April 28, 1960

Arkansas Baptist State Convention
Trinity Baptist Church
1603 North Quaker
El Dorado, Arkansas

March 23, 1960

Ralph Douglas
401 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Brother Douglas:

Here is a report on the results of the Forward Program of Church Finance in our church. I thought you might be interested in it.

The Trinity Church put the Program on in January and February. We followed the Guide Book "to the letter."

The church had never before asked the members to make pledges but the people responded wonderfully. The cooperation of the people was almost unbelievable. Here are the facts:

- Church membership at beginning of campaign: 234
- Sunday School Enrollment: 270
- 1959 Budget: $16,804
- 1960 Budget: $24,766 (approximately 50% increase)
- Amount Pledged: $27,382
- Number of pledges: 260
- Number of tithers: 170 (a 300% increase)

The Budget was pledged on Loyalty Sunday morning. Our people prefer to call this Program just the "Forward Program" rather than the "Forward Program of Church Finance," for our whole church was strengthened.

We had additions to the church every Sunday but one during the Campaign. We had as great a church revival as I have ever witnessed. You know it was a success when the Chairmen are already volunteering for next year.

I hope our success will inspire others to try this Program. It certainly is God-sent and blessed.

Sincerely yours,

De Wayne Moore

De Wayne Moore, Pastor


**Rural Church Conference Program Is Announced**

FOUR out-of-state speakers are scheduled as program personalities for the annual Rural Church Conference sponsored by the Department of Missions of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at Spring Lake Assembly, Lon­sdale, June 13-16.

Dr. G. Willis Bennett, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will give a series of lectures on “The Rural Church and Its Pastor,” and will preach at the Tuesday night worship service.

Lavonn Brown, a graduate student at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will lecture on “Preaching.”

Dr. Robert J. Hastings, associate director of Promotion for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, will serve with Dr. Ralph Douglas, associate to the executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in conferences on stewardship.

Dr. John W. Abernathy, of the Foreign Mission Board staff of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak on “Missions,” and will preach one of the sermons scheduled for the meeting.

The conference will begin with supper at 6 p.m. on the opening day and will conclude with a sermon by Dr. Paul Roberts, pastor of 1st Church, Little Rock, at noon on Thursday, Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of the Missions department, has announced.

Others on the program include Dr. B. K. Selph, pastor of 1st Church, Benton, and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, who will lecture on “Baptism,” “The Lord’s Supper,” and “The Holy Spirit.”

Dr. Caldwell and Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will each conduct a round-table discussion related to the rural church and its ministry.

**Counselor’s Corner**

*By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson*  
*Author of the new book, “Sir, I Have A Problem,” at your Baptist Book Store*

**The Past Haunts**

**QUESTION** Many years ago I committed a sin of going with a married man and sometime later we were married. At that time I was young and didn’t seem to realize what I was doing. Now I realize what a sin I was guilty of and have asked for forgiveness many times. I know I would never do such again. I also know God forgives if you are truly sorry for your sins. But why does the past still haunt me? Does this mean God hasn’t forgiven me?

**The Cover**

ARKANSANS of all ages have much for which to be thankful. Not the least of the blessings we enjoy are the good fishing holes to be found in all sections of the state. We do not know who the lads are on the cover this week or where they were fishing when the picture was made, but we will venture to say the boys are kindred spirits with many of our readers.

**ANSWER:** What do you mean by “I was young and didn’t seem to realize just what I was doing”? If you did not know what you were doing there is no sin to ask for forgiveness for. Who are you kidding?

The past probably haunts you because if you were to forget it you might fall into sin again. It serves as a good reminder that sin costs more than it is worth.

Or perhaps you think that forgiveness means forgetting. It does not. It means recognition that a relationship (or fellowship) has been broken by your sin, and you must rebuild it by faith and love (which involves obedience).

If you are serving God now, accept his love knowing that you are and are always will be a sinner. Bear your memories courageously. But do not forget to rejoice in His grace. “Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound” (Rom. 5:20).

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47th St., Kansas City, Missouri)
The Great Threat Of Failure to Think

One reason for little thinking is the pressure that is upon all of us to conform. Many of us, from children up, want to do "what everybody else is doing."

"... be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God?" (Romans 12:2) is largely outmoded in our day.

Some of us will not think because to do so might upset the status quo, and for many of us, that would be the worst thing that could happen.

Honest searching for truth and standing for what is right according to the light God reveals to those of pure motive and sincere seeking might upset some of our long-practiced customs, and, not only that, it might interfere with business.

'As long as a large segment of us will not think, masses are going to be misled by the unscrupulous who promote themselves and the feathering of their own nests through the proclamation of half-truths. And, as someone has said, "The danger of accepting half-truths is that you are likely to get hold of the wrong half."

Many of the "facts" being sown among us in the interest of discrediting people and institutions these days are like the "facts" of old Jim after he had been received and had subsequently been dismissed from church membership.

During the invitation at the close of a revival service, Jim went to the front to offer himself for church membership. He had seen a great light that morning while milking, he told the pastor and the church, and had heard a voice saying, "Go and join the church." So he had taken this to be God dealing with him.

The church was greatly impressed, except Jim's wife. On the way home from the church his wife demanded: "Why did you lie to the church, Jim? You know you were not even near the dairy barn this morning at milking time. You were lying up in bed while I was doing the milking. The only thing you can afford to do is to go before the church and confess that you were lying."

So, the next night, Jim confessed to the church he had lied. The church promptly rescinded its action of the previous night. On the way home—and please notice what the "facts" were according to Jim—Jim told to Mrs. Jim: "It sure is hard for me to understand your church. Last night I told them a lie and they voted to take me in; tonight I told them the truth, and they voted me out!"—ELM

A Good Neighbor

"Mister, would you let us fish in your lake?"

"You mighty right you may fish in my lake!" responded Bill Brown, to the three rather scrawny, teenage boys who stood before him with their fishing tackle. They were from the poor family that lived down the road from the Brown cabin, three of five children in a family which was expecting another baby soon.

Their daddy seemed to want to provide for his family, but he just couldn't find steady work. If he got a job it was likely to be one that soon played out. So the meals were skimp and clothing far from what was needed.

"Looks to me like you fellows need some fishing poles," said Brown, a retired barber, as he saw the short, crooked sprouts the boys had rigged for poles. Going to his supply of long, dry and light fishing cane, Brown drew out one for each of the lads.

"Let's rig these up with some new lines," he continued, reaching into his tackle box for the necessary materials. Soon the boys were jubilantly on their way with fishing lines and poles the like of which they had never before possessed.

"I've got a lot of good fish in my pond," Brown told me, "but I get a bigger kick out of seeing these boys make good catches than I do catching the fish myself. And I know that any they take home will come in mighty handy on their dining table."

Last year the poor family did not even have a garden. They couldn't buy seed. But this year, thanks to neighbor Brown, they do have.

The neighbor (his name is not Brown) is not a church man. But he is setting a good example for a lot of us church people.
Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Baptist Distinctives, II

( Editor’s Note: This is the second and concluding part of a letter from Mrs. X, the first part of which was carried last week.)

I SUPPOSE our next most distinctive doctrine is “close communion.” One scriptural argument for this is: “There were in Jerusalem probably five hundred disciples and eighty-two of them were preachers appointed by himself, and he invited only twelve. His own mother was never to eat another supper with him on earth, and he did not invite her. Are Baptists closer than that? Will you call Jesus ‘narrow,’ and ‘selfish’?”

I would ask, Who constituted the membership of the Church in Jesus’ day? Were the twelve the only members of His Church? Did their baptism differ from the baptism of the seventy or the five hundred? When and how did they become members of the Church?

Was not the “closeness” of the original Lord’s Supper “closer” than local membership when it consisted only of His elders or bishops (appointed preachers)? And how sure are we that the “breaking bread from house to house” was a Supper for the entire local congregation? From these passages, could not one assume that the “breaking of bread” was a Christian observance rather than a local church ordinance?

As I understand it, “close communionists” believe that the Supper must be administered by the local church organization for its local members. Can this be substantiated by our “sole rule”?

Was Paul voted in and out of each church he visited? Must his name have been on the local church roll before he could partake of the Lord’s Supper? Do the Scriptures answer these questions?

They do tell us that the Church is one household of God, fitly framed together and growing into an holy temple in the Lord (Eph. 2:19, 20), one bride (Eph. 5:25), one body (1 Cor. 12:27). How can we say, then, that those who would invite to His table all who are joint-heirs with them in God’s family are putting “sentiment before the authority of the Bible”?

I believe Baptist doctrines for the most part are more Scriptural than those of other denominations, but it seems to me that the “Baptist distinctives” discussed above cannot be proved by Scripture and that our statement that the Bible “is our sole rule of faith and practice” is somewhat presumptuous.

We condemn those who differ from us by statements like this: “Sentiment says sprinkling is more decent than baptism, and we ought therefore, to sprinkle. In like manner sentiment says ‘open communion’ is more liberal than ‘close communion,’ and we ought therefore to practice it. But the Bible condemns both.”

In the light of Romans 14:2-10 ought we so to judge? Couldn’t we more truthfully say, “Those who disagree with us base their beliefs on certain Scriptures,” (and perhaps be prepared to point to some) “but we cannot agree with them because we feel that the preponderance of Scriptural evidence indicates that our view is more correct”?

- Although it is obvious that there are honest differences of opinion among worthy Bible scholars and sincere Christians, I believe that all true Christians, inside Baptist churches and out, want the Bible to be their “rule of faith and practice.”—Mrs. X

REPLY:

If for the sake of argument we concede, as many hold, that the word church is used in the New Testament to mean all believers in Christ (Mt. 16:18, I Cor. 10:32, 12:28; Eph. 1:22f; Col. 1:18, 24), it still is true that church is used, far more frequently, to mean a local organization of believers in Christ, as in these references: Acts 5:11, 8:1, 12:1; 15:22, 18:22; 1 Thess. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1; Rom. 16:5; Col. 4:15.

We have no Scripture which states specifically that Christ set up local church organizations. But the fact that the first Christians did organize local churches makes it clear that this was a part of his plan and direction. In his reference to church in Mt. 18:17, he apparently had local organizations in mind. It would hardly be possible to carry grievances to the church invisible or the church universal.

We say that only God can add to the church. That is true, for only God saves and only God can know the human heart in determining whether or not there is repentance and faith. But there must be organized local bodies for the church to function in the world. Only then can the authority which Christ gives to the church (Mt. 16:18) be applied. We cannot get away from the practical necessity of local churches and denominations. And any organization, by its nature, must be restrictive and to some extent exclusive.

All believers constitute one body in Christ. Each local church has the responsibility of determining, to the best of its ability to know, who of those offering themselves for membership have been added to the kingdom by the Lord and who, therefore, are qualified for membership in the local church. Nobody but God “votes” to add to his church, but it is the responsibility of local churches to vote on those coming for membership in the local church body.

The way this editor sees it, the Lord gave his ordinance to his church, and the practical application must be carried out by local bodies of believers. It is the responsibility of the local church to determine from the teachings of the New Testament how properly to observe the ordinances. Most Baptist churches feel they are being true to the Scripture in restricting both of the ordinances to the local church, or to churches of like faith and order.

You make a good point in what you say about criticizing those of other faiths than our own. Baptists historically have stood for the right and the responsibility of the individual to determine for himself what he will believe or not believe. But we contend earnestly that it matters much whether one believes and what he believes.—ELM
Ouachita Plans for Commencement Day

DR. EUGENE A. Nida, secretary for translations of the American Bible Society, will speak at commencement exercises at Ouachita College at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 22, President Ralph A. Phelps Jr. has announced.

Some 133 seniors are candidates for degrees in the streamlined commencement which will feature the Ouachita Choir instead of a baccalaureate speaker in the 10:30 a.m. services, while the commencement address will be brought at 3 p.m.

Dr. Nida is considered one of the foremost linguists in the United States and specializes in the study of the languages and dialects of primitive peoples, for many of whom no printed part of the Bible has yet appeared.

His work includes field surveys, linguistic research, the checking of manuscripts of new translations, and the writing of books and articles on languages, anthropology, and the science of meaning. He has traveled to more than 60 countries and worked with translators on linguistic problems of more than 35 different languages.

The Ouachita Choir, directed by Dr. James T. Luck, will substitute for a regular baccalaureate speaker for the first time in history.

The choir will present the oratorio, "The Holy City" by A. R. Gaul. It will feature soprano, alto, tenor, and bass solos, with Miss Polly Nation at the piano and Miss Virginia Queen at the organ.

A reunion of the class of 1960 will be held at Cedric's Cafeteria in Arkadelphia Saturday, May 21.

Dr. John McClanahan, pastor of 1st Church, Hope, was president of the class. He is being assisted in organizing plans for the reunion by Rev. Pete Church, pastor of 1st Church, Clarksville, and Rev. Emil Williams, pastor of 1st Church, Russellville.

A luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22, in Birkett Williams Dining Hall for the Ouachita Ex-Students Association and friends of the college. Dr. Walter O'Neal, president of the association and a physician from Little Rock, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Ordinations

GENOA CHURCH ordained Jerry Powers, their new pastor, to the ministry in a service April 19. M. T. McGregor served as moderator; Rev. Sidney Peterson, pastor at Bronway Heights, Texarkana, asked the questions; V. S. Lummus, deacon of Macedonia Number 2, led the ordination prayer; Rev. J. M. Strangrner, pastor, Immanuel, Texarkana, preached the ordination sermon; and A. A. Powers, father of Jerry Powers and a deacon in Shreveport, gave the benediction. Rev. Leo Hughes, pastor at Trinity, served as clerk.

PULASKI Association Seminary Extension Center has 34 enrolled, including nine ministers, two people from Conway and one from Pine Bluff. The Center meets in the Educational Building of 2nd Church, Little Rock, each Monday night.

OUACHITA College Chorale, directed by Miss Helen Lyon, will present the morning worship service at Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, May 1.

Included on the program will be a solo by Becky Kersh, solo parts by Patsy Ross and Glenda Roberson, duets by Joy Taylor and Glenda Roberson, and a sextette composed of Miss Taylor, Miss Kersh, Linda Sanders, Geraldine Trussell, Margaret Bray, and Glenda Roberson. The major portion of the program will be sacred numbers by the ensemble.

The Chorale will perform for the Naval Reserve Unit in Little Rock on May 17.

Setliffe at Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith

Dr. Andrew Setliffe assumed his duties as minister of education of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, April 16.

Dr. Setliffe comes to Fort Smith from the Central Church of Waycross, Ga., where he was minister of education for two and a half years. Prior to that he served in the same capacity at the 1st Church, Cleburne, Tex., and Parkside Church, Denison, Tex.

He is a 1950 graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex. He also holds the Master of Religious Education and Doctor of Religious Education degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Setliffe spent three and a half years in the armed services during World War II, serving two years in Europe. He was with the 103rd Infantry Division.

Dr. and Mrs. Setliffe are both natives of Reidsville, N. C. They have three daughters, Jean, nine; Marianne, six; and Andrea, five.
Revival Reports

REV. BILL H. Lewis of South Charleston, W. Va., was the evangelist for a recent revival at 1st Church, Piggott. Herbert "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, was the song leader. There were 54 professions of faith and six by letter and statement. Rev. E. Clay Polk is pastor.

WOODSON Church recently had Rev. Marion Grubbs, pastor of East End Church, Pulaski Association, as evangelist for a revival. Rev. E. D. Havner is pastor. After the revival, the church organized a new young people's Training Union department.

REV. WILLIAM West, pastor of 2nd Church, Conway, was the evangelist for a recent revival at Levy Church, North Little Rock. Robert Hall, music director at Levy, led the music. There were 17 by baptism, eight by letter, three by statement and several rededications. Rev. Minor E. Cole is pastor.

Rev. John Eason, pastor of Palestine Church, Quitman, was the evangelist for a recent revival at New Bethel Church, Jackson, Mo. There were six professions of faith, several rededications, and there were 22 homes dedicated to the Lord on family night. Rev. Thomas Bray is pastor.

REV. WALTER K. Ayers, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church in Conway, held a revival at the Live Oak Church in Gatesville, Tex. There were 10 professions of faith and 10 by letter.

1ST CHURCH, Hope, recently completed a revival with Rev. Harold Bennett, formerly pastor of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, and now with the Sunday School Board as superintendent of new work, as evangelist. There were 40 additions to the church, with 25 of them coming for baptism. Rev. John McClanahan is pastor and Gilbert Thomas is education director. During the closing days of the revival, Miller Mikell of the audio visual aids department of the Sunday School Board presented a series of "lighted chalk-talks."

E. A. RICHMOND, chaplain at the Arkansas Boys Industrial School, was the evangelist for a recent revival at Belmont Church, Ashland, Ky. There were 31 additions to the church, 26 by baptism and 5 by letter. Rev. Gordon C. Duncan is pastor.

JIM LEWIS has resigned as pastor of New Hope Church, Jonesboro, to attend Midwestern Seminary.

Correction

WE ARE sorry that some of the facts and figures in our story last week about Burnsville Church got scrambled. The additions to the church since the Rev. O. N. Weakner became pastor, last November, total three—one by baptism and two by letter. Rev. J. B. Nobles preached the sermon and gave the charge and Evert Bean led the prayer.

His Way... Mine. Youth Week Theme

"HIS WAY ... Mine" was the theme of Youth Week at the 1st Church, Conway, April 3-10. Approximately 120 places of leadership were filled by 98 intermediates and Young People, according to Robert Holley, educational director. Stephen McAlister, a student at Arkansas State Teachers College, served as youth Week pastor. Bernie Sanders was educational director, and Betty-Fraser was music director.

Twenty five young people attended a retreat at Petit Jean State Park on Friday night and Saturday of Youth Week. Dr. Tom Logue, secretary of the Baptist Student Department, spoke on the subject, "His Way Mine on The College Campus," and led a Bible discussion.

Charles Wright, a music student from Ouachita College, directed the music for the retreat. Pastor J. H. Street led the service concluding the retreat.
Cowling to Crossett
JESSE D. (Jack) Cowling is the new minister of Education and Music at the 1st Church, Crossett. He and Mrs. Cowling and their son moved to Crossett last week. They came from the 1st Church, Springdale.

Mr. Cowling is a native of Mineral Springs. His wife is the former Kittie Ruth Davis, from Batesville.

Mr. Cowling is a graduate of Southern State College, Magnolia, and he received his master-of-religious-education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

New Budgets
MACEDONIA Church, Bartholomew Association, has voted to place the Arkansas Baptist in their church budget after receiving the one month free trial offer. Rev. Henry Busch is pastor.

NEW HOPE Church, Delta Association, included the Arkansas Baptist in their church budget after receiving the one month free trial offer. Rev. M. H. Howie is pastor. Mrs. Gilmer Whittington is treasurer.

PLEASANT VIEW Church, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, has accepted the one month free trial offer of the Arkansas Baptist. Rev. Lloyd M. Wade is pastor.

DEER Church, in Newton County Association, has included the Arkansas Baptist in the church budget. Rev. Guy F. Merriman is pastor.

T. F. CUPPLES, pastor of Mountain View Church, Pulaski Association, informs us that his church

OUACHITA ADOPTS
RECORD BUDGET

BOARD of Trustees of Ouachita College adopted a record-setting budget of $1,063,835 in its quarterly meeting Thursday, April 14. Principal item of increase was for faculty salaries.

The board also elected faculty and staff, with all present administrative officers re-elected. Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., was re-elected for his eighth term as president.

Sabbatical leaves were granted to Miss Betty Orr, head of the secretarial science department, and to Bill Vining, head of the physical education department, so that they can complete their doctorates. Leave was also granted to Eddie Kajihiro of the biology department to finish his doctorate.

The trustees voted to confer honorary doctorates at the May commencement on the Rev. Robert L. Smith, pastor of the 1st Church, Pine Bluff, and Birkett L. Williams, business man and philanthropist from Cleveland, Ohio. Smith will receive a doctor-of-divinity degree, while Williams will receive a doctor-of-laws.

Williams' class will be celebrating its 50th anniversary since graduation. Currently president of the Automobile Dealers Association of America, Williams has given more than $100,000 to Ouachita and the dining hall built a year ago was named in his honor.

Other action taken by the board included the employment of a professional appraiser to re-evaluate the college's property, raising the faculty salary ceiling, clarification of the college's retirement policy, authorization of a new hospitalization policy with broader benefits to the faculty, and adoption of the final report on the Riley Library addition. The group toured the new library facilities after the meeting.

LICENSES YOUTH

BETHEL CHURCH, Little Rock, has licensed James Arnold Bolding to preach.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bolding, Jr., Jim directs the music program of the church and supplies the pulpit on occasions. He is active in state Royal Ambassador work and is the assistant ambassador-in-chief of the state.

Jim will graduate from Central High School, Little Rock, this spring, and plans to attend Ouachita College beginning in September. Rev. Harold Taylor is pastor of the church.

has included the Arkansas Baptist in the budget after receiving our one month free trial offer.

NUTTS Chapel Church, Greene County Association, has included the Arkansas Baptist in their budget after receiving the free trial offer. Rev. James Moore is pastor.

FIRST Church, Mountainburg, in Clear Creek Association, has voted to include the Arkansas Baptist in their budget. Rev. Douglas Jones is pastor.

SPECIAL dedication services were conducted Easter Sunday at Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, for a set of chimes and aisle carpets which were given in memory of E. H. Bost, Sr., by Anne Picard Bost and E. H. Bost, Jr.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST
"DEDICATED To What?" was the theme for the annual Youth Convention of the Training Union department at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, April 15. Dr. Charles Wellborn, pastor of 7th and James Church, Waco, Tex., was the featured speaker. A total of 1,227 registered.

Dr. Wellborn spoke on "Areas of Dedication," "Cost of Dedication," and "Blessings of Dedication." He pointed out that God has a plan for every human life, and that outside that plan there can be no lasting peace, satisfaction or achievement. He also said that the will of God for a life could be defeated by the individual but that His will could be found. Dr. Wellborn said the cost of dedication, in simplest terms, "is everything you have."

Jack McKay, Gosnell Church, Mississippi County Association, was the first place winner in the sword drill. He will represent the state at Ridgecrest this summer. The second place winner was Harold Womack, Dallas Avenue Church, Mena. He will go to Glorieta as Arkansas' representative.

The winner of the speakers' tournament in the 17-18-year group was Claudette Owen, South Side Church, Pine Bluff. She will go to Ridgecrest to represent Arkansas. George Amos, Immanuel Church, Fayetteville, was the winner in the 19-24 group. He will attend the Glorieta assembly.

REV. PAUL McCray, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, recently conducted an 8-day meeting with the Glenstone Church, Springfield, Mo., resulting in 25 additions to the church, 16 by baptism and 9 by letter. Rev. B. H. Eustis is the pastor of the Glenstone Church.

JIM KINCAID has resigned as pastor of Bethabara Church, Mt. Zion Association, to move to Michigan.
Extend Yourself

WE SHARE with you ideas from the pen of Mrs. Will S. McCraw, Superintendent, Extension Work, Baptist Sunday School Board.

So many enthusiastic reports have been received from the churches that have had a One-Day Visitaton on Extension Day that we are urging all churches to try the plan this year. Extension Day will come June 5. Now is the time to begin making definite plans for this occasion. This should be a church affair, planned and executed by the Extension workers with the help of the pastor and Sunday School superintendent. Deacons and their wives should participate along with other interested church members.

Some pastors preach on the theme, "Lifting Through Love." Some sermons have included how the Extension department helps the pastor with his tremendous task of visitation, soul-winning, discovering prospects, and ministering to the needs of whole families.

The Extension department can become a financial asset to the church, but its greatest concern is the spiritual ministry of Bible study bringing joy and peace to those who cannot come to the Sunday services.

On this special day Extension department workers could be seated together in the morning worship service. A special prayer of dedication for the work and workers would greatly encourage their work.

For the afternoon visitation it is suggested that lunch be served for all who plan to visit. Prepared assignments should be given out at the lunch with a deacon and his wife assigned to go with each visitor. A scripture passage might be suggested from the pastor for the deacons to read to those visited. A gift of flowers, fruit or candy will add to the pleasure of those visited.

The one-day visitation should be fully reported to the pastor, Sunday School and Church. Such an effort will bring joy to your Extension members and focus the attention of the entire membership on your Extension department.

Do it, you'll be glad you did.—Lawson Hatfield.

SPEAKERS at the Southern Baptist Student Retreat June 9-15, at Ridgecrest, N. C., include, left to right: Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; W. Ramsey Pollard, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Daniel R. Grant, associate professor of political science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Arabella Heights

Observes Youth Week

YOUNG PEOPLE of the Arabella Heights Church observed Youth Week recently. Rev. L. B. Jordan is pastor and Elgia Green, choir director.

For the morning service, Drew Avance was Sunday School superintendent; Bennie Lee, Sunday School secretary; and those teaching classes were: Gary Akin, Janice Eades, Jane Avance, Jean Beasley, Carolyn Hopkins, Hope Pitchford, Mae Gilbreath, Mitchell Pickard, Carolyn Pickard, Judy Works, Jean Higginbotham, and Martha Works. Intermediate secretary was Billy Pickard.

Ellis Eades was the speaker for the morning worship service.

In the afternoon, the church had dinner on the ground and a song service, also sponsored and conducted by the young people.

For the evening service, Gary Akin was Training Union director, Carolyn Hopkins was Training Union secretary and Dale Gilbreath was speaker for the worship service.

Mae Gilbreath conducted the midweek prayer service.

Judy Avance led the song services, accompanied at the piano by Bennie Lee. The choir presented special music, featuring Carolyn Pickard as soloist and a duet by L. B. Jordan and Neita Avance.
TWO TRAINING UNION ASSEMBLIES
JULY 4-9 SILOAM SPRINGS JULY 11-16

"Theme: "God Is Working His Purpose Out"

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
First week—July 4-9 for everybody from the western part of the state: Northwest, Southwest, West Central, and North Central districts.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Second week—July 11-16 for everybody from the eastern part of the state: Northeast, Southeast, East Central, and Central districts.

TIME
Each assembly begins on Monday night and closes on Saturday at noon. First meal will be served Monday night, and last meal will be served Saturday noon.

MUSIC
LeRoy McClard will direct the music. Sidney C. Reber, outstanding member of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, will be the featured soloist.

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS
Dr. Stanley Wilkes, Pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, will be Bible hour speaker each morning, using the book of Romans. He will conduct a conference for adults each morning, using the book of Hebrews. Dr. C. E. Autrey, Director of Division of Evangelism, Dallas, Texas, will be the night speaker for the first week. Dr. W. Marshall Craig, Dallas, Texas, will be the speaker for the second week.

RECREATION AT ITS BEST
Mrs. W. S. Gilmer, Atlanta, Georgia, assisted by Rhine McMurry, Lewisville, will lead in a directed program of recreation that will include swimming, softball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, horse shoes, table tennis, chess, checkers, Chinese checkers, dominoes, croquet, stunt night, talent parade, etc. Miss Lola Mae Whelchel will have charge of arts and crafts.

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 Get up!
7:30 Breakfast
8:10 Bible Hour—Dr. Wilkes
8:55 Training Union Workshop
10:25 Recess
10:45 Personal Interest Groups:
  Juniors—"My Bible Answers This For Me"
  Intermediates—"I Am A Baptist And I Believe"
  Young People—"Are Christians Different?"
  Adults—Book of Hebrews with Dr. Wilkes
11:40 Tabernacle Service
12:15 Lunch
12:45-1:45 Choir
1:00-5:15 Recreation, Mrs. W. S. Gilmer, Rhine McMurry, and others.
6:00 Supper
6:45 Counselors’ Meeting
6:45-7:30 Fellowship Hour in Tabernacle
7:30 Evening Service
9:00 Film
9:30 Snack Shack
10:00 Campus Clear
10:30 Lights Out

April 28, 1960
**Deaths**

MRS. LAURIE Smith Williams, 74, emeritus Southern Baptist foreign missionary and wife of Dr. J. T. Williams, died April 1 in Lake-land, Fla., where she and her husband were residing. She did educational and evangelistic work in China for 39 years and had been retired since 1952. She was a native of Ivey, Ga.

HERBERT HAMPTON Topp, who went to the Baptist Rescue Home in New Orleans, La., seeking help and stayed to serve for 31 years as secretary-bookkeeper, died recently. The home had been operating for only two years when Topp, a native of Shannin, Miss., went there in 1929. He could read several languages, including French, Italian, Spanish, and Latin and was a highly qualified secretary, reports Melvis Brantley, superintendent of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board’s mission centers.

**Free Lancers**

THE Baptist Writers’ Association is being formed by a group of Baptist journalists not employed in full-time, church-related editorial service. The Steering committee members are David E. Mason, pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Jonesboro, La.; Mrs. Marjorie Moore Armstrong, Springfield, Mo.; and O. K. Armstrong, editor of the Reader’s Digest staff; and R. Loften Hudson, Kansas City, Mo., who has a private counseling office. Requirement for membership includes publication of a book “by a reputable publisher on a speculative basis” or three published articles for which the writer received payment.

**Films**

A FILMSTRIP, “Music in the Departments,” will be released by Broadman Films, Nashville, Tenn., June 1, the Sunday School Board has announced. The 50-frame, black-and-white filmstrip pertains to the music ministry in Sunday School and Training Union depart­ments, clinics and workshops. It is reported to show the responsibility of departmental leaders and physical requirements for departmental facilities.

**Press**

AT LEAST 24 editors of Baptist publications around the world have made advance reservations for space at press tables during the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, reports Baptist World Alliance headquarters, in Washington, D. C.

Southern Baptist editors among the number include: Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., The Maryland Baptist; Horace F. Burns, Baptist New Mexican; James Cole, Baptist Message (Louisiana); Arthur L. Farrell, The Michigan Baptist; J. Marse Grant, Biblical Recorder (North Carolina); John J. Hurt, Jr., The Christian Index (Georgia); L. H. Moore, The Illinois Baptist; Richard N. Owen, Baptist and Reflector (Tennessee); James M. Sapp, Brotherhood Journal; W. G. Stracener, Florida Baptist Witness; James Duncan, The Capital Baptist (Washington, D.C.); and W. C. Fields, The Baptist Program.

A MAJOR responsibility for the intensity of the “religious issue” in the current political campaign was laid at the feet of the public press by Senator John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) in a speech in Washington, D.C., April 21.

Speaking before the 1960 convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Kennedy, a Roman Catholic and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, charged that the press had magnified a minor question into a major issue.

Following his speech, opportunity was given to the 500 to 600 editors from newspapers throughout the nation to ask questions. A deadly silence ensued, not a single question being asked. Some interpreted this as meaning that Kennedy had effectively answered all the perti-

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**Schedule**

**Southern Baptist Convention Week**

Miami Beach, Fla., May 14-19

**S A T U R D A Y , M A Y 1 4**

7:30 P.M., Pre-Convention WMU Board, Roney Plaza

**M O N D A Y , M A Y 1 6**

9 A.M., Opening Session, Pastors’ Conference, Exhibition Hall

9:30 A.M., Opening Session, WMU Annual Meeting, Miami Beach Auditorium

10 A.M. to 12 Noon, Church Music Conference, Executive Council, Riverside Baptist Church

2 P.M., Brotherhood Leadership Meeting for State and Convention Workers, Nautilus Hotel

2 P.M., Opening Session Religious Education Association, Miami Beach Community Church

5 P.M., Committee on Boards (Dinner Meeting), Saxony Hotel

7 P.M., Central Committee Meeting of Radio-TV Commission, Sax­ony Hotel

**T U E S D A Y , M A Y 1 7**

7 A.M., Brotherhood Leadership Breakfast for State and Convention Workers, Nautilus Hotel

7:30 A.M., State Paper Editors, Breakfast, Saxony Hotel

9 A.M., Executive Committee Meeting, Veranda Room, Saxony Hotel

9:30 A.M., Relief and Annuity Field Men’s Seminar and Luncheon, Delano Hotel

12:30 P.M., Association of Baptist Foundation Executives Luncheon, Shelborne Hotel

4:30 P.M., Southern Seminary Alumni Association, Executive Committee and Presidents of State Alumni Association Dinner, Shore Club Hotel

6 P.M., Christian Life Commission Dinner, Tickets, $2.75

6:30 P.M., Opening Session SBC Convention, Exhibition Hall
**Changes**

EFFECTIVE next September, Dr. A. Donald Bell, presently director of graduate studies at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will become vice president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.

**TRANSFER** of E. Dale Brister from the staff of the State Baptist Foundation to the position of business administrative assistant to the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California has been announced by the convention's board.

SUPERINTENDENT of Home Mission Board work in Panama is the new title for L. D. Wood, Dallas, Tex., who has been serving the Home Board as co-ordinator of language missions in Texas. He succeeds R. G. Van Royen, who has led in the development of Southern Baptist missions in the area for the past ten years. Van Royen now becomes a field worker with language groups in the United States.

**Assemblies**

"KEEP the New Life Growing" is the theme for three Southern Baptist Training Union leadership assemblies which will open the 1960 summer conference program at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly. Set for June 9-15, 16-22, and 23-29, the three weeks will be directed by the Training Union department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., Philip B. Harris, secretary.

A COURSE in Camp Counseling will be offered again this year by Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., at the opening of the summer season at the two sports camps at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly. This is the fourth consecutive year the college has offered the course.

Set for May 29-June 7, the pre-camp counselors' training program is especially designed for students who are now enrolled at Carson-Newman College but who plan to work on the staff at either Camp Ridgecrest for Boys or Camp Crestridge for Girls. The course will be open to others who are interested. A maximum of three hours' college credit will be granted to those who attend the course and complete the assignments.

**Positive Prayer**

CONSECUTIVE entries in the bulletin for Travis Avenue Church in Ft. Worth, Tex., one Sunday recently attracted more than passing attention of the congregation. The pastor's sermon topic was: "Jesus, Grant Me This, I Pray." The pastor's sermon topic: "Money! Money! Money!"
Total of 1,407 Missionaries Now Under Appointment

By Ione Gray

MEETING in semiannual full session April 12-13, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 17 missionaries, pushing the total active missionary staff to 1,407;

Elected Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, of Austin, Tex., assistant secretary for missionary personnel;

Enlarged on an earlier action encouraging the establishment of English-speaking Baptist churches overseas;

Took further steps for adjustment of the Baptist work in Hawaii to a normal statehood pattern, a program begun in 1958 calling for termination of formal Board responsibility there at the end of 1960;

And adopted recommendations which will strengthen established work and continue surveys leading to the opening of new stations and perhaps the entering of additional countries.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, announced that the 1959 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, though still not complete, has reached $7,571,684.58, already $809,235.95 more than the grand total for 1958. “This Offering reinforces, undergirds, stimulates, and encourages everything we do,” he said.

He called attention to the more than 400,000,000 Moslems of the world, saying that the witness of Southern Baptists among them is only a beginning.

“And who can miss the challenge of Africa in this day?” he continued. “The map of Africa must be rewritten from the standpoint of Southern Baptist missions.

“In addition to entering new areas of work we must strengthen that already begun by putting forth every effort in leadership training and church development. Only as we look at and measure the local churches around the world do we really see the work of missions.”

Dr. Cauthen said the evangelistic campaigns conducted by Billy Graham around the world have shown that the door stands open for large-scale evangelism and that Southern Baptists must answer the call of the Lord for greater daring in this realm.

Dr. Cauthen read a telegram from Dr. Graham, member of the Board, expressing regret at not being able to attend the semiannual meeting. “I am deeply grateful for the fellowship of Baptist missionaries throughout the African tour,” he said. “I am convinced Southern Baptists have the greatest indigenous missionary work I have ever witnessed anywhere in the world. I am honored and humbled to be a member of this Board.”

Executives to Make Expansion Surveys

Dr. Cauthen and Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, will go to Africa in July, continuing a survey of expansion possibilities they began last year. In the past nine months Southern Baptist missionaries have entered three ad-

ditional countries of Africa — Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, and Guinea.

On recommendation of its committee for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, the Board voted to strengthen the nucleus in Guinea by transferring Rev. and Mrs. Thomas O. High from Nigeria.

The Board also asked Dr. Cauthen and Latin-American Secretary Frank K. Means to make a tour of the Caribbean area with a view to possible recommendations relative to future work in that section.

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, left immediately after the Board meeting to attend to special mission business in several countries of Asia. In June Dr. Crawley will take his family to Hong Kong where he will set up headquarters for a year in order to be more closely associated with the Orient fields.

Staff Prepares for Missionary Increase

The missionary appointment service, held at 1st Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., was witnessed by 1,600 people. The missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are:

- Robert E. Baker and Barbara Sewell Baker, both of Tennessee, appointed for South Brazil;
- H. Dean Duke, Missouri, and Barbara Jane Cordray Duke, Georgia, for Spanish-speaking Latin America;
- William H. Gray, Jr., and Nadine Sikes Gray, both of Texas, for Mexico;
- Delilah Jones, Illinois, for Nigeria;
- Lewis I. Myers, Jr., and Antoinette Alexander Myers, both of Mississippi, for Vietnam;
- Ernest C. Pippin, Virginia, and Martha Smith Pippin, Tennessee, for Argentina;
- Ebbie C. Smith, Texas, and Donna Rodman Smith, Oklahoma, for Indonesia;
- Charles W. Wiggs and Bonnie Johnson Wiggs, both of North Carolina, for Korea;
- and Harlan L. Willis and Joe Hester Willis, both of Texas, for Thailand.

“Fourteen years ago there were 519 missionaries under appointment for 17 countries,” Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, told the Board, “whereas today there are 1,407 missionaries for 44 countries. The Foreign Mission Board has sent out more missionaries since 1946 than it did in the entire first century of its life.”

Attention: Travelers to Rio

Southern Baptist Missions in Latin-American countries are preparing to receive a record influx of visitors traveling to and from Rio de Janeiro, reports Dr. Means. “They are finding it very difficult to do definite planning where they do not know how many guests to expect,” he says.

“Leaders of tours should be sure the missionaries know when they will arrive at each mission station, the number in each party, and the scheduled departure time.”

ARKANSAS BAPTIST
MISS DOTSON

Missionary Guest

LOLETA DOTSON, missionary nurse in Nigeria, is accompanying Mary Huisen, state WMU youth director, in visitation of Young Woman's Auxiliaries on college campuses. They will be at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia; Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway; Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Little Rock; University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; and Arkansas Tech, Russellville.

In addition to speaking to YWA organizations, Miss Dotson will also speak at vespers and other types of services on the campuses. Miss Hutson will conduct methods conferences with YWA officers.

Miss Dotson is the daughter of Rev. Clyde Dotson and the late Mrs. Dotson, pioneer missionaries who established Southern Baptist mission work in Southern Rhodesia. With no thought except to return "home," she experienced an unusual and thrilling call to serve as nurse in Nigeria, and was appointed in 1956. During her furlough she is making her home in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

It's Not Too Late!

Very unusual and inclement weather prevailed across the nation during March 7-11, the suggested time for the all-important Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Many meetings were cancelled. Others were poorly attended.

So great is the need of concerted prayer for the ever increasing work directed by the Home Mission Board in every state in the Union, and so necessary is the Annie Armstrong offering for support, every organization is urged to select another time, even yet, and observe the Week of Prayer, then to glean well for the offering which should be designated and remitted to Dr. S. A. Whitlow, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock.

The offering goal is 12 per cent increase over 1959, which totaled $56,172 in Arkansas and was an 18 per cent increase over 1958. This represented a $1.08 gift per WMU member or a 15 cent gift per church member in our state for evangelization of the nation! Consistent prayer and increased gifts are necessary.—Nancy Cooper, Secretary.

Race Relations

Pulaski Council

AT THE organizational meeting of the Pulaski County Literacy Council we made the following statement:

"In our literacy program, we want it understood that we are not trying to make the headlines or seeking publicity. We are trying to do a job. We are trying to meet a critical need in the lives of many people, and we are trying to do it as a Christian service in the spirit of Christ. There are many adults in our state who need help in learning to read and write. "The members of the Pulaski County Literacy Council have had special training in teaching the Laubach system, and we are willing to give our help free to those who need it.

"We believe the best way to combat adult functional illiteracy is through inter-racial cooperation."

"Our Pulaski County Literacy Council is organized on that basis, with Unit A composed of trained Negro teachers and Unit B composed of trained white teachers and the officers of Unit A and Unit B making up the Executive Board of the Pulaski County Literacy Council.

"The press, television, and radio can make a definite contribution to this campaign against illiteracy by helping to bring together those who need this service and these dedicated Christian teachers who are able and willing to help them overcome this handicap, as a free service."

Our emphasis for the next few weeks will be in Vacation Bible School clinics and promoting the summer camps for Negro Baptist boys and girls.—Clyde Hart, Director.

UNION HILL Church ordained Marvin Huit and Martin Johnson as deacons recently. Rev. Don Williams preached the ordination sermon; Lonzo Vickers served as clerk; Rev. Desmon E. Castleberry was moderator; and Rev. Joe Warbington led the questioning.

The church has also included the Arkansas Baptist in the budget after the one month free trial. Mr. Castleberry is pastor.

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State Convention

THE STATE Brotherhood Convention will be held on May 6-7, at Calvary Church in Little Rock.

There will be three sessions of the Convention. The first session will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6. The second session will be a joint meeting with the State Royal Ambassador Congress which will also be meeting at Calvary Church. The Friday evening program is being planned to be of interest to men as well as boys. The inspirational speaker will be John Farmer, Brotherhood secretary for the state of South Carolina. There will be many other features on the program of vital importance to all Brotherhood men.

The Saturday morning session of the Convention will include a workshop type program, the election of officers, and an inspirational message.

The program for the State Royal Ambassador Congress is almost completed. The congres will be held at Calvary Church on May 6-7.

Registration will begin at 2:30 on Friday, May 6. The first session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and close at 4:45. There will be a period of get acquainted and a film presentation at the afternoon session.

The evening session will begin at 6:45 with a program of organ music. This will be a joint session with the State Brotherhood Convention. The program will include good singing, special music, and a special feature of ventriloquism by Barry Morris of St. Louis, Mo. Barry is a student at Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Mo. He is an outstanding Christian young man and will be a blessing to all who hear him. There will be a presentation of mission work in Alaska with color pictures by Harold Anderson who spent some time in Alaska last summer speaking in churches there.

The Saturday morning program will be given over to clinics, dem-

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The Bookshelf


The selections included in this book were compiled originally for the use of students of the Russian Institute at Columbia University. They throw light on the motives of Soviet policymakers of the Stalin era and deal with trends of Soviet development, domestic as well as foreign. A variety of views, not always in agreement, are expressed. Due to the fact that Soviet analyses are “uncritically unanimous in their apologia for Soviet performance,” none of these are included.


Dr. Murray is professor of Systematic Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. Since this is another volume in The New International Commentary on the New Testament, designed for use by students who are not familiar with the original languages of the Scripture, the author has refrained from the use of Greek and Hebrew terms in the text of the commentary. These are included in footnotes and appendices.

Dealing as it does with one of the most profound of the Pauline epistles, this scholarly work adds another valuable tool to prospectors for the golden nuggets of God’s truth. A second volume will cover Romans chapter nine to the close of the epistle.


“What book, or books, will help me acquire a better understanding of the Bible?”

This book by a member of the faculty of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., is an attempt to answer this question. It is, for the most part, a reprint of materials published by Moody Monthly in its department edited by Dr. Smith, “In the Study,” over the past several years.

The author has drawn upon his personal experiences and his library of approximately 25,000 volumes, in producing this excellent guide to the study of the Book.


The author presents a message on each of the many titles and symbols used by Scripture in referring to Christ. All titles and symbols, together with their accompanying articles, are alphabetically listed for ready reference and convenient use.

Baptist Crosscurrents

The Size Of A Church

One sometimes hears discussions of the size of churches, based on the assumption that churches may become too large for the best and most effective service. This always brings up the fact that churches are to be measured by other factors besides numbers of members, size of budgets, buildings, etc. Evidently there can be no final and generally applicable answer to the question of how large a church (in number of members) should be. A church should be as large as necessary to enlist and serve adequately all the people for whom it is responsible, and that means that some small churches are more nearly adequate than are some larger ones, and vice versa.

There is at least the possibility that some churches tend to see too much virtue in size and to include in their membership people who could be served better in other churches. There is wisdom in considering the advisability of forming other churches rather than continuing to build up the membership of large churches, lest the church become too large for effective service.

On the other hand, there is no special credit to be given to a church merely because it is small. A church could be too small for effective service. Also some small churches might be growing much faster than they are doing if they were actually serving all the people for whom they are responsible. For a church to cease to grow within the possibilities of its field of service will soon result in its becoming too small.

Whether a church has many members or few, the aim should be for the church to be large in its spiritual power, its evangelistic zeal, its missionary vision, and its effective enlistment of people in stewardship and service. Churches that are large according to such measurements are generally neither too large nor too small in the number of members.—Editor S. H. Jones, in The Baptist Courier (S. C.)

This Paper and Political Candidates

Recent requests for political advertising and for announcement and endorsement of candidates for office to be carried in this paper indicate a need for more general knowledge of the fact that more than ten years ago the Florida Baptist Witness Commission established a policy which was announced to our readers that the Florida Baptist Witness would no longer publish such items. The response of Florida Baptists, both by mail and at the meeting of the next State Baptist Convention, was overwhelmingly favorable to the announcement.

In keeping with this policy, your Florida Baptist Witness will not be carrying political advertising for any candidate. Neither will we be running announcement of the candidacy of, nor will the paper be endorsing any political candidate.

Among candidates for political office on both state and local levels are many Baptists. When thoughtfully considered on the basis of record, character and ability to handle the offices sought, some of these will be found the best in the race. Others, not so well qualified, we could not conscientiously endorse even if the policy of the paper encouraged the making of endorsements. We feel confident that our readers can readily see the wisdom of the Witness Commission’s policy in this regard, and that to engage in such advertising, announcement or endorsement would be much more likely to hinder than to help our larger continuous Kingdom service among all of our Baptist constituency.—Editor W. G. Stracener, in Florida Baptist Witness.
DO YOU ever wonder how the pretty flowers in the garden got their names? Since early Bible days, flowers have been mentioned, and they have been written about in hundreds of languages. They have been given their names from many countries, too.

The plants and blossoms got their names long, long ago. A great number were named from just what they looked like.

The lovely aster has a starry-shaped blossom of pink, white, or purple. The Latin word for “star” is aster, and so it was called just that.

The common dandelion was named by a French poet, who thought the sharp leaves looked like a lion’s tooth. He named it dent de lion, which means “the tooth of a lion.”

The tall, stately gladiolus was named by the Romans. The spikes of the flowers and the long, pointed leaves looked like the gladius or sword which the gladiators of olden days carried.

The sweet-smelling lilac was named for its color, blue. The Persian word nilak means bluish. Later the flower was called laylak and then was changed to “lilac.”

The bright flower with the long name of nasturtium was nick-named “nose twister” because of its strong smell. Two Latin words which mean “nose” and “to twist” were used together and the flower called “nasturtium.”

The soft, pretty pansy was so named because of its thoughtful little face. The French word for “thought” is pensee, which turned easily into our word “pansy.”

The smooth, velvety tulip received this name because it looks like a head turban. The Turkish word for “turban” is tulipan. It finally lost the last two letters, and in our language became “tulip.”

When you plant flower seed or help around the garden, you can think how long ago the flowers got their names. It might be fun to look at the different blossoms and see if you agree with some of the reasons for their being named as they are.

**BIBLE LABYRINTH**

By Reuben S. DeLong  
(Illustration No. 4, Puzzle)

The letters in this puzzle spell out a well-known Bible verse.

**ANSWER**

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**A Smile or Two**

ONE OF the country’s best-known TV personalities found himself stranded temporarily in a malfunctioning elevator with a recent immigrant from Lebanon. While awaiting certain rescue, the Lebanese attempted to make conversation.

“Your name, please?” he asked.

The TV star told him, with little restraint of pride. There was a long pause and then the gentleman from Lebanon put his next query:

“What business are you in, please?”

“Television!”

Several minutes elapsed while the Lebanese pondered this development. Then he suddenly spoke up cheerfully:

“Wholesale or retail?”

A CALIFORNIA businessman, just back from exploring the possible opportunities in Alaska, was giving a friend a glowing account of the new state’s tourist and vacation attractions, especially the winter sports like skiing, skating, and hunting.

“Sounds fine,” said the friend, “but what do they do up there in summer?”

“Oh,” replied the returned traveler, “they go swimming that day.”

**Church Chuckles**

by CAI WRIGHT

“Thank thee for the same old frozen TV Dinners we have every blessed night!”

Giving thanks to God simply is a matter of ‘form’ or of ‘duty’ is a waste of time. Unless our gratitude is expressed in a spirit of true thankfulness, it is a false gesture unacceptable to Him. We should give thanks with our hearts, not just with words.
Sunday School Lesson

The Pure In Heart

By Rheubin L. South, Pastor
Park Hill Church, No. Little Rock
May 1, 1960

Matthew 5:8

SINCE our lesson is based upon one of the Beatitudes we must understand the key words of this saying of our Lord. The meaning of many of the words is obvious. The two key words are "pure" and "heart." Actually the meaning of the two is inextricably tied together. For this "purity" is in the "heart." It is the seat of thought, desire and motive. Blessed are the "pure." In the particular reference used as a foundation of the Christian home the interpretation has to do with the wrong sexual desires. Positively those whose thoughts are clean have stood clear of actions that would surely bankrupt a home.

But beyond this a reward is firmly promised—"they shall see God"—these whose single-minded morality toward God will result in a beatific vision. Much debate has raged about the meaning of these words. In the context herein used it must be taken to mean that through purity and singleness of moral mind one is qualified for seeing, knowing, truly conceiving God and all that relates to the moral universe. Further elaboration of the text is seen in the application of the broader text to follow. One of the deepest of all the teachings that must be accepted by the followers of our Lord today is evident. The thought fathers and fosters the deed.

Matthew 5:27-37

The teachings of the Beatitude in our text is further elaborated in the emphasis of this larger text. Positionize yourself in this large crowd. The rumblings and uneasy movement in the crowd must have been evident. All crowds become uneasy with an obvious application. This is true in this case.

The Lord applies this Beatitude in three realms. He could have been speaking to a like number of people today. What are the applications? The first has to do with the Seventh Commandment; the second positions adultery in the "bill of divorcement." Last of all the "pure in heart" will express themselves without the benefit of oath or profanity.

The sanctity of the home is protected by the grand moral law of God. The denunciation of the breakers of this law is among the strongest words ever uttered by our Lord. As in the prior teachings of this sermon, basic truth is embodied. What is truth? The thought is the seed bed for the overt act. A careful look at the teaching herein put forth is in demand. The look herein described is not casual but persistent, the desire not involuntary or momentary, but cherished with longing.

Because of the terrible result to the individual, to society and to the nation, our Lord hurls a shattering comparative judgment. The loss of physical capacity is nothing to be compared to the loss of one's soul. Note the suggested recourse. The eye is counted to be the most precious possession of a man. But beyond this, it is the right eye. The suggested hand is the right hand, the precious hand. Not that the other eye and the other hand are not important or capable of sin, but the emphasis is upon the great need to exercise strenuous effort to master sexual passion.

This commandment is bound in with the foundation-shattering divorce mills of that day. Remember that the Lord was teaching against the popular thinking of His day. If it was not against the civil law some came to the false conclusions that it was not against God's law. Do we not hear this today? If the state grants divorces for every reason, doesn't that make divorce acceptable to God? Far from it!

The charges stated by our Lord was not against Moses but the self-appointed interpreters of that law, the scribes. These busied themselves about making divorce legal in the eyes of the law, both ecclesiastical and temporal. These interpreters find their ideas shattered by our divine Master. To him there is but one foundation for divorce and only one. As our Lord reversed their teaching he said, "You are not to put away one, except when she has put herself away by unfaithfulness." That he was fighting against widely prevalent, long established opinion and custom did not deter our Lord. May His bride the church be worthy of his example!

Some feel that the last of the sequence of three teachings is not related to the other two. Remember the first text from the Beatitudes—the thought precedes the deed. Clean thought will lead to clean speech. A man of his word will never need to punctuate what he says with elaborate oaths.


Our last brief Bible study positionized God's priority in the home. No home is on a solid foundation until God's first claim has been accepted. God is first! Anything less is unacceptable in his eyes. His illustration hasn't lost its pungency today. To make a straight furrow has been the common desire of ploughmen of all ages and countries. To gain that furrow the ploughman must have two characteristics that God desires in his followers. These are a steady intention and a forward-cast eye. These basic truths weave their way into the spiritual climate of a God-fearing home. Might the basic premise first suggested be repeated? It runs like the links of a chain binding this Sermon on the Mount together. The thought precedes the deed.
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