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—Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts.

“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Across the Editor's Desk

World-wide Evangelism

"The light that shines farthest from home shines brightest at home." This quotation is from Dr. H. M. Fugate of Lynchburg, Va. It expresses a truth of profound significance.

It is axiomatic that the greater the passion for the salvation of the lost in the mission fields of the world, the greater will be the passion for the salvation of the lost at home. This conclusion is borne out by the observation that the members of our churches who are most interested in and responsible to the challenge of world-wide missions are most active in the local church program. Conversely, those who have little interest in preaching the gospel to all the world, have but little interest in a progressive and expanding local church program.

The Mission Field

The commissions of Jesus place the emphasis upon the whole evangelistic and missionary field, at home and abroad: "The field is the world." We cannot wait until we have evangelized the home land before we "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We must carry on both enterprises at the same time. In fact, evangelism at home and missions abroad constitute one enterprise, they are part and parcel of the same thing.

A deep, fervent missionary zeal will inject new life into the evangelistic program of the local church. Many a self-satisfied church might be awakened and inspired to a more vigorous local program by more missionary sermons from the pulpit and by a larger participation in the missionary program of the denomination.

When the early Christians were too well satisfied to remain in Jerusalem to evangelize that city, a wave of persecution scattered them abroad, and "they went everywhere preaching the gospel." The disciples of Jesus are not commissioned to stay at home and preach the gospel. They are commissioned to "go." They are to go into their home communities, into neighboring communities, into adjoining states; they are to keep on going until they reach the "utmost part of the earth."

Local Church Origin of Missions

Foreign missions originated in a local church, Antioch in Syria, at the call of the Holy Spirit. The local church must still be the seat and origin of Foreign missions, if we are to evangelize the world. The Foreign mission enterprise is suffering today because too many local churches have shifted the Foreign mission responsibility to the Foreign Mission Board. Whereas, the Foreign Mission Board is only the agent of the local churches, charged with administering the

mission program which the churches make possible.

There will be a new day in our world-wide missionary program when our local churches recover their sense of responsibility for preaching the gospel to every creature and for making disciples of all nations. Until our churches wake up to their missionary responsibilities and quit shifting those responsibilities to agencies of the denomination, our mission agencies will be greatly limited in the scope of their work.

A Look at Receipts

A look at the total receipts of the Foreign Mission Board in 1946 in comparison with expenditures in the home land should cause Southern Baptists to re-examine their Foreign Mission program in the light of the commissions of Jesus.

In 1946 Southern Baptists gave a total of \$115,226,949. Of this amount \$87,986,245 went for local church work; \$19,943,911 went for denominational causes in the home land; leaving \$7,296,793 for the Foreign Mission Board. The relief and rehabilitation offering of \$3,914,085 was included in the total amount received by the Foreign Mission Board. Undesignated receipts for the year from the Cooperative Program amounted to \$2,033,872 and \$1,348,836 were received from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Therefore, in 1946 the Foreign Mission Board had a total \$3,382,708 to carry on its regular program of work as compared with \$107,930,156 spent in the home land on local church programs and denominational causes.

Consider the disparity between the amount spent at home and the amount provided for the evangelization of the rest of the world! Can we claim to be carrying out our Lord's commissions when we spend 32 times as much at home as we provide for preaching the gospel to the rest of the world? Are we answering the Macedonian call of the world when we keep 97 per cent of our total contributions in the home land and use only 3 per cent to evangelize the rest of the world?

It is not our purpose to create the impression that we are spending too much at home. The fact is that we are not spending enough. All our churches and denominational agencies at home are in need of more funds than they are receiving. The point we make is that the disparity between the amount spent in the home land and the amount provided for world-wide evangelism proves that Southern Baptists are not thinking in terms of "every creature" and "all the nations" as Jesus commanded his disciples, they are not making a serious effort to preach the gospel to all the world.

World Challenge

We may as well face the truth of the situation. We cannot answer the heart cry of

the nations of the earth; we cannot meet the challenge of Communism, atheism, and materialism; we cannot meet the despair and suffering, confusion and frustration of the world, with only 3 per cent of our total effort in the service of our Lord.

We must not do less at home. That would weaken our lines around the world. But if we take seriously to heart Christ's commissions and if we undertake seriously to evangelize the world, we will most certainly increase our contributions to Foreign Missions many fold.

What is the minimum we should be giving annually to Foreign Missions? Dare we mention the figure that is racing through our mind—**FIFTY MILLION**.

Can we meet the needs of the world mission fields, can we go in obedience to the commissions of Jesus, can we satisfy our own Christian conscience with less than fifty million dollars annually to evangelize the world? And we need not spend less at home. Nothing we could do would so boost our work in the home land as giving fifty million dollars a year to Foreign missions. Remember, "The light that shines farthest from home shines brightest at home."

Impossible! No! If Southern Baptists would tithe, on the basis of a per capita income of \$750, they would put into the Lord's treasury \$450,000,000 annually.

Such consecrated giving would meet every need at home and provide \$200,000,000 for Foreign missions. Southern Baptists gave much more than that to fight the world, shall we do less than that to save the world?

A Telegram

Editor Arkansas Baptist:

Southern Baptist Hospital has several scholarships for the Mather School of Nursing which will be made available to young women who would like to enter training but do not have the necessary funds. There is still time to secure a scholarship and enter the September class if those interested will act immediately. Full information upon request.

Frank Tripp, Superintendent.

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TRENDS AND EVENTS

Facts of Interest

In a message on the second anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, General Douglas MacArthur wrote: "For the agencies of that fateful day serve as a warning to all men of all races that the harnessing of nature's forces in furtherance of war's destructiveness will progress until the means are at hand to exterminate the human race and destroy the material structure of the modern world. This is the lesson of Hiroshima. God grant that it be not ignored."

From Hiroshima, Pastor Kiyoshi Tanimoto of the Central Methodist Church reported a lowering of morals all over Japan, and especially in Hiroshima. He said most of the people of Hiroshima had "no hope, no faith."

In New Haven, Connecticut, Yale University announces that undergraduates will be required to double the amount of science taken in order "to understand the atomic age."

In June, the annual rate of personal income reached \$193,000,000,000, a new high.

From Los Angeles comes word that the average marriage in Los Angeles County last-

ed only 6.2 years in 1945 compared with 9.3 years in 1933.

In the World of Religion

The largest Methodist church in the United States is the First Church, Houston, Texas, with 7,455 members. Seven of the ten Methodist churches with more than 4300 members are in the South. There are twenty five Southern Baptist churches with more than 4300 members.

The average salary of the Congregational Christian minister has climbed from \$1,774 in 1940 to \$2,264 in 1946.

The Foreign Missions Conference is organizing a "Veterans for Missions," under the leadership of Dr. Garland E. Hopkins.

Gipsy Smith, noted evangelist, died last week en route to the United States. He was 87 years old.

The seven United States churchmen visiting in Yugoslavia reported that there was a great deal of religious liberty.

Forty-four world leaders have published a survey, "Christianity Today," discussing the extent of religious liberty in forty-two nations.

The World Convention of Churches of Christ elected Reginald Eniss, Melbourne, Australia, as president.

Baptist Highlights

Texas Baptists have voted to move their proposed South Texas college from Beeville to Corpus Christi.

R. B. Reed, San Antonio, has been named president of San Marcos Baptist Academy in Texas to succeed Wilbur Herring.

Thomas M. Collins has resigned as Sunday School secretary for Florida to accept the call of the First Church, Carrollton, Alabama.

The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention will be held in Roanoke, Virginia, September 2-5.

There were 14,233 teacher training awards issued by the Sunday School Department during July. The Training Union Department reported 25,202 awards issued as compared with 20,903 issued for 1946.

Total receipts through the Executive Committee were \$4,753,948.35 for the first seven months of 1947, compared with \$4,780,560.76 for the same period in 1946. The 1946 figure includes \$459,199.84 World Relief.

The new weekly church bulletin promoting Southern Baptist work, and prepared with a two-color cover by the Executive Committee, will have a circulation of 100,000 for its first issue September 1. C. E. Bryant is the editor.

The Relief and Annuity Board is adding three stories to its building in Dallas, Texas, in order to provide additional office space for Texas Baptists, and the Relief and Annuity Board.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Rev. B. N. Simmons, First Church, Siloam Springs, preached in a revival meeting in the Mason Valley Church, Benton County Association August 3-17. There were 40 rededications and 14 professions of faith. Rev. John Terry is pastor of the Mason Valley Church.

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Rev. H. W. Johnston, missionary in Gainesville and Current River Association, recently closed an eight-days revival with the Austin Church of Gainesville Association. An entire family, consisting of husband and wife, the daughter and son, were received for baptism. Two subscriptions were secured for the Arkansas Baptist. Rev. S. W. Pillow of Piggott is pastor of the Austin Church.

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Under the leadership of Rev. Sam McNeill the Rehoboth Church in the Arkansas Valley Association is moving forward with a progressive program. In a recent revival meeting 10 were received for baptism, and eight persons united with the church by letter.

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The Friendship Church in the Arkansas Valley Association recently closed a revival meeting with Rev. Sam McNeill as evangelist. There were 12 additions to the church by baptism and six by letter. A young woman surrendered for foreign mission work and a young man surrendered to the call of the ministry. Rev. E. G. Waddell, pastor, conducted the music.

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The Second Church of Helena recently received 12 new members, six by baptism and

six by letter. Rev. Sam McNeill did the preaching in the revival meeting. The music was directed by the pastor, Rev. E. M. Bragdon.

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Rev. Guy D. Magee reports a good meeting at the First Baptist church of Carlisle, in which he had the assistance of Rev. E. E. Griever, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Harrison. Mr. L. E. Coleman of Jacksonville led the singing. There were thirteen additions by letter, one by statement and twenty-two by baptism. Ten young women surrendered for special Christian service.

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The First Baptist Church of Tyronza, Boyd Eldridge, pastor, has just closed a revival meeting in which they had the assistance of Rev. Angel Martinez, evangelist, and Mr. B. B. Fletcher, music director. Large crowds attended the services, numbering at times above 2000. There were 228 professions of faith and additions to the church by letter.

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The First Church of Tyronza is soon to engage in a building program. Already certain generous gifts have added greatly to the physical comfort of the church and to the effectiveness of the church program. Among these gifts are an electric Hammond Organ, a Neon Sign, a Music Tower, an air conditioning unit.

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A revival meeting in the First Church of Fordyce in which the pastor, Rev. J. T. Elliff, did the preaching resulted in 17 additions to the church by baptism and three by letter. Mr. Roland Leath, educational director of

First Church, Little Rock, conducted the music.

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A revival meeting at Sterling, Oklahoma, resulted in 27 additions to the church by baptism and several other additions by letter and statement. The meeting was conducted by Rev. C. M. Curb. In 1904 Brother Curb organized the church at Sterling and at two different times served the church as pastor. During the meeting one young man surrendered to the gospel ministry, and two young women volunteered for missionary work.

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The First Church of Fayetteville has engaged Dr. E. L. Watson, Shawnee, Okla., as interim pastor. Dr. Watson will begin his services with the Fayetteville Church August 10 and will continue in all services of the church until a regular pastor is called. Dr. Watson has held pastorates in Tennessee and Oklahoma. His last pastorate was at Okmulgee, Okla., 1920 to 1947.

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Rev. A. F. Muncy recently conducted revival services in the Diaz Church. There were 10 additions to the church, seven for baptism and three by letter. Rev. F. F. Weaver is pastor of the Diaz Church.

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Mr. Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary, recently conducted revival services at the Togo Mission which is maintained by the Parkin Church. Pastor Seibert H. Haley of the Parkin Church conducted the music. There were 33 additions to the church by baptism. It is expected that the Togo Mission will soon be organized into a church.



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If every Southern Baptist will try tithing for even three months, the financial needs of the Southern Baptist Seminary will be met at once. The Seminary will be released from financial worry, and equipped to discharge its responsibility to the denomination at home and abroad.

ELLIS A. FULLER, *President*
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NINE thousand trained workmen have gone out from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary since its founding by courageous pioneers in 1859, each answering God's call to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. Only eternity can reveal the meaningfulness of their labors, but it is not unfair to say that the Seminary and its graduates have been a key factor in making Baptists the largest free church group of evangelistic Christians on earth.

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Associational WMU Rallies

Clear Creek Associational WMU promoted a rally at Van Buren, New Prospect Church recently with over 50 present from six different churches. Mrs. Walter Jackson, Mrs. R. A. Durden and Rev. W. O. Taylor were special speakers. Mrs. Roy Van Horn of Van Buren was elected superintendent and Mrs. R. H. Sowell of Ozark as young people's counselor.

Woodruff Associational WMU met at Hunter for its rally and 77 young people and adults were registered. Conferences were conducted by the various committee chairmen and Mrs. R. E. Low, district president, was the main speaker.

After a picnic supper served on the lawn of the church, the young people had charge of the evening program, the highlights being a pageant, "The Call of The Cross," and the showing of a picture entitled, "That Boy Joe." Mrs. L. Y. Lewis is the superintendent of this association.

Hope association promoted a young people's rally at Genoa in connection with the regular WMU rally with a splendid attendance of young people. Mrs. Max McEachern of Magnolia is the new superintendent of Hope Association.

Red River held the quarterly WMU rally at Social Hill church with good attendance and a splendid program. Helpful conferences were conducted by the associational chairman and plans were made concerning the promotion of the annual mission study institute to be held in the near future. The next meeting will be held at the Second Baptist church of Arkadelphia. Mrs. N. L. Lee, Superintendent.

All-Day Mission Study For Auxiliaries

The counselors and leaders in the WMU of McGehee Baptist church promoted the first all-day mission study for the young people recently with 65 local young people in attendance. The members of the missionary society provided a delicious noon-day meal. The Sunbeams and R. A.'s were thrilled with the stories about our mission work among the Indians. Handwork consisted of head bands, tepees,

bows and arrows. The G. A.'s studied the history of our WMU.

A coronation and recognition service was held on Wednesday.

New BWC at Rector

We have just been informed that a new Business Woman's Circle was organized earlier in the year at Rector with Mrs. Maudie Patten as chairman.

A Correction

Bentonville WMS was omitted in the list of Missionary Round Tables given in the State WMU Minutes on page 37. This society had a Round Table in progress throughout the year and we regret the error in failing to list same.

Subscription Rate

Because of the increased cost of paper, ink, engravings, labor, etc., the subscription price for Royal Service is being immediately raised to one dollar a year. All subscriptions already received will be filled according to the previous rate but renewals and new subscriptions must be at the new rate of \$1.

Vacation Bible Schools

A Vacation Bible School for Negro boys and girls of Wrightsville was sponsored by the WMS of the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, with Mrs. L. P. Guthrie, inter-racial chairman and Mrs. A. C. Kolb, state approved Sunday School worker, in charge. Others assisting were Mrs. C. A. Riley, Mrs. Geo. Cornell and Mrs. H. H. Morris from First Church and the following Negro women: Gwendolyn Luster, Williams, Moore and Harris.

The total registration was 147 with a daily average attendance of 95. There were fifty professions of faith and one rededication.

Miss Ruth Skiles conducted a Vacation Bible School at the Pilgrim's Valley church with 130 registered and an average attendance of 98. There were 28 conversions reported. Others assisting Miss Skiles were Mrs. C. D. Denham, Freddie and Eddie Spann, Virginia Reece, Betty Sue Gore, and several others of their own group.

Greetings From World Congress

The great Seventh Baptist World Alliance Congress is now history—and what significant history was written here! More than 5,000 messengers from 50 countries, most of them ravaged by years of war and many of them still under the yoke of bondage, suffering great privation and sorrow, assembled to work and pray together for universal religious freedom. Christianity has a new meaning for those of us gathered here. Never again will we be content to enjoy Democracy and Freedom of Religion without doing all that is within us to secure such privileges for every Christian.

It was my happy experience to participate in much musical activity during the voyage and at the Congress. I was asked to play for the Baptist service aboard the Queen Elizabeth on our beautiful crossing of the Atlantic, and also to sing "The Stranger of Galilee." The conference in Church Music was held at the Koebeuskirke or Second Baptist Church here in Copenhagen following which I brought greetings and expressed appreciation.

The concert on Saturday night by the Danish and Swedish choirs was truly an epoch to all listeners. Great hymns, anthems and chorals were sung in an inspiring and triumphant manner by 114 voices unaccompanied. At the conclusion of the concert I was invited to attend the reception for all the choirs present. It was a gala and colorful occasion with costumes of the nations being worn by many of the representatives.

Significant of the spirit of the Congress was the repeated singing of "In Christ there is no East or West." Arkansas Baptists will love its missionary message, and moving melody.

Yours in Christ,
Ruth Nininger.

Outstanding Cradle Roll Work at Fordyce

The First Baptist Church, Fordyce has been doing some outstanding work in its Cradle Roll department the past two months. They had 16 babies enrolled. The church took a religious census and

Figures to Inspire

CHURCH	S. S.	T. U.	Adns.
Little Rock, Immanuel	986	277	6
Including Missions	1421	563	16
North Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	606	251	1
Including Missions	647	277	
Benton, First	546	133	
Including Missions	605		
Camden, First	464	90	
North Little Rock, First	432	132	1
Little Rock, Baptist			
Tabernacle	400	86	3
Fordyce, First	357	147	2
Searcy, First	332	99	
Paris, First	313	111	
Stuttgart, First	303	120	1
Including Missions	348		
Rogers, First	299	75	
Springdale, First	297	144	1
Including Missions	465		
Hamburg, First	281	161	1
Bauxite, First	277	115	
Conway, First	281	45	
Greenwood, First	273	131	7
Siloam Springs, First	253	133	2
Mena, First	251	90	1
Smackover, First	245	56	
Cullendale, First	234	84	
Gentry, First	218	111	2
El Dorado, West Side	208	77	1
Monticello, First	201	89	3
Little Rock, Life Line	154	97	3
Pine Bluff, Matthews			
Memorial	137	89	
North Little Rock,			
Park Hill	134	32	1
Atkins, First	130	52	
Mt. Ida, First	128	89	
North Little Rock, Pike			
Ave.	123	49	1
Monticello, Second	99	55	
Warren, Immanuel	98	56	
Vilonia, Beryle	90	61	
North Little Rock,			
Grace	89	28	3
Monticello, North Side	68	50	
Little Rock, Biddle	33	11	
Pine Bluff, First	759	212	11
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	367	141	
Pine Bluff, Second	175	63	3
Hot Springs, First	274	46	4
Hot Springs, Central	344	90	
Hot Springs, Park Place	431	124	1
Hot Springs, Second	495	135	
Including Missions	537	164	
El Dorado, First	648	148	1
Tuckerman	193	69	5
Paragould, First	532	248	
Ashdown, First	141	59	
McGehee, First	432	113	
Including Mission	163		

found 61 prospects for the Cradle Roll Department. Twenty-five of these prospects have been enrolled, making the present enrollment 41.

The city has been divided into districts and each district has been assigned a Cradle Roll Visitor. The following are serving in this capacity: Mrs. M. J. Richards, Mrs. Clark Jordan, Mrs. L. E. Homaday, Mrs. Albert Morris. Mrs. J. B. Dooley is the efficient and enthusiastic superintendent. Rev. J. T. Elliff is pastor.

The life of Christ, the holiest among the mighty and the mightiest among the holy, has lifted with its pierced hands empires off their hinges and turned the stream of centuries out of its channel, and still governs the ages—Jean Paul Richter.

Minnesota Judge Rules Against Free Transportation For Parochial Pupils

By Religious News Service

St. Paul, Minn.—A Minnesota school district has been advised that there is no legal authority to provide free transportation for parochial school students in public school buses, even though no additional cost is involved.

The opinion was given by Minnesota's Attorney General J. A. A. Burnquist after the question was raised in behalf of the school board at Birchwood, Minn., where a group of residents is seeking such transportation.

As a result of the opinion, some Birchwood residents are discussing the possibility of a test court case. They are encouraged by the recent 5-4 United States Supreme Court decision upholding the use of public funds to transport parochial school students in New Jersey and by advice from leading attorneys in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

In his opinion, Burnquist referred back to opinions given by his office in 1944 and 1919. The 1919 opinion, on the question of providing transportation for private school children taking special courses in a public school, held:

"Not only is there no duty imposed upon the board to provide transportation facilities to the children in question but the board is powerless to furnish the same, even though it might see fit to do so."

In his 1944 opinion, the attorney general reviewed the 1919 ruling and said:

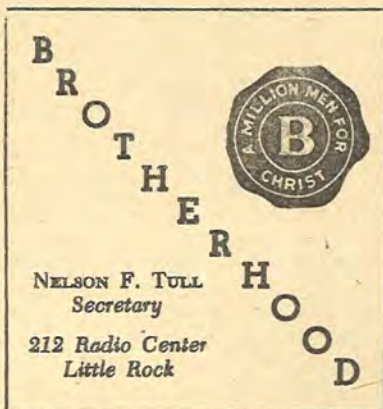
"For 25 years it has been followed as a statement of the law in this state. During that time there appears to have been neither any decision of the State Supreme Court overruling it nor any specific legislation passed requiring a different construction. In the circumstances, if there is to be a change in the law as construed by the 1919 ruling, it is clearly advisable that it should be made by the courts or by the legislature."

The Birchwood residents also had sought to learn whether an adequate insurance policy, paid for by the parents of the parochial school students, would protect the school board from liability in case of accident injuries if court action were to prove it unlawful to provide free transportation of these parochial students.

In ruling on this question, the attorney general said:

"It appears to me that it is not a function of the attorney general or the county attorney to advise public officers what they may do to protect themselves against the consequences of their unauthorized actions. It is rather the duty of the attorney general and the county attorney to advise such persons holding public office that

the proposed conduct is unauthorized and that they should desist therefrom."



Brotherhood Activities

By Executive Committee
Baptist Brotherhood of the South

Evangelism

The primary task of every Christian and of every Christian church is to win souls to Christ. This remains the top item in the program of activities of all brotherhoods.

By Evangelism we mean primarily personal soul-winning; men witnessing for Christ upon every appropriate occasion. We mean the closest cooperation with the pastor in all special evangelistic efforts of the church. We mean also prayer meetings in homes where there are lost men.

In other words, we propose that during 1948 we go all out in witnessing for the purpose of winning lost men to Christ.

Stewardship

Next year will undoubtedly be the most active and most productive in the field of stewardship in the history of Southern Baptists.

We propose that we cooperate vigorously in the great special effort of the Southern Baptist Convention to enlist Southern Baptists in a much larger financial support of all of the work of the denomination.

It will be the purpose of the Brotherhoods to undertake to enlist the men of our churches in the continuous practice of tithing through their churches for all of the causes of the kingdom of God. In this special stewardship effort we will undertake to enlist men also in a reasonable contribution of their time and their talents,

WHEN IN DALLAS

Worship with Ross Avenue Baptist Church
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HOMER B. REYNOLDS, Pastor

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1948

By Budget Committee:

IRVIN M. PRINCE, Chairman
WILFORD LEE, Secretary

Administration and Promotional

Administration	\$23,000
Arkansas Baptist	8,000
Brotherhood Department	8,000
Religious Education Department	28,660.50
WMU	18,000
Promotion and Convention	5,500
Retirement Plan	20,000
Old Debts	45,000
Office Building	7,500
History Commission	5,000
TOTAL	\$168,660.50

State Causes

Baptist Hospital	5,000
State Missions	50,000
Ouachita College	36,000
Central College	36,000
Orphanage	25,000
Ministerial Education	2,000
Negro Work	1,000
Emergency Reserve	2,000
Radio	13,000

TOTAL \$170,000

Southwide Causes

Southwide and Worldwide

\$170,000

GRAND TOTAL \$508,660.50

believing that stewardship includes the entire personality—all that a man is, all that he has, and everything he can do.

Man-And-Boy Movement

The southwide offices have been impressed with the principle and progress of the movement initiated by the Dallas, Texas, Associational Brotherhood, the purpose of which is to take boys off the streets and bring them under the influence of our Sunday schools. We believe there are unlimited spiritual possibilities in this movement, and we propose that it be accepted as a challenge for our Brotherhoods throughout the Southern Baptist Convention during 1948.

Publicity

As Southern Baptists, we have not engaged in the fields of advertising and publicity to any appreciable extent.

We are proposing that during 1948 we step up our church and

denominational advertising to a point of appeal comparable to that which is being made in the commercial world. We understand that this will call for very large advertising budgets, but we are convinced that no better investment of our Lord's money could be made than by placing his gospel and the blessings and benefits of his churches before the masses of our people.

This effort will contemplate the use of the radio, newspapers, billboards, and all other legitimate mediums of advertising.

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The Scriptures Prescribe Work

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Sunday School Lesson For August 31

Prov. 6:6-11; 18:9; 24:30-32;
Eccl. 5:12

Paul in his letter to the Thesalonians said, "If any man will not work, neither let him eat" (2 Thess. 3:10). These are arresting words. They remind us of Genesis 3:19: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Not in the history of the world has man faced so many pressing tasks of such stupendous magnitude. Vast areas, in the wake of global war, must be completely rebuilt. Long years will come and go before we are able to rebuild and reconstruct the places that have been laid waste.

Work Is Honorable

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; Consider her ways, and be wise" (Prov. 6:6).

Work is honorable. It has been so from the beginning when God planted "garden eastward," in Eden, and put man whom he had formed in it, and gave him his first task "to dress it and to keep it" (Gen. 2:8 ff.).

When the messengers of God visited Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, (Gen. 18), it was Sarah, his wife, whom Abraham called upon to "Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal" and to knead it and make it into cakes for the divine guests.

Ruth gleaned in the fields of Boaz, gathering after the reapers among the sheaves from early morning (Ruth 2).

Even so, when God sent his son into the world, he caused him to be born into the home of the humble carpenter of Nazareth!

We need to have greater respect for the laborer and for the work of his hands, remembering that it is the man who dignifies the task rather than the task that dignifies the man. Jesus knew the sweat of common toil. His own brow felt the burning heat of the noon-tide hour.

The average American home, especially those in better financial circumstances—has perhaps been too negligent in the matter of teaching children the dignity of

honest toil. Too many have grown to maturity and gone out into the world without knowing the meaning of labor. Such individuals are invariably handicapped for life, because they have lost something of the outlook so necessary to one's relationship with his fellow-man.

The wise man enjoins us to consider the ant and her ways, "and be wise." The ant has no chief, no overseer, or ruler, and yet in the summer bread is provided and food is gathered in the harvest.

There is little need for people to go hungry in America—at least those who are able bodied. There is enough wasteland within the bounds of our cities and in neighboring districts to feed every hungry mouth if hands were willing enough to lay hold of those plots and work them to best advantage.

Brother to Destroyer

In Proverbs 18:9, we have a startling statement: "He also that is slack in his work is brother to him that is a destroyer." That is a rather strong statement and yet is found in God's Word.

Those who fail to give their best, at their work, would hardly think of themselves as akin to "destroyers," and yet that is the verdict of the Scriptures. When any man fails at his post of responsibility he fails his fellowman because he and his fellowman alike are part of the whole.

A Little Sleep, A Little Slumber

In Proverbs 24:30-32 we have a graphic picture of the field of the sluggard. "I went by the field of the sluggard, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, The face thereof was covered with nettles, And the stone wall thereof was broken down."

There is something tragic about



—Religious News Service Photo.

General view of the Seventh Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen. Attended by more than 5,000 delegates from 46 nations, the Congress was one of the most impressive gatherings of its kind since the end of the war. A significant action taken by the Congress was the adoption of a manifesto calling on Baptists to strive for full freedom and equality for all religious groups in the world.

neglected fields—fields that ought to know the faithful hand of honest toil. Thorns, and brambles, and broken down walls—how often one sees them as he drives about through the beautiful country side.

The American home, the symbol of our freedom loving nation, could not be without work. Every material appointment is the product of work: every brick, every ounce of mortar, every shingle, every rafter, every nail, every pillar of support—none of these could have been without work! Every curtain fanned by the welcome breeze of the open window, every picture on the wall, every piece of furniture, every article of adornment has been consecrated by the noble hands of toil. The very existence of our homes rests upon the fulcrum of work. Without work, there could be no home. What was once home would soon be-

come an unnamed wilderness.

If we, as a people, could only visualize the woes of our friends whose lands have been ravaged by the forces of war, and if we could only see the plight of their day by day existence, surely there would be a new day in our efforts to help supply the needs so manifest on every side; and, what is more, in helping to supply material needs, we would help to open the grandest door of opportunity for the spread of the gospel that the world has known.

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Tithing Campaign Explained

By J. E. DILLARD

"We are giving to our constituency the article below written by Dr. J. E. Dillard, Nashville, Tenn., who is our best promoter of the "Prove Me" Campaign. It thoroughly explains the why and the how of a "Three Months Campaign." B. L. B.)

What It Is

The three-month tithing campaign of Southern Baptists is an intensive endeavor to complete and supplement the effort to enroll a million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ.

This special campaign contemplates: using all our forces, local, state and southwide for informing all our people in city, town, and country about the needs of all our causes, missionary, educational, and benevolent, and explaining the Bible plan for financing all kingdom causes, and enlisting at least a million Southern Baptists in contributing at least a tenth of their income regularly through their churches for at LEAST THREE MONTHS, thereby giving expression to our Christian stewardship and gratitude to God.

The Why of It

We Southern Baptists should tithe for the same reason other Christians should; and there are some special reasons:

1. We claim that the Bible is our one, only, and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice; what it says do, we must do. The Bible teaches repentance, faith, believer's baptism, worldwide missions, etc., therefore we must teach and promote them. But it also teaches tithing. Therefore we must tithe.

2. We Southern Baptists acknowledge only one authoritative creed, namely, "Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil. 2:11). His approval is for us the equivalent of a command. Christ did approve of tithing (Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42). Therefore we should tithe.

3. A loyal Southern Baptist works with his denomination. This special effort is a major part of the program of our denomination. Therefore we should tithe.

4. The needs of our denomination and the needs of our broken world call loudly and pathetically. To help meet these needs the special tithing endeavor has been launched. Every Southern Baptist should help.

Why Three Months

The ideal plan for financing kingdom causes would be for all the people to bring all the Lord's tithe into the Lord's house

on the Lord's day for all the Lord's work. Baptists believe this should be done cheerfully and voluntarily.

1. Many hesitate to say they will tithe for all time or even for a year, but surely they could do so for three months.

2. Some are in strained circumstances, but surely for the love of Christ and their denomination they would be willing to tithe for three months.

3. It is believed that tithing for even three months will prove such a blessing that many, maybe most, will continue.

4. If all Southern Baptists would tithe for even three months it would bring in \$100,000,000 and this would enable us to reach our financial goal this year and would help every cause we have, local, state, and world wide.

The How of It

We are workers together with Him. Since all our churches, boards, and institutions would benefit by the success of this undertaking, all should cooperate in its promotion.

All state organizations have approved the effort, adopted goals, and made plans.

All editors, writers, and speakers will gladly help with voice, pen, and purse.

All denominational meetings, assemblies, schools, district associations, state conventions, etc., are asked to provide place on program.

All revivals and evangelistic efforts should stress stewardship and tithing enlistment even as they do decisions and reconsecrations.

All churches, organizations, and departments are asked to make this a major endeavor for at least three months.

All Southern Baptists are urged to help in this special effort to undergird our work with a dependable, systematic support, by tithing for at least three months.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will cooperate to the limit of its ability with every church, group, organization, institution, and agency by providing speakers, programs, literature, visual aids, etc.

Let Everybody Help

1. Think, pray, plan. Decide when and how, appoint tithing committee, adopt tithing goal, order tithing cards and literature from state secretary, read tithing articles in denominational press and literature from state headquarters and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. Use September for thorough preparation. Preach tithing sermons, have tithing

Lockesburg and Byrum

The Lockesburg Church is making sure progress under the leadership of Pastor W. T. Byrum. Byrum is a splendid preacher, and a wise leader. His people follow his leadership, and are happy in the busy program. They have done a good work in re-decorating the church building. S. F. Hargrove is one of the best church treasurers in the land. Other leaders like Mrs. Staggs, and T. M. Ridley, are worth their weight in gold. The church is giving \$35.00 per month for Cooperative Missions.

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Baptist Statewide Rally and Conference

Second Baptist Church, Little Rock
September 2nd.

10:00 Song Service.....Rev. Roy E. Pasley
10:15 Announcements.....Dr. W. J. Hinsley
10:25 Music.....Rev. Norman Ferguson
10:30 Address.....Gen. E. L. Compere
10:40 Address.....Dr. R. C. Campbell
10:50 Address.....Mrs. R. E. Short
11:00 Music.....Mr. Roland Leath
11:10 Announcements
11:20 Address.....Dr. J. E. Dillard

talks in all organizations, distribute tithing literature, have study classes, etc.

3. Observe October 5 or nearest convenient Sunday as Tithers' Enlistment Day. Begin in the Sunday School, follow up at the worship service, call on absentees in afternoon, seek 100 per cent response in Training Union, WMU organizations and Brotherhood.

WANTED: Every Baptist to bring the whole tithe into the Lord's House for at least — THREE MONTHS.

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Reverend Charles Trentham, professor-elect, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, is spending the summer in Knoxville, Tennessee supplying in churches nearby and doing work on his thesis for the Th. D. degree which will be granted by Southwestern Seminary upon the completion of the thesis. He is doing extensive study in the library of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Dr. Robert A. Baker, Professor of Church History, Southwestern Seminary, is supply pastor for the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas during the month of August in the absence of the pastor, Dr. James H. Landes, who has been attending the Baptist World Alliance at Copenhagen.