist brethren in that country."

Dr. Caudill also said that more men are needed in the foreign mission field. "We have a hundred preachers at home for every one we have in the foreign fields," he said, "and the Southern Baptist territory in the homeland is no bigger than a man's hand when compared with the vast areas of the world where our missionaries are needed."

## Texas Drys to Seek Prohibition Amendment

A prohibition amendment to the state constitution was demanded in a resolution adopted at the annual convention of the United Texas Drys, meeting in Waco. Protestant churchmen played an important part in the convention sessions.

Pointing out that Texas now has 140 completely dry counties, the resolution asked Governor Allan Shivers and the next Legislature to submit a prohibition amendment to the voters of the state. A recent public opinion poll was quoted as revealing that 54 per cent of Texas voters had declared they favor a state-wide dry law.

President W. R. White of Baylor University, who was re-elected to head the Drys, was named to lead a nine-member committee which will take the resolution to the governor.

The convention also attacked the supplying of beer to American soldiers and asked national authorities to outlaw the sale of intoxicants within 25 miles of a military post.

Dr. T. C. Gardner of Dallas, Tex., secretary of the Baptist Training Union, said, "It is a shame and disgrace that beer or any other intoxicating beverage is being given to our soldier boys in Korea or anywhere else. The best prevention method I know is for laws to be passed to completely stop distilling and brewing intoxicating beverages."

## Liquor Cost Tops Dairy Products

More money is being spent for alcoholic beverages than for all the milk and dairy products consumed in the United States, the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church charged.

The board said that latest Department of Commerce statistics show that alcoholic beverages are being consumed at the rate of \$8,550,000,000 a year.

For every dollar spent on food, 16 cents are spent on alcoholic beverages, the board said. Offering other comparisons, drawn from official statistical sources, it said that total expenditures for automobiles and parts, \$10.1 billion, stand only a little higher than the \$8.5 billion bill for liquor. Total expenditures for gas and oil are only half as high—\$4.5 billion.

Other figures compared by the board with the bill for liquor are these:

Milk and Dairy Products	\$8,000,000,000
Education	6,600,000,000
Motion Pictures	1,350,000,000
Jewelry	1,273,000,000
Church Contributions	1,511,000,000
Tobacco	4,275,000,000
Toys	800,000,000
Musical Instruments	192,000,000

## Texas Baptists to Erect New Building

Three Southern Baptist agencies announced plans for immediate construction of a \$1,000,000 headquarters building in Dallas.

The building will be owned jointly by the Baptist Foundation of Texas, the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

# A Smile or Two

Police Officer: "Halt! What have you got in that bag?"

Rastus: "Rocks."

Police Officer: "What kind of rocks?"

Rastus: "Plymouth."

Teacher: "Where is the Dead Sea?"

Tommie: "Don't know, ma'am."

"Don't know where the Dead Sea is?"

"No, ma'am. I didn't even know any of them was sick."

Roberta: There's a lot of talk nowadays about a woman president. Do you think we will ever have one?

Ruth: No, of course not. A president has to be at least 35 years old.

Mistress: "You serve on the left and take the plates away from the right."

New Maid: "Why? Superstitious or something?"

I notice that in your fish stories you change the size of the fish you caught for different listeners.

Yup. Never tell a guy more'n I think he'll believe.

Description of a small town: A community where everybody knows whose check is good and whose husband isn't.

The picture that the first grader drew of the Holy Family included a small girl . . . but no Mary. Naturally the sister was interested.

"Is that little girl supposed to be the Blessed Mother?" she asked the child.

"No," the child replied. "The Blessed Mother's gone shopping. That's the baby sitter."

She: "Doesn't a still, small voice tell you when you do wrong?"

He: "No, a loud, large voice does—I'm married."

He: "Why do you weep and snuffle at a picture show over the imaginary woes of people you never met?"

She: "Same reason why you scream and yell when a man you don't know slides into second base."

"Now, children, what is this?" asked the teacher, holding up the picture of a zebra.

"It looks to me like a horse in a bathing suit," answered the little boy.

Professor Boreleich: If I have talked too long, it's because I haven't my watch with me, and there's no clock in this hall.

Raspberry: There's a calendar behind you.

Betty: Look! They are sowing grass over there.

Roberta: I don't see any sewing-machine.

Johnnie was gazing at his baby brother, who lay squealing and wailing in his cot.

"Has he come from heaven?" inquired Johnnie.

"Yes, dear."

"No wonder they put him out."

The family had planned a picnic for the next day and Bobby was asked by his mother to see what the paper predicted for the weather.

After searching the paper he said: "Well, they haven't decided yet. It says here, 'Weather for Wednesday, Unsettled.'"



## President's Address . . .

# Baptist State Convention, November 8

### "THE BIBLE, OUR GUIDE"

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God." II Timothy 3:16.

We have come upon days of lax Christian living and loose religious thinking, when many so-called Christians are drifting away from what we have always considered vital fundamentals of Christianity. People need a safe and sure anchor for their souls in these trying, troublesome times. We need to call our people back to the Bible, which is the only source book of all our comfort and consolation and eternal assurances.

Christianity stands or falls upon the inspiration of the Bible. If the Word of God is divinely inspired, then Christianity is true; but if the Scriptures are not inspired of God, then religiously we are at sea like a ship without a rudder, tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, and driven hither and yon by every current of thought.

### In Religious Convictions

Is the Bible the very inspired Word of God, or is it merely the opinions of the religious leaders of the day in which it was written? Does it speak with divine authority, or is it of no more value than any high class religious literature? Is it an all sufficient guide in the matter of our religious creed and conduct, or are the acts of assemblies, the decrees of the popes, the findings of councils, and the traditions of the church fathers also to form a part of what we should believe and do? Are we to be bound by the things the Bible teaches, or are we at liberty to change them to suit our own conveniences? Our attitude toward and conception of the Bible give us our religious convictions.

What we believe, the standards we accept, and the practices we follow are determined by the viewpoint we take. But our viewpoint depends upon our standpoint. We see what we see because we stand where we do. We believe what we believe because of the standpoint we take. But when we change our standpoint we likewise change our viewpoint. If we could get all Christians to take the same stand, then we would be able to see the same things, and would therefore believe alike on the fundamentals of the Bible, because what we believe is determined by where we stand. The reason we have divisions among Christians, or have the various denominations, is because of the different stands taken by Christians. The Christian world can roughly be divided into three classes: (1) Those who accept the Bible as speaking with absolute authority. (2) Those who accept the church as speaking with supreme authority. (3) Those who exercise the liberty of adding to the Bible some of the teachings and practices of the church fathers.

Now if a part of the Bible is inspired and a part is not, how are we to know which is which? If only a part of the Bible is authoritative and binding, how are we to know which part that is? If each individual is to decide for himself which is inspired and is therefore binding, this would forever prevent any unity of thought and co-operation of action in Christian work, because our opinions would vary according to our fickle feelings and wavering wishes and would cause hopeless confusion. If any part of the Bible is inspired and is to be accepted as binding, then the same line of argument, the same laws of logic, and the same process of reasoning that would establish any part of it as inspired and binding, would likewise prove that it is all inspired and binding.

Paul said, "All scripture is inspired by God." We take this to mean both the Old and New Testaments. Peter said, "No prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (II Peter 1:21). Jesus said, "When the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all the truth." (John 16:13). If Christ is an infallible teacher and if He spoke this promise recorded by John, then the divine inspiration of the Scriptures is forever settled.

### In Christian Conduct

We believe with unshakable confidence that the Bible is divinely inspired and that it is the very inerrant word of God; and as such, that it speaks with absolute authority, and is our sole and sufficient guide in all matters of religious creed and conduct. We accept without any reservations whatever its teachings as true, its decisions as immutable, its doctrines as holy and unalterable, and its commandments as inescapable. It cannot be altered to meet the demands of critics, neither can it be added to in order to include the traditions of the church fathers, nor can it be adulterated to fit man-made creeds. It cannot be doctored up to suit the fancy of fanatics, neither can it be watered down to conform to worldly practices, nor can it be changed to suit the ideas of men. We must accept what the Bible says, just as it says it, without any additions to it, without any alterations in it, and without any adulterations of it. We must accept all of its teachings and follow all of its commands, for we have no other alternative.

We have some people who claim that they take only what the Bible says for their creed. They boast long and loud, "Where the Bible speaks, we speak; and where the Bible is silent, we are silent." But if you will investigate their claim, you will discover that they take what they think the Bible means to say, instead of taking really what the Bible actually says, just as it says it, without any explanation, interpretation, or modification of any kind.

But some one says, "Well, if there is any one thing upon which all Christians are agreed, it is that the Bible is the word of God and that it speaks with authority." But strange as it may seem to the casual observer, this is the very thing upon which we are disagreed. Oh yes, all Christians accept the Bible as a Holy Book, but not as speaking with divine authority upon all doctrines and practices. Some feel at liberty to follow their own consciences in certain matters instead of the commands of Christ. Others regard traditions as sacred and holy as the teachings of the Bible. And still others put human reason on a par with divine revelation.

### In Divine Revelation

We believe with all the sincerity of our heart that the Bible is God's divinely inspired revelation to the children of men, and that it is to be accepted as our one and only guide in all that we are to believe and do as Christians. If the Lord had waited till our day to have the Bible written, it would be identical in every respect with the one we now have; or else God is not all-wise. This is why we insist on accepting the Bible just as it is written, without any additions to it or subtractions from it; and contend that we are to obey all of its commands and observe all of its demands just as we find them in the Scriptures. It is our earnest contention and deep conviction that every doctrine we are to be-

lieve must be tested by "a thus saith the Lord," and every practice we are to accept must be tried by the principles of the New Testament.

Wherein we differ from others is not so much over what the Bible says, as it is over accepting the traditions of the church fathers as forming a part of what we should believe and some of the practices we should follow. As long and as far as others track the Bible, we go with them; but when and where they depart from it, we part company with them.

### In Divine Authority

Whatever peculiarities Baptists may possess, and whatever uncomplimentary terms others may apply to us, stem from our strict adherence to the Bible as our only religious guide. It is not crankiness or contrariness, as we are sometimes accused of being, that causes us to refuse to compromise on any Bible passage or principle, but our deep and abiding conviction that the Bible is the very inspired word of God and that it speaks with divine authority. It is not stubbornness nor selfishness, as we are often charged with, that keeps us from entering into certain practices with others, but our earnest and sincere desire to follow exactly what the Scriptures say.

Our unwavering stand upon this position and our uncompromising attitude on this principle have brought us much unfair and unjust criticism, have created a lot of unjustifiable as well as unreasonable prejudice against us, and have caused us to be the targets of many sharp and scathing attacks, and have made us very unpopular among the compromising religious sects of the world. But I would remind you that Baptists are just as broad as the word of God is, but not one jot or tittle broader. We are just as narrow as the Bible is, but not one iota narrower. We are just as liberal as the Scriptures are, but not one whit more liberal.

There is not a doctrine taught in the word of God but that we accept it whole heartedly; yet we will not accept a doctrine not found therein, but will oppose it with all of our might and main. There is not a Bible blessing enjoyed or a Bible privilege experienced but that you will find some Baptists enjoying or experiencing the same. There is not a practice laid down in the word of God, but that we do our best to carry it out exactly as the Bible teaches it; we absolutely refuse to accept any compromise whatever concerning any alteration or adulteration of it.

### Our All Sufficient Guide In Faith and Practice

Baptists "have always stood bravely and unflinchingly, in calm and in storm, in good report and in bad report, for this one all-important truth, the supremacy of the Scriptures." In other things we may have been unworthy, "but here we have stood as a solid phalanx, unmoved by philosophy and persecution, unshaken by sophistry and scolding. From this high position gold has never bought us, nor power coerced us, nor authority driven us."

"We take for our guide in all matters religious, the New Testament, the whole New Testament, and nothing but the New Testament. Whatever we find there we esteem as binding upon the conscience; whatever is not there commanded is not binding, it matters not by what reverence for antiquity, by what tradition, or by what councils it may be sustained." In these high matters of the soul, we hear no voice but that of God, we claim no Master but the Lord Jesus Christ, we follow no Leader but the Holy Spirit, and we accept no creed but the Holy Bible.



## News From Baptist Press

### Progress of Rural Churches

Rural church work is becoming more efficient. More groups are taking responsibility for its improvement. The district association is the most natural unit for promoting new country churches. Progress in rural church expansion, so far as the denomination is concerned, must be a co-operative task. These were some of the findings of a recent joint conference of Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board representatives, called to consider the problem.

Statistics compiled by Porter Routh of the Sunday School Board indicate a very substantial development and growth among country churches during the period from 1922 to 1949. For instance, there are fewer pastorless rural churches now than in 1922. There are also more resident pastors living on the church field. The average length of the rural pastorate has increased and 95 per cent of rural churches own their own houses of worship. One of the notable developments among the rural churches is that Sunday Schools and Training Unions have greatly increased in number. Fewer of the rural churches are reporting no baptisms and 60 per cent of them have more than a hundred members. In 1922, 75 per cent of the rural churches had quarter time service. That has been reduced to 24 per cent of rural churches having quarter time service in 1949.

Among the denominational agencies interested in, and promoting a definite program among the rural churches of the Southern Baptist Convention are: the Home Mission Board, the State Mission Boards, the Sunday School Board, the seminaries, the W.M.U., the Brotherhood, the Executive Committee, the state papers, and the colleges.

The district association is recognized as the most effective agency for the promotion of rural work and the associational missionary, the leading promotional officer of the association.

A goal of 5,000 new churches and 10,000 mission stations is considered both reasonable and possible.

### Baptist Chaplains Now Reap Where Missionaries Sowed

Baptist chaplains here with the U. S. Army are busy preaching the Christian gospel not only to G.I.'s but also to Koreans.

In one infantry regiment Chaplain John H. Jones was able to establish joint worship services.

For the first time, in some sections, Sunday has been recognized as a day of worship.

In describing the services Chaplain Jones said, "We have the assistance of two very capable ministers. Rev. Hong Jong Tea is a licensed Presbyterian minister from Pusan, Korea. He has been greatly helped by Yoon Chi Won who studied in a mission school in Seoul for four years. Yoon Chi Won has been invaluable as an interpreter.

Korean soldiers that have made a profession of faith in Christ are devout Christians. They are most sincere and put American Christians to shame.

"We are happy to reap a harvest of Christians from our missionaries' work in Korea. We certainly need to realize that the only sure way to peace is through the Christian gospel. If we in America had given more to missions, we could have helped defeat Satan's program in the Far East."

### Thirteen S. B. C. Meetings Slated for December

Four hundred Southern Baptist board and committee members from 22 states will meet in Nashville, Tennessee, the second week of December in 13 separate meetings.

**Executive Committee**, December 13-14, Sunday School Board Chapel, Duke K. McCall, executive secretary; George B. Fraser, Washington, D. C., president. 31 members, 10 Southwide executives, 20 editors, 20 state secretaries expected to attend.

**Baptist Sunday School Board**, December 13, 9:30 a. m., Hermitage Hotel, T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, W. F. Powell, president. 46 expected.

**Baptist Student Union Secretaries**, December 11-15, First Baptist Church, Kearnie Keegan, secretary. 150 expected.

**Inter-Agency Council**, December 11, 9:00 a. m., Executive Building, Courts Redford, chairman. About 10 expected.

**State Sunday School and Training Union Executives**, December 7-9, J. N. Barnette and J. E. Lambdin, secretaries. About 50 expected.

**Ridgecrest Committee**, December 12, 4:00 p. m., Executive Building, Zeno Wall, chairman. A subcommittee.

**Glorieta Committee**, December 12, 6:00 p. m., Sam Davis Hotel. A subcommittee.

**Committee on Denominational Calendar**, December 14, 7:00 p. m., Administration Building, W. L. Howse, chairman. Ten expected to attend.

**Eastern Simultaneous Crusade Conference**, December 11-12, Charles E. Matthews, secretary. 125 expected to attend.

**Committee on Order of Business for the Southern Baptist Convention**, December 14-15, Administration Building, J. D. Grey, chairman. Eight expected to attend.

### Cooperative Program Climbs Faster Than Designations

Contributions to missions through regular Cooperative Program channels are climbing faster than contributions by designations, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention.

Gifts to Southern Convention causes through Cooperative Program for the first ten months of 1950 were 14.96 per cent or \$784,391 higher than for the same period in 1949. Total received for the period this year was \$6,026,187.

Gifts to Southern Convention causes by designations are 10.81 per cent more than last year. Total received last year during the first ten months: \$8,252,090. Total this year: \$9,144,054. Increase: \$891,963.

### "Southern Baptists Pray for Japan!"—Pleads Dr. McCall

Southern Baptists pray for Japan! This was the plea of Dr. Duke K. McCall in a recent cable dispatch from Japan. The message is as follows:

"Dozens accepting Christ where one respond statewide. W. A. Criswell, 486 decisions, mainly conversion, 5 services in city auditorium in Osaka. B. J. Cauthen audience 1,800 students with 359 professions and 134 sign cards promise seek Christ in Fukuoka Baptist school. McCall's lifetime ambition fulfilled Sunday night. Every non-Christian in audience in Tokyo church accepted Christ. M. T. Rankin due 23rd. Team of four making one to three day stands touching all churches where week revivals were planned for the postponed preaching mission. Plead SBC prayers."

## Western Union

FUNDS FOR FOREIGN MISSION ADVANCE MUST REACH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NASHVILLE BY DECEMBER 31 TO BE COUNTED ON 1950 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GOAL. FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RECEIVES ALL RECEIPTS BEYOND 6,672,000 DOLLARS.

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

WE HAVE AN OPEN DOOR IN JAPAN TODAY SUCH AS I HAVE NEVER KNOWN OF ANY WHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD AT ANY TIME. DECISIONS IN JAPAN EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE NOW NUMBER 8300.

M. THERON RANKIN

### Japanese Response to Religion Genuine, Says Duke K. McCall

The response of Japanese to evangelistic preaching is genuine, declared Dr. Duke K. McCall, as he recently completed a missions tour of Baptist centers in Japan. "The sincerity of those responding," he said, "equal to that of those who respond in the average Statewide revival. It is not a crowd movement. The manner of standing indicates that and the way they come forward—the latter much more difficult for an Oriental than American. They are careful to distinguish between accepting Christ and being interested. We must remember the vacuum left by evaporation of faith in Shintoism. The people are looking for religion. They readily accept American statement about Christianity due to fact American conduct as conquerors so different from what they expected or would have done. They see daily the fruit of Christianity in American life."

In three different services every lost person present responded. More than 500 yielded to Christ in one invitation extended by Dr. McCall.

### Looking Toward 1953 Convention

R. Lofton Hudson says it is time to begin thinking about where the Southern Baptist Convention will meet in 1953. Why? Because arrangements for auditoriums and hotels are made two years in advance in most cities. These convention bureaus like to know where they are going. And only a few cities can entertain the Southern Baptist Convention any more.

The Convention Arrangement Committee of the Executive Committee is ready to make investigations on any invitation which may be extended for the 1953 Convention. If you city wishes to make such an invitation, address it to Mr. Porter Routh, secretary of the committee, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee. These invitations should be in by the December meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Convention in San Francisco will make the final decision about place, of course. This committee is authorized to get facts only.



# Arkansas Baptists' Calendar Of Activities — 1951

## JANUARY:

- 9-10—Conference for Associational W.M.U. Leaders, Little Rock  
 15-17—State-wide Evangelistic Conference, Southside, Pine Bluff  
 23—Administration & Finance Committee meeting  
 26-27—State B.S.U. Planning Conference  
 29-Feb. 2—Arkansas Church Development Week (Six Tr. Un. Leadership Schools.)  
 First Church, Jonesboro  
 First Church, El Dorado  
 First Church, Fort Smith  
 Immanuel, Little Rock  
 Second, Hot Springs  
 Pine Bluff

## FEBRUARY:

- 1-2—State Vacation Bible School Conference, Little Rock  
 4-10—Y.W.A. Focus Week  
 13-15—Southwide W.M.U. Conference for Young People's leaders, Memphis  
 27—Denominational Leadership Conference, McGehee  
 27-28—State W.M.U. Executive Board Meeting, Little Rock

## MARCH:

- 1—Denominational Leadership Conference, Little Rock  
 2—Denominational Leadership Conference, Jonesboro  
 3-4—Intermediate G.A. Conference, Little Rock  
 5-9—W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions  
 12—Denominational Leadership Conference, Camden  
 13—Denominational Leadership Conference, Arkadelphia  
 15—Denominational Leadership Conference, Fort Smith  
 16-17—State Training Union Convention, First Church, El Dorado  
 30—Youth Choir Festival, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia  
 31—Junior Choir Festival, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia

## APRIL:

- Sunday School Study Course Month  
 3-5—State W.M.U. Annual meeting, Second Church, Little Rock  
 3—State Y.W.A. Banquet, \_\_\_\_\_ Church, Little Rock  
 4—Annual meeting, State B.W.C. Federation, \_\_\_\_\_ Church, Little Rock  
 10—Administration & Finance Committee meeting  
 17-19—Associational Missionaries Retreat, Lake Hamilton, Hot Springs  
 27-29—State B.S.U. Spring Retreat, \_\_\_\_\_, Arkansas

## MAY:

- 6-12—Girl's Auxiliary Focus Week  
 22—State W.M.U. Executive Board meeting, Second Church, Little Rock

## JUNE:

- Vacation Bible School Month  
 4-9—Rural Church Pastor's Conference, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia  
 4-9—G.A. Camp, Ravenden Springs  
 6-13—Ridgecrest B.S.U. Retreat, North Carolina  
 18-19—Southern W.M.U. Annual Meeting,

San Francisco, California

- 20-24—Southern Baptist Convention, San Francisco, California  
 24-July 1—Ravenden Springs Brotherhood Conference

## JULY:

- 3-11—Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, Siloam Springs  
 State B.S.U. Week  
 Music Leadership School  
 Brotherhood Conference  
 5-11—Southwide Y.W.A. Camp, Ridgecrest, North Carolina  
 7—Hymn Playing Tournament, Arkansas Baptist State Assembly  
 13-Aug. 24—Training Union Organized Summer Field Work  
 16—Administration & Finance Committee Meeting  
 16-20—Junior R.A. Camp, Ferncliff  
 17—Executive Board Meeting  
 23-27—Intermediate R.A. Camp, Ferncliff  
 24—State Associational Moderators meeting, Second Church, Little Rock  
 30-Aug. 3—Intermediate G.A. Camp, Ferncliff

## AUGUST:

- 5-11—Sunbeam Band Focus Week  
 3-5—B.W.C. Conference, Ferncliff  
 9-15—W.M.U. Conference, Ridgecrest  
 6-10—Junior G.A. Camp, Ferncliff  
 16-22—Young Men's Mission Conference, Ridgecrest, North Carolina  
 10-12—Y.W.A. Houseparty, Ferncliff  
 13-17—Junior G.A. Camp, Ferncliff

## SEPTEMBER:

- 4—State Associational Sunday School Leadership meeting, Little Rock  
 17—W.M.U. Season of Prayer for State Missions

## OCTOBER:

- 15-16—State Sunday School Convention, \_\_\_\_\_ Church, Jonesboro  
 16-17—State W.M.U. Executive Board meeting, Little Rock  
 23-Nov. 2—W.M.U. District Meetings  
 29—State Planning meeting for Associational Tr. Un. Officers, Little Rock

## NOVEMBER:

- 4-10—Royal Ambassador Focus Week  
 5-9—Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
 5—R.A. Fellowship Supper, \_\_\_\_\_ Church, Little Rock  
 5—Brotherhood Night, \_\_\_\_\_ Church, Little Rock  
 26-27—Executive Board Meeting

## DECEMBER:

- 2-16—Brotherhood Regional Meetings  
 3—Training Union "M" Night  
 3-7—W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions  
 30—Student Night at Christmas

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A little boy used to sit at the window in the twilight and watch for the lamplighter. The old man always came from the same corner and zigzagged his way down the narrow street, lighting the lamps as he went. He was as regular as the sunset itself. There was something fascinating about this silent old man of the shadows. He never came to that street except at lamplighting time. He was too old to do other work, but his stooped shoulders and white hair seemed to fit perfectly into a picture of eventide. The boy never knew the lamplighter's name. He remembers him now because wherever he went he always left a light.

## "I Am Afraid . . .

## I Wish I Could Be Saved"

"Thank you for the Gospel. The end of March, I went to church with my friend; since then I have been there ten times and I am afraid of my sinful life, past and present. I wish I could be saved from this trouble and be a Christian as fast as I can, but I am so sorry that every day is a sinful day although I repent. I say the truth, I do not know how to pray and sing hymns. I determine to pray day and night to beg God to pardon my sin. If you allow me to be one of your members, I will be so glad. I am a pitiful man who does not know anything; but if you will allow me to be a member of your League, I promise you that I shall carry out the promise and I will try to be a good Christian as soon as possible. Please lead such a sinful and weak person. I am sorry to trouble your precious time. If you can teach me the simple book about the faith, I should be very much obliged."

"Teach me the simple book about the faith," is the cry of a new Japanese "babe in Christ," writing to the Japanese headquarters of the Pocket Testament League. The letter, quoted above, is typical of hundreds that pour in weekly.

According to Alfred A. Kunz, Executive Director of the Pocket Testament League, the tremendous interest and response that have characterized the League's evangelistic campaign to date continue unabated. Distribution of Gospels and Testaments is ahead of schedule, with the three million Gospels—the second year's quota—already distributed. The fifth million, now on the presses, will also be distributed before the end of the second year of this effort.

The flood of mail received at the League's Japan headquarters reveals the deep hunger and sense of need of the thousands of converts and recipients of the Gospels and Testaments for instruction and pastoral care as they seek to understand more fully what it means to follow the Lord.

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A lot of good could be done for the world if nobody cared who got credit for it.

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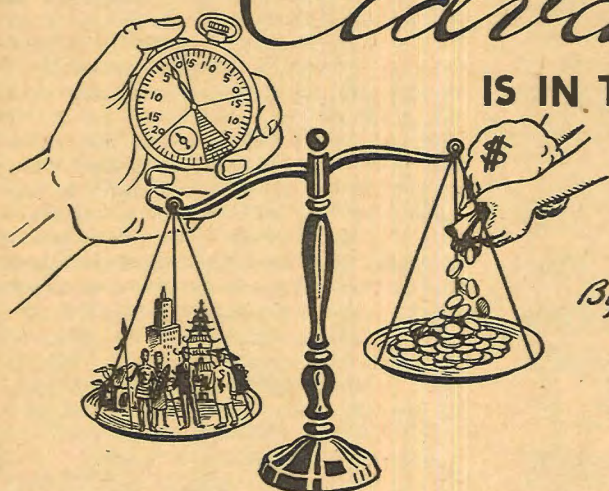


# FOREIGN MISSIONS Advance

IS IN THE BALANCES

**NOW!**

By Merrill D. Moore



We must make foreign mission advance possible. We have talked advance and anticipated advance. We have prayed for advance, and we have planned advance.

Now the time for advance is upon us. The next few weeks will determine how much advance will be made.

The Southern Baptist Convention planned for advance as the climax and stimulant for all its work for the year 1950. It did the unprecedented thing in saying: "Every dollar received by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1950 above the approximate amount received last year will go for foreign mission advance."

This means that when \$6,672,000 (6½ million plus the SBC budget fund) has been received, then 100 per cent of SBC receipts will go to foreign missions. During this period one can give directly to foreign missions without designating a dollar, for all the SBC portion will be for that single cause.

Indications are that at the present rate, this transition point will be reached shortly after December 1. This means that at the same rate of giving, between \$300,000 and \$400,000 will go to the Foreign Mission Board (in addition to their 50 per cent of the first \$4½ million). And this amount will be available to send new missionaries, build new hospitals and churches, and enter new fields.

But can we afford, under these circumstances, to give "at the same rate?" Probably never before have we had such a stimulus to really sacrificial giving through the Cooperative Program. Giving that is worthy of Southern Baptists would hasten the time when all other agencies get their full share for this calendar year. It would speed the transition to 100 per cent for foreign missions. It could easily mean a full million dollars for foreign mission advance. Sacrificial giving could and should mean a million—or two million dollars for foreign mission advance. But giving "at the same rate" will not.

The time is short. We have only from now until the close of the year. Only money received in Nashville in the office of the Executive Committee by December 31 can be so allocated.

The time is short. The opportunity for action is now. The stop-watch indicates that we are in the "last quarter" with only a few minutes to play.

We must advance in world missions. The next few weeks will determine how much advance we make. It is in the balances now.

And what your hands bring now will determine the decision.

## Mob Attacks Baptist Missionaries in Brazil

"There he is! Kill him! Kill him!" Through a yelling mob and a shower of stones, Missionary Clem D. Hardy rushed to his car. Mrs. Hardy and Miss Dorothy Donnelly were waiting for him with the engine running. He reached the car uninjured, and they pulled away through the mob with rocks bouncing off the top of the car like hailstones.

The story reads like a tale of pioneer missionary days. But the incident occurred last October 21 in Manaus, state of Amazonas, Brazil. The mob mistook Mr. Hardy for Dr. Goia Martins, an ex-priest who had aroused the wrath of Roman Catholics by a sermon broadcast.

Dr. Goia was scheduled to attend the meeting of the Amazonas Baptist Convention and speak at the evening service. While the first song was being sung, the congregation was interrupted by a shrieking mob throwing sand and rocks. The few police present were unarmed and could not quell the mob, so Missionary Hardy was asked to go for help in his car. As he left the congregation the crowd attacked him, thinking he was Dr. Goia.

It took police a half hour to quiet the mob. A portable organ, loud-speaker, light plant, and other equipment which had been set up in the park for the meeting, suffered very little damage, although wires were cut, throwing the place into darkness. One of the pastors and some others of the group received slight injuries, but Dr. Goia escaped when one of the men slipped him out of the darkened park and to his home. Not knowing of his escape, the missionaries were concerned about him and, with the police, searched two hours before they located him and took him home with them. Police guarded the missionary home that night.

Dr. Goia preached at the First Baptist Church the following evening and afterward slipped out the back door of the church before his enemies knew where he was. Twenty-two people made professions of faith in Christ at that service. Next day friends in three cars guarded the Brazilian preacher until he was safely aboard the plane that took him to his home.

Protests have been lodged with the governor of the state of Amazonas and with the federal government.

## Colombia to Have Hospital

Government permit for construction of a Baptist hospital in Barranquilla, Colombia,

has been granted, and Missionary-Doctor Roy C. McGlamery writes that they will start laying the foundation for the building immediately. Missionary Howard Shoemake is organizing and overseeing construction work.

A wall has already been built around the hospital property and a small unit erected for the caretaker, ambulance garage, wood-working shop, and general storage. Dr. McGlamery thinks the hospital may be opened within a year. They were fortunate in having purchased steel, pipe, and electrical wire before building materials became scarce.

Miss Emily Head, R.N., was granted a visa in September and sailed early in October for Barranquilla. She will assist in medical work in Colombia.

The first Southern Baptist hospital in Latin America, on which construction was begun last year in Asuncion, Paraguay, is expected to open about the middle of next year.

## Evangelistic Campaign in Japan

During an evangelistic campaign in progress in Japan, 7,000 people have signed cards indicating their profession of faith in Christ or expressing their interest in becoming Christians. Dr. M. Theron Rankin and Dr. Baker J. Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Duke K. McCall, Nashville, and Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, are assisting Japanese Baptist pastors in the crusade.

Dr. Sadamoto Kawano, who is serving as Dr. Cauthen's interpreter, reports encouraging responses in the swing around Kyushu Island. Dr. Cauthen preached four times each day for four days at Fukuoka, one of the two Baptist educational centers. Services were held for five days at Kokura, the other center. About 500 people responded to the messages at each place.

Dr. Rankin wrote: "We have an open door in Japan today such as I have never known anywhere else in the world at any time."

## Preparing for Transjordan Mission

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McRae and Nurse Ruth Swan are sailing November 15 for Beirut, Lebanon, where they will study the Arabic language in preparation for medical missionary service among the Arab people.

Until missionaries have a sufficient knowledge of the language to operate the hospital recently acquired in Transjordan, it will be maintained by its present staff. Gilead Mission Hospital is a gift to Southern Baptists from Anglican missionaries who, having received it as a gift, found it impossible to operate it themselves. Located near the village of Ajloun in the northern division of Transjordan, the hospital is in a region which has approximately 176 small but thickly scattered villages.

There is only one other mission worker, an independent faith missionary, in the district. The only medical work in the area, outside the mission hospital, is a small 10-bed government hospital.

## Strategic Months

November and December are strategic months for the Advance Program of the Foreign Mission Board. Far under its goal of ten million dollars this year, the Cooperative Program funds must be strengthened greatly during these two months if the foreign mission program is to be increased substantially. All Cooperative Program funds above six and one-half million dollars this year go to foreign mission work.



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## 1950 Arkansas Baptist State Convention

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### BROADMAN COMMENTS, 1951

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## Together—Workers

By ANDREW M. HALL

The togetherness of Christ's work is comforting. Lindbergh spoke of "we" in his solo flight across the Atlantic. When a young man proposed the suggestion of marriage and got the happy answer he drove his betrothed to a lane, got out of the car, ran around it a couple times and screeched out, "I ain't mad at nobody." He felt that sense of co-operation. The small boy proudly exclaimed, "We killed a bear, but Daddy shot him."

When I walk down a dark street at night I'm not concerned about the fellow following if I know whose side he is on. As a lad in my early 'teens, I hitch-hiked to Louisiana. Near the close of the day I became stranded on one of those Huey Long highways flanked on each side by swamps. Darkness was crowding in and it was 30 miles to the city. Along came a T-Model truck with two darkies and just as I feared they picked me up. Without much conversation we moved along. I began to think of how barren things were. I thought of hold-ups on lonely roads—and to think I had eleven dollars in my possession! All at once the silence was broken by the driver singing "There's A Land That is Fairer Than Day." I relaxed. I knew whose side he was on. Let us work and work hard—but let's do it all together.

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"The hope of the world does indeed lie with Christian people, but let us not for a moment think that the basis for this hope is numerical. The strength of Christianity is not in glowing statistics but in direct relation to spiritual maturity. It is here that I believe we have cause for concern. It should disturb us greatly that the average church has a membership far in excess of the number that could be accommodated at any one service. In a few cases this indicates inadequate space, but in most cases it is simply the spiritual immaturity of the members." — James A. Stewart, The Teacher.

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### State Convention, 1951

Preacher—Lloyd Sparkman, Pine Bluff.

Alternate—J. T. Elliff, Fordyce.

Time—Left to Executive Board.

Place—First Baptist Church, Little Rock.



## We Know Christ Better

By DALE COWLING, Secretary  
Arkansas Baptist Student Union

The keynote of the Baptist Student Convention was, "That All May Know Christ." Surely all of us who were there feel that we know Christ much better. Because we know Him better we have resolved that, beginning on our own campus, we will lead the world to know Him both as Savior and Lord.

The Convention was attended by some 350 college students. These students represented all but three of the colleges in Arkansas.

It was evident from the first session of the Convention that those who were there had come for a purpose. They were not seeking a "superficial good time." They were seeking the will of God for their lives in this troubled world. The Convention program was designed to help them find His will. Over and over we were reminded by the excellent speakers that if the world ever knows Christ it will be when every Christian breaks with sin and lives victoriously for Christ. Many high hours came as we listened to music that had been touched by the Spirit of God, messages that throbbed with power, and testimonies from Christian youth who had learned that the Lord is real in meeting life's problems.

All of us quietly renewed our vows to the Lord. Perhaps most would have walked down the aisle in response to some appeal for

mass rededication of life, had such an appeal been made. It seemed that it really wasn't needed. Somehow one just knew that his friends were experiencing the same emotions as he, and that great decisions were being quietly made.

An invitation was given to turn away from definite sin and to fully dedicate a pure life to the service of Christ. Ten repentant Christians came forward to make the decision public. One came to accept God's call to be a missionary. One came to accept the call to full-time service in the field of Church Music. Another came to follow His call to be a full time religious teacher. A young woman came to say that the Lord was calling her to be a Christian teacher. Such a spirit was present until one even came, to make a public profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. His testimony to the influence of the B.S.U. upon his life and of his experience of forgiveness blessed all our hearts.

We could wish that ever Baptist in Arkansas knew what the Baptist Student Union is and how it is dedicated to the purpose of bringing every Baptist Student into the life and service of the local college churches so that his spiritual life may develop along with the intellectual. We must win our college students today or be wrecked by them tomorrow.

## All For Christ

By CHAPLAIN EUGENE HOWARD  
San Antonio, Texas

*"Whatsoever Ye do, do all to the glory of God."*

We live in a time when emphasis is placed on an all out program for the collection, usage, and development of materialism. It seems that we forget that materialism filled with greed, selfishness, jealousy, and strife is the basic cause of every war. From the dawn of creation God has taught us that all we do should be done to His glory. Let us heed God's teaching in promoting an all out program for Christianity, by making our lives a commentary and an exposition of His truth.

There must be complete surrender without any reservation of your heart, life, possessions, your all, in order to reach the highest peak of happiness and success, and to realize the fulness of His glory.

God ministers to human needs through the redeemed human agency. He reveals through the human mind to instruct and direct the frailties and uncertainties of human life. He speaks through human lips the words of life

to offer salvation to those who will receive it. He ministers with human hands to serve people to bring happiness and preservation of life. He ministers with human feet to take us to places of service to exercise integrity of character and the principles of Christianity. God puts love and compassion in the human heart, which motivates to higher living, loving service and faithful witnessing.

Everything in a book, punctuations, phrases, sentences, paragraphs, must make a contribution to the theme to make it a perfect book; the same is true in the Christian life. In order to make Christianity blossom as the rose in the summer in human life, we must make a complete surrender, an all out sacrifice, in all out consecrated Christian living, in all out faithful service, and in an all out preaching of the Gospel of the crucified Christ! All for Christ by making Him our all in all.

## Student Night At Christmas Material

By ROBERT S. DENNY

Special material is available for Student Night at Christmas. An attractive bulletin for this occasion has been printed and may be ordered from the Bulletin Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board. A beautiful new song, "Longing for Jesus" is available in sheet music and on record from the state Baptist book stores.

Already programs, posters, music, and suggestions for Student Night at Christmas have been mailed from the Department of Student Work to every full-time Baptist church in the Southern Baptist Convention as well as state and local student secretaries. Any other churches may receive this material by writing to the Department of Student Work in Nashville, or to the state Baptist student secretary.

Thousands of Southern Baptist churches observe Student Night at Christmas each year. Many churches take a whole day for welcoming home students who have been away at college and for hearing reports and testimonies of spritual activities as sponsored by the B.S.U. on the campus of the South.

### What Is Practical?

By CHARLES A. WELLS

It is a strange thing that those who want to go deeper, get to the foundations of the world's failures are usually called "impractical," "idealists"! There's no use trying to stop gambling,—just put another cop on the beat." Then some murders are committed and people get frightened out of their wits. "Oh, you've got to let kids have fun,—just be sure who their companions are,"—then youngsters who have been drinking drive a speeding car into a freight train and some of the best families are stricken with unbearable grief. Are those who preached honesty and temperance "impractical," "idealists?" For years Christian missionaries warned that unless Christianity were given a chance to transform Asia, violent change would come. But missionaries were called "impractical," "idealists,"—and today we pour out billions to do what missionaries were doing with dimes and pennies, in curbing and preventing violent change by teaching men the good life. The only way we can get at the causes of collapse in the world is to deal with man's spiritual needs. We can't have a better world until we have created better people. The police can't do it; armies and bombs do not really make a better world,—they can only curb a bad one. Religion is the one power that can dig down to the foundations.

Southern Baptists are providing secretaries, building student centers, publishing literature, promoting Ridgecrest, conventions, retreats, Focus Weeks, Religious Emphasis Weeks, and many other things for their college students. The Student Night at Christmas program is the means by which the folks at home know what this Southern Baptist investment is meaning to their college students.

This year's program gives opportunity not only for the present generation of college students to tell about campus spiritual experiences but also for the B.S.U. alumni to answer the question, "Is there a carry over value into life?"

The Thanksgiving holiday season is the ideal time to start preparation for the Student Night at Christmas program. In a preliminary conference with the pastor, educational director, youth leader, and the students who are home for the holidays, long range plans can be made for this strategic program. Any questions or suggestions should be directed to the state student secretary or to the Department of Student Work, Nashville.

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## Week Of Prayer For Foreign Missions

December 4-8, 1950

Program material for observance of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions was sent to every W.M.U. organization in the state, both W.M.S. and young people's auxiliary, from whom had been received a report of officers and leaders for 1950-51. If for any reason this was not received, or if material is needed, immediately notify W. M. U. Headquarters, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, and prompt mailing of requirements will be made.

In addition to the very fine program material, there are available the offering envelopes and invitation leaflets in whatever quantity you need them, an attractive poster for advertising the observance. Request these also from State W.M.U. Headquarters. (Folders for printed programs can be secured from the Baptist Book Store, 303 W. Capitol, Little Rock, for \$1.75 per hundred. Order by name, "Peace On Earth, Goodwill Toward Men.")

A full observance of the week will bless every phase of your organizational life; will add interest to the extension of the Kingdom; will mean enlarged gifts; will lead into more intelligent praying. Capture the joy that can be yours by the larger service afforded through full observance of the season.

After having gleaned well for the Lottie Moon Offering, remit to Miss Nancy Cooper, Treasurer, W. M. U. of Arkansas, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Arkansas' offering goal is \$50,000. What portion will your organization give?

### PLANNING FOR DECEMBER

**Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions:** (1) Full observance December 4-8, 1950. (2) Special enlistment efforts for attendance.

**Stewardship:** Worthy Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions from every member of W. M. U.

**Community Missions:** (1) Gifts of food and toys presented with a Christmas message to those in need. (2) Remember sick and shut-ins with Christmas cheer. (3) BRING unsaved and needy ones whom you have helped during the year to your church's special Christmas observance.

**Mission Study:** Check on reading following recent study of foreign missions.

**Young People's Work:** Observance of Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions and gifts to Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions, December 4-8.

(Check Royal Service, page 18-19, for "Hints to Committee Chairmen.")

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NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary

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## Some Musts For 1951

There are some phases of Brotherhood development which are **MUSTS** for 1950. These are:

1. **The development of a full-fledged State Brotherhood.** This means a State Brotherhood Convention once each year, and a Brotherhood program of action on the state level, — a program which will be made to function throughout the year. Harold Anderson is our new State Brotherhood president, and will serve until our first annual Brotherhood Convention next March, when Harold or some other good man will be formally elected to this position by the Baptist men of Arkansas.

Brotherhood Night, held on the eve of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention meeting, plus the annual Brotherhood Convention, will give the Brotherhood movement in Arkansas two powerful meetings each year.

2. **The development of Regional Brotherhoods.** About fifteen of these are necessary to cover the area of our state. The Regional Brotherhood presidents will be vice-presidents of the State Brotherhood, and will work to make the state-wide Brotherhood program function throughout the regional areas. The Regional Brotherhoods will hold annual meetings. Five of these Regional Meetings are scheduled for the period of December 11-15, 1950, and were announced in this column last week. The Regional Brotherhoods will function to organize and maintain an associational Brotherhood in every association within the various regions; and also to plan and hold Regional Brotherhood Encampments.

3. **The completion of the organization of Associational Brotherhoods.** Twenty-seven of the forty-three associations now have associational Brotherhood organizations. There **MUST** be forty-three such organizations!

The Associational Brotherhood meets once each quarter, and functions to stimulate Brotherhood organization and work throughout the association. The Associational Brotherhood seeks to encourage every church within the association to build and maintain a working Brotherhood. The Associational Brotherhood helps to make the men of the association denominationally conscious, and aware of the great world-wide tasks of the Kingdom of God.

4. **The continued development of church Brotherhoods:** not only the organization of more church Brotherhoods, but the building of better and more effective Brotherhoods in our churches. As men learn more about God's work, and as they make the joyful discovery that they can serve the Lord effectively, Brotherhood work takes on a new and deeper meaning.

5. **The continued promotion of the great Brotherhood ideals of Consecration, Stewardship, and Evangelism:** These are the foundation-stones of Brotherhood work, and simply mean: "Better men, giving all of themselves to the Lord, in the greatest work in all the world."

6. **The projection of consecrated manpower into every phase of church and denominational life.** The power of consecrated, dedicated, manhood **MUST** be projected into everything our churches and our denomination are doing.

7. **The winning of lost people to Christ.** This is the concentrated **MUST** of Brotherhood work, — the prime objective. This is Brotherhood work! Everything else that our Brotherhood attempts is aimed at the supreme objective of soul-winning.

Yes, these are **MUSTS** for 1951! May God give every Baptist man in Arkansas the zeal and the courage to work to bring all these things to pass.

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### Think Big! Plan Big! For "M" Night December 4

Forty-three associations in Arkansas. Forty-three associations observing Training Union "M" Night on Monday night, December 4, (or near that date)! All of our associations mobilizing their forces for a good start in Training Union work in 1951! Has your association made plans for "M" Night? Each associational Training Union director will be responsible for planning and presenting the program on "M" Night.

For five years the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, in co-operation with the State Training Union Departments has promoted a Convention-wide simultaneous associational Training Union mass meeting in December. This meeting is known as Mobilization Night, or simply "M" Night.

Last year 536 associations of the Southern Baptist Convention observed "M" Night.

The following program has been suggested which may be adapted to meet the needs of the association:

#### 7:30—Praise Service

You may wish to choose hymns in keeping with the theme for 1951, "Choose You This Day." We suggest the following: "I am Resolved," "I Am Thine, O Lord," "I Would Be True," "I Surrender All." If possible secure a youth choir to sing "All On the Altar." Ask your pastor advisor to read Joshua 24:14-25 and lead in prayer.

7:45—Announcements and Recognitions.

7:55—"Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going."

This will be a brief report of associational Training Union work promoted during the past twelve months. This will be the time to promote the Intermediate Sword Drill, Junior Memory Drill, Speakers' Tournament, and to decide when and where the associational elimination tournament will be held the last part of February or first part of March, 1951. This would also be a good time to promote at least one study course in each church in 1951.

#### 8:15—"Choose You This Day."

This is the general theme for our Training Union work in 1951. It is also the title of a colored film strip which may be secured for \$4

from the Baptist Book Store. It will include a manual to use in presenting the film strip. The film strip is made for use with a 35 mm single frame film projector. The associations that cannot use the film strip should present, in some attractive way, the themes for each month during 1951.

8:45—Hymn: "The Banner of the Cross."

8:50—Message: "Life's Greatest Choices."

Secure the best speaker available. The subject of this message is based on the Training Union theme for the year, "Choose You This Day."

9:15—Adjourn with prayer.

### Liberty Association Quarterly Hymn-Sing

Fifteen churches of Liberty Association were represented at the Quarterly Hymn-Sing at First Church, Smackover, on Sunday afternoon, November 19. There were ten pastors present.

A very impressive dedication service was a part of the afternoon's service, in which the following officers of the Music Department of the association were dedicated: director, Mrs. Carl A. Clark; associate director, Mrs. Dee Hollyfield; pianist, Mrs. J. D. Norris; South East Zone, director and pianist, G. Paul Starnes and Mrs. T. T. Walker; North Zone, Johnny Jackson and Mrs. Tom Fraser Jr. Ex-officio officers—moderator of association, Jay. D. Tolleson; missionary of association, Dr. Carl A. Clark.

Moderator Tolleson led the dedication service. A sextet from the Smackover church sang "Take My Life."

In addition to the congregational singing, the Cherub Choir of Norphlet and the Youth Choir of Cullendale brought special numbers.

Mention was made of new choirs organized within the past several months. They include Cherub Choirs at Stephens, and Immanuel, El Dorado; and Carol Choirs at Cullendale; Second, El Dorado, and West Side, El Dorado.

Two visitors were presented, H. C. Seefeldt and W. A. Herring of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage.

### Application for Sunday School Course Training Awards

Some of the applications for awards in the Training Course for Sunday School workers do not carry sufficient address for the person to whom the awards are to be mailed—street addresses omitted, etc.

When awards are to be mailed to a church, be sure to indicate the street number. All awards are mailed from the offices of the Sunday School Board. Frequently these are returned because the street number is not given.

Another omission sometimes noted is the name of the association. Space is provided in the request blank for this information. You can help us in getting your awards delivered without delay by giving complete information when making your request.

All award requests should be made on the blanks which have been prepared for this purpose and are furnished by this office. When in need of these, a postal request will be sufficient.

### Vacation Bible School Reports

Through reports from the pastors, Vacation Bible School principals, and associational reports, the record reveals a total of 436 Vacation Bible Schools conducted in Arkansas in 1950. This total is of November 10.

A number of churches, however, have not made a report of their school. Since the state and South-wide summary of schools must go to press at an early date it is of great importance that all Vacation Bible Schools be reported immediately. If you do not have the regular report blanks, please use a penny postal card and include the following items: Name of association, church, and post office. Name of the pastor, and Vacation Bible School principal. The number of days the school was in session. Total enrolment, average attendance, and number of conversions. Mail your report to 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

### Immanuel, Fayetteville, Has Music School

Immanuel Church, Fayetteville, has just closed a very successful School of Church Music directed by Mrs. B. W. Nininger. The pastor, Louis Bohlen, reports a total enrolment of 87 with an average daily attendance of 68. Fifty qualified for awards. Mr. John Mitchell, the choir director, and Miss Johnnie Fay Mitchell, pianist, assisted in the school.

Afternoon sessions for the Junior Choir of 29 members were spent in preparing Thanksgiving and Christmas Music. Several choir mothers served refreshments to the group preceding the rehearsal. Fifteen in this choir received

### Figures To Inspire

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1,221	376	14
Including Missions	1,413	512	15
Fort Smith, First	989	382	6
Including Mission	1,194	469	
Little Rock, First	881	381	2
El Dorado, First	906	426	23
Including Missions	961	464	
Little Rock, Second	785	146	3
Hot Springs, Second	692	220	
Pine Bluff, South Side	656	256	
Including Mission	694	292	
Magnolia, Central	586	228	8
El Dorado, Immanuel	561	276	3
Including Mission	599	310	
El Dorado, Second	546	252	
Crossett, First	535	229	2
Hot Springs, Central	534	241	20
Camden, First	533	198	4
Including Missions	828	423	
Benton, First	503	136	6
Little Rock, Gaines St.	502	300	2
Texarkana, Beech St.	500	247	2
Fordyce, First	489	215	
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	486	168	2
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	471	156	
McGehee, First	464	171	4
Including Mission	576	252	
Warren, First	450	140	
Stuttgart, First	448	271	14
Including Mission	491	303	
Hope, First	444	112	
Forrest City, First	435	179	
Paris, First	426	182	1
Including Mission	468		
Fort Smith, Calvary	421	131	1
Canway, First	421	119	
Springdale, First	417	205	
Including Mission	514		
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	408	137	3
Rogers, First	384	204	6
Hot Springs, Park Place	379	147	1
Smackover, First	372	142	1
Siloam Springs, First	367	234	5
Malvern, First	367	97	
West Memphis, First	362	195	6
Including Mission	401	217	
El Dorado, West Side	360	153	3
Little Rock, So. Highland	353	125	3
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	348	121	
North Little Rock, Park Hill	346	94	9
Cullendale, First	335	227	
Searcy, First	331	132	
Borphet, First	317	303	
Fort Smith, South Side	301	67	4
North Little Rock, First	298	94	
Including Mission	320		
Monticello, First	289	104	
Pine Bluff, Second	289	130	
Hot Springs, First	284	102	
Gentry, First	281	181	
Texarkana, Calvary	270	115	3
Bentonville, First	264	79	
Little Rock, Hebron	245	120	2
Mena, First	231	100	5
Wynne	224	56	
Hot Springs, Piney	222	189	
Fort Smith, Temple	211	151	
Jacksonville	198	98	
Including Mission	234		
No. Little Rock, Bethany	182	102	
Star City, First	181	67	1
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	167	159	4
Kelso	145	120	
Douglasville, First	145	66	
Strong, First	141	68	
Little Rock, Crystal Hill	116	95	4
Rose City, Calvary	112	68	1
Grannis	96	71	
Little Rock, West Side	80	70	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	76	41	7
Hot Springs, Emanuel	59	35	
North Little Rock, Peoples	42	38	1
Roland	22		

awards for 100 per cent in attendance.

At the evening session a Youth Choir and an Adult Choir studied Practical Music Lessons and participated in rehearsals on Thanksgiving and Christmas music.

At the final session, it was voted to schedule another school next summer.

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# Stewardship of Life

By Mrs. HOMER D. MYERS

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## Dedication

"I beseech thee, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

A more touching plea for Christians to accept the stewardship of life is not to be found in the scriptures; and who would know better than the grand old apostle Paul just what the stewardship of life really means.

Let us analyze the preceding verse: "I beseech thee," I implore, plead with you, beg of you; "therefore"—consider the great truths, doctrines of our faith he had been discussing prior to this chapter 12—(1) the depravity of human nature: "For all have sinned." (2) Salvation by grace to depraved humanity: "Justified freely through His grace." (3) The power and blessing of faith: "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God." (4) Justification: "There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ." (5) The protection and communion of the Holy Spirit, "The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (6) Eternal security of the saints: "I am persuaded that . . . nothing shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." "Therefore"—for all these reasons, "I beseech thee, brethren"—to do what, Paul?

## An Offering to God

"That ye present your bodies;" That ye make an offering to God. The ancient world knew very well what it meant to make an offering to God; in many instances it was an animal, to be taken to the Temple, slain, and offered on an altar of fire. When those offerings were made with the right motive, by faith in the coming Redeemer, God accepted them. But now the Redeemer has died once for all; the Lamb of God has now been slain, the passover Lamb has been offered for all mankind, and God has no further need for dead sacrifices upon an altar; He now pleads for living bodies in active service. "A living sacrifice, holy, acceptable . . ."

The ancient offerings, to be acceptable unto God, had to conform to a certain standard. The animals had to be perfect physically; the animal could have no sore, nor wart, nor lameness, no impurity of any kind. It had to be a perfect animal to be acceptable to God.

The living sacrifice that is offered to God must be made pure

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Romans 12:1-8; 2 Cor. 8:1-9;  
Phil. 2:19-30

in the blood of Christ; born again, born from above. The ancient offerings had to be made voluntarily; so must the present day offerings. The Hebrew dedicated his son to God, or his possessions to God; the Christian must dedicate himself to God. And this dedication is all inclusive. "That ye present your BODIES;" the soul, first; the heart or affections: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . soul . . . and mind." The mind must be dedicated to God with all its possibilities; the desire to learn, the desire to grow in grace must begin with a "renewing of the mind." The eyes should be dedicated, to see the things of God, to be alert to do the things He would have us to do. The feet should be consecrated, made to carry one where he should go for Christ, and to restrain one from going where he should not go—for Christ's sake. The hands—to do whatsoever they find to do; the voice—to speak or to sing the truths and praises of God; the talents, the abilities, ALL that is in the BODY that is offered to God should be dedicated to Him to be used in His service.

"Which is your reasonable service." God sees nothing UNREASONABLE in asking us to give our all for Him and to Him. Jesus told His disciples once that after they had done their very best, they could still consider themselves unprofitable servants. If a person lives who has really gone all out for Christ—he still has nothing to boast about!

## Separation-Consecration

"Be not conformed to this world," said Paul. Be not in agreement, do not pattern after, do not let the world set your standard; what harmony can a Christian have with this world? John said, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

"But be ye transformed." All were born in the world and of the world; all are born sinners, but there comes a time when we should be transformed, which means to be changed; changed in appearance, changed in form, and changed in character. When one has been separated from the world and consecrated unto God, his habits and character are necessarily and automatically changed.

In the transformation, Paul issues a challenge also: "That ye may prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

When people are separated from evil and dedicated to God and good, they need not doubt for long concerning the will of God in their lives; Paul said we could soon prove to ourselves what God would have us to do, if we really desire to know His will, and if we are willing to do His will after we know it.

## A Job for Every Member

As the body has a variety of members: hands, feet, and eyes, for convenience and efficiency, so the church has many members with a variety of gifts for the ongoing of the work. If the human body consisted only of a handsome face—what service could it render? Or if it were all hands, or all feet, these would be helpless without the remainder of the body. So, in the church all cannot be pastors, but each has a place of service and Paul challenges us in this lesson to render the best service in our individual places that can be done.

The minister should strive to serve his people to the very best of his ability in all phases of his ministry, too numerous to mention here. The teacher should always be prepared to teach, completely and thoroughly, the word in all phases of its service to people; to comfort the sorrowing, to strengthen the weak, to reach the lost. The teacher can get closer to the people in his or her class than the pastor or anybody else; the teacher carries a responsibility and possesses an opportunity that no other Christian has.

In his survey of the church membership, Paul left out none; if all one could do was to attend the service and give of his means,

that should be done with simplicity. Some pastors are prone to publicize some who can give more than others. Paul would not have stooped to such tactics. All of us, whether rich or poor, owe our best to Him who died for us, and giving should be done quietly, in a worshipful manner, and with simplicity.

"He that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness." Maybe there are those who cannot teach, nor preach, nor even give because they have no income; that one can at least "show mercy" to others, that is to comfort; anybody can smile and radiate Christian joy. Whatever else one cannot do, he can surely be cheerful and thereby encourage others in the Christian walk of life. So you see, there is a work for each child of God, and each task or job is important in the church.

Paul commended the Macedonians for sending gifts to him; they did not give out of their abundance but they gave out of deep poverty; they were liberal in the face of great trials and afflictions. How did they have the power to give under such adverse conditions? Because they first GAVE THEMSELVES. When self has really been dedicated to God, then all one has goes with it.



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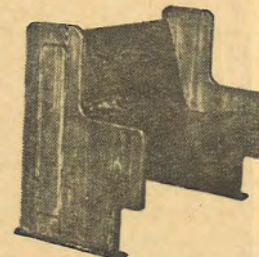
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## “Strong Drink Is Raging”

More than ever we have been grievously impressed in recent days about the large numbers of crimes that have been committed with whiskey and beer and wine as the major cause. We have been impressed with the arrests and court convictions over the large number of cases involving liquor. These offenses range from “arrests for drunkenness” on through the catalog of crimes to rape and murder. Here are some of the headlines that have appeared in the daily press: “Pennsylvania College Bans Campus Booze”; “Alcohol in Small Quantities Adds to Driving Hazards”; “15 Arkansas Cities Report 27 Murders”; “5 lose Licenses for Month on Charge of Driving While Drunk”; “Four Charged After Night Club Fracas”; “Drunken Vengeance Siege Ends with Capture of Two”; “Drunken Driving Costs Fines and Licenses”; “4-Day Sentence Meted in Drunk Driving Case”; “Three Plead Guilty to Drunken Driving”; “Motorist Fined \$100 for Drunken Driving”; “Drunken Driver Loses License, Gets Fine, Jail”; “Two Persons Fined \$25, Suspended for Drunk Driving”; “Drunken Man Abducts Three Pregnant Women”; “Hardy Souls Pay the Freight, and the Dew Comes Over the Mountains”; “Judge Severe with Liquor Violators”; “Moonshine Is Eclipsed on Eve of Lunar Show”; “Hope Man Charged with Making Whiskey”; “Missouri Tip Leads Sheriff to Raid Still”; “Deputies Led to Elaborate Still Near Humphrey”; “9,996 Arrests by State Police in Past year”; “Four Benton

Men Fined for Night Club Fracas”; “State Police Report 412 Convictions”; “Accuse Seven of Sunday Liquor Sales”; “Accused Moonshiner Runs Over and Kills Sheriff in Alabama”; “Autoist Fined \$50 for Drunken Driving”; “7 in Magnolia Liquor Trials Fined \$9,050”; “Prisoner of County Farm Charged with Beating of Inmate”; “Miller Sentenced in Traffic Court”; “Sentences Imposed in U. S. Cases”; “Star City Negro Caught Operating Still in Home.”

Bootlegging is bad indeed today. A few months ago the Associated Press said “Modern Moonshining is a far cry from the little old stills in the piney hills or the bath tub hooch plants of prohibition days.” Legalized liquor does not stop the bootlegging. Drinking and crime are infinitely worse than they were during the prohibition days. Some of the worst crimes ever committed are being committed these days with legalized liquor back of them. Here are two of the blackest headlines in history, “ACCUSED MOONSHINER RUNS OVER AND KILLS SHERIFF IN ALABAMA,” and “DRUNKEN MAN ABDUCTS THREE PREGNANT WOMEN.” We tell you that the results of legalized liquor are the blackest spots upon civilization. No wonder the Bible said “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” The business men should not allow their friendship with dignitaries and prominent people to make them vote wrongly.

### Tithers Enlistment Visitation

Brother Pastor, are you carrying through on the Tithers Enlistment Visitation Program? It will take work and prayer to make it a success. You will find some obstacles and maybe some opposition. Surely, you will not falter on account of difficulties and some opposition. Press on! You will be rewarded. Dr. J. D. Grey, First Church, New Orleans, says “I have never seen a group of men take hold of a proposition and work as hard on it as the men in our church have on T.E.V.” One pastor in Texas reports that “Some of our people insisted on making T.E.V. visits their own way and did not get much results, but in every case where they followed through on the recommendations in the T.E.V. Program we reached for commital to the tithe, one in every three persons we visited.” Are you missing something?

### What They Are Saying

Immanuel Church in Little Rock has adopted its enlarged budget for 1951. It unanimously approved an allocation of \$30,000 for the Cooperative Program. Thank you, Pastor Vaught and Immanuel Church.

Hamburg, First, will give \$6,000 for the Cooperative Program in 1951. Lowell F. Matheny is pastor. This church is climbing on “up and up.”

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The darkest word in any language is the word, “lost.”

### “I Don’t Want God’s Money In My Pocket When I Go”

He was a nondescript individual, one who would have easily gone un-noticed anywhere Meek and humble, he came each Lord’s Day to the Church to, as he said, pay his respects to the Lord.

The Church members paid little attention to him as he quietly came and went his way each week. If any gave him a passing thought, it was perhaps tinged with pity at his humble circumstances. Certainly, no one wondered when the offering plate passed him by. It was not expected, no doubt they thought, of one so poor, to give.

Yet, each month on pay day, he came to the church office with the tithe of the modest salary which he made from his lowly position.

One day one of the church secretaries said, “Why do you make this special trip each month? Why don’t you wait and bring your tithe on Sunday?”

The man slowly replied, “I can’t do that As soon as I get paid I must bring my money to the church. You see I have a bad heart The doctors tell me that I may go at any time. So I want to be sure that my tithe is in the church. I don’t want God’s money in my pockets when I go.”—Selected.

### Thanks - - living

Were thanks with every gift expressed,  
Each day would be Thanksgiving;  
Were gratitude its very best,  
Each day would be Thanks-living.

### Some Fundamental Baptist Doctrines

1. All persons who have arrived at the age of accountability are hopelessly lost without Christ.
2. Repentance and faith are essential of the part of a sinner to his salvation.
3. The new birth, or regeneration by the Holy Spirit, is wholly of the Lord and is absolutely essential to eternal life.
4. When a sinner is born again, he becomes a child of God. He can never lose his relationship to the Lord because he has eternal life. If it is eternal life, it has no end.
5. **A Spiritual Church:** Christ its founder, its only head and Law-giver.
6. **Its ordinances—**Only two: Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. They, typical and memorial, not saving.
7. **Its Officers: Only two—Bishop or Pastor and Deacons.** They, servants of the church.
8. **Its Government:** A pure democracy. And that executive only. Never legislative.
9. **Its Laws and Doctrines:** The New Testament and that only.
10. **Its Members:** Believers only. Saved by grace, not works, through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.
11. **Its Requirements:** Believers or entering church to be baptized, that by immersion; then, obedience and loyalty to all New Testament laws.
12. The various churches are separate and independent in their execution of laws and discipline and their responsibilities to God. But co-operative in works.
13. **Complete separation of Church and state.**
14. **Absolute religious liberty for all.**

### Parthenon and Van Landingham

Mrs. Brasel writes that the Parthenon Church will give \$10 per month next year for the Cooperative Program. Thank you, Mrs. Brasel. Pastor Van Landingham suffered a serious accident and is losing the sight of one eye. He is a good leader and a good preacher. We thank the Lord for him and the Parthenon Church.

### It Is Not Easy

To Apologize  
To Begin Over  
To Take Advice  
To Be Unselfish  
To Admit Error  
To Be Charitable  
To Avoid Mistakes  
To Endure Success  
To Keep on Trying  
To Forgive and Forget  
To Profit by Mistakes  
To Keep Out of the Rut  
To Shoulder Deserved Blame  
To Maintain a High Standard  
To Recognize the Silver Lining—  
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