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"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

* TRENDS AND EVENTS *

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

Facts of Interest

After 205 days and an estimated 12,000,000 words, the Eightieth Congress has adjourned.

For foreign relief, Congress appropriated \$332,000,000, with an additional \$75,000,000 for the care of displaced persons. No action was taken on the Stratton bill which would have admitted 400,000 displaced persons within the next four years.

Tuskegee Institute reports there have been 273 lynchings prevented by courageous peace officers as against 43 lynchings committed within the past 10 years. There have been 4,717 lynchings since 1882 when the first records were kept.

There are now 86,640 movie theatres in the world, Europe has 51,227. The U. S. has 18,765, and Russia reports 17,500.

The Emergency World People's Congress has called on churches, trade unions, and business organizations to call the people to three minutes of silent prayer, demonstrations, and parades for peace action on the second anniversary of Hiroshima, August 6, 1947.

The Distilled Spirits Institute proudly announces that the American people paid \$3,482,223,916 in liquor taxes in 1946, an increase of 14.6 per cent over 1945.

The National Distillers Products Corporation reported a new profit of \$19,259,199 for the first six months of 1947.

In the World of Religion

Protestant Episcopal church leaders are at odds over the marriage of two prominent Episcopal clergymen to divorced women.

The 54-voice Vatican Singers arrived in the United States this week to give a series of concerts in 96 cities in the United States and Canada.

Harold E. Stassen has been re-elected to a second four-year term as president of the International Council of Religious Education.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Missouri, meeting in Chicago, reported a membership of 1,564,000, elected Dr. John W. Behnken as president for his fifth three-year term, voted to enlarge their visual education work, and set aside \$1,500,000 for the building of a new senior college.

Seven Protestant clergymen have left on a tour of Yugoslavia to study church conditions.

Charles W. Ranson, London, has been named general secretary of the International Missionary Council. He will make his headquarters in New York.

Congress adjourned without appropriating any funds for the completion of the Census of Religious Bodies.

The World Conference of Christian Youth is meeting in Oslo, Norway. Delegates from Russia are absent.

Kagawa, Japanese Christian leader, re-

ports that Buddhists are now willing to embrace Christianity.

Baptist Highlights

More than 50 American Negro Baptist clergymen visited Jerusalem and Palestine on their way to the Baptist World Alliance.

Several Japanese churches which were sponsored by Southern Baptist missions before the war have announced they have withdrawn from the United Church of Christ in Japan, and will be "completely independent."

Dr. Harold W. Tribble has resigned as professor of theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., to become president of the Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass. The school is sponsored by Northern Baptists.

Lewis A. Meyers, editor of the Word and Way, Missouri, has been elected editor of the Baptist New Mexican. He has not announced his decision.

Seminary students from the Northern Baptist Convention and the Disciples of Christ unanimously approved the following resolution at the recent Inter-Seminary Conference at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio: "We... express to the Baptist-Disciples Commission on Union our earnest desire for an early consummation of the proposed merger of the two communions. We recommend that the Commission soon widely publicize a 'Plan of Union, for the consideration and action of our two brotherhoods. . . . We recommend that our local congregations, and our state and national conventions work actively together in this direction of union for the greater service of the building of the Kingdom of God."

Jewett Hall, main building on the Judson College campus in Alabama, has burned.

Dr. C. M. Gallup, recording secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention for many years, died on July 16 in New York.

E. W. Bowman, pastor of the Grandview Baptist Church in Missouri, conducted the funeral of President Truman's mother.

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Library Association Elects Elliott Head

A conference of 51 librarians from leading theological seminaries of America meeting in Louisville, Ky., resulted in organization of the American Theological Library Association. Dr. L. R. Elliott, librarian of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., was elected president.

Purpose of the association, leaders said, is to bring its members into closer working relations with each other and with the American Association of Theological Schools; "to study the distinctive problems of theological seminary libraries, to increase the professional competence of the membership, and to improve the quality of library service to theological education."

Bringing Up Opportunities

A Devotion by the Editor

"Redeeming the time."

The world is literally full of markets offering what they proclaim to be the chief values of time. These markets are hawking their wares around the clock and they are making their appeals to every instinct of life.

Spend a moment here, an hour there, a day at some other place, a week yonder, and so the appeals are multiplied day in and day out.

These markets are bidding desperately for all one's time. Employment is uncompromising in its demands, offering the reward of material earnings. The home is calling for time and offering the values of family life. The church is pleading with its spiritual and eternal with which it proposes to endow life. Organizations for civic betterment are insisting upon patronage with the general welfare of the community as a reward.

There are also the recreational retreats inviting all to spend a while with them with rest and relaxation for reward. The places of amusement are offering their wares in the form of entertainment. The gambling houses are bidding all passers-by to pause and place a bet with the chance of winning easy money. The liquor shops are blaring out their appeal to depraved appetites, offering the stimulation of strong drink. The low dives of wickedness and sin are calling loudly and insisting upon a visit to them. On and on the story goes.

From these markets of the world we must buy up the opportunities of time. How carefully we should select the markets from which we make our purchases!

The markets are flooded with cheap and worthless substitutes which are offered in place of the true values of life. So we must be discriminating in our purchases.

If it is important that the merchant should know the quality of steel, or cloth, or bread, or drugs, it is infinitely more important that we should know the quality of home values, and the values of Christian service and worship. Yet it is conceivable that some people are more discriminating in the selection of material values than they are in the selection of spiritual values.

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15, 16).

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Across the Editor's Desk

The Christ of Prophecy

We come suddenly upon a scene of confusion and fear. Two figures are crouching beneath the shrubbery in a beautiful garden. Fear and shame are written upon every feature of their countenances.

Above this pair stands one of majestic and royal and gracious bearing. He is speaking to the cringing couple at His feet. It is the first time they have feared His presence and He is asking an explanation of their conduct, though He himself knows the cause.

After listening to their feeble efforts to excuse themselves by placing the blame for their deeds upon others, God, Himself, proclaimed two public announcements, the meaning of which can be traced through the centuries of human history: "It (the seed of the woman) shall bruise thy head, and thou (the serpentine representative of Satan) shall bruise his heel."

The truth of the latter statement, "thou shall bruise his heel," can be traced in the sands of time wherever man has trod. In every walk of life man has left the footprint of the serpent of sin.

In the same breath God promised, "It (the seed of woman) shall bruise thy head." This is the original and basic promise of the Christ upon which all succeeding Messianic prophecies rest.

The promise is enlarged upon in the progressive revelations of God which are announced by the prophets. However, the elements of this original prophecy are the basic components of all the prophecies which follow. These elements are:

(1) It is God who promises the coming Messiah. The prophets who speak of the Promised One, no matter how they describe Him, make it clear that they have received their message from God, that they are speaking not what they have reasoned out but what they have received by divine revelation.

(2) The Messiah shall be of the seed of woman. Isaiah prophesied, "unto us a child is born," and the angels announced, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Jesus delighted to be known as the Son of man.

(3) This Christ shall bruise the serpent's head. The serpent's head is the seat of the serpent's poison. The fangs of death shall be extracted. The Christ shall not concern Himself with treating the symptoms of the disease of sin. He shall attack the seat of the poison.

Paul plays upon the same idea: "O death where is thy sting?" Then he identifies the sting of death as sin, and the strength of sin as the law. In a shout of triumph he thanks God, "who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Christ fulfilled the law and thereby left sin without the strength of a single charge to

bring against Him. He allowed sin to strike Him with all its venom and so exhaust itself upon Him. By His perfect life He turned the edge of every sword of the tempter, by His atoning death He exhausted the venom of sin.

He who was promised of God, announced by the angels, and stung by sin; He who acknowledged His kinship with the race in the oft-repeated phrase, "the son of man;" He who gave His life a ransom, died on the cross, arose triumphantly out of death, the conqueror of sin, offers His victory to every penitent and trusting heart.

On the basis of that original prophecy, "It shall bruise thy head," which was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, we may join with Paul and cause his shout of victory to swell into a mighty chorus: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Does It Pay?

Two questions are posed under the sponsorship of the Committee for Constitutional Government, Washington, D. C. Both questions are related to the present confiscatory tax policy of our Federal Administration.

"Would you like to double your income?" is the first question and it is discussed by James H. Symons, a member of the research staff of the Tax Foundation and the Committee on Postwar Tax Policy. A poll was recently conducted by Fortune magazine, and the question was asked: "If you could double your income by working two or three more hours a day, would you do so?"

"No" was the answer of 70 per cent of United States business executives. Obviously the "demands of the tax collector make it unprofitable for the business executive to work harder and double his income, since he would be required to hand over the major part of the increase to the government."

Mr. Symons concludes: "If the executives do not work the two or three more hours a day, three things will suffer: the supply of goods, the demand for capital, the demand for labor."

"A tax system which makes our executive-investor decide 'to take it easy,' exacts a heavy toll in goods unmade and jobs un-created."

The second question is: "Does it pay to work harder?" This question is discussed by Dr. Willford I. King, author and lecturer, past president of the American Statistical Association, Professor Emeritus of Economics at New York University.

"Does it pay to work harder?"

Dr. King declares "that this question inevitably thrusts itself before every successful business and professional man today." He

shows that "as income is added, federal taxes climb, and the fraction of the added receipts retained by the individual dwindles as income expands."

Dr. King continues: "For the man who earns \$4,000 above his exemptions, it manifestly pays to work harder and earn \$2,000 more, for Uncle Sam lets him keep three dollars out of every additional four that he gains by his hustling. The man making \$8,000 above his exemption will probably feel it worth while to add \$2,000 to his income, for he is still privileged to keep two out of every three added dollars."

However, for the man having an income of \$15,000 above his exemptions, the worthwhileness of striving to take in another \$5,000 raises serious questions in his mind, for, in his case, the Federal Government takes more than half of the added gains. One can hardly expect the man receiving \$100,000 to be much interested in doubling his income, for, if he does, he can only keep for his own use one dollar out of every additional seven.

Obviously, the present income tax law constitutes an effective device for preventing the most efficient business and professional men from fully utilizing their talent.

Surely it is time for the American people to express themselves and make their will known to Washington.

Convictions

It is reported that some Baptist churches which practice open membership in the Northern Baptist Convention are withdrawing from the Convention.

Such a movement is quite logical. When the bars are let down and there is no standard of faith or body of doctrine which applicants for church membership are required to subscribe to, it is obvious that the membership of such a church will grow progressively non-Baptist.

When a Baptist church begins to practice open membership, it ceases at once to be a Baptist church and should terminate all its official connections with Baptist denominational life and organization. To fail to terminate such connections would be to practice duplicity and attempt to sail under a name while repudiating all that that name stands for.

The name "Baptist" means something. There is nothing wishy-washy in the connotation of the name. The people called Baptists have a long and honorable history of adherence to certain fundamentals of faith and practice concerning which there can be no compromise. Baptists are characterized by profound convictions concerning the teachings of the New Testament.

An omnibus church membership is destined to result in one of two unhappy conditions. Either there will be a conflict among the different religious convictions or all convictions will be watered down until they are too enfeebled to fight among themselves, and peace is achieved at the price of a definite and determining faith.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Rev. Lewis Malen Bratcher, Jr., has been appointed secretary for the Brazil agency of the American Bible Society with headquarters in Rio Do Janeiro, succeeding Dr. Charles W. Turner, who will take charge of the Society's work in Argentina. Mr. Bratcher is a Southern Baptist and a son of Southern Baptist missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Lewis M. Bratcher, Sr., of Rio de Janeiro. He was graduated from Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., and from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He served as army chaplain in World War II and attained the rank of major. Since his release he has been pastor of Second Church, Hazard, Ky.

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Arkansan Frank F. Norfleet, pastor, Sligo, Ky., recently served as camp pastor of the Illinois RA Camp, which was held at Lake Sallateeska, near Pinckneyville, Ill. There were more than 20 professions of faith, and on the closing night 100 boys stood, pledging to tithe their income. Mr. Norfleet says: "Having begun tithing as a 10-year-old boy myself, and knowing something of the blessing that this can bring to one through the years, as well as the amount of money which can accumulate to the glory of the Lord from even a small income, I am not inclined to regard these pledges lightly, but as sacred agreements with God."

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West Hartford Church had 10 additions, nine for baptism, and two professions of faith in revival services led by Pastor Ernest Baker, First Church, Des Arc. E. N. Oliver is pastor.

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Rev. George F. Colston, Snow, Okla., observed his 76th birthday August 11. He served several years in Arkansas as pastor and missionary and would appreciate a card or letter from anyone that he baptized or anyone who was converted under his preaching.

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Ladelle Church, Bartholomew Association, had 14 additions, seven for baptism, in revival services held July 20-28. Missionary T. D. Douglas, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, did the preaching. Many rededicated their lives to the service of Christ. The church requests prayer for Pastor H. A. Johnson who is suffering with a heart ailment.

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First Church, Benton, ordained nine deacons July 9. The ordination council was made up of deacons from Bauxite Church, Park Place Church, Hot Springs, First Church, Malvern, Owenville Church, and the Benton Church. Pastor Roger Butler, Bauxite, acted as moderator, Pastor Virgil A. Rose, First Church, Benton, gave the examination, Pastor Jesse Reed, Park Place Church, Hot Springs, offered the ordination prayer, and Rev. S. A. Wiles preached the ordination sermon and gave the charge to the deacons. Deacon Howard Perrin was secretary of the council. Rev. I. N. Barber, Benton, Rev. Neldon Crafton, Bauxite, and Rev. Robert McMillan, First Church, Benton, were present. The new deacons are James Birkhead, Tom Everett, Doc Lawhon, John Little, Guy Moore, Willard Muchrush, Jeff Pemberton, Charles Richards, and Curtis Whitney.

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The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association will meet at Southwestern

Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., at 2 p. m., August 26. Meetings will continue until 4 p. m., August 28. All religious education directors, ministers of education, assistant pastors, pastor's assistants, education secretaries, assistant education directors, teachers of religious education in schools, and education field workers are invited to attend.

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Grace Church, North Little Rock, organized in 1943, observed the second anniversary of the pastorate of E. S. Ray. During the past year the church has received 89 additions, 38 by baptism, bringing the membership to 171. A baptistry and choir loft have been added to the building, a new piano for the auditorium and a second-hand one for the Primary Department. Plans are underway to paint the building. A full program with all organizations, except a Brotherhood Department, is being carried. Sunday School attendance has increased from 65 to 95, Training Union from 17 to 30. A youth revival was held August 10-17.

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Bear Creek Springs Church, near Harrison, had 18 additions, 17 for baptism, in revival services with P. A. Stockton, Little Rock, as evangelist. J. W. Henderson is pastor.

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Mrs. Mary Drew Ayers, 82, mother of Mrs. Edith Ayers Allen, missionary to South America, died recently at Colorado Springs, Colo. She was a member of First Church, Ft. Smith.

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Mountain Pine Church had 11 additions, nine by baptism, and three other professions of faith in evangelistic services. Pastor Virgil A. Rose, First Church, Benton, did the preaching and Pastor C. H. Seaton directed the music with Mrs. Seaton as pianist. The

special services were followed by a study course and Vacation Bible school.

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Pastor F. F. Weaver writes from his pastoral mission field which consists of Diaz, Jacksonport, and Airport Chapel: "We had 14 conversions, 13 by baptism, in a revival at Jacksonport with Associational Missionary W. L. Pepper doing the preaching. We conducted a Vacation Bible School in connection with the revival with 38 enrolled. Our church enrollment is 41, our Sunday School enrollment 72, and our Training Union enrollment 40. Our meeting at Diaz is now in progress. Pastor A. F. Muney, Wilson, is assisting the pastor and Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Walker are helping in a Vacation Bible School."

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Arkansan Sam Ed Bradley has become field superintendent of the Baptist Orphans Home, Louisville, Ky. He goes to Louisville from the pastorate of First Church, Fulton, Ky. A native of Van Buren, Mr. Bradley was graduated from Ouachita College and served his first pastorate at First Church, Alma. He received the Th. M. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, where he did graduate work for two years.

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First Church, Corning, observed the second anniversary of the pastorate of L. C. Tedford in July. During the two years the church has received 121 members, 73 by baptism, spent about \$2,000 on improvements and equipment, doubled its WMU work, and almost doubled the enrollment and attendance in Sunday School and Training Union.

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Pastor Roy B. Hilton, First Church, Bay, has resigned his work there after 20 months in order to enter Ouachita College. Improvements made during that time include stone veneering, basement repairs, attic fan, and installation of chimes. Vic Thompson gave the chimes in honor of his late parents. The church has had 55 additions, 30 on profession of faith, in the 20 months. Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, led the church in recent evangelistic services.

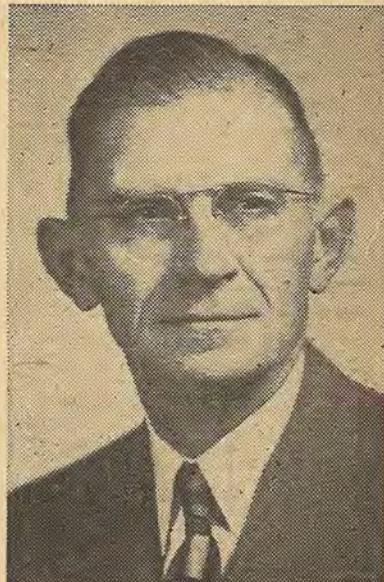
Fritz E. Goodbar Named Vice-President And Business Manager of Central College

Pastor Fritz E. Goodbar, First Church, Russellville, was elected vice-president and business manager of Central College, Conway, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the school in Little Rock, August 5. Pastor Goodbar has accepted the position and will assume his new duties September 1. He has been with the Russellville Church 10 years.

Rev. E. C. Brown, Blytheville, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said in making the announcement: "The Board feels that Pastor Goodbar is eminently qualified for this position by virtue of the fact that he has had experience in the business world as well as in the ministry."

It was reported by A. N. McAninch, one of the Board members, that very satisfactory progress is being made toward the securing of property at Camp Robinson for the school's new location. Approximately 400 acres of land with adequate buildings and other facilities are expected to be available at the Camp Robinson site.

It is the purpose of the Board to open Central in its new location at the beginning of the second semester and by running through the three months of the summer to get in a full school year. Effort is being made to dispose of the Conway property.



Pastor Goodbar

What Is My Responsibility?

In the May 31 issue of Collier's Magazine there appeared a very arresting article entitled "It All Adds Up." The article describes an amazing new development in technology—a whole series of developments—the creation of giant robot machines by modern science. The incredible calculating machine described by the article, is in effect a mechanical brain of such intricacy and power that the human brain cannot even imagine it. According to the author, this supercalculating machine could in a single day do the job of 10 human operators working 200 years with ordinary electrical keyboard computers.

The article goes on to state the vast and incalculable effect of such machines as these upon every phase of our life—upon the prediction and control of weather, upon in fact, every aspect of our economic, social, and political life.

In the face of such developments as these—in the face of the great and terrible implications of power both for good and for evil—which we see in all the developments of science today, it is quite understandable that a great many people should be disturbed and confused. It is a confused age. But I do not think it need be a gloomy age for anyone. And I do not think we should be gloomy about the state of the world—or the state of our own minds.

What I do think is important for us all is to clarify our own thinking, to the full limit of our capacity, and most of all, that we clarify our own doing! In order to do that successfully, it is vital that each of us as individuals decide once and for all time what our own individual responsibility is toward this world in which we live today. If we can resolve that problem in our own minds, then we shall be able to act and perform in a clear and directed pattern, without fear or confusion, regardless of the externals about us.

Individual Responsibility

What is my responsibility as an individual? This is a question which gets right down to the heart of the problem of successful living in this world. It would appear to be a simple question. But it is more complex than it sounds. For a great many people are confused as to just what their responsibilities are; and furthermore, a great many people are continuously changing their minds as to what their responsibilities are.

Because I believe that the Bible offers the answer to any human question and offers the solution to any problem, whether it be the problems of the age of Noah or the age of the split atom, I turned to my concordance to see what reference I could find there to the word "responsibility." That particular word does not appear in the reference. But there is another word, a close synonym, which does appear a number of times. The word is "duty." I am sure that when we determine our duty, that constitutes our responsibility.

It seems to me, as I ponder the matter, that the question of our personal responsibility can be summed up perfectly in these words, taken from one of the great Old Testament prophets. You will find it in Ecclesiastes 12:13: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Not just a part of the duty of man—not merely a desirable thing in the living of the

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good life—not merely a convenient philosophy for a portion of man's thinking—but this is the whole duty of man, to fear God and keep his commandments.

If you will read thoughtfully the remainder of this chapter in Ecclesiastes—which is one of the most beautiful and poetic of all the great books of poetry in the Old Testament—you will see what happens to man if he fails to live up to this injunction to do his duty. The prophet says that if we fail in this duty we "shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way—and desire shall fail."

In other words, and in less poetic form, if we are not prepared to do this whole duty of man, to obey God's laws, our power to take constructive action in any way will be paralyzed. Fear is the most deadly and paralyzing of all the human emotions. And fear arises mostly, not because of what happens in the external world around us—but from what happens within us—uncertainty as to our responsibility—and our course of action in the world.

Solving Present Day Difficulties

A few weeks ago, I attended a very interesting and vital conference in Washington. In the group there were about 35 men in high places, government and other leaders of the nation's activities and its thought. It was an intelligent and stimulating group and I counted it a privilege to sit down with them. Among the subjects under discussion were the inroads which Communism is making into our democratic position and institutions, and the general discontent and confusion of mind which one observes everywhere these days.

The chairman of this group—a man in a high government position, turned to me in the midst of our discussion and said, "Mr. Kraft, you have had wide experience dealing with men in all walks of life. Do you have any answer to the problem which underlies these present-day difficulties—and this present-day peril to our democratic way of life?"

Without any hesitation at all, I said, "Yes, I have!"

Since I spoke with considerable conviction, the chairman asked me to give them my views. I answered him by asking another question, "How many of you men here are members of churches?" All of the men said they were members of one church or another.

Then I followed with another question, "How many of you are actively engaged in the work of your church? How many of you are giving any time to your church? How many of you teach in the Sunday School—or work on any of the committees—or belong in any way to the actual work of the church? Not a single man of all those present could

answer that he was, indeed, doing any work whatsoever in his church. They were all merely nominal Christians. Whatever faith had originally prompted their joining a church—belonging to a particular belief or conviction—the faith and conviction were never translated into action.

I said to them then, "You say that you are Christians—that you believe in the Christian faith. But there is not one of you who is willing to stand up and be counted! When you are willing so to stand—when you are willing to be counted—when you are willing to work for what you believe—then you will have the solution to the whole matter."

Christian Indifference Fatal

Democracy, what we think of as our way of life, our social, our economic, and our international security, might well totter and fall through sheer indifference, through sheer muddled thinking, through the paralyzing fear and indifference which keep us from acting. As I see it, Christianity today stands as the single barrier between democracy and Communism. If Christianity fails, or if it can be made to appear to fail to enough of our people, then Communism has a clear field in America. It can sweep the world.

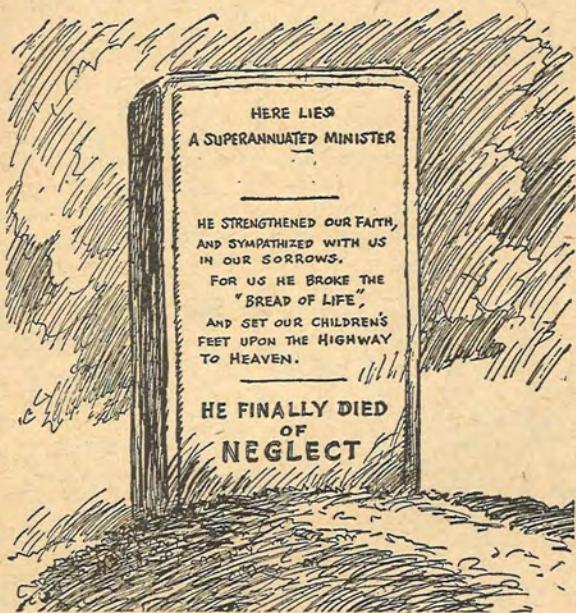
Only Christianity, only the actions, the daily living in Christianity, of a strong democracy can save us from the chaos which is unthinkable to us all. We have just passed through a terrible and earth-shaking war. It was a war fought for a great and noble cause—the cause of human liberty, the cause of the right of men to be free everywhere. In that war, millions and millions of men enlisted and were drafted to go and fight the good fight. They went willing, and eager to fight that all that they believed in might live. Millions of them died affirming that faith and that conviction.

It seems to me now, with the war finished, but with the grave problems of the peace before us, with the chasm of destruction yawning where all can see its black depths, that God is calling upon his followers to fight a greater fight than any ever fought before. He is drafting his believers, the Christians of the world, to think and to decide what personal responsibility they bear toward life itself. He is calling them to remember his injunction: "Fear God and keep his commandments. For this is the whole duty of man."

I believe that with all Christians everywhere this spiritual call to arms is the greatest challenge of our lives, offering the greatest hope to the world, promising the richest rewards in terms of human happiness and even of human survival. When we are all, all of us throughout this great nation and the world, willing to stand and be counted as Christians, prepared to act in the whole duty of man, then there is no good thing, no high goal for human welfare, no great plan for world-wide peace, which cannot be achieved in a generation.

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Rev. Marion Beene, national evangelist, conducted a tent revival at Rogers August 3-17. Immanuel Church, Rogers, A. L. Leake, pastor, sponsored by services. Mrs. Beene, talented pianist and former director of radio youth revival of the air, assisted at the piano. Arthur Deason led the choir and had charge of special music.



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Baptists Dedicate Themselves to Evangelism

By C. E. BRYANT

(Written in Nashville, Tenn., from Cable Messages.)

With the strains of "blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" echoing in their ears, 5,000 Baptists from 48 nations of the world have bid adieu to the fellowship of their seventh Baptist World Alliance Congress and gone home with renewed determination to spread Christianity to the ends of the earth.

Though the meeting was not as large as that at Atlanta in 1939 and though the leadership of Truett and Rushbrooke was lacking, this year's Congress was distinctive in its revelation of world need and the urgency of "one world." Especially were messengers from relatively rich America brought to tears over pitiful economic conditions of war ravaged Europe, and in a special relief offering many Americans contributed all the clothes in their possession excepting the very suits they were wearing.

From the start, the Congress realized its unique position as the largest free church group of evangelical Christians in the world and their corresponding responsibility for encouraging world understanding. General Secretary W. O. Lewis reminded the group that through the love of Christ they should do much in strengthening international friendship.

"Such gatherings symbolize the hope of mankind for a brighter tomorrow," President Truman cabled from the United States. "To achieve a free and peaceful community which all men of good will desire, it is necessary that we dedicate ourselves not only to political and economic collaboration but to spiritual cooperation as well."

Program of World Evangelism

The Congress set out plans for a five-year program of world evangelism, in adoption of an Executive Committee report that recognized Baptists are challenged by "the hospitality of the pagan world, by the weakness of the church itself and by our own inadequacy for our great task."

The report, presented by Dr. G. Pitt Beers, executive secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, called attention to the attitude of hopelessness now gripping Europe and declared that the world's salvation lies in a "new application of the gospel of Christ."

Relief work by Baptists also received much attention, with recommendations made that the relief committee be enlarged and its work strengthened. Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, Tenn., a Southern Baptist pastor, was made relief committee-chairman.

Faced with the lack of a presiding officer due to the death last winter of Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, the Alliance Executive Committee named Dr. C. J. Tinsley of Australia interim president and Dr. T. C. Bau of China, vice-chairman. English and Danish were favorite languages of platform speakers, but interpreters were on hand.

Decision to move permanent headquarters of the Alliance to Washington also was determined by the Executive Committee. The headquarters had previously been in London, excepting a temporary move to Washington

because of the recent war. A second office will be maintained in London.

The Baptist Position

Conflict arose in discussions regarding adoption of a new constitution and the question of affiliation with the World Council of Churches. Debate on the Constitution centered around a proposed increase of the interim power of the Executive Committee. While Rev. Henry Cook of London argued for membership in the World Council, Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, a Southern Baptist, contended that "Baptists cannot enter into organic union with other religious communities without risking their own position," and urged

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world.—Jesus.

the messengers to keep free from "any entangling alliances which might compromise" the Baptist faith.

Proposing to perpetuate Baptist distinctiveness, a committee on history recommended compilation of a Baptist encyclopedia, the study of Baptist history from an international point of view and encouragement to individual nations to write their own Baptist histories.

In sectional conferences, messengers adopted a resolution by Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus of Atlanta, Southern Baptist worker among Jews, calling upon churchmen throughout the world to help alleviate the suffering of Jews. And Dr. M. T. Rankin, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, asked the world's 15,000,000 Baptists to help build human morals and character and "use our resources to help create a greater and stronger world."

"World conditions claim every effort of a man and every effort of the Baptist family," declared Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, newly elected president. "Baptists will have to co-operate in the service of God with all others heading for the same goal, and even that might not be enough."

Alliance Officers

Dr. Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis and first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected unanimously as president, succeeding Dr. Rushbrooke. Dr. W. O. Lewis of Washington was re-elected general secretary. Vice-presidents include H. H. Bingham of Canada, F. Townley Lord of London, Johannes Norgaard of Denmark, Henry Prochazka of Czechoslovakia, G. L. Prince of the National Baptist Convention of America, Henry Lin of China and Theodore F. Adams of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Members of the Executive Committee include, from the United States, M. E. Dodd, Ellis A. Fuller, Louie D. Newton and Duke K. McCall of the Southern Baptist Convention; Edwin T. Dahlberg, E. A. Fridell and J. C. Hazen of the Northern Baptist Convention;

D. V. Jemison of the National Baptist Convention of U. S. A., Inc., and A. A. Lucas of the National Baptist Convention of America.

In their closing sessions, the messengers adopted a manifesto calling for religious liberty in all countries of the world and approved formation of a Commission on Religious Freedom. Dr. J. M. Dawson of Washington, public relations secretary of American Baptists, pointed to accomplishments and failures of the United Nations organization in this regard, and said that while the UN, "humanity's most important organization, is not perfect, we must accept it as being the nearest, existential, practical answer to the Christian demands in the building of a righteous society which has yet appeared."

Obstacles to World Evangelism

Communism was viewed throughout the Congress as an obstacle to world evangelism, and Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Southern Baptist Convention president, declared Christian forces must "out-think, out-pray, out-work and out-give" the supporters of false ideologies.

E. Schroeder, German Baptist leader, said that the church in Germany had lost virtually all its members between the ages of 20 and 50 during the war and that approximately 12,000 face "an unknown future."

Meanwhile however, Russian Baptists explained their absence from the Congress by cabling that anti-Communistic addresses scheduled at the meeting "would embarrass our government." And an American Negro, J. P. Barbour of Chester, Pa., declared that Communism is being encouraged by Christian compromises on the race question. He criticized Christians for "preaching brotherhood but practicing segregation."

A memorial service honored Dr. Rushbrooke.

Invitations to the 1950 meeting of the Alliance were received from Shanghai, Rome, Winnipeg, New York City and Buenos Aires. Apparently the invitation of Dr. Lin to meet in China was the most favored, but decision will be made later by the Executive Committee.

Congress Sidelights

Water was at a premium, and beer was sold in the convention auditorium and served at a reception. Most delegates refused . . . Admission to the crowded auditorium was by ticket.

Sidelighting the opening of the Congress were two incidents that slightly marred the picture. First was a ruling by Danish officials prohibiting the Baptists from meeting in the large Danish Church building because of a law reserving the building for exclusive use of state church gatherings.

And the second was decision of Copenhagen hotels to bar Negro guests. The local newspaper commented editorially on the hotel incident that while Danish people generally "scorn the attitude of the United States," regarding its colored citizens, "this Congress of white and colored, gathered by faith, gave us a chance to prove to our colored guests they had come to a land of justice. That chance was lost." The Negroes then were invited to private homes.



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Christianity: During the last war a Polish woman saw the Quakers feeding the starving on both sides of the conflict. Astonished by such Christian philanthropy, she said to one of them: "You are feeding everybody, aren't you? Poles, Russians, Germans—everybody, friend and foe! Well, I knew there ought to be people like that in the world, but I didn't know that there actually were."

Church Bells Rededicated: Bells confiscated by the Nazis during the war are being rededicated in village churches across Belgium this summer. Some of the captured bells were retaken, others had to be re-cast. One that required recasting was the Elizabeth Bell, named for Queen Elizabeth, which the Germans tried to remove from the Abbey of the Benedictines at Maredsous. The re-cast bell, weighing 7,000 kilos, was decorated with roses and rung for the first time by Queen Elizabeth at the dedication ceremonies.

Marriage Success: "Don't permit the wife to work too long after marriage, for her working only doubles the things you think you want and takes from the home that fresh-appearing, relaxed, lovely lady who has been spending the day working at her career as a wife instead of being dominated by some executive who is most demanding in his efforts to produce more money for himself," counsels Rev. W. Hamilton, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, who has been making an intensive study of the marriage situation.

New Translation: Dr. George Swann, pastor, Edenside Christian Church, Louisville, Ky., has finished a new translation, from the Greek, of the New Testament, after 10 year's work. The verses of the new translation are about four times as long as those in the King James version, and Dr. Swann has given each verse a heading to preserve unity of thought. The verses are numbered consecutively, beginning with 1 in Matthew and ending with 1,782 in Revelation. The translation is set in newspaper type, and so arranged that with its bold numbers and verse headings, it is quite easy to read.

Bibles in Planes: The Gideons are now placing Bibles in planes, it was disclosed at the 48th convention of the Canadian Gideons meeting in Toronto. Eddie Rickenbacker, president of Eastern Airlines, has asked that Bibles be put on all planes of his company, and has provided racks for them. Arrangements have also been made to furnish Pan American Airlines with Bibles.

Trust: An old Chinese philosopher was asked what was the greatest joy he had found in life. "A child going down the road singing, after asking me the way," was the reply.

Vision: One cold, windy day in the late spring, a snail started to climb a cherry

tree. Some sparrows in a neighboring oak enjoyed a good laugh at his expense. Finally one flew over and addressed the snail, "Say, you sap, don't you know that there are no cherries on this tree?" The little fellow didn't pause as he replied out of the corner of his mouth: "But there will be when I get there."

Youth for Christ: A nation-wide drive to establish a Youth for Christ rally in every county of the nation—three thousand in all—was set as a goal for 1948 at the business session of the Youth for Christ International at Winona Lake, Ind. The 1948 budget was set at \$538,000. Terry Johnson was reelected president and Rev. Billy Graham, Montreat, N. C., vice-president.

Militant Clergy: "The modern minister's greatest danger is that of becoming an hireling," Rev. Travis A. White, pastor of First Christian Church, Little Rock, told the International Convention of Disciples of Christ in Buffalo, N. Y.

"The characteristics of an hireling come upon us as a sort of spiritual creeping paralysis when the idealism and vigor of youth are blunted and weakened by the passing of years," Dr. White explained. "We begin to love security more than adventure and struggle. We see the so-called 'common sense'

of compromise rather than face inevitable conflict with forces 'playing for keeps'."

Declaring that "there must be a rebirth of the spirit of aggressiveness in our pulpits," Dr. White said: "God does not work through machinery, but through men. He doesn't anoint plans; He anoints men. The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men."

Practical Answer: Dr. J. M. Dawson, of Washington, D. C., said at the recent meeting of the Baptist World Alliance that the United Nations has many faults from a Christian viewpoint, but it is the nearest "practical answer to Christian demands in building a righteous society that has yet appeared."

Under the Influence: The largest number of drinking drivers in the history of California either killed themselves or someone else in motor vehicle accidents in 1946, according to an annual report submitted to Governor Warren by the California State Bureau of Statistics. The total number killed in auto accidents in California since the first year of repeal (1934) is 39,324, the report shows. In approximately 8,150 of these fatalities, the use of intoxicants was involved, the report asserts. In the majority of the cases involving alcohol, the victims were not drunk, but "under the influence."

Political Influence: "Politicians who hold high places on official church boards are influencing the stand of churches on public issues to the detriment of the public welfare."

World's Largest Church: Unveiling of the design for "the world's largest church" highlighted the Jubilee Assembly of the Church of God in Red Bay, Ala. The church, which is expected to be completed in the next two years, will cover an acre of ground and will have a seating capacity of 15,000.

Marriage Courses: Within the past five years more than 20,000 young people have taken the marriage preparation courses conducted under the auspices of the Canadian young Christian workers. The organization reports that within the period of one year 3,884 attended the oral courses given by its marriage preparation service, 2,018 took the correspondence course, and 1,628 participated in closed retreats.

Spiritual Incentive: A revival of real religion would enable impoverished peoples of European nations to do much more for their own rehabilitation than their present depressed attitude now makes possible, according to Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, head of the Methodist Church in the Philadelphia, Pa., area, who has just returned from a 12,000 mile inspection tour of Allied occupation zones.

"Continental Europe is in a spiritual vacuum, and, therefore, depressed and pessimistic about the future," Bishop Corson said. "The democratic conception of life requires strong spiritual motivation, and neither America nor Europe can neglect this essential."

Psychoanalysis: The Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis will sponsor a seminar in New York this fall "specifically oriented to the specialized needs of the clergy." The five sessions will be under the general theme: "How the clergy can use the techniques of modern psychotherapy."

—JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

Brotherhood of Parkin Church Gives Spiritual Aid to Needy Communities

In cooperation with the Brotherhood of First Church, Parkin, your Brotherhood Secretary recently assisted in a Brotherhood revival in the Togo community, about 10 miles north of Parkin, in Tri-County Association. The revival resulted in 35 additions to the Parkin Church, 33 of whom came by baptism.

Togo is a farming community without a church of any kind. For some time now the Parkin Church has been operating a bus and bringing in to the church from Togo all who have desired to attend Sunday School and church services. However, comparatively few of the people have taken the opportunity thus offered.

Some time ago the church Brotherhood conceived the idea of a revival in Togo. Plans were made and two tents were procured. All arrangements were made for the revival; and the tents were erected in such manner as to make one large tabernacle. Then the men of the Brotherhood set out to invite the whole Togo community to the revival.

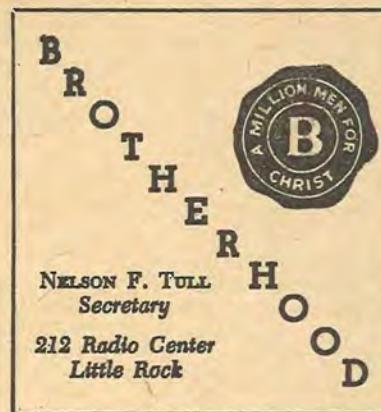
The response of the people was wonderful. Large crowds were in attendance at every service. People came from far and wide. Interest was high. God's people worked and prayed, and many lost people turned to the Saviour. There were some wonderful victories for Christ during the revival.

During the first three days of the revival a survey was made of the entire community. Every home in Togo was visited. It was found that there are 106 white families in the community and that the heads of 70 of these families were lost men. In 36 families both husband and wife were lost. In many families there was not a single Christian.

Togo is a Baptist opportunity. Most of the people who belong to a church are Baptists. Togo needs a Baptist Church. We thank God for what First Church, Parkin is doing to reach the community for Christ.

Seibert Haley is pastor of the Parkin Church, and R. M. Biddy is the president of the church Brotherhood.

Togo is only one of many similar communities in Arkansas



where there is no organized Baptist work, and where the spiritual need is heart-breaking. Every Brotherhood in the state can well afford to follow the lead of the Brotherhood in Parkin, and launch out in a similar revival effort to reach people for Christ in some community where Christ has been almost forgotten.

The Brotherhood of First Church, Parkin, very sensibly meets at a time when the largest number of men can be present. And, surprisingly, their time of meeting is at 5:45 o'clock each Monday morning.

Determination of the best time of meeting is a problem of every church Brotherhood. The solution of the problem lies in finding the time when the greatest number of men can get together. The early meeting hour of the Parkin Brotherhood may not be looked upon with favor by some Brotherhoods; but the Brotherhood at Parkin is, in more ways than one, proving that it can "get up and go!"

Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest

This week (August 14-20) is Brotherhood week at Ridgecrest. Three other conferences are also being held: The Foreign Mission Conference, the Editorial Conference, and the Young Men's Mission Conference. During Brotherhood week at Ridgecrest the State Brotherhood secretaries meet with the Brotherhood of the South to work out the major emphases of Brotherhood work for the coming year.

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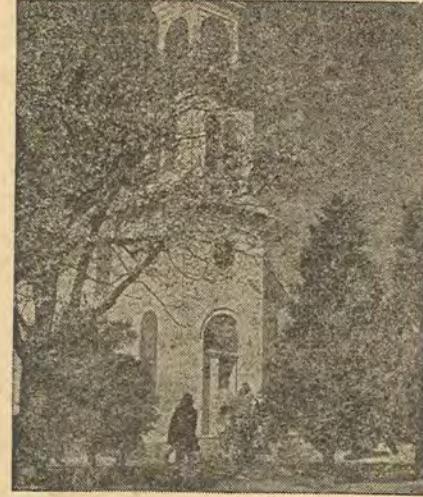
"I am only two years old" related a handsome man with a serious note in his pleasant voice. After a brief pause he continued, "I have been active in my church only two years."

I expressed surprise because I had heard his friends refer to him as a devout young man, very active in all of the church work. "It is all the result of a promise," he added. "I promised the Lord that if he would bring me back to my wife and two little girls I would serve Him faithfully. I made the vow to God many times when everything was flying in the air and it seemed impossible for any one to get out alive. Time and again I have been in the

midst of the dead and dying, and I would renew my vow."

"When did you make your first promise?" I asked. Without hesitation he replied, "As I hit the beach in France, two days after the invasion. When it was over and I returned home, I saw my two-year-old girl for the first time; she would not have anything to do with me. Her mother would say, 'This is your daddy.' She would answer, 'No,' run for my picture and add 'this is my daddy.'

Leaving him I thought of many letters I received from those in service during the war, and the promises they had made, only to forget when they were home again. It was good to meet the young ex-major who is keeping his promise.



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Edmonds Will Appear On Program of State Sunday School Convention

J. P. Edmunds, secretary of Co-operative Field Promotion of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be one of the principal speakers at the State Sunday School Convention to be held at First Church, Little Rock, October 20-21.

Mr. Edmunds at one time was state Sunday School and Training Union Secretary for Arkansas. He is planning a special program for associational Sunday School officers. Every associational Sunday School officer should plan to attend this convention.

Arkansas Well Represented At Ridgecrest

Thirty-eight people from 19 churches of Arkansas attended the Training Union week at Ridgecrest, July 24-30. The Ridgecrest faculty included two workers from Arkansas: Dr. B. V. Ferguson, First Church, Ft. Smith, brought two principal messages of the Assembly, and Rev. Ralph W. Davis, state Training Union director, taught the Training Union Manual to a class of more than 100.

The following people attended the Ridgecrest assembly: Betty Whitlow, Hope; Clarice Brown, Hope; Jo Rene Evans, Hope; Mrs. Helene Emmons, Clarendon; Jeanetta Moyer, Little Rock; Mildred Smith, Little Rock; Maxine Neely, Warren; Lee Lindsey, Little Rock; Max Lee, Village; Gene McRoberts, Little Rock; Ben Joe McRoberts, Little Rock; Donnie Prince, El Dorado; Mrs. Roland W. Lawrence, Little Rock; James Thomas, Hartford; Bob Whipple, Conway; B. V. Ferguson, Ft. Smith; Naomi Turner, Ft. Smith; Doris Cutter, Ft. Smith; Mrs. Essie Been, Little Rock; Richard Been, Little Rock; Rosemary McRoberts, Little Rock; Mrs. Gene McRoberts, Little Rock; Henrietta Proctor, Paragould; Mrs. Irma Schuh, Paragould; Ann Farris, Biscoe; Sue Sutton, Hope; Mrs. E. W. Price, Jr., Sulphur City; Mrs. Grace Moseley, Texarkana; Robert H. Rose, Paragould; Patsy Rose, Paragould; Mrs. Robert H. Rose, Paragould; Max C. Hall, North Little Rock; Mary Alice Crawford, Jonesboro; Norman Couch, Junction City; Mary Ethel Perkins, Hope; Ralph W. Davis, Little Rock; Mrs. Ralph W. Davis,



Mr. Edmonds

Little Rock, and Joy Vee Davis, Little Rock.

Summer Field Workers

Summer Field Workers completed one week's work in Harmony Association on August 2, and then traveled to another section of the association to work during the week of August 3. During the first week in Harmony Association the workers enrolled 708 in their meetings with an average attendance of 527. Five hundred fifty-six Bible readers were enlisted.

One team of workers gives the following report: "Our experiences in the Lord are becoming more glorious by the hour. On Tuesday night we showed a 10-year-old girl the way to the Lord and she was saved in her home. This has been one of the hardest weeks but one of the most glorious."

Another team wrote: "On Monday we walked 16 miles visiting. We walked five hours and found five houses."

Youth Rallies

Suggested programs for associational Baptist youth rallies may be obtained by writing to the State Training Union director, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

Assembly Offerings

Individuals and churches sending checks or post office money or-

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	S. S.	T. U.	Add.
Pine Bluff, First	747	179	1
El Dorado, First	700	163	3
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	577	231	4
Paragould, First	533	228	6
Benton, First	532	128	
Including Missions	581		
No. Little Rock, First	512	126	3
Hot Springs, Second	471	131	2
Including Missions	513	153	3
Camden, First	464	99	
Hot Springs, Park Place	460	116	24
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	428	88	2
McGehee, First	403	105	4
Magnolia, Central	398	119	4
Pine Bluff, South Side	388	87	2
Akadelphia, First	371	131	
Fordyce, First	362	121	2
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	360	146	3
Malvern, First	360	64	12
Stuttgart, First	331	119	
Including Missions	367		
Hot Springs, Central	328	88	3
Conway, First	317	44	3
Rogers, First	297	105	1
Paris, First	289	112	
Hamburg, First	270	147	2
Siloam Springs, First	259	140	1
Mena, First	258	67	
Cullendale	257	93	3
Hot Springs, First	248	40	
El Dorado, West Side	231	85	1
North Little Rock, Central	230		
Little Rock, So. Highland	220	73	
Norphlet, First	218	96	3
Smackover	209	54	
Jacksonville	197	95	1
Pine Bluff, Second	166	64	6
No. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	145	68	
Atkins, First	145	50	
Tuckerman	138	34	
Ashdown, First	127	54	
Pine Bluff, Matthews Mem.	108	71	
Horatio, First	103	38	
Including Missions	134		
No. Little Rock, Grace	85	32	1
Little Rock, Biddle	43	23	
No. Little Rock, Amboy Mission	33	19	

ders for the Assembly Improvement Fund are requested to make them payable to the Arkansas Baptist Assembly and mail them to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

It is further suggested that offerings for the Assembly not be combined with and included in other checks or money orders. Make a separate check or money order payable to the Arkansas Baptist Assembly and send it to the director-treasurer.

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Newton Will Write Syndicated Column

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta pastor and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has accepted the invitation of the International Council of Religious Education to write a syndicated column of Sunday School lesson comments for 1,616 cooperating newspapers.

The column will be of 750 words length weekly, and will deal with uniform lesson outlines under the heading, "The Bible Today." The Council, representing 40 protestant denominations in the United States, said that Dr. Newton's articles would begin with the lesson of September 21, 1947.

Dr. Newton has been writing a column, "Good Morning," for a number of daily newspapers for several years, and a column for weekly newspapers, "Today and

Tomorrow." He has done newspaper work since he was 12 years old, having served as correspondent for several Georgia dailies in his native rural community in Screven County before going to Mercer University, where he wrote for the Macon Telegraph and later in New York where he wrote for the New York World while a student at Columbia University.

He was editor of The Christian Index, Georgia Baptist newspaper, from 1920 to 1930, and has served as interim editor for the past three months.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

(From Official Reports Sent Religious Education Department)

Association	Church	Enrolled	Av. Attendance
Boone-Carroll—Berryville, First		110	81
Black River—Walnut Ridge, Airport Chapel	93		66
Boone-Carroll—Green Forest, First		88	56
Central—Hot Springs, Second		174	142
Harmony—Star City, First		158	125
Harmony—Pine Bluff, Lee Memorial		104	77
Hope—Shiloh		70	64
Hope—Genoa		68	46
Liberty—Smackover, First		152	119
Liberty—Junction City		71	64
Liberty—Strong		79	52
Little River—Murfreesboro, First		84	60
Little Red River—Heber Springs, Pleasant Valley	13		13
Little Red River—Miller, Pleasant Ridge		28	23
Mississippi County—Osceola, Brinkley Chapel	62		57
Mississippi County—Blytheville, New Liberty		120	110
Mount Zion—Bay, First		53	
Pulaski County—Mount Zion (Colored)		272	208
Stone Van Buren—Marshall, First		97	79
Stone Van Buren—Red Hill		44	41
Stone Van Buren—Sulphur Springs		34	26

PROTESTANTS WARNED ON CHURCH-STATE SEPARATION

By Religious News Service

Protestantism has itself to blame for increasing violations of the American principle of separation of church and state, Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, former editor of the Christian Century, told the International Convention of Disciples of Christ in Buffalo, N. Y.

Two of the most glaring violations, Dr. Morrison said, are the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as the president's ambassador to the Vatican and legislation already approved in 18 states permitting the use of public school tax money to provide free text books and bus transportation for parochial school pupils.

"In all but one of the 18 states which enacted legislation similar to that in New Jersey the Protestant population is in a great majority," he declared.

"This Protestant majority is supplemented by great numbers of other citizens who cherish the religious liberty guaranteed by the Constitution. But this great body of the electorate has allowed a church representing only one-sixth of the country's population to make a first and now a second breach in the wall of separation between church and state.

"For the Catholic Church to receive federal tax funds to be used in support of its parochial schools would spell the end of our public school system as it has been established, fostered, and protected for more than a century," he asserted.

"To divide a federal appropriation between public schools and church schools would divide American society itself into sectarian political camps; it would intensify sectarian intolerance and would

thrust a religious issue into the political arena from which our Constitution was designed to exclude it.

"Moreover, in sheer self-defense, Protestantism either unitedly or by separate denominations would be constrained to set up parochial schools of their own. America would then present the deplorable picture of three or more school systems existing side by side—a Roman Catholic system, a Protestant system, and a public school system."

The ambassador to the Vatican is contrary to the American Constitution, Dr. Morrison said, because "it interlocks the official processes of the American state with the official processes of the Roman Catholic Church.

"The Roman Catholic Church is thereby given a position in the American state, a special access

to the ear of the state, a power or influence over the state and therefore over the cultural life of the nation, which no other church enjoys. This is a discriminatory curtailment of the full religious liberty of all other churches."

Dr. Morrison contended that Protestantism "has the largest stake," in the issue of separation of church and state.

"If Protestantism passively tolerates any compromise of the principle of the equality of all religious faiths before the American states, it seals its own destiny," he claimed. "It dooms itself to become, in the end, a minority sect existing on the margins of American life. The main stream of our culture will flow in the channel determined for it by the particular religious faith which has entrenched itself in the favor and prestige of the government."

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Pastor W. H. Hicks Will Be Speaker On Arkansas Baptist Radio Series

Pastor W. H. Hicks, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, will be speaker on a series of four radio messages beginning August 17 under the sponsorship of the Arkansas Baptist Radio Commission. Subjects will be "Jesus and This Business of Marriage," "Tis Better to Wait Than Faint," "God's Home and Ours," and "Complete in Christ."

The Gospel message of Arkansas Baptists is heard on 11 Arkansas stations each Sunday. The weekly program is 15 minutes in length and features an outstanding Arkansas pastor and music by the Ouachita College Choir under the direction of Miss Maxie Cleere.

The following stations carry the message each Sunday.

KFFA—Helena, 7:45 a. m.
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KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
KARK—Little Rock, 10:30 a. m.
KELD—El Dorado, 12:15 p. m.
KFPW—Fort Smith, 12:45 p. m.



Speaker Hicks

KWFC—Hot Springs, 12:45 p. m.
KGHI—Little Rock, 1:45 p. m.
KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

Crossett Church Has Youth-Centered Summer

By WILFORD M. LEE
Pastor, First Church, Crossett

The accent has been on young people in the summer activities at First Church, Crossett. The church recently closed a 10-day city-wide youth revival. A party of seven students from Mississippi College was in charge of the meeting.

This group of young people gave us a new vision of what it means to live for Christ. The entire city was attracted by the power and spirit of this student group. There were 21 professions of faith and several other additions to the church. There were four decisions for special Christian service and a large number of rededications. An attractive feature of the meeting was that it was held out-of-doors in the amphitheater of the Crossett Elementary School.

Earlier in the summer the annual Vacation Bible School enrolled 342 boys and girls through the junior ages and had an average daily attendance of 290. There were eight conversions. A mission offering of \$115 was given to Gurney Harris, missionary from the Crossett church, serving in the Belgian Congo, Africa. At present a Vacation Bible School is in progress at the Locke Mission.

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Word Pictures of Ridgecrest

By BETH PRIM
Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly

A man got on a plane in Washington D. C. and headed for Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. He was a busy man; he had just one free day. But he felt an "uncontrollable urge" to go to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

The business man heard the last sermon of Training Union week. It was Dr. J. O. Williams, secretary of the division of education and promotion at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, speaking on one of his favorite subjects, "The Love of God."

"We can best understand it by thinking of human love," said the speaker. "When we love a person on earth we want to hear about that person, to talk to that person. So much more should it be true in our relationship to our God, who gave us His only Son because He loved us so much . . ."

The man from Washington, D. C., listened closely. He felt strangely moved, and very happy. He closed his eyes and thought, then prayed. When the sermon was finished, he was one of the first to walk down the aisle to become a Christian.

After the closing prayer, he got on a plane and flew back to Washington. He had been in Ridgecrest less than 24 hours.

But the horizon looked different going back.

German Baptists

A great crowd of German Baptists filled the auditorium of one of the biggest churches in Frankfurt, Germany, a few days ago.

Services began at 4:30 in the

afternoon because the lights had been bombed out. The windy rain shipped in hard gusts on the side a bomb had struck. The congregation, undernourished and shabbily attired, shivered as they sang.

But they kept on singing.

It was one of those services you remember a lifetime. Dr. Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains' commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, was there as a part of his tour of occupied Europe, studying the problems of military government in Europe at the request of the United States Secretary of War.

The service lasted from 4:30 p. m. until dark, "but I have never seen such reverence and humility," he says. "At least two-thirds of the great congregation were young people.

Speaking to about 800 evangelists, pastors, and rural leaders during Home Mission week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Dr. Carpenter said he believed the Baptist young people in Germany "loved God dearly."

There are nine Baptist churches in Berlin which were a "total loss" and there are six, he said which can be repaired. The German Baptists in the United States are helping the Baptists in Germany.

(The 14-man committee went to Europe June 23 at the request of the secretary of war to study the problems of military government in Europe. Specifically, they studied the displaced persons situation, reconstruction of German economics, the morale of our troops, German youth movements, the denazification of Germany, the war crimes trials.)

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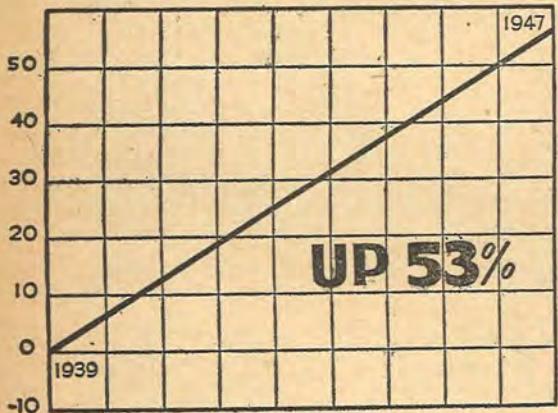
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WHO WANTS TO BE A STATISTIC?

Nobody wants to be one, because it's not much fun. A statistic just sits on paper, or hangs on a chart, and nobody pays much attention to it except college professors . . . or economists.

But there are two statistics that you ought to be interested in, because they mean something to YOU. Here they are—and please remember that we didn't make them up. They were furnished by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and represent price trends over a period of 12 years, 1935 to 1947:

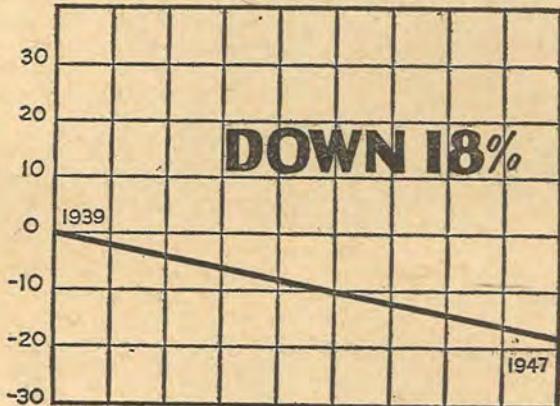
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Pastor Vaught Is Impressed With World Congress

By W. O. VAUGHT

There are more than 5,000 Baptists from countries far and near gathered here in this beautiful city of Copenhagen, Denmark. Approximately 1,000 of these come from the United States of America.

After attending the first two days of this world gathering, I am impressed most by:

1. The genuine happiness exemplified by the renewed fellowship which was broken by the war, but is now possible once more. The 30 German delegates were received with great enthusiasm. And remember this is the very city where the German Gestapo had their headquarters for the five years of occupation during the war.

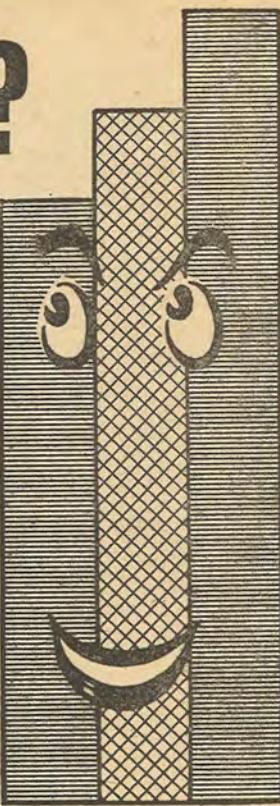
In this city where many Danish people were shot by the Germans, we have witnessed a demonstration of a forgiving spirit which is only possible through Christ. A large delegation from Estonia is here, though they had to come from exile to attend this meeting and they have not been permitted to be in their homes for the last three years. Twenty-one representatives from Poland answered at the roll call and reported of the grace of God toward them in this, the direst hour of their history.

2. A second impression that has come to me with renewed clarity is that Baptists throughout the whole earth are becoming world-minded. Tonight I saw a Negro lad from West Africa, a student from Burma, a young man from Spain, and a representative from the U. S. A. stand on the platform and report of the glorious blessings that have come to each by a better understanding of the problems confronting each national group.

Baptists around the world are no longer strangers to each other, but they are brothers who know each other by name. Out of this unity a more effective program can be promoted in the years ahead.

3. The thing that has impressed me more profoundly than any other is our increased responsibility in lands dominated by state churches. In England the State Church is Episcopal. Here in Denmark the State Church is Lutheran. In Italy, Spain, and other European countries the State Church is Roman Catholic.

In all these lands the people are blinded by form and ritual and know nothing of the interpretation of Christ as promulgated by Baptists. These lands, as never before, are perishing for the lack of the Gospel. Baptists must take Christ to them. If there is one call coming from this Congress to the Baptists of the world it is this—"The task of winning the world has just begun. Christ must be taken to all men everywhere."



Bible Warns That Strong Drink Leads to Tragedy and Bondage

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

According to a recent article by Dr. E. M. Jellinek of Yale, writing in the Quarterly Journal of Studies of Alcohol, there are now 58,250,000 consumers of alcohol in the United States as compared with 42,900,000 in 1940. This represents a 35 per cent increase.

The states with the highest consumption are Nevada, California, New Jersey, Connecticut and Maryland. North Carolina reported the lowest consumption with Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Georgia next in line.

Moreover, the rate in the number of chronic alcoholics has climbed since 1935 to reach 750,000 in 1945, we are told. California, Nevada and New York report more than 1,000 chronic alcoholics per 100,000 adult population.

A Mocker . . . A Brawler

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; And whosoever erreth thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1). Whatever else may be said for or against strong drink in general it is at least this: "A mocker . . . a brawler." Moreover, "Whosoever erreth thereby is not wise."

It is difficult to understand how America has come, on such a large scale, to ignore the teachings of God's word concerning the use of strong drink as a beverage. The advertising campaigns that have been put on by the brewers have all but pictured beer and "light" wines as "holy." When all has been said and done wine is still "a mocker"—still "a brawler."

A recent article appearing in "The Civic Bulletin" states that drinking drivers cause more accidents than drunken drivers: "It has been established that within 40 minutes after imbibing three high balls the efficiency of the four vital driving factors are reduced in the following percentages: (1) concentration, 35.3%; (2) coordination, 59%; (3) muscular reactions, 17%; (4) selective reactions, 9.7%."

These figures according to the article are based on information gathered by the United States Fi-

Sunday School Lesson For August 17

Prov. 20:1; 23:19-21, 29-35; Eccl. 10:17.

dentity and Guaranty Company, one of the oldest and most conservative insurance organizations of the nation ("The Civic Bulletin"—June 20, 1947). It is also said in the above report that 20 per cent of all fatal automobile accidents in 1945 were caused by drivers who had been drinking, and that "somewhat in excess of 50 per cent of drinking drivers have a record of two or more accidents."

Those who drink liquor and then go out to drive on the highway are less capable of protecting their own lives or lives of the public than when they sat down at the table before drinking. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler.

Be Wise

"Hear thou, my son, be wise, And guide thy heart in the way. Be not among wine-bibbers, among gluttonous eaters of flesh: For the drunken and the glutton shall come to poverty; And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags" (Prov. 23:19-21). Even if there were no moral aspects to the alcohol beverage problem, it would be the part of wisdom for young men and women, as well as for their elders, to abstain from the use of alcohol—whether beer, wine or liquor.

The Bible expressly states that "the drunken and the glutton shall come to poverty," and enjoins the children of God to "be not among winebibbers."

Sales of liquor in the 17 monopoly states, we are told, have climbed from 11 million gallons in 1934 to more than 56 million gallons in 1946. We should never forget that "the experience of social workers prove that wherever liquor is sold there is social deterioration and lower standards of living, both

normally and economically;" that "liquor debauches and degrades youth."

Judge Braude, Chicago, finds that at least 30 per cent of all child delinquency is due to drink. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, declares that youthful crime has grown so rapidly that it now challenges the American people;" that "while in the nation at large, the liquor men boast of paying back to local, state and federal governments, taxes equaling an average of \$18.38 per capita—they soft pedal the fact that they take out of the people's pockets—and largely divert from the local merchants—grocery, dry goods, meat market, hardware, clothing, boot and shoe shops—no less than \$54 per capita." Indeed, the use of strong drink makes for poverty and rags. This in itself is sufficient reason to shun the degrading habit.

Woe . . . Sorrow . . . Contentions!

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath complainings? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek out mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it sparkleth in the cup, when it goeth down smoothly: At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" Prov. 23:29-32.

God's word does deal unsparingly with this terrible enemy of mankind—strong drink. It's effect upon humanity is compared to the bite of a serpent . . . to the sting of an adder.

No one who is familiar with the fruits of strong drink can fail to recognize the appropriateness of the words of Scripture which have just been quoted. Not since the world began has there been an evil so full of woe, so sated with sorrow, so prone to contentions.

Let us remember that "despite claims of brewers, distillers and wine makers, the consensus of scientific findings prove beverage alcohol in any form to be a narcotic poison, dangerous alike to the drinker and to those with whom he associates," and that the Word of God is unequivocal in its condemnation of its use as a beverage.

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It is not a pleasant picture and is not recommended for showing to small children. It vividly portrays the suffering now being endured by men, women, and children of Europe. It shows the thin bodies tortured by a lack of food, clothing, and shelter. Persons seeing this picture cannot help being moved to do something to alleviate these terrible conditions.

The New Orleans Center collects clothing, bedding, shoes, canned foods, etc., and ships them to 29 countries of the world.

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Mother Sets Example

Mothers who explain their failure to attend Sunday School by saying they were too busy getting the children ready won't get any sympathy from Mrs. B. H. Thomas of Pine Forest Baptist Church near Ty Ty, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have 16 children.

An example of the church's attendance record is that of the twins, Lula Belle and Eva Nelle, who are three and a half years old. They were carried to Sunday School when they were three weeks old and have missed only four Sundays.

"There have been times when I would think I just couldn't go to Sunday School and church," says Mrs. Thomas, "but by the help of the Lord I would go and now I'm glad I did. I feel like it is the parents' duty to go and carry their children to church—not just send them."

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We have on hand an abundant supply of helps for the tithing movement which all Southern Baptists are emphasizing for the next few months. Here are some of the helps that we have:

POSTERS:—We have posters on stewardship and tithing which you can use in your auditorium and Sunday School departments.

TRACTS:—We have an abundant supply of tracts as follows: Newton's tract, "Yes, I Tithe"; Dillard's tract, "Objections Answered"; Burkhalter's tract, "God's Message to me on Stewardship"; Gilmore's tract, "Seven Marks of a Good Steward"; Campbell's tract, "Accepting God's Challenge"; Compere's tract, "Shall We Tithe?"; "God's Plan of Kingdom Financing", by the General Secretary.

We hope to have distributed two songs on tithing. We can give you the details about these songs later. We are forced to charge for the tracts. They are 50 cents per 100. The bookkeeper will send you a statement about the time the tracts are mailed out. Order all materials from our office, 200 Radio Center, Little Rock.

PLEDGE CARDS:—We have ordered a supply of Pledge Cards, and they should reach us any day. Order your Pledge Cards about September 10. We will ship them to you in time for you to distribute them during the latter part of September.

A Good Ready

Let us not get in too big a hurry to make our pledges. A good ready makes a lot of difference. The Campaign should be promoted in our churches a full month before pledges are taken. Order your materials from us. Put your posters up in the churches. Distribute the tracts. Teach a Sunday School lesson on tithing, and get ready for the victory day.

Victory Day—October 5

Pledges should be taken October 5. Of course, Pledge Cards should be distributed before that date.

Some Suggestions

1. Won't every church appoint a committee immediately and send the names and addresses to us? We would like to have such a committee in every church with whom we can correspond and with whom we can help to push the tithing movement in the churches.
2. We are hoping that all moderators and associational missionaries will be present in the big rally September 2.
3. We are hoping that every association will give from one hour to one and a half hours a day in its annual meeting promoting this tithing movement.
4. It would greatly help if the entire program of your next workers' conference were given over to the promotion of the tithing movement.
5. We could wish that every church in Arkansas would have one or more regular prayer meetings in the interest of this Campaign.

Remember the Slogan, "Every Baptist a Tither".

Sunday School Lesson

We are offering a Sunday School lesson on tithing. This lesson has been prepared by one of our successful pastors. You may have enough copies of this Sunday School lesson for all officers and teachers in your Sunday School. They are free. Write us and tell us how many you need.

Let us all pull together in this great movement. Remember the Slogan, "Every Baptist a Tither."

Jordan and Hamburg

Pastor Stanley Jordan writes of great progress at Hamburg:

"This Sunday, July 13, marks our second anniversary here in Hamburg. We have had 317 additions to the church of which 139 were for baptism.

"The Cooperative Program offering has grown from \$75 per month to \$200 and we are averaging around 300 in Sunday School.

"We have purchased two lots adjoining our present site and are providing more space for the Sunday School. We hope to enlarge our auditorium soon."

Oxendine and Watson

This encouraging word comes from Pastor Oxendine:

"Just a word about our work here at Watson. We moved on the field June 14, (one month ago today), and there have been six additions to our church since then. There are four others awaiting baptism which came while J. V. Chandler, missionary in Delta Association, was supplying for the church in May. Two others came by letter during that time, making a total of 12 additions since Mother's Day.

"We need to start at least four more classes, but don't have the room at present. They will complete a new five-room parsonage this week and we are planning to use the back porch which is screened in for a nursery until the weather gets cool. This is the most challenging field it has ever been my privilege to work with. The prospects and opportunities are almost unlimited and the future is as bright as the promises of God. Our revival meeting starts July 27."

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12:3).

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