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Report Of The Ninety-Seventh Session Of The Arkansas Baptist State Convention

By the Editor

(Continued from last week)

The Bible, Our Guide In Christian Education

Dr. S. W. Eubanks, president of Ouachita College, reported for that school. Dr. Eubanks recognized Ouachita College students and alumni asking that all those in the congregation who had attended Ouachita College or were now students of the college to stand. It was estimated that at least 40 per cent of the congregation stood, indicating that they were students of Ouachita. President Eubanks next recognized the members of the Board of Trustees who were present in the congregation. Also Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Grant, to whom he paid high tribute for the service rendered while Dr. Grant was president of Ouachita and for the encouragement that he had given to Dr. Eubanks.

President Eubanks next recognized the members of the faculty who were seated in the choir loft. He recognized the faculty members by departments. He stated that there were six divisions in the Liberal Arts program of Ouachita. And following the announcement of each division he recognized the members of the faculty in that particular division.

The divisions listed are: Social Sciences; Business Administration; Humanities or Language Division; Science; Health, Physical Education, and Athletics; Military Science and tactics; Fine Arts.

Following this presentation pictures of actual scenes and people on the Ouachita campus were shown.

The Bible, Our Guide In Ministerial Education

Following these reports Dr. K. O. White of the First Church, Little Rock, delivered a message on the subject, "The Bible, Our Guide in Ministerial Education." Dr. White declared that if Christian schools have nothing more to give than state schools then they have no excuse for their existence.

Dr. White reported that last year Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, had an enrolment of 854 preachers; Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, had a total enrolment of 1,704 with 914 of these enrolled in the school of theology; the New Orleans Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana, reported an enrolment of 543.

Two new theological seminaries were authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, last May. The Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California, was accepted by the Southern Baptist Convention and the Convention gave authorization for the establishment of a Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina.

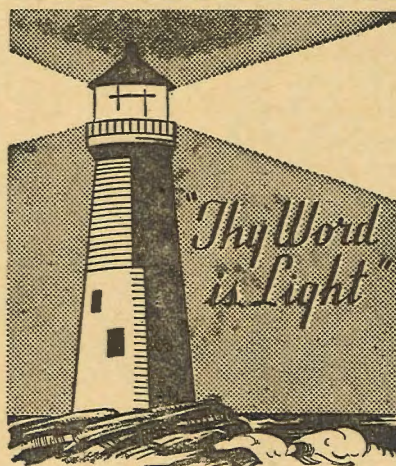
Representatives from the seminaries appeared on the program and spoke briefly in the interest of the seminary which each one represented. Dr. S. A. Newman from Southwestern Seminary, represented that institution. Dr. Roy Beaman represented the New Orleans Seminary. Dr. L. S. Sedberry represented the American Baptist Seminary of Nashville, Tennessee, for colored preachers. And Dr. Leo Eddleman represented the Southern Seminary of Louisville.

Dr. Eddleman also delivered the closing address for the Wednesday evening service. The speaker declared that the hand of God is upon Southern Baptists. He stated that there are more theological students than can

possibly be accommodated by all the dormitories of all the seminaries owned and operated by Southern Baptists. This, he said, places a tremendous responsibility upon Southern Baptists.

There is need for development of the young men you send to the seminaries, declared Dr. Eddleman. He stated that the divine imprint of the gospel must be made upon their lives and that truth is the ally of the preacher.

He closed by saying that the seminaries must give determination, urgency, and direction to the young ministers committed to them for their training for the Christian ministry.



THURSDAY MORNING,
NOVEMBER 9

Organization

The first order of business, after the devotion, was the organization. Dr. T. H. Jordan was re-elected president of the Convention. O. L. Bayless, Hot Springs, was elected first vice president and Joe Sullivan, Earle, second vice president. W. Dawson King, Little Rock, was re-elected recording secretary, and Dr. B. L. Bridges, General Secretary of the Convention, was re-elected treasurer.

The special committee which was appointed last year to consider the proposed amendment to the Constitution, an amendment which would define a regular Baptist church, reported that since the Convention last year adopted the resolution submitted by the resolution committee which practically covered this same definition, it was not necessary for the Convention to take further action. The report of the committee was adopted by the Convention.

B. H. Duncan made a motion that since the Radio Commission had been inactive for the past two years that the committee be discontinued and that the funds remaining to the credit of the Commission be turned over to the 1950 Cooperative Program. This motion was passed by the Convention.

W. R. Vestal, Searcy, presented to the Convention the report on the 1951 Budget as recommended by the Executive Board. This Budget is published elsewhere in the paper.

Baptist Foundation

Dr. John D. Freeman, secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, read the report for that agency. Dr. Freeman has served in the capacity of secretary of the Foundation for the past four months. He reviewed

the purpose of the Foundation and predicted its vital usefulness to the denomination in the future.

Three recommendations were included the report as follows: (1) That the second quarter of 1951, April to June, be designated "Christian Education Endowment Quarter." The primary emphasis in the promotion of this idea is to be on Christian education. (2) That the Foundation be authorized to lay on the hearts of the Baptists of the state the need for additional endowment for Baptist schools, especially Ouachita College. (3) That the last week in June be designated as "Make Your Will Week."

Dr. Freeman made a strong appeal that people should make their wills and that they include the Arkansas Baptist Foundation in their wills.

General Secretary, Dr. B. L. Bridges, presented the report of the Executive Board. Dr. Bridges reviewed the progress of the past ten years made by Arkansas Baptists. He stated that even though Arkansas has suffered a population loss of approximately 50,000 during this ten year period that Arkansas Baptists have gained more than 60,000 members. The number of baptisms has steadily gained since 1941 which registered 8,903 baptisms. However the years 1942 to 1944 showed a loss in baptisms under the number baptized in 1941 but beginning with 1945 with 9,536 baptisms, the number has steadily increased to 16,000 baptisms in 1950.

Executive Board Report

Dr. Bridges in his report gives an accurate though brief survey of all the departments of the Executive Board and the institutions of the Convention.

Speaking of the honor debt of Arkansas Baptists, the report called attention to the reduction of the debts of the Convention and its institutions from \$1,250,000 in 1931 to approximately \$92,000 at the present time. Since Arkansas Baptists settled these original debts with thirty-five cents on the dollar they were not legally obligated to pay the balance of sixty-five cents on the dollar, yet Arkansas Baptists have been determined to maintain their honor and undertook several years ago to pay off this balance of sixty-five per cent. Steady progress has been made in paying off this honor debt until now only about \$92,000 remains to be paid. This honor debt is fi-

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From The Editor's Desk

Ellis A. Fuller . . .

Preacher, Evangelist, Administrator

It is difficult to realize that Dr. Ellis A. Fuller is gone from among us, that he is no longer on the stage of action in our Southern Baptist life and program. Certainly his spirit and the works of his life shall live on through time and eternity.

Your editor has known Dr. Fuller since seminary days. He distinguished himself as a student in the Southern Seminary in Louisville. He was recognized by both the student body and the faculty as a young man of outstanding ability, of deep and sincere consecration. He possessed those personality traits which endeared him to his friends and made him a favorite in any group of people.

He was eminently successful in every field of undertaking and endeavor in church and denominational life. He was a successful pastor, rapidly ascending to one of the most important pulpits in the Southern Baptist Convention, the historic First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Fuller distinguished himself in the field of evangelism. His evangelistic ability and success attracted the attention of the Home Mission Board who engaged him as superintendent of evangelism in the South. In this

capacity he rendered signal and outstanding service. During his pastorates and after he became president of the Southern Seminary he was frequently called on for revival meetings, in fact he had more calls than he could fill.

Dr. Fuller was pre-eminently a preacher. He was analytical and scholarly in his preaching and yet he preached with a simplicity such as only the real scholar is capable. He preached with an energy and compassion which were contagious and by which his audiences were powerfully moved.

Dr. Fuller demonstrated his administrative and executive ability as president of the Southern Seminary in Louisville. Under his administration the seminary grew in student body, in physical facilities, and in the expansion of the curricula.

Called away in what appeared to be the prime of life, the loss sustained not only by the seminary but by all Southern Baptists seems the greater and yet the achievements of his life shall encourage us to go on with ever increasing energy and zeal in our Master's cause.

Convention Permeated by Spirit of Fraternalism And Response To High Challenge

Looking at the recent meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention we find much to be thankful for. There were many problems to be solved prior to the Convention. The brethren of the Executive Board and the representatives from the agencies and institutions met these problems with courage and in a spirit of prayer and Christian brotherhood.

Sacrifices Accepted

So after many meetings, much prayer, extended discussion, and with sacrifices all along the line, it was possible for the Executive Board to present to the Convention a budget for 1951 which was accepted as the most practical and the most probable of realization that seemed possible to devise. It appears now that the whole program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will be in much better financial condition when it comes to the annual meeting in 1951, if the budget as adopted by the recent Convention is raised. In order to meet certain emergencies the agencies of the Convention cheerfully took cuts in their allocations which mean real sacrifice. If Arkansas Baptists will keep faith with these agencies and meet the 1951 budget in full there should be a much better outlook when the Convention meets in November, 1951.

Unity in Diversity

The spirit of unity in prayer, and purpose, and method, triumphed in every session of the Convention. This is not to say that there

were no differences of opinion but it is to say that unity prevailed over differences. The success of Baptists through the centuries has been made possible by the triumph of unity over differences, the achievement of unity in diversity.

Small groups of Baptists now and then have splintered off from the main body because they could not bring themselves to accept and submit themselves to this achievement of unity in diversity. Therefore instead of unity triumphing over differences, these groups allowed differences to triumph over unity and so they split off and became a separate group.

It is to the eternal credit of all those who at present compose the fellowship of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention that, in spite of all the differences and diversities among them, they have achieved a unity which redounds to the glory of God, to the advancement of His cause, and to the enrichment of the spiritual experience of every participating Baptist in the state.

Unity in Christ

Since Baptists do not have a human head or hierarchy, conformity to whose decrees are demanded, they must find their unity in Christ alone. And when Christian people find their unity in Christ two things are obvious: They do not need an earthly head to bring unity among them; and their unity in Christ will triumph over their differences.

May every Arkansas Baptist, every Baptist church, and every Baptist pastor in Arkansas

Faculty Resolutions Concerning

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller

WHEREAS IN the Providence of God we have suffered the loss of our beloved President, Ellis Adams Fuller, we, the Faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, desire to express our deep sorrow in his passing and our sincerest appreciation of his ministry during the eight years of his presidency.

The Seminary never had so remarkable a period of growth as it experienced under his leadership. Many monuments to his vision, his energy, his executive ability and his unreserved devotion to his task are everywhere to be seen on the campus and in the life of the Seminary. As testimonies to his faith and purpose and faithfulness these achievements will endure to his praise, always inspiring gratitude to God for working so marvelously through his chosen servant. The entire future of the Seminary will be blessed by the work that he did.

Even as we mourn his loss we set our faces to the future with a fresh sense of the high mission of the Seminary in the purpose of God and pray for the blessings of divine grace and wisdom upon the Trustees and Faculty in the fulfillment of that mission.

We desire also to express our heart-felt sympathy to Mrs. Fuller, to Ellis Jr., Sarah Elizabeth, Ida Lee, and to all his other relatives, commending them to our Heavenly Father in whose grace and power we with them shall find rest and strength and the assurance of hope.

Adopted by the Faculty
November 6, 1950

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Personal Tribute to Dr. Fuller

I knew Dr. Ellis A. Fuller as a fellow-pastor for eight years, as a fellow-member of the Home Mission Board for five years and as a fellow-denominational servant for six years. In all these capacities his combination in such rare degree of a prophetic spirit, an executive leadership, a fraternal love, and complete personal dedication to our blessed Lord, made him most successful in every kingdom service undertaken.

—S. F. Lowe.

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"The Christian who prays daily for lost people all around the world and then puts wings on his prayers by contributing of his means to send missionaries in taking up his cross daily and following Jesus Not just when the church holds a revival, not just in special services of evangelism, but as a habit of life, witnessing to lost people in a part of the Christian's cross-bearing."—J. E. Lambdin, *The Baptist Union Magazine*

be wholly, prayerfully, and energetically committed to the program which is sponsored and being promoted by the Convention, which is the Convention of Arkansas Baptists. If such commitment is made to the denominational program in 1951, then 1951 will prove to be the crowning year of Arkansas Baptist history and the beginning of greater achievements which shall follow in the years to come. May it be so.

Kingdom Progress

Education Director West Memphis



James E. Birkhead

James E. Birkhead, formerly with First Church, Hope, began his duties as assistant to the pastor and director of education at the First Church, West Memphis, on October 1. At the present he is also preaching at the Hulbert Mission, sponsored by the West Memphis Church.

Mr. Birkhead has been on the field in West Memphis for a month and Pastor Russell J. Clubb states that he is already doing a constructive work. Pastor Clubb also expresses his gratification for the spiritual advance which the church is making and the progress in promotional and religious education work.

Seminary Needs Minutes

The librarian of the New Orleans Seminary needs copies of all the Southern Baptist associational, district and state minutes. These are needed to complete and keep up the files which are used for historical research.

Very old minutes, or complete collections of an Association, are especially desirable. The seminary has a few copies from Mississippi, for instance, of the Civil War period, that were made by hand writing, no printing service being available.

Secretaries of organizations preparing the annual minutes this year, or others with such older records on hand, are urged to send them to the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans 13, Louisiana.

Baptist DP News

Dr. Duke McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Board, Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, were recent visitors to the Munich office of the Baptist World Alliance Displaced Persons Commission. While here the dignitaries visited displaced persons camps and addressed a combined meeting of Baptist Groups in Munich. The visitors are on a world tour viewing Baptist work in South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia.

Minister Ordained

In an impressive ceremony at the First Church, Blytheville, Carroll Evans was ordained to the gospel ministry, Sunday afternoon, September 24. Pastor E. C. Brown of the Blytheville Church served as chairman of the Ordination Council. After the questioning of Mr. Evans by the council and the laying on of hands, Pastor Russell Duffer, moderator of Mississippi County Association, preached the ordination sermon and delivered the charge. Doyle B. Bledsoe, associational missionary of Mississippi County and member of First Church, Blytheville, presented the Bible to Mr. Evans, with the admonition, "Preach the Word."

Mr. Evans is a junior student in Ouachita College and was a member of the First Church, Blytheville, until his recent call to the Wattensaw Church near Little Rock as full-time pastor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Evans of Blytheville.

Fruitful Pastorate at Forrest City

Under the leadership of Pastor Minor E. Cole during his nine and one-half years pastorate, the First Church, Forrest City, experienced phenomenal growth. The church membership increased from 684 to 1,200 under the leadership of Pastor Cole; the Sunday School enrolment increased from 465 to 877; the Training Union from 139 to 352.

Other accomplishments during Pastor Cole's ministry with the Forrest City Church include the liquidation of a \$15,000 debt; the purchase of a lot for a new building at a cost of \$10,000; the construction of two additional Sunday School buildings; and the purchase of a house and lot for the establishment of a mission.

The down town property has been sold and work on the new building has begun. Funds in hand to start the new construction total \$135,000. Pastor Cole has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Dumas, and assumed his duties in his new field on October 18.

K. O. White Conducts Revival In Washington, D. C.

Dr. K. Owen White, First Church, Little Rock, recently spent ten days in Washington, D. C. in revival services with the East Washington Heights Church, Robert S. Cooper, pastor. Pastor Cooper was formerly Dr. White's assistant in Atlanta, Georgia. Reports were that attendance was the largest ever to be had in revival services in that church, with a number of additions to the church, both upon profession of faith and by letter.

"I believe our Baptist work in the Capitol is showing some encouraging signs of progress but there is still desperate need for many new churches as the city is growing rapidly," said Dr. White.

Great Increase in Missions By Piney Church

The Piney Church of Central Association will send a tenth of the gross income to the Cooperative Program in 1951. It is estimated that this will amount to approximately \$1,000 for the year. This is almost a thousand per cent increase.

Evangelist Available



Carlos Gruber

Evangelist Carlos Gruber is available for revival meetings. He is a capable conductor, a violinist, and singer.

Mr. Gruber is a native of Latvia but moved to Brazil at the age of 13. He came to America in 1937 upon the invitation of the late Dr. L. R. Scarborough. He graduated from the Southwestern Seminary in 1940 with the Th.B. degree. Following his graduation from the Seminary he was pastor for six years of the Latvian Baptist Church, New York City. He has assisted in 125 revival meetings in many of the leading churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Gruber became an American citizen in 1948. His present address is Wayland lege, Plainview, Texas.

Wellborn, Baptist Hour Speaker First Quarter, 1951

Charles Wellborn, Baptist Hour speaker for January, February, and March 1951, is well known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as an inspiring evangelist and radio speaker.

A native of Gladewater, Texas, Mr. Wellborn received his early education there, later attended Kilgore Junior College, and received an A. B. degree from Baylor University. Following his graduation, he remained at Baylor a year as an instructor in Political Science. Later he took special studies at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, and last year was graduated from Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He is now working on his doctorate at Southwestern, and is teaching in the Department of Religion at Baylor.

Mr. Wellborn was on the Baptist Hour during the first quarter of 1950, has participated in the network broadcast "America's Town Meeting of the Air," and was once a news commentator for radio station KWBU in Corpus Christi.

First Church, McCrory, Has Excellent Meeting

First Church, McCrory, and Pastor R. Harris, had the services of Pastor J. J. Evans, First Church, Walters, Oklahoma, in a two weeks revival ending September 17, wherein were twenty additions to the church, eleven of whom were for baptism. All previous attendance records were broken with 177 in Sunday School, and 92 in Training Union the last Sunday of the meeting.

Ouachita College Choir For 1950-51



Fifty decisions have marked the first two Sunday services of the Ouachita College Choir. The testimony, personality, and talent of these young people have been used to reach young people and adults for salvation, rededication, and full time Christian service. Members of the choir have proved to be outstanding young leaders of the state in athletics, business, home economics, as well as church service and music. Early appearances have been at the BSU Convention, Conway; Highway Church, North Little Rock; Mt. Ida; Park Place, Hot Springs; Helena, Marianna, and West Helena.

As shown in the picture members for the 1950-51 year are:

(first row, left to right) June Williams, Billy Jo Taylor, Carol Cooper, Dorothy Reed, Nancy McNeil, Katherine Hendrix, Pat Leslie, Irma Helen Hopkins, Jo Anne Hightower, Mary Ann Orr and Dorothy Lester. Second row: Martha Moreland, Jimmie Sue Tucker, Jamie Blackmon, Bennie Sims, Johnette Jackson, Zahle Elms, David Moore, Harold Tedford, Pat Rogers, Anne Strickland, Mary Jo Horne, Mary Emily Wigley, Dorothy Rodgers, Pat Breece and Betty Baldwin. Third row: Charles Hobson, Dick Mefford, Bill Jones, Dale Pogue, Truman Keahey, John Acheson, Bob Ward, Willis Crosby, Fred Davis, Dan Martin, Alfred Sparkman, Wayne Green, Glen Hickey, and Leroy Summers.

Minister, Deacons Ordained

Fearney M. Robinson was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Gravel Hill Church, Central Association, Sunday afternoon, October 29. Mr. Robinson is pastor of the North Fork Church, Paron.

At the same time three deacons of the North Fork Church were ordained: Charley Artis, Lynn Hickey, and Luther Elliott.

Pastor Edward Anderson of the Piney Church, Central Association, served as moderator and presented the Bible to Mr. Robinson. Mr. Vander from the Piney Church conducted the examination of the candidates. Fred Harvill, Benton, delivered the charge, and S. A. Wiles of Antioch Church delivered the sermon.

Crystal Hill Receives 23

Crystal Hill Church, Little Rock, Ralph M. Boyette, pastor, had J. H. Melton, Blytheville, as guest speaker for revival services October 22 to November 5. There were 23 additions to the church, 15 of these coming upon profession of faith and baptism, and three others who did not join the church.

All attendance records were broken during the meeting with an overflow in Training Union.

Pastor Boyette reports "that Mr. Melton is one of the very best evangelists in the nation. He is a consecrated, humble preacher and capable of conducting effective meetings in the largest churches of our land."

First Church, Osceola In Stewardship Revival

First Church, Osceola, P. F. Herring, pastor, had Eugene N. Patterson of New Orleans, Louisiana, leading in a Stewardship Revival, November 2-5. As a result of the revival, 139 members signed pledges to tithe.

Pastoral Change

After five and a half years as pastor of the First Church, Monticello, R. D. Washington resigned to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Bismarck, Missouri.

Pastor Washington assumed his duties on his new field, November 1.

Convention Report

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nanced by an annual allocation in the state budget and by contributions through the Honor Club. Since there are 220,000 Baptists in Arkansas it would require a very small per capita contribution to liquidate this obligation at once. If 92,000 Baptists of the state would give a dollar each it would liquidate this old debt. If 8,000 Baptists would give one dollar a month in 1951 for the retirement of these old debts it would provide more than enough money to clear the debt without any allocation in the state budget.

The report presented by Dr. Bridges strongly recommended the Cooperative Program as the best method of giving financial support to the Baptist work at home and abroad. It also urged the Convention agencies and institutions of the Convention to scrupulously avoid deficits and debts. Also a strong appeal was made to the churches for the support of the 1951 budget.

Special Committee

The special committee which was appointed to study the relationship between the Convention and Southern Baptist College recommended that the Convention continue to give its financial support to the college. It also recommended that a committee be appointed to make a survey of the educational situation in Arkansas and that it report next year recommending to the Convention a Christian education policy for the Convention. The committee recommended that the Convention instruct each board, agency, and institution of the Convention to abide by Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution which provides that the agencies and institutions shall submit to the Executive Board a detailed statement of their sources of income and the budget of proposed expenditures for the ensuing year and that these budgets when adopted by the Convention shall become the basis of operation for the ensuing year. These recommendations of the committee were adopted.

A final recommendation of this committee provided that the agencies and institutions of the Convention should make quarterly reports concerning their financial condition to the Administration and Finance Committee and that in the event these reports showed expenditures in excess of receipts the treasurer of the Convention should be instructed to withhold Cooperative Program receipts from such institution or agency until adjustment in the financial condition had been made. Consideration on this amendment was deferred until 10:15 a. m. Friday morning.

The morning session was closed with a message by Dr. W. F. Powell of Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Powell, one of the great preachers of our denomination and for 30 years pastor of the historic First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, delivered a great message on the subject, "The Bible, Our Guide in Preaching."

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON
NOVEMBER 9**

The Orphanage

The first order of business was the report of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage presented by J. D. Tolson and spoken to by Superintendent Harold Seefeldt.

The new field representative, W. A. Herring, was presented. Mrs. Herring is also employed on the staff assisting in the supervision of kitchen and dining room work.

The report reveals that approximately 75 per cent of the support of the Orphanage

comes through special offerings consisting of money, food, feed, clothing, and equipment.

During the past year the Home has cared for 120 children with approximately 70 children at the Home continuously. An urgent appeal is made for the Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage with emphasis on the "One Day's Pay."

Relief and Annuity Board

The report on the Relief and Annuity Board was read by Dewey Stark and was spoken to by Dr. Robert S. Jones, associate Executive Secretary of the Board.

Dr. Jones called attention to the urgent need for relief funds to meet the minimum needs of the many preachers and preacher's widows who are not in any of the annuity plans. This urgent need for greater relief funds emphasizes the necessity for all our ministers entering the annuity plan which will provide a larger income for the minister upon retirement than can possibly be provided him out of relief funds. There is also the same urgency for the minister to enter the Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan to provide the widow of the minister much needed assistance in the event of his death.

The total amount of relief funds received in 1949 was \$225,376. But the Board expended a total of \$242,066 for relief. This indicates the dire necessity of increasing the relief funds so as to better provide for the minimum needs of our retired ministers who are not in any of the annuity plans.

The total income of the Board in 1949 amounted to \$4,269,496 and the total benefits paid out amounted to \$1,375,209.

The Relief and Annuity Board is an agency provided by the Southern Baptist Convention through which the individual minister, the churches, and the denomination co-operate in providing for the retirement needs of the ministers of the denomination. Every minister should take full advantage of the opportunities offered by this agency of our Convention.

Thomas T. Holloway, Fort Worth, Texas, was invited to the platform to represent the American Bible Society. The American Bible Society provides the Scriptures at cost or below cost, sometimes giving the Scriptures away where the people have no resources with which to purchase them, and has distributed millions of copies of the Word of God. The Society distributes Bibles or portions of the Scriptures without comment.

Mr. Holloway stated that the Society is launching an advance program in the distribution of the Scriptures. Particular emphasis was placed upon the distribution of Scriptures in Brazil and in Japan.

E. E. Griever read the report of the Steering and Planning Commission. The report stated that the Commission had been inactive during the year since it had received no instructions from the Convention concerning its responsibilities, and recommended that if there were no further instructions concerning the responsibilities and duties and work of the Commission that it be discontinued. The Convention accepted the report and discontinued the Commission.

James Overton read the report of the Nominating Committee. A complete list of nominations presented by this committee and elected by the Convention will be published in the *Arkansas Baptist*.

Sparkman to Preach Sermon

Included in this report was the time, place, and preacher for the 1951 session of the Convention. The committee nominated Lloyd A. Sparkman, Pine Bluff, to preach the sermon at the 1951 Convention with J. T. Elliff,

Fordyce, as alternate. The committee recommended that the exact time of the meeting be left with the Executive Board to determine. The place recommended was the First Church, Little Rock. The report of the committee was unanimously approved by the Convention.

Prohibition Report

Minor E. Cole of Dumas read the report on prohibition. The report stated that \$8,500,000 was spent by Americans for liquor in 1949, and that the people of Arkansas spent \$41,625,000 for liquor in 1949. The report also stated that there are 60,000,000 drinkers in America and 7,500,000 of these are chronic drunkards. The report commended C. C. Coulter and Nelson Tull for their work in promoting the campaign for Initiated Act No. 2 which would have outlawed the liquor industry in Arkansas.

Mr. Coulter, speaking to the report, said that while 122,000 people voted for prohibition, the measure was lost because of the fact that so many qualified voters did not vote at all. While there are 500,000 qualified voters in Arkansas no more than 300,000 voted on November 7.

Among other reasons which contributed to the defeat of this measure Mr. Coulter listed the emphasis by the Wets on the threat of increased taxes and the statement issuing from the Welfare Department that prohibition would affect Old Age Pensions. Neither of these arguments are valid or justified.

Mr. Coulter said that we are disappointed but not downcast. We are all in this fight until we defeat King Alcohol, he said.

Veterans Recognized

One of the most interesting features of the afternoon program was the recognition and presentation of Drs. J. S. Rodgers, Otto Whittington, and W. J. Hinsley, each of who spoke words of greeting and encouragement, and enlivening the occasion by relating well selected humorous stories. These men have given their lives to the Lord's work among Arkansas Baptists. They have built well; their work will outlast time and live through all eternity.

The closing message of the session was delivered by Dr. Leo Eddleman, a member of the teaching staff of the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Those who attended the Convention and heard Dr. Eddleman learned to their great delight and satisfaction that there is a preacher in Zion. The congregation which heard Dr. Eddleman was thrilled beyond measure by the dynamic, soul-searching, Bible doctrine sermon which he delivered on "Regeneration or the New Birth."

**THURSDAY NIGHT,
NOVEMBER 9**

State Missions

Ralph Douglass, Helena, read the State Mission report and presented Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions. Dr. Caldwell presented many of the workers of the state, both under the State Mission Program and Associational Missionaries.

There are three state evangelists: M. E. Wiles, D. C. Bandy; and R. A. Hill.

Evangelist Wiles emphasized the work of the state evangelists in helping the churches and gave several examples of weak churches being built to a strength sufficient to maintain a full time program.

The Associational Missionaries emphasized the value of the aid given by the State Mission Department to the associational work.

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Convention Report

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and the spirit of co-operation that exists between Associational Missions and State Missions.

Another phase of the co-operative work of the State Mission Department is in supplementing the pastor's salary, in many churches of the state where there is promise of growth and development and yet where the present strength of the church is not sufficient to adequately support the pastor.

It was reported that during the past year 39 churches went from quarter or halftime to fulltime and that the year before 79 churches went to fulltime programs.

Chaplain Charles Finch of the Tuberculosis sanatorium at Booneville was presented and spoke briefly of his work at that institution.

Gwendoline Luster, a colored worker, also was presented. She works among the women and girls of her own race throughout the state.

A summary of the assistance given by the State Mission Department reveals that 35 Associational Missionaries were assisted and that the salaries of 53 pastors were supplemented by this department. Also through the ministry of the department there were 1,595 additions to the churches.

Brotherhood Work

Lloyd A. Sparkman, Pine Bluff, read the report of the Brotherhood. This report reveals that there are 251 Brotherhood organizations in the state. This represents a growth of 54 in 1949. There are also 27 associational Brotherhood organizations.

The Brotherhood has a three-fold goal: personal consecration; personal stewardship; and personal soulwinning.

Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary, was presented and presided over the remainder of the time devoted to the Brotherhood report. Mr. Tull recognized Mr. Lawson Cook of Memphis, who is the Southwide Brotherhood Secretary, and Mr. W. A. Jackson of Benton, who is the Arkansas member of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

Mr. George Schroeder, associate secretary of the Brotherhood of the South, was introduced and brought a message on Brotherhood work. Mr. Schroeder placed emphasis upon the Bible as our message to the world and as our guide which gives direction, purpose, and promise for the work which we are commissioned to do. "The Brotherhood," he said, "is a group of consecrated men committed to promote the program of the church and the denomination."

Foreign Missions

In the absence of Sam Reeves, El Dorado, because of illness, who was to have read the report on Foreign Missions, Dr. M. Ray McKay, Little Rock, introduced the subject of Foreign Missions. Dr. McKay related many testimonies which he had heard given to the Foreign Mission Board by new missionary appointees. He paid tribute to Dr. M. T. Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; to Dr. James Cauthen, Secretary to the Orient of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. George Sadler, Secretary to Europe and Africa under the Board; and Dr. Everett Gill Jr., Secretary to Latin America.

Dr. McKay also introduced Dr. Gill, who brought the closing message of the evening service. Quoting the first line of the familiar hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," Dr. Gill declared that we have a story to tell from the missionary fields. "A story," he said,

"which Southern Baptists have made possible."

He said that we have a story to tell of missionary sufferings and sacrifices and with that thought in mind Dr. Gill related many of the suffering and sacrificial experiences of the missionaries on the mission fields.

Again the speaker said we have a story to tell of missionary daring. Then he related the daring adventures of our Southern Baptist missionaries—adventures which many times involved danger which threatened their very lives and daring to undertake great tasks which were humanly impossible but by the grace of God they were accomplished.

"We've a story to tell of missionary patients," said Dr. Gill. In many instances long years of service have had to be rendered before any appreciable progress has been made. It takes time and patience and courage, the ability to work on and on, even when one can't see any results.

Once more, we have a story to tell of missionary advance. The present slogan of the Foreign Mission Board is "Advance Has Begun." Missionary personnel has increased from 400 a few years ago to 800 at the present. Southern Baptists have established work in every nation in South America, and have missionaries in 25 nations of the world.

Even though advance has begun, Dr. Gill pointed out that advance must now wait to see what Southern Baptists will do in 1951 before we know if we can go on with this advance. The only possibility for the advance to continue is for Southern Baptists to make it financially possible. Yet, of all money given by Southern Baptists at the present time only 3½ cents out of each dollar go outside our own borders. The 96½ cents is spent on our local church program and the denominational program within our own Southern Baptist territory. While gifts have increased, yet the percentage of the total gifts of Southern Baptists which goes for the work outside our own borders has decreased.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10

Baptist Hospital

The hospital report was read by Dr. T. L. Harris, Camden. The report called attention to the three hospitals in which Arkansas Baptists are interested: the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana; the Memorial Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee; and the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

The ministry rendered by these hospitals is both physical and spiritual. In addition to ministering to the physical needs of the patients in these hospitals there is a staff of Christian workers which ministers also to their spiritual needs. And as a result of this ministry there are many persons led to Christ and others strengthened in their faith and comforted in their distress. This staff of Christian workers is headed by a Chaplain and a B. S. U. Secretary in each institution.

Each of these hospitals is now in the process of an expansion program. The Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans is building a wing which will bring the capacity of the hospital to 500 beds. The Arkansas Baptist Hospital is now in the process of constructing a Medical Arts building, the rental from which, after the building is paid for, will be used as endowment for the hospital. The three hospitals did charity work last year in the amount of \$600,000.

Dr. Harris presented Mr. John Gilbreath, administrator of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, who discussed two vital phases of the

work of the hospital: charity and the School of Nursing.

Concerning charity, Mr. Gilbreath stated that the hospital could not carry the full load of charity work and he appealed to the Baptists of the Convention to assist in a greater degree with the charity needs of the people who need hospitalization and cannot pay for it. Attention was called to the Mothers' Day offering each May which goes for charity work in the hospital. This offering provides the churches and the individual Baptists of the state the opportunity of sharing in this responsibility for caring for those who are not able to pay for their own hospitalization.

Concerning the School of Nursing, the report recommended and Mr. Gilbreath asked for the privilege of affiliation with Baylor University for the purpose of establishing a collegiate nursing program. This program provides that a young woman may take one year at Baylor University then two years in our School of Nursing at our hospital in Little Rock and at any time thereafter may return to Baylor University for one year and receive her B. S. degree. As a complement or perhaps a supplement to this nursing program, another type of nurses training program is contemplated, known as the Technical Nurses Training Program. This course may be completed in 18 months and provides more adequate bedside nursing. The report with this recommendation was adopted by the Convention.

Harold H. Hicks, Little Rock, president of the Board of Trustees, Central College, and chairman of the liquidating agency of that institution, requested that the Convention grant to the liquidating agency authorization to sell the Central College property and assets. This authorization was necessary in order to make any transactions legal.

Stewardship

E. C. Brown of Blytheville read the report on stewardship and also spoke to the report. Pastor Brown stirred the hearts of all present with a powerful message on stewardship, the duties of the steward, the responsibilities of the steward, not only in the handling of material possessions but in the stewardship of the gospel, in the stewardship of personality, in the stewardship of influence, and in the stewardship of ability.

He said that the tithe is a good place to begin the stewardship of our means but it is not a good place to end. The steward must make the best use of that which is committed to him, not for self but for God.

The closing message of the session was delivered by Dr. H. H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Dr. Hobbs based his message upon God's order to Moses when the children of Israel faced the Red Sea with the Egyptians behind them: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Dr. Hobbs said that we must go forward together in: the revaluation of moral and spiritual principles which undergird life; in stewardship and tithing; in evangelism and missions.

The Convention was closed on this high note and those who remained through the last session were blessed with a challenge and an inspiration which will inevitably bear fruit through the year to come.

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"The hour has struck for action on the part of every Baptist to unite in the most aggressive effort in evangelism ever attempted by our denomination."—C. E. Matthews, *The Sunday School Builder*.

Every Arkansas Baptist Has A Second

A Home With A Program, A Purpose, and A Mission

By the Editor

Home! What a word to stir the emotions and to call up memories of the most valued and the most intimate relationships of life! The home is basic, primary in our civilization. No civilization can rise above the average level of the homes by which civilization is undergirded.

Our Second Home

Arkansas Baptists love their homes. From these homes flow streams of influence and power which make their impact upon the communities and upon the state as a whole. But in addition to our private and personal homes, Arkansas Baptists have another home in which they have a very real interest and for which they may well be proud. We refer to the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage at Monticello.

In this institution Arkansas Baptists provide a home for many children who otherwise would be deprived of the comforts, the relationships, the provisions, the guidance, and the love of a home.

Just to show you that the orphanage at Monticello is a real home to the children there, we quote from the letter of an 11-year old boy written to his grandmother: "How are you today? Fine I hope. Today I went to school. Boy, O Boy, did I have fun! Each week I get 30 cents to spend, so I have \$4 saved up; and I bet you I get three times as much clothes as I had when I was there. Oh! I forgot to say that this letter is for everybody—such as (here he mentions kinsfolk and friends). The Home gave me all my clothes. For my birthday I got a cake, a dollar, and a lot of birthday spankings. This place is better than home because I get to go to the show once each week, go to church every Sunday morning and night. We have a radio in my room. Oh! I went to the Fair for the first time in my life and rode on everything free, and ate a lot of things, free . . . From your little boy . . ."

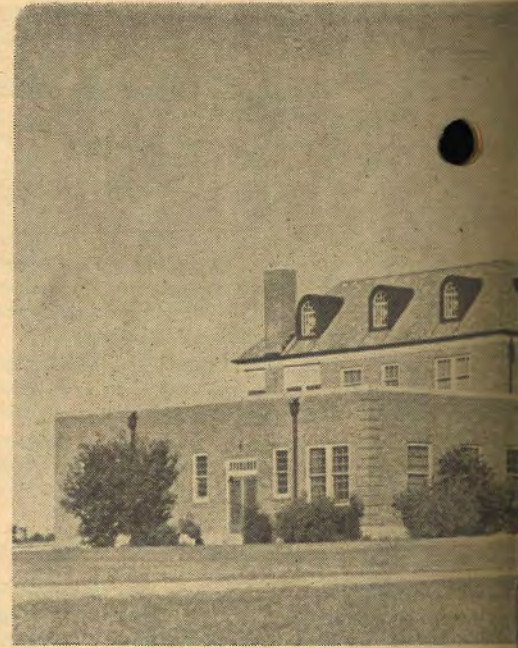
It is interesting to note that the writer of this letter had saved \$4. Another boy in the Home who is 17 years old saved his weekly allowance of 30 cents and small sums he had received for work until he had accumulated

\$95 and opened a bank account. This will help as he plans for the future.

The Home has a capacity to care for 71 children. With the staff members the total family numbers 85. During the past year the home has cared for 120 children. This was made possible by placing some of the children in acceptable homes so as to make room for other children who needed to come to the Orphanage.

Calls for Help

Superintendent Harold Seefeldt is constantly besieged by pastors and others in the state with the request for admittance to the Home of destitute children in their com-



munities. A call comes that a widowed mother has died leaving two children and there is no one to take these children into their homes. The superintendent hurried to the community and made such investigation as was possible within the limited time and following the funeral of the mother took the two children home with him.

A mother died, the father had a cerebral hemorrhage, nine children were to be cared for. Brothers and sisters were able to care for three, the Home took three others and later took the remaining three. Five of these children are still in the Home.

A pastor telephones Superintendent Seefeldt and reports that two children are in desperate circumstances and that there is no one to care for them. The superintendent travels across the state to investigate the condition of these children. He takes them to the Home where they still remain.

In another section of the state a pastor reports three children who will be turned over to the Court if some provision is not made for them. The Home takes two of them at once and later receives the third.

Still another pastor in the far northern part of the state reports that a widowed mother, who has three children, desperately needs help until she can make adjustments and prepare herself for such employment as will enable her to make a home for the children herself. The Home took two of these children and worked out an arrangement by which the third child could be cared for.

No More Room

And so the story goes. From every section of the state come these heart-breaking, pleading calls for help for homeless children. And what is the answer to these pleas for help? Arkansas Baptists are saying to Superintendent Seefeldt, "You can take only 71 at a time." All the rest must get along the best they can, even though it means suffering, privation, and destitution for little children.

So on the other side of the ledger a recent call may illustrate the disappointment caused by limited facilities. During the recent meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention request was made to the superintendent in behalf of two boys who needed care, but the superintendent had to say, "There is no room at the Orphanage at present."



Home, The Bottoms Baptist Orphanage



Springs Assembly, and the R. A. and G. A. camps.

Sources of Support

The Bottoms Baptist Orphanage shares in the Cooperative Program receipts. The allocation for 1951 is \$28,200. You will realize at once that \$28,200 cannot possibly maintain a family of 85 persons for the year and at the same time keep up the physical properties of the Orphanage. Therefore other provision must be made in order to maintain the 71 children and the staff for the year. This provision is made in the Thanksgiving and Christmas offering.

The allocation in the Cooperative Program budget provides approximately one-third of the support required for the Home. The other two-thirds must be provided for in this Thanksgiving and Christmas offering and other special offerings during the year.

All our churches should plan for this offering either at Thanksgiving or at Christmas, whichever may fit best into the local church program and every member of every Baptist church in the state should participate in this offering to the very limit of his ability.

We need not hold back lest we give too much. If Arkansas Baptists should actually give more than is needed to maintain the Home for one year on its present program the surplus would be used for capital investment and if that surplus could be built up sufficiently and contributions continue to grow, we could expand the program so as to care for more of the needy children of the state. By so expanding the program and the facilities and enlarging the service of the Home we would save the superintendent from the embarrassment of having to say we cannot take these children however destitute they may be because we have no more room.

The appeal is for "ONE DAY'S PAY." Just think what such an offering would mean to the homeless and helpless children who need them at the Monticello Home. Surely there isn't a person in the state who cannot afford to give his earnings for one day to the Baptist Orphanage. Not only would the children of the Home receive a blessing from such an offering but the giver himself or herself would also be blessed. Try it, won't you, and just experience the satisfaction you would receive from such an offering to such a worthy cause.

In addition to the monetary offering which is requested other gifts are also acceptable, such as clothing, canned fruits and vegetables, feed for stock, and chickens. Anything that you can use in your home can be used in the Home at Monticello.

Won't you share with other Arkansas Baptists in the support of our Home for homeless children? While you enjoy the comforts and satisfactions and joys of your own private home don't you want the satisfaction of knowing that you are providing other children with the same comforts and satisfactions and opportunities and advantages which you are providing for your own children? Let us make this the greatest Thanksgiving offering that the Orphanage has ever received and gladden the hearts of those who are responsible for giving these children the love and the care and training which every child has a right to expect.

Current Needs

The pictures on this page indicate something of the interests and activities of the children in the Home, at play and at work.

The Home has a farm of 240 acres which is largely in pasture land. On this farm are 75 head of cattle, 45 hogs, and 300 chickens. The boys do the milking and are active in 4H Club work. They participated in the local County Fair last fall and sent one steer to Pine Bluff Stock Show which sold for almost \$300.

As an illustration of items that may be provided by individuals or groups, here is a list of items which were provided last year. The Convention provided a new car, the Caroline Association a new truck, the Ministerial Association of Ouachita College a movie projector, and other groups provided a deep freeze, a hay baler, several pianos, floor and table lamps, floor covering, sewing machines, tables, and many other necessities.

The city of Monticello recently voted a Bond issue to extend its sewerage system and the Board of Health will demand that the Orphanage, though it is out of the city limits, shall be connected with this system. This will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The Board of Health also has required the Home to install a pasteurizing plant which will cost \$2,500. The plant is in the process of being installed.

School and Church

All the children of the Home attend the Monticello schools. One graduated from high school last May and entered Southern Baptist College this fall. There will be three seniors next spring. The children participate in all school activities. Some are in the school band and some are taking private piano lessons. One boy was selected to go to Boy's State and one boy went from Drew County to Little Rock and then on to Chicago in stock judging.

Both the staff and the children are active in the program of the First Church of Monticello and in all its organizations. Last year seven children made professions of faith and five came into the church by letter. Through the kindness of friends the children of the Home have been able to enjoy many of the privileges of the state programs such as the Training Union Convention, the Siloam



Woman's Missionary Union

Stewardship Plans for 1951

For W. M. U. Young People's Organizations

Jesus knew our possessions would tempt us. So of his twenty-nine parables, thirteen are about the right use of money and things.

Woman's Missionary Union realizes the importance of teaching stewardship of possessions each year to members of the young people's organizations. Stewardship chairmen, counselors, and young people's directors will realize their responsibility for using these plans.

For Sunbeam Bands

During 1951 the Sunbeams will follow the first of a four year cycle of their series. The story and picture for each month show children tithing in our mission fields. The leader can effectively use the material by telling the story each month and following suggestions in the booklet "Around the World Stewardship Stories." The pictures will be more attractive if colored. One copy of the booklet of stories and the folder of pictures is being sent without charge to each Sunbeam Band along with material for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

For Junior G. A. and R. A.

In 1950 the first stewardship studies in a four year plan for Juniors was used. These were Old Testament stories. The 1951 stories are from the New Testament, and are for presentation each month also. Every counselor and organization member will eagerly look forward to these monthly stewardship stories and the directed activity period which will be the devotional moments at the meetings where work is done on Forward Steps and Ranking System.

For Intermediate G. A. and R. A.

Stewardship devotional messages will appear month after month in **World Comrades** and **Ambassador Life** to be used at the meetings when working on Forward Steps and Ranking System. These will include what being a steward means, what money is, dangers of selfishness.

For Y. W. A.

Stewardship education plans for Y. W. A.'s will be presented each month in **The Window of YWA**. These will teach God's plan of the tithe and the stewardship of the nine-tenths, showing Southern Baptist plans for supporting world-wide mission work.

Stewardship Aids

For G. A.'s, R. A.'s, and Y. W. A.'s there are tither's cards. These cards carry a tither's pledge on one side and on the other a chart to keep a record of money re-

ceived, the tithe of it, amount given, spent and saved. For Sunbeams there is the Sunbeam Mission Bank. All are secured free from State W. M. U. Office.

Plans for the annual Church Night of Stewardship summarize and review these teachings. It helps the membership of the church to see what the young people have learned about stewardship. It encourages others to tithe. Many churches present the tither's pledge during the program and seek to help every Baptist become a tither.

Frequently the pastor likes to have this program just before the Every-Member Canvass in his church. The W. M. U. president or young people's director will present the plan of having a Church Night of Stewardship to pastor and Church Cabinet to decide on the best time and place for it on the church calendar.

Suggested program is available from State W. M. U. Office.

Week of Prayer Material For Foreign Missions

Program material for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions has been sent to every W. M. S. president and counselor of young people's organization whose name has been reported as serving during the 1950-51 year. Cost of postage, materials, etc., make it prohibitive to mail materials except to those who have reported to the State W. M. U. Office. If you are one who should receive materials, advise the state W. M. U. office immediately and report officers of your Society. It may be the original report was misplaced in the mails or otherwise lost.

The suggested dates for observance of this special season are December 4-8. Major on this season and make the observance worthy.

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Conference on Local Missions

By C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

Pastors, missionaries, and mission committees are urged to attend the Conference on Local Missions at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, December 7-8. The primary purpose of the Conference is to help pastors and their mission committees in launching a church-centered mission program.

The Conference begins Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will close Friday at noon. A. L. Lowther, Oklahoma City, and S. F. Dowls, Atlanta, will be guest speakers.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Church Centered Missions Conference First Baptist Church, Little Rock

December 7-8

Thursday Afternoon

- 2:00 Purpose of Conference _____ C. W. Caldwell
2:20 Movie: Local Mission Stations in Arkansas
2:45 My Experience in City Mission Work _____ E. A. Ingram
3:15 Our Mission Stations _____ Theo T. James
J. D. Tolleson

- 3:45 Message: A Church Centered Mission Program _____ S. F. Dowls

Thursday Night

- 7:00 Song and Prayer
7:10 More About Our Mission Stations _____ Harvey Elledge
Lloyd A. Sparkman
7:40 Movie: Harvest of Hearts—Mission Stations in Nashville, Tenn.
8:15 Message: The Mission Challenge of City
and Town Churches _____ A. L. Lowther
8:45 Questions and Answers
Adjourn

Friday Morning

- 9:00 Scripture and Prayer
9:20 The Mission Committees—Church and City—and
Proper Steps in Organizing a Mission _____ A. L. Lowther
10:00 The Mission Building and Finances _____ S. F. Dowls
10:45 From a Mission to a Church _____ A. L. Lowther
11:15 Let's Do Something About It _____ T. L. Harris

Evangelism In 1951

Can Arkansas Baptists continue the upward trend in number of baptisms in 1951? For seven successive years we have shown a good increase but will we drop back in 1951 or will we set ourselves to the task harder than ever before? There is no reason for our 1951 record to be less than the 1950 record. There are still scores of unsaved people around all our churches.

If our associations will plan simultaneous revivals and properly promote them, there is no doubt but that the upward trend will continue. So, we would urge the associations to vote to have another Simultaneous Crusade. Set the date that is most convenient for the majority of the churches in the associations.

It should be remembered that churches sometime should have two revivals during the year; one when all the churches join together in simultaneous revivals, and another at some convenient time for each church. The revival during the Simultaneous Crusade will just be an "extra." It will be a supplement rather than a substitute.

In the Evangelistic Conference, January 15-17, the plans for 1952 will be discussed. It would be well if pastors would wait until after the Conference to plan the revivals in 1952. There is the possibility that Simultaneous Crusades will be held by districts. This will be decided in the next Evangelistic Conference.

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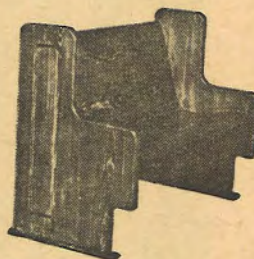
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Churches Urged To Observe January Bible Study Week

January 1-5

For three consecutive years Southern Baptist churches have used the first week in January for a period of Bible study. The books of Ephesians, John and Acts have been studied. This year it is suggested that the Bible teachings on prayer be used.

Prayer is a vital part of Bible teaching. However, the teaching of prayer is not confined to any one book of the Bible; rather, prayer is a vital part of the total teaching of the Bible. Many believe a careful study of the Bible and prayer just now is greatly needed.

Dr. Robert G. Lee, by request, prepared guide material for those who desire to use it. The name of Dr. Lee's book is **The Bible and Prayer**. In this book Dr. Lee lists for study 454 Bible references on

prayer. There is printed in the book 613 verses, or parts of verses, on prayer. This is equivalent to twenty-five chapters of twenty-five verses each.

So, pastors and others can be assured that this is Bible study just as much as if the study were limited to one book of the Bible. Dr. Lee has brought together in a splendid outline what the Bible teaches about prayer. Some pastors may prefer to prepare their own outlines.

The purpose of this week is Bible study. There are some who insist that credit be granted in the Sunday School Training Course. If an offer of credit can be used to increase attendance or encourage more careful study, then the offer of an award may serve a good purpose.

Central Association Expands Hymn-Sing Program

The first Zone Hymn-Sing for Central Association was held Sunday afternoon, November 5, at Harvey's Chapel, northwest of Hot Springs. A total attendance of 101 represented six churches.

The congregational singing was led by Ray McClung, who is Associational Music Director, assisted by three of the young people in the association. Two special numbers were presented in addition to the congregational singing. One was given by the Celestial Choir of Park Place Church, Hot Springs. At the conclusion of this number, the associational director made a talk, urging all of the churches to establish as many graded choirs as possible during this year.

Another zone (East) will have its Hymn-Sing, Sunday afternoon, December 3, at Mt. View Church, south of Benton. There are thirteen churches in this zone, and it is expected that a capacity attendance will be had for this first event.

In addition to the Zone Hymn-Sing, the regular quarterly Music Festival is scheduled to be held on Thursday evening, January 18, at First Baptist Church, Malvern. These Quarterly Hymn Festivals are enthusiastically supported by the entire association. The 5:30 supper conference will be attended by pastors, music directors, and

accompanists. The speaker for this meeting will be announced a little later. It is anticipated that there will be ten to fifteen special numbers brought by the various choirs in the association.

Arkansas Valley Hymn-Sing

On Sunday afternoon, November 5, First Church, Marianna, was host to the regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Arkansas Valley Association. Two hundred fifty-eight people attended the Sing, representing ten churches. Mrs. Lehman Webb, the Associational Music Director, was in charge of the program and introduced Fred Becker, who is director of the Ouachita College Choir in Arkadelphia. This choir furnished the special music for the afternoon, being enthusiastically received by the large audience. Mr. Becker also demonstrated a choir rehearsal routine to those who were present. The Youth Choir from West Helena also brought a special number. The theme for the afternoon was "Hymns for Youth." Mrs. N. C. Hodge of Marianna was the accompanist.

The world is full of troubles; it is also full of the overcoming of troubles.—Helen Keller.

Training for Bible Study And Enlargement

In the Associations

1. Promote Bible Study Week in January
2. Work for attendance from all churches at the training banquet
3. Help churches conduct **Preview Study** of lessons for next quarter
4. Complete program for January meeting
5. Have association-wide training banquet.

In the Churches

1. Missionary instruction for all members
2. Attend the association-wide training banquet
3. Plan January Bible Study Week for all members
4. Preview the lessons for next quarter
5. Continue plans for enrolling church members

Coming Events

December 4—Training Union "M Night"
 December 31—Student Night at Christmas

Caddo River Association Hymn-Sing

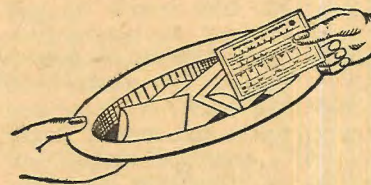
The regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Caddo River Association was held at the Glenwood Church on Sunday afternoon, October 29, at 2:30. Miss Odessa Holt, the associational music director, was in charge of the program, the theme of which was "Make His Praise Glorious" (Psalm 66:2). Four churches were represented in the total attendance of sixty-three.

In addition to the excellent singing, W. O. Miller made an interesting talk on the "Contribution of Baptist Hymn Writers." The special numbers rendered were by the Glenwood Church and the Mt. Ida Church.

The next Quarterly Hymn-Sing for this Association will be held at the Mt. Ida Church on Sunday, December 31.

Figures To Inspire

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1,325	409	4
Including Missions	1,516	545	5
Fort Smith, First	1,275	445	13
Little Rock, First	965	371	5
Little Rock, Second	793	153	4
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	866	353	
Including Missions	986	443	
El Dorado, First	826	242	2
Including Missions	870	282	7
Hot Springs, Second	717	208	
Fayetteville, First	662	266	15
Pine Bluff, South Side	604	246	3
Including Mission	640	276	
Pine Bluff, First	596	157	2
Magnolia, Central	587	223	4
Including Missions	730	296	
El Dorado, Immanuel	585	287	4
Including Missions	619	327	
Texarkana, Beech St.	551	220	2
Paragould, First	515	209	2
Including Missions	744	357	
Camden, First	515	176	1
Including Missions	793	408	
Crossett, First	511	210	1
Little Rock, Tabernacle	505	165	
Benton, First	498	131	
El Dorado, Second	486	242	
Hot Springs, Central	471	210	5
Forrest City, First	469	182	
Little Rock, Gaines St.,	458	286	2
Fordyce, First	458	191	
MCGeehe, First	430	169	2
Including Missions	533	253	
Paris, First	430	152	
Including Mission	466		
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	425	131	4
Conway, First	415	99	2
Hope, First	411	100	
Springdale, First	406	240	
Including Missions	508		
Hot Springs, Park Place	401	145	1
Stuttgart, First	391	225	1
Including Mission	458	259	
Fort Smith, Calvary	376	139	2
Cullendale, First	375	187	2
Malvern, First	371	89	7
Siloam Springs, First	365	238	7
Smackover, First	355	127	4
Little Rock, South Highland	348	138	3
El Dorado, West Side	344	139	1
Searcy, First	331	92	
Norphlet, First	315	251	
Hot Springs, First	305	111	
Van Buren, First	302	159	1
Including Mission	353		
Pine Bluff, Second	296	106	
No. Little Rock, First	287	102	1
Including Mission	309		
Monticello, First	285	115	
Texarkana, Calvary	281	118	2
Mena, First	263	104	
Bentonville, First	255	82	
Little Rock, Hebron	244	144	4
Gentry, First	233	186	2
Wynne	223	63	
Gurdon, Beech Street	206	105	1
Hot Springs, Piney	195	137	11
Little Rock, Tyler St.	166	77	4
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	161	159	3
Kelso	131	91	
Strong, First	131	66	
No. Little Rock, Calvary	98	79	1
Grannis	91	48	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	91	45	2
Little Rock, West Side	90	54	1
Monte Ne, First	57	59	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	57	48	



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So Much With So Little

By JOHN CAYLOR

At this month's meeting of the Home Mission Board proceeds from the bequest of the late Mrs. Clara Stephenson Lynch were appropriated. Mrs. Lynch left the Home Mission Board an amount of stock in the Georgia Power Company. The amount of money received from the bequest was \$2,600.20. Just to look at that figure of money would not be impressive; but to see what was done with it is a challenge to all people who have money. In the Cherokee Reservation, North Carolina, five Indian churches were in the process of building new meeting-houses. This bequest provided enough money to complete the buildings at Rock Hill, Piney Grove, New Indian, and Wright's Creek. These completed meeting-houses will be a living memorial to the late Mrs. Clara Stephenson Lynch. Her bequest has become a lasting benefit.

Other Buildings for Indians

In addition to the Cherokee churches which are in the process of building there are several Indian churches which are being constructed at this time. An appropriation was made to guarantee the completion of the Pickens Baptist Church of McMillian, Oklahoma, for Tinian Navajo Project, and for the Indian Center at

Taos, New Mexico.

City Missions Conference To Be Held in Atlanta

Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, secretary of the Department of Cooperative Missions, has announced a City Missions Conference to be held in Atlanta, February 20-22, 1951. City Superintendents of missions from over the Convention territory will be in the meeting along with leaders in other phases of mission service.

Also there is to be a Western Missions Conference under Dr. Dowis' direction held in Phoenix, Arizona, March 12-16. Missionary workers in the new area of the Convention and from all the western states will be in the week of conference for study, planning and inspiration.

Annual Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the Home Mission Board will be held in the headquarters offices November 28-29. The twenty-eight state members will join the eighteen local members to make a full meeting in adopting the 1951 budget and approving plans and programs of activity for the new year. All Southern Baptists are asked to pray for the Home Mission Board in its plans for a Christian America.

Human Life In The Hands Of God

By CHAPLAIN EUGENE HOWARD, San Antonio, Texas

"For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain."

The Apostle Paul knew how to deal with life, he knew the limitations of human life, he also knew the potentialities of human life placed in the hands of God. Someone has drawn this picture of life: In the beginning of life we see the miracle of birth, in the beautiful stage of innocency, then a few years of service and at the end of life a tombstone on which our name is carved indicating that we have lived.

People born into the world had nothing to do with coming into the world. They have life and the sensible thing to do is to face life and make the best of it they can. The Christian thing for us to do is to help them establish themselves as members of this vast world order to which we belong.

Many people have the wrong conception of life. Life is not a bowl of cherries, it is not a bubble, it is not pseudo, it is not an hallucination, is not false or unreal. Longfellow in his "Psalms of Life" expresses what life really is:

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal,
Dust thou art, to dust returnest
Was not spoken of the soul."

Emerson in his essay on "Character" said, "Life must have an

edge to it." How true this is, because life must cut its way through obstructions on every hand. Faith and love will give life that edge to penetrate, construct and lead to high and noble walks of life. A faith to believe in God and to trust your fellow man. A love for God and all members of the human race. A love that will motivate us to the highest momentum in Christian activity.

God does not see life as one little separate segment, or as a piece of a puzzle with no place for it to fit into, but He sees life as a whole. God reveals through the human mind, He speaks through human lips, He ministers with human hands, He walks with human feet and puts love and compassion in the human heart.

Life is a bundle of magnificent possibilities. Place your life in His hands and dedicate your life to His service for the good you can do, for the people you can help, for the things you can erect and for the individual you can improve.

"For life is the mirror of both
King and slave,

"Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best
you have

And the best will come back
to you."

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



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Five Regional Brotherhood Meetings

A series of five great Regional Brotherhood meetings will be held in Arkansas during the period, December 11-15. Personnel of the Tour will be: Clifford A. Holcomb, Brotherhood-Music Secretary of the Florida Baptist State Convention; Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor of South Side Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, and present chairman of the Brotherhood Committee of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and Nelson Tull, Arkansas State Brotherhood Secretary.

The schedule for the above meetings is as follows:

Monday Evening, December 11: Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock.

Tuesday Evening, December 12: First Church, McGehee.

Wednesday Evening, December 13: South Side Church, Pine Bluff.

Thursday Evening, December 14: First Church, West Memphis.

Friday Evening, December 15: First Church, Springdale.

We are expecting large and representative groups of men from all churches in (and near) each association where these meetings will be held.

The above series of Regional meetings will be followed by two other series in early 1951; a total of 15 meetings planned to cover every area of Arkansas. Announcement of the remaining meetings will be made in due time.

The election is over, but not the continuing fight to bring prohibition back to Arkansas. Your Brotherhood Secretary did what he could do, without reservation, to lead the Dry forces of Arkansas to victory. We had a good vote; but only eternity will reveal the TRUTH about the balloting. Probably there was more corruption at the polls than at any other election in the history of our state. We can never win a victory for

the Dry cause in Arkansas unless we can set up safeguards at the polls. At most precincts the Wet crowd was in entire charge, and had everything their way. Many of the election judges were wholly unfair, even making out ballots for voters; and many liquor and beer dealers counted (?) the votes. The Drys won the election, but lost the count.

The above is stated with due regard to known facts. The Wets had three plans to keep Arkansas wet; (1) To keep Initiated Act Number 2 off the ballot; (2) to confuse the voters of Arkansas with their lies; and (3) to control the balloting so that they could not possibly lose. You probably have noticed that the Wets are not bragging about the results of the election. The reason is that they know more about how they stand in Arkansas than do most Drys; and their violation of everything that is fair and decent in the election has left them somewhat aghast and breathless at their own behavior.

Probably there will be grand jury investigations in many places throughout the state. In the meantime Drys should immediately begin plans to vote their counties dry by local option. If enough counties go dry the Legislature will make Arkansas dry.

Keep praying, and keep working!

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In What Are You Trusting?

Trust in yourself and you are doomed to disappointment;
Trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you;
Trust in your money and you may have it taken from you;
Trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it; but,
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To Think Is To Thank!

their place in the world, as they grow in the Christian spirit. And to think is to thank your Maker that you are in a position to help them on their way! Show that you care by the way that you share!

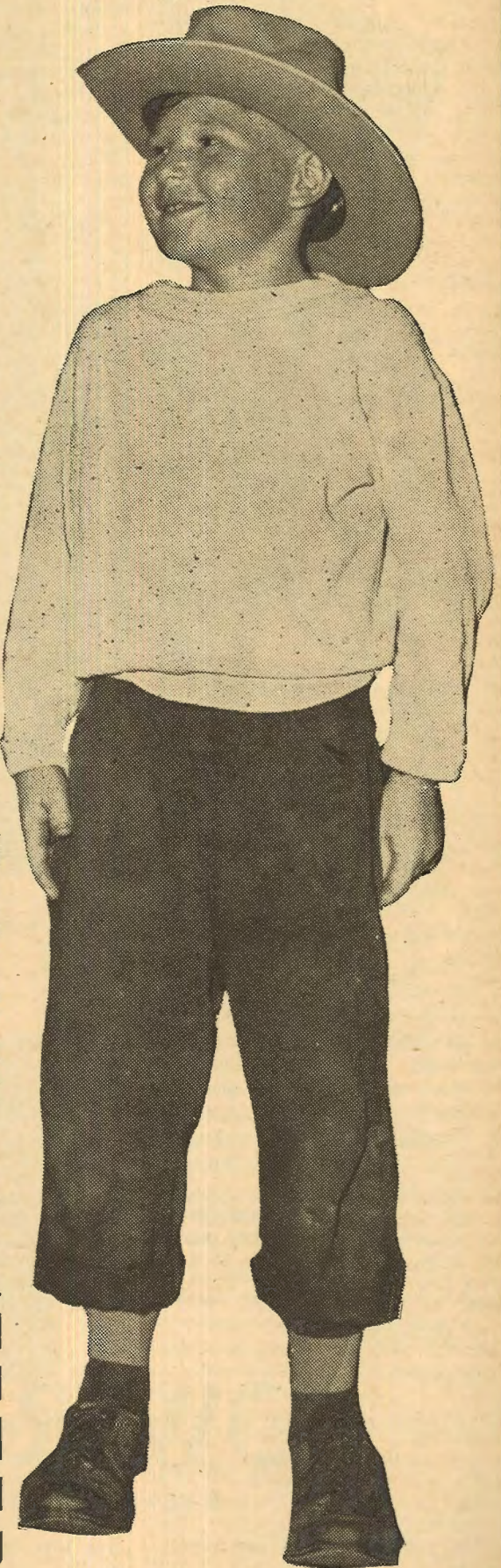
The annual Thanksgiving offering is part of Arkansas Baptists' regular program. Only a part of the support of this character building organization, trusted with the Christian training and

Baptists are proud of their Orphanage and a large number visit it! Visitors, noting the alert, healthy and willing children, can't help but think that these youthful souls are being fitted to take

One Day's Pay or More!

investment can you make? So, this Thanksgiving, give liberally! Give money, food, clothing; give for the support of these helpless children while in the care of your Orphanage; and give for the upkeep of buildings and equipment; feed for the farm's livestock . . . and cattle, pigs, chickens. It's your bread cast upon the waters.

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From Your Secretary

By B. L. BRIDGES

Cotton Plant Steps Up Under Lumpkin's Leadership

Pastor Doyle Lumpkin of Cotton Plant is leading his church onward and upward. We have just received a check for the month of October amounting to more than \$100 for the Cooperative Program. This is marvelous. Pastor Lumpkin and his fine wife are graduates of Ouachita College. He is one of our very best young pastors and leaders. The Cotton Plant church has some of the salt of the earth in its membership.

Immanuel Church Gives Great Increase

Pastor Vaught, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was happy last week when his finance committee revised and adopted their budget with an increase for the 1951 Cooperative Program. With much joy, Dr. Vaught said they were recommending to the church that their allocation be \$30,000 in 1951 in undesignated money. This is an increase of 50 per cent over the 1950 allocation. Dr. Vaught is very happy about this, perhaps nobody is happier than he is, unless it be the General Secretary. Thank you my beloved.

More Than We Asked

We are continuing to receive responses to our requests for contributions for the Cooperative Program in 1951. The East Point Church near Dardanelle writes that they will give the \$48 that we asked. This is a very small church and it has called James Powers, a Ouachita student, to be the pastor. Odell Pless thinks he will be a fine man for them. I thank you, East Point.

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Caroline Association Hymn-Sing

The regular quarterly Hymn-sing for Caroline Association was held Sunday afternoon, October 29, at Oak Grove Church. Seventy-five people were present representing nine churches. The program was in charge of Henry Jayroe, the Associational Music Director. Three groups of songs for congregational participation centered around the theme "Praise, Prayer and the Cross." W. M. Pratt brought the devotional.

Special numbers were given by the church from Ward, under the direction of Mr. Jayroe.

Everyone present was enthusiastic about continuing the Hymn-sing for the next year and all of the regular dates were assigned in the associational calendar. H. S. Coleman, the Associational Missionary, had charge of the business session.

Stewardship Of Money

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

This discussion is based on the International Uniform Sunday School Lesson Outlines, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education and used by permission.

Isn't it a fact that the Lord's work turns on the pivot of love? Isn't it reasonable to suppose that if God's children loved Him, really loved Him, then all financial problems of His churches would be solved? Isn't it so that we give to mission causes only according to our love for the Master and for the lost?

Christ left His work in our hands when He ascended back to the Father; He has no other means on earth to reach lost souls but through His witnesses. Then, if the gospel is preached to the lost, we must preach it. If missionaries are sent to destitute places, we must send them. If the light of God's love is to penetrate the awful darkness of heathenism, it must be through the efforts and means of God's own—there is no one else to do it.

In writing to the Corinthian saints Paul said, "Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards . . . of God." A steward is one who manages the affairs and expenditures of another. A steward is one who holds the possessions of another in trust; who controls what is owned by someone else. Christians, then, are those who manage the affairs and expenditures of Christ on this earth. Christian people, as stewards, are accountable to the Lord for everything that comes into their hands, whether it be time, talents, or material possessions. The Christian has no right to waste or destroy anything in any way, for all we have and hold really belongs to the Lord.

Act of Worship

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." If God's people could be educated to the fact that giving is an act of worship would they not enjoy giving more than some seem to? If people could realize that in bringing their gifts to the altar in love, with a proper motive, with joy and cheerfulness, they in that act are worshiping their heavenly Father, surely it would revolutionize many Christian lives!

"As a man purposeth" indicates that one should set a goal for giving and not haphazardly offer a mere "tip" to the Giver of all things. Then too, when love is the basis for one's giving the donor gives his best; we do not give grudgingly to our loved ones. The sweetheart gets the best that one can afford. The loving parent is anxious to do his or her best for their children. The same principle should hold true in our offerings

Sunday School Lesson for

November 26, 1950

2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Phillipians 4:10-8

to Him who died that we might have all the good things of time and eternity. Giving to Him should not be a question of **how little**, but how much can I give.

"Not of necessity" says the writer, as though God were starving. He said once that if He were hungry He would not tell us about it. He owns the cattle of a thousand hills, and also the hills; all the gold, silver, and wealth of the universe belong to Him. He has no personal need of our pitiful gifts.

But the Christian needs to give for his own spiritual exercise. And God has given us the wonderful opportunity to give, in order that we might have an investment in eternity! He has afforded us the privilege of laying up "stocks and bonds" as it were in the safety vaults of heaven, to be enjoyed throughout eternity. Whatever we accumulate in this world will only serve us while we are here. We cannot take these sin-tainted material possessions where we are going. But we can use the things placed in our care so as to lay up treasures in heaven where insects and corrosion cannot enter, nor where thieves cannot embezzle. Should not these wonderful truths in God's word inspire us to give our best, and to enjoy giving it.

Sowing and Reaping

But, inasmuch as the Lord has given us control over many material things, suppose we could assume that they are strictly our own, we still find Him making us many promises if we will use them for His glory and in His service.

First, however, is a warning: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully." This is a law of nature in whatever realm we choose to think about. If a man sows twenty bushels of corn, he can expect under favorable conditions to reap accordingly. And, he will reap as he sows. In another place Paul said we would reap **what** we sow; we shall also reap in the same manner in which we sow.

Jesus gave us a wonderful promise in Luke 6:38: "Give, and it shall be given you." ("The liberal soul shall be made fat.") Again we are taught that the person who measures out with a short "bushel" can expect the same in return; on the other hand, the liberal giver can expect in return: "Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over . . ." This experience is waiting for any person with enough faith to try it.

Abounding in Good Works

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." If one has the means "sufficient" to give, it is because of God's grace; if one has not an offering, why not ask God to provide one? "He is able to make all grace abound toward you." If one finds it hard to part with his material possessions, even to share them with God, why not pray about it? "He is able to make us abound in every good work." God's grace is sufficient; if one really wants to give, God will provide the need. If one really desires to serve God, He will open the way, for He has promised to make all grace abound to those who love Him.

Christians need to realize that we are pilgrims and strangers in a foreign land. This world is not our home, we are merely passing through on our way to eternity. This world and everything in it belongs to God, He is the rightful owner. Then everything the Christian has belongs to Him who created it, and He should have first consideration in it all. "In all

things, Christ should have the pre-eminence."

We hear a great deal about "social security" here. It is indeed the wise thing for young people to save something for old age and for the time when illness or adversity may come, for nobody knows what a day will bring forth. And while the Lord expects us to be thrifty, He even warns the spendthrift that such a one shall suffer for his mismanagement, He also provides the way in which we can invest in eternity; we need not enter the pearly gates empty handed. But the choice is ours to make. Unless we take our stewardship seriously, it is highly possible that we shall not have the abundant entrance one of the New Testament writers promised.

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GIVING

God might have used His sunset gold

So sparingly,

He might have doled His blossoms out

Quite grudgingly;

He might have put just one wee star

In the sky—

But since He gave so lavishly,
Why should not I?

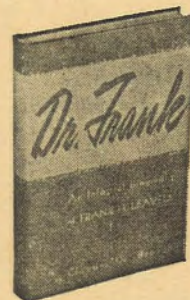
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The Cooperative Missionary Program for 1951

Stewardship Month

A great forward missionary program is planned for 1951. Every department and agency in our state Convention work is planning for the biggest year that we have ever had. Perhaps we have never worked harder on plans and preparations than we are doing now for 1951. We think that we have never had a more earnest and unified spirit in facing our difficulties and solving our problems, and in "carrying through" on a great program of advancement in the denomination.

Some of you were not in our Convention, and probably your attention has not been called to the steady upward progress that Baptists have made during the last decade. When we studied our charts, which we used in the Convention to give a detailed account of our progress, we were astonished to find how much the Lord had blessed us. We find that over a 10 year period the number of co-operating churches has increased more than 100, the number of full time churches has more than doubled, and the number of half time churches has more than doubled. During the 10 year period the state itself has lost about 50,000 in population, yet our Baptist churches have gained more than 71,000 in membership. There are now more than 220,000 church members listed in our co-operating churches.

In baptisms we have come from a low of 7,000 plus to a high of 16,000 plus. This year we have counted 16,000 baptisms. We think there must have been as many as 16,300. During the first 10 months of this year the people have given \$67,000 more than they did for the same period last year for Cooperative Missions. Ten years ago we had no Brotherhood Department. Now we have a thriving department with many church Brotherhoods active throughout the state. Ten years ago we were merely making a gesture in our Baptist Student Union work. Now this department is thriving and many Baptist students are being enlisted in active church work. The Sunday School and Training Union efforts made significant gains during this 10 year period. The State Mission Department is thriving and the workers have enjoyed one of the most fruitful years in the history of our work. The Baptist Foundation is becoming a reality now under the leadership of Dr. Freeman. The Woman's Missionary Union is doing the largest work that it has ever undertaken. The Arkansas Baptist has a larger subscription list than ever before. There is only one place where we have lost ground. That is on the question of indebtedness. Some of our agencies have been allowing their feet to slip at this point. We must and we shall apply the brakes on this item.

Our people are working and giving. For the most part we are working as hard as anybody ought to work. We cannot say that about our giving yet. There is room for improvement. What a challenge is before us! The Lord is pouring into our pathway the people of our day and generation. Our opportunities are unlimited except as we ourselves limit them. God is doing mighty things for us through His Son. If we will but guide

the blessings that the Lord is giving us, we shall be a prosperous and happy people.

Church Management reports that Southern Baptists lead in the number of churches with annual budgets of more than \$50,000. Southern Baptists report 542 such churches; Presbyterians have about 200; and Methodists about 150 in the United States. Baptists believe in tithing and their emphasis upon this phase of our stewardship is giving our churches and our denomination more adequate funds with which to carry on our work.

Our state budget for 1951 calls for a total of \$743,441.67. This is a large budget, but we believe that we can give that much for Cooperative Missions. In order to take care of some emergencies, the Executive Board and the messengers of the churches in the Convention altered the previously proposed budget. We are giving you herewith the budget figures as the Convention approved and adopted them. We are having many encouraging reports and we repeat that we think there has never been a time when our people are more united in giving to this program and budget than they are now. Here is the budget:

1951 Cooperative Missions Budget

Administration	\$ 24,440.00
Arkansas Baptist	6,580.00
W. M. U.	18,800.00
Promotion and Convention	6,460.00
Brotherhood	9,600.00
Depart. of Religious Education	25,825.00
Retirement Plan	20,000.00
Old Debts	28,200.00
Hospital School of Nursing	25,000.00
State Missions	65,800.00
Ouachita College	100,000.00
Orphanage	28,200.00
Ministerial Education	1,690.00
Emergency Reserve	9,400.00
Baptist Foundation	4,200.00
Southern Baptist College	10,000.00
Siloam Springs Assembly	5,170.00

Total \$389,365.00

Southwide causes 259,576.67

Total Budget Subject to Division \$648,941.97

Ouachita College (Special non-recurring) 50,000.00

Central College (Liquidating Agency) 37,000.00

Office Building (Annual Payment) 7,500.00

Total Budget \$743,441.67

(All overage to be divided 50% to Southwide causes; 25% to Ouachita College, and 25% to Southern Baptist College.)

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As the followers of the patient Man of Galilee, we should lay hold on the same spiritual resources which made Him gentle and considerate even in the midst of chaotic outward circumstances." — Edward H. Pruden, **The Teacher.**

November is stewardship month. Has your pastor been preaching on stewardship and tithing? Have you encouraged him to do so? Surely you haven't discouraged it. Sometimes Baptist people are slower to believe and accept their duties as Christians than unsaved sinners are when we preach the gospel to them. To get our people to be good stewards and to bring all the tithes into the storehouse is a difficult task. It takes a lot of earnest praying and much powerful preaching. This is the season of the year in which to do it. We have spent nearly all the year in evangelizing and baptizing. Now we must do some teaching and training and enlisting.

Our office has tracts and helps on stewardship and enlistment. If you need any help, let us know.

What They Are Saying

"I am happy to report that our church at Pleasant Hill in Green County Association has adopted the proposed budget, which includes the amount requested by you for the Cooperative Program."

The Earle Church and Pastor Sullivan say that we can count on Earle to accept the challenge this year for the Cooperative Program and they believe they will do better than they were asked to do.

Woodlawn Church in Little Rock, Pastor Art Jones Jr., says, "We will do more than you asked. At the time we got your letter our Budget Committee was proposing \$600 for the Cooperative Program. We have already mailed in our first month's payment. This is more than three times the amount paid last year."

E. S. Ray is pastor of the church at Yorktown near Star City. They propose to give \$10 per month for the Cooperative Program. They also plan to be self-sustaining and will not ask the State Missions Department for supplement during the coming year. That is progress.

Gone to Heaven

Leon P. Kimmel passed to his reward a few days ago. Brother Kimmel had been pastor at DeValls Bluff for some time, but was preparing to take up the pastorate at Greenfield, Arkansas. He leaves a son, and other relatives. Brother Kimmel was a smooth tempered, sweet spirited preacher. We mourn our loss.

Mrs. S. E. Powell of Crossett also crossed the river a few days ago. Brother Powell is an outstanding preacher and church leader in Ashley County. He is pastor at North Crossett. We extend our sympathies and prayers.

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"I should like to be a more complete Christian in regard to the spirit which dominates my life day by day. We live in a tense world and are forever conscious of a severe emotional strain. Therefore, if we are not careful we shall find ourselves becoming irritable at the slightest provocation and saying things which leave wounds that are not easily healed.

—Edward H. Pruden

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