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## That Unnamed Denomination

By DR. W. ROSS EDWARDS

One of the most insidious and most dangerous movements in our Baptist fellowship today is either unnamed or improperly named. I refer to those people who pretend to be Baptists or pretend to preach the "whole Gospel," and boast of being "fundamental," but who have little or no appreciation for our Baptist heritage and fellowship.

The people that I refer to have great loyalty for kindred movements, that live at the expense of established denominations but who feel superior to all denominations and usually denounce denominational loyalties. They have radio programs, home and foreign mission societies, colleges, seminaries, youth work, mothers for Christ, Christian business men, independent evangelists, various publications, literature for Sunday Schools, and many other causes, institutions and movements that appeal to our people for financial support.

All these movements take advantage of our Baptist desire and love for individual liberty. Our Cooperative Program, with our many loyal Baptist institutions refraining from canvassing the people and churches for operational costs, has left the field wide open for many unworthy and underserving solicitors. They appeal to our people by air and by mail and by personal solicitation. They cultivate their ego, brag on them, give them some sort of personal recognition, and even make them members of boards of trustees in some instances. Of course, it is known by some through observation and others by experience that these boards do not own anything, but are merely sources of income and a front to fool the public. Some good men have allowed their names to be thus used.

The independent movements can only thrive where there is church and denominational democracy, where the people are allowed to decide for themselves as to what pastor they shall call, what literature they shall use, and what missions they shall support. Perhaps no denomination in America has more to fear from these people than Baptists. They have done great damage in the ranks of Northern (American) Baptists and are rapidly moving Southward.

Some so-called Baptist preachers and churches are unworthy of the name. Suppose one preacher has a "church," that also has a school, that also "allows" a number of small churches to become "missions" of the preacher's church and school, with the understanding that preachers from the school will supply the pulpits. One man thus becomes the "Bishop" of his work, not in the New Testament sense, but in the sense that a hierarchy works in other denominations. Regardless of what such a brother may call himself, he has violated one of our fundamental doctrines and is unworthy of the support of our people. We would be safer working with Presbyterians or Disciples or some other groups. One Negro "Baptist" in Jamaica has control over many people in the same manner that some are now working in our own country. That is the way the Roman Catholic Church developed. The time to stop this move is near the beginning; that time is swiftly passing.

What can we do? We can lead our people to rethink our whole Baptist program, taking nothing for granted. Even though we do not take special offerings for our Baptist schools and other institutions every few weeks, we can tell them in various ways about what is being done and how our money is spent that comes into the church

from Sunday to Sunday. We can warn our people against giving financial support to the many independent and privately owned institutions and causes. We can talk our young people out of going to independent colleges, and direct them to good Baptist schools. A pastor that attends one of these non-Baptist schools has little or no appreciation for our Baptist program. His denominational loyalty has been broken. Before he goes, we should point out to him that we will not help him to locate in our Baptist work when he comes out of an independent school. It's time for us to be frank about these matters.

"Other men labored and we have entered into their labors." We should not despise (lightly regard) our heritage. We can easily lose all that they have gained through the years, by remaining indifferent to the many movements all about us. We have little to fear from "modernists," but we have much to fear from these so-called "independent" brethren. Men who "make merchandise" of our people will resist any attempt to retard their progress, just as much as any other racketeer. If this is printed, some of them will attempt to discredit me, but I am able to take it, for I know whereof I speak. This I firmly resolve: I shall continue to speak and to write and to do all that I can to warn our people in time, so help me God!

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## Sand in My Shoes

By HARRIET GRANT HALL

Just before moving to Florida the thought flitted through my mind: I wonder if there will be a nice place for a sand pile in the yard of our new home.

Immediately after moving I discovered that Florida is all sand. In fact, I soon discovered that the newcomer to Florida can give the state no greater compliment than that of saying, "I've got sand in my shoes"—which, freely translated, means "I love it here."

But the big question in my mind was, "How can this sand grow anything?" Our church janitor answered this for me quite simply by explaining, "This sand will grow anything if you do three things.

1. Jes' tuh'n it ovah evah yeah.
2. Fuh'tillize it.
3. And the bigges' what it is is jes' keepin' it wet."

Then came the thought, how else can we grow as Christians unless we consider these three factors? We must (1) take the sand of our lives and sift it carefully, weeding out secret sins; (2) seek the enrichment of understanding and love, and (3) the "biggest what it is" is just keeping in touch with the springs of spiritual vitality through Him who is the Water of Life.

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## Telegram

Passed seven million two hundred thousand and mark today (November 14). All south-wide receipts received in Nashville before January 1 will go to foreign mission advance.

—Porter Routh, Executive Secretary

(Note: This emphasizes the importance of remitting all 1951 Cooperative Program funds before January 1, 1952—Editor.)

## A Question . . . With The Sting of Death

A Devotion by the Editor

" . . . hath God said . . . ?"

The "question" is a powerful instrument of human language, and is capable of playing upon the whole key board of human emotions, impulses, intellect, and will. Besides its simplest function of seeking information, a question may rebuke, it may challenge, it may inspire, it may arouse the emotions, it may stimulate thought, it may prompt the will. On the other side of the ledger, a question may produce doubts and confusion, it may lead to denials and infidelity, it may produce revolution.

The "question" lies at the basis of all research and exploration, the advancement into the unknown, the discoveries that have made possible the progress of the race.

But the "question" is not wholly innocent, or noble or good. It is guilty of promoting disobedience, atheism and rebellion.

This is a question that suggests doubt and leads to confusion: "Hath God said?"

The devil does not begin his attack by a bold denial, but by insinuating a doubt. To openly deny truth without first planting a doubt would produce an effect opposite from that desired. The question is intended to unsettle one's faith; it is the softening up process before the actual invasion.

"Hath God said?" The question is asked with a sort of sneer, a wiser-than-thou implication, a subtle hint that "If you knew what I know, you wouldn't take the word of God at face value."

But the same question may take a different line. "Hath God said?" meaning that "You wouldn't expect God to say that sort of thing, would you?" The implication is that this is mere legend or folk-lore, a sort of fiction that was never intended to be taken as the unalterable word of God.

The faith of thousands have been unsettled by just such attacks upon the Bible. And this method of "Higher Criticism" originated in the garden of Eden.

Here is a simple test by which you may determine whether or not you are doubting or denying or disobeying God's word: Are you completely happy in your obedience to God; or are you unhappy and do you feel that certain Bible requirements are too exacting?

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of the fruit of every tree of the garden?" Genesis 3:1

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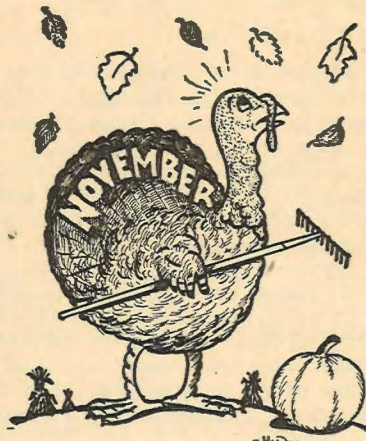
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## From The Editor's Desk

### Thanksgiving Day

We are thankful for the turkey and all the trimmings. The American table with its abundance and variety of food is one of the most characteristic symbols of the American standard of living. We may complain, and with justice, at the high prices we must pay for our food, yet there seems little reason for any American to go hungry. It is undoubtedly true that we suffer more from overeating than from undereating. All this is to emphasize the abundance which Americans are now enjoying and for which they should be thankful to the all wise and generous God who has made ample provision for us.



#### Our Abundance

Thanksgiving originated at the harvest time. That is entirely appropriate. We should certainly pause and turn our thoughts to Him who is "the giver of every good and perfect gift." Our abundance is so much greater than that of those early Americans who first knelt to pray in humble thanksgiving for God's bounty that we would do well to take an inventory of the bounties of God for which we should be grateful.

We are eating well, while many people of the world have never known what it is to have enough to eat. We are warmly clothed and live in comfortable houses, while many people of the world shiver in the cold and live in mud huts. We have many comforts and conveniences, tools and devices, which,

to many people of the world, would be luxuries beyond anything that they have dreamed and hoped.

For all this, and for much more too abundant to receive mention, let us be thankful to our God.

#### Spiritual Heritage

And beyond the material blessings for which we should be thankful on this Thanksgiving day and on every day, there are the greater riches of salvation by grace in Christ Jesus. There is a message in song that we would do well to heed: "Count your many blessings, name them one by

one." It would fill our hearts with gratitude if we would undertake to take an inventory of our spiritual heritage. We couldn't name all our blessings, they are too many to enumerate. But an effort to name them would remind us of the countless blessings of God which, too often, we take for granted without pausing to lift up grateful hearts to the giver.

Our land is literally covered with churches where the gospel is preached, more or less, week by week. How grateful we should be for these.

We have the privilege of worshiping in freedom, without censorship or political or clerical meddling. This is a free land, settled and developed by God-fearing people who sought a place to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences. We have managed to preserve that freedom, and may God give us the courage to keep that freedom and pass it on to the future generations.

#### Are You Thankful?

Aren't you thankful for your personal salvation? For the grace of God that cleanses your soul from sin? Aren't you thankful for the opportunities of Christian service? The privilege of witnessing to the saving grace of Jesus? Aren't you thankful for the hope of eternal life? The assurance that the Lord Himself is preparing a place for you? Aren't you thankful for the promise of Christ's return? The assurance that He is coming back to gather His people unto Himself.

Then let this Thanksgiving day be the beginning of a richer life for you, an even more grateful life than you have known in the past, and a life more devoted to Christ our Savior.

### What We Could Do, If We Would

The South Side Church, Pine Bluff, Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor, reports \$83,169.16 pledged on the 1952 budget by 748 members of the church. This is an average of \$111.19 per capita.

However, the figures are broken down as between tithers and non-tithers. Of the 748 who signed pledges, 387 are tithers and pledged \$57,170.40, an average per capita pledge of \$147.72. There were 361 non-tithers, among the 748, who pledged \$25,998.76, an average per capita pledge of \$72.01. The per capita pledge of the tithers is \$75.71 above that of the non-tithers.

#### Arkansas Baptists

Of course, the 748, who pledged the \$83,169.16, do not include the entire membership of the South Side Church. When the entire membership is taken into account, the average per capita pledge is greatly reduced. The above analysis, however, is given here to show what the Baptist stewardship potentialities are. If we apply this analysis to our total Baptist constituency in Arkansas, we discover some startling figures. If the same analysis is applied to Southern Baptists as a whole, even more startling figures are revealed.

We have approximately 240,000 Baptists in Arkansas, co-operating with their Convention. If our 240,000 Baptists in Arkansas



would give the \$72.01 per capita, it would amount to \$17,282,400. If the average of \$111.19 per capita were given by the 240,000 Baptists of Arkansas, it would amount to \$26,685,600. If the per capita pledge of the tithers of \$147.72 were given by all Arkansas Baptists, it would amount to \$35,452,500.

#### Southern Baptists

The per capita giving of the South Side Church applied to Southern Baptists as a whole, based on a membership of 7,000,000 Southern Baptists, reveals something of what Southern Baptists could do, if they would all do what some do. For instance, if 7,000,000 Southern Baptists would give \$72.01 per capita, it would amount to \$504,070,000; if they would give \$111.19, it would amount to \$778,330,000; if they would give \$147.72, the per capita pledge of tithers in the South

Side Church, it would amount to \$1,034,040,000.

#### Give Till It Quits Hurting, And Becomes a Joy

These figures emphasize the necessity for the most vigorous enlistment program we have ever promoted. Southern Baptist membership has grown so rapidly that it has been difficult to match the evangelistic program with a correspondingly effective enlistment program. Southern Baptists are doing more in all phases of church and denominational programs than they have ever done before. Yet it is obvious that great numbers of our Baptist people in every state of our Convention territory sustain only a nominal enlistment in the church and denominational programs.

Such a great number of our Baptist people are missing the joys which are known only to those who recognize their stewardship obligations and bring their tithes and offerings to God's storehouse. As a general rule it hurts non-tithers to give, whereas it becomes a joy to tithers to give. In fact, when we do not go all out for God and all the way with God, our religion is likely to make us quite miserable. When God's commands and appeals and entreaties are pressed upon us, and we are unwilling to yield completely to them, we lose the

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# Kingdom Progress

## Simultaneous Revival Campaign in Brazil

By JOSEPH B. UNDERWOOD

Forty-seven Baptist churches of Recife and vicinity report 740 conversions during their second Simultaneous Revival Crusade, September 2-9, 1951. There were also 26 requests by eliminated church members for reconciliation. During the same week last year 38 churches reported a total of 500 conversions and reconciliations.

The evangelistic campaign this year was begun with a special one hour radio broadcast, on the night of September 1, from the new auditorium of one of the local stations. The new auditorium proved entirely inadequate for the huge crowd of Baptists, for more remained outside than could possibly be crowded into the 1,200 opera chairs. Letters from distant cities and states tell of the effectiveness of this impressive program, which was broadcast on the short-wave band as well as the regular wave. The speaker on this program was Dr. Raphael Gioia Martins, converted Catholic priest, now pastor, in the city of Sao Paulo, of a rapidly developing Baptist church.

Quarter and half-page advertisements in the daily newspapers, radio spot announcements, streamers across the streets at strategic intersections, colored posters, cars equipped with public address systems touring the streets, and more than 60,000 printed invitations distributed by the churches were the means of publicity used to attract the attention of the more than 500,000 residents of Recife. Visitation committees and groups from the various churches and the distribution of 70,000 tracts and 40,000 gospels also contributed to the effort "to get out the people." As a result, all the churches were over-crowded nightly.

## Japanese Mission Registers 10,000 Decisions

The 1951 Japan Preaching Mission, sponsored by the Japan Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, ended October 28, with approximately 10,000 decisions during the five weeks.

The report came by cable from Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the Board's secretary for the Orient and director of the campaign. Dr. Cauthen said that about one-half of the decisions were professions of faith in Christ. The other decisions acknowledged the need of the Savior and a desire to attend church and to study the Bible. Cards were signed by those who made decisions and they will be followed up by the 43 Baptist churches of the Japan Baptist Convention.

The many decisions were a surprise even to those missionaries and national pastors who projected and carried out plans for this year's mission, a follow-up of a similar one last fall in which approximately 8,300 decisions were registered.

Last year's meetings were held in public halls and theaters to reach the masses of people. This year plans were made to win definite decisions from people who have already been attending the churches with some degree of regularity and to seek out and deal individually with non-Christians. It is expected that the number which will

Twelve preaching services in as many suburban "plazas" on Sunday afternoon, September 2, attracted large numbers of hearers, who gladly accepted tracts, invitations, and asked for gospels. Each afternoon, from Monday through Thursday, a special down-town service was conducted in the "Joaquim Nabuco Plaza." Joaquim Nabuco is the Abraham Lincoln of Brazil, having played a major role in the emancipation of the slaves (accomplished without a civil war). The speaker effectively related this fact to the more important liberation from the slavery of sin by the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Brazilian Independence Day, September 7, a great mass rally was held in another of the city's beautiful and spacious parks. On this occasion some 15,000 people gathered to hear different speakers, among whom were two converted priests and one converted nun. In 1950 the attendance was estimated at 10,000. It is probable, if not certain, that this was the largest mass meeting ever held by the Evangelicals of Brazil or South America.

One church, unable to pay the expenses of a visiting evangelist, reported the largest number of conversions, with their own pastor doing the preaching—after seven weeks of intensive preparation of the church—78 conversions. In an interior city, noted for fanatical Catholicism and whiskey distilleries, there were 55 conversions; and in Olinda, probably the oldest city of Brazil, and one of the most traditionally Catholic, there were 45.

The churches express their gratitude to Southern Baptists who through their Foreign Mission Board helped to make possible this victorious crusade.

eventually come into the churches as a result of the campaign will exceed that of last year.

Miss Akiko Endo, an employee of the Japan Baptist Convention, writes: "All these weeks, we have been witnessing the work of the Holy Spirit in the powerful messages, in the preachers, and in the readiness of many people to accept Christ as their Savior. As these soul-stirring activities come to a close, our hearts turn to God with overflowing gratitude."

Pastor Shuichi Matsumura of the Tokiwadal Baptist Church, Tokyo, said: "Many times I have wondered why American Baptist preachers come all the way to Japan and preach nothing but the cross of Jesus and His resurrection. They could easily impress and fascinate us with their brilliant opinions on social and political problems. But when they come, they simply tell us of Christ's power, and human sin and weakness. Humble and unpretentious, they only try to magnify Christ!"

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Some fellows take off from the landing field: others just fly off the handle.

A real diplomat—a man who remembers a woman's birthday and forgets her age.

—Right Hand.

## Conference Speaker



Dr. J. D. Grey

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Church, New Orleans, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the principle speaker at the State Evangelistic Conference, which will be held at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, January 14-16.

## Nelson Tull at Junction City

Pastor Phil Beach and the Junction City Church had the services of Nelson Tull in a week's revival meeting, November 4-11.

There were 14 additions to the church by baptism, four by letter, and several rededications.

Pastor Beach says, "The spiritual atmosphere of the church has been greatly vitalized due to the preaching and the example of personal witnessing done by Mr. Tull."

## Central, North Little Rock Receives 90 Additions

Pastor C. Gordon Bayless, Central Church, North Little Rock, did his own preaching in an eight day revival recently which resulted in 28 additions to the church, 20 of whom came on profession of faith and baptism.

Dr. Bayless has been with the Central Church for seven months. During this period there have been 90 additions to the church.

## First Church, Berryville Notes Six Years Progress

The bulletin of First Church, Berryville, Gray Evans, pastor, reports, "The past associational year has been one of outstanding progress in the First Baptist Church. Gains have been registered in almost all phases of our work."

Following this statement the bulletin reveals the progress of the church during the six year ministry of Pastor Evans. The church membership has grown from 223 to 356; average Sunday School attendance from 91 to 205; average Training Union attendance from 24 to 91; income from \$4,440 \$10,025.

Men are born with two eyes, but only one tongue, that they may see twice as much as they speak.

Those who never change opinions never correct any of their mistakes.

## Baylor Library Dedicated

"The most beautiful college shrine in America," is the description by Dr. Frank E. Burkhalter of the Armstrong-Browning Library of Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Dedication services for the new library will be held on December 2 and 3, with President W. R. White preaching the dedicatory sermon Sunday afternoon, December 2, at 4 o'clock.

Dr. Burkhalter reports that "another highlight of the dedication comes Monday, December 3, at 11 a. m. in Waco Hall when Katharine Cornell and Brian Aherne, Broadway stars in the drama, 'The Barretts of Wimpole Street,' will repeat their roles from that drama that have won them world-wide fame."

Erected and equipped at a cost of slightly more than \$2,000,000, the building dominates an entire city block on the southwestern edge of the main University campus.

Dr. Burkhalter further comments: "Dedication of this shrine culminates forty years of dreaming, planning, and hard work on the part of Dr. A. J. Armstrong, long time chairman of Baylor's English department and sponsor of the library. In recognition of his prodigious labors in raising the bulk of the funds entering into the project and supervising its construction the Baylor trustees added his name to his dream child, making the name the 'Armstrong-Browning Library.'

"For forty years Dr. Armstrong has traveled over the world in search of material related to the life and labors of Robert Browning and his wife, Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Original manuscripts, first editions of every book, personal letters, paintings, sculptures, published works in thirty-seven languages, music inspired by the poets' works, and innumerable personal effects of the noted authors are now housed in this beautiful shrine on Baylor's campus. The sponsor found friends in many lands whom he induced to provide these innumerable items in the enormous collection.

## Pastoral Changes

Hugh McGehee recently resigned the pastorate of First Church, St. Francis, Arkansas, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Peach Orchard, Missouri. Mr. McGehee began his pastorate at Peach Orchard October 30.

Thurlo Lee has resigned the pastorate of the Sage Church, Sage, to accept the pastorate of the Brown's Chapel Church, Manila.

T. D. Douglas has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Atkins, to accept the pastorate of Grace Church, West Memphis.

## Last China Missionary Arrives in Hong Kong

The last Southern Baptist missionary in communist China has arrived in Hong Kong. She is Miss Pearl Johnson, native of South Carolina, who was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1924.

## Dr. C. Oscar Johnson In Automobile Accident

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, was seriously injured in an automobile wreck Wednesday, November 14.

## Books Received

### 53 OBJECT SUNDAY TALKS TO CHILDREN

Author, Joseph A. Schofield Jr. Price \$1.75  
Publisher: W. A. Wilde Company

### FINAL INVASION OF GOD

Author, John P. Woods Price \$1.50  
Publisher: W. A. Wilde Company

### REBUILDING REVIVAL GATES

Author, Evangelist Douglas, Winn Price \$1.50  
Publisher: Sword of the Lord Publishers

### ETERNAL RETRIBUTION

Author, William Elbert Munsey, Price \$1.50  
Publisher: Sword of the Lord Publishers

### DON'T DISAPPOINT GOD

Author, R. L. Middleton Price \$2.00  
Publisher: Broadman

### CHRISTIANITY IS PERSONAL

Author, Fred Fisher Price \$2.00  
Publisher: Broadman

### ATHEISM'S FAITH AND FRUITS

Author, James D. Bales Price \$2.25  
Publisher: W. A. Wilde Company

### EVERYDAY RELIGIOUS LIVING

Author, Joseph Fort Newton Price \$1.25  
Publisher: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press

### MYSTERIOUS PASSAGE

Author, Dana Winslow Price \$1.00  
Publisher: Zondervan Publications

### CULT AND CULTURE

Author, V. Ogden Vogt Price \$3.25  
Publisher: The Macmillan Company

### BUFUS JONES SPEAKS TO OUR TIME

Author, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Price \$4.00  
Publisher: The Macmillan Company

### INDIA, GIVE ME THINE HEART

Author, Isabel L. Pettit Price \$2.50  
Publisher: W. A. Wilde Company

### THE BIBLE QUIZ AND CROSSWORD PUZZLE BOOK

Author, Amos E. Wells and S. K. Davis  
Publisher: W. A. Wilde Company

### CHRISTUS VICTOR

Author, Gustaf Aulen Price \$2.50  
Publisher: The Macmillan Company

### HERE IS HELP FOR YOU

Author, James Gordon Gilkey Price \$2.50  
Publisher: The Macmillan Company

### THE SUPERSTITIONS OF THE IRRELIGIOUS

Author, George Hedley Price \$2.50  
Publisher: The Macmillan Company

### TWENTY MISSIONARY STORIES FROM AFRICA

Author, Basil Miller Price \$1.50  
Publisher: Zondervan Publications

### AFRICA, A MISSIONARY COLOR BOOK FOR CHILDREN

Author, Paul Hubartt Price \$3.35  
Publisher: Zondervan Publications

### SPECIAL DAY PROGRAMS AND SELECTIONS

Author, Flora E. Breck Price \$2.00  
Publisher: W. A. Wilde Company

### KEYS TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

Author, Luella Knott Price \$2.50  
Publisher: W. A. Wilde Company

### HIDDEN VALLEY

Author, Douglas C. Percy Price \$2.00  
Publisher: Zondervan Publications

### PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS

Author, Wilbur M. Smith Price \$2.75  
Publisher: W. A. Wilde Company

## Greetings!

The Brotherhood Department extends cordial and hearty greetings to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention convening in its ninety-eighth annual session.

Our wish and our prayer is that the Lord shall use this session of the Convention to set forward all phases of His work through the churches of our beloved state; and also that next year shall in every way be the greatest year we have ever known. God's blessings on you!

—Nelson Tull.

## S. B. C. Receipts From Arkansas and Elsewhere

Arkansas Baptists have given nearly \$300,000 this year in Cooperative Program and designated gifts for support of Southern Baptist Convention agencies and causes.

The 1951 gifts are slightly less than the \$305,448.28 given during the same ten-month period last year. The \$21,631.39 given in October brings the Cooperative Program contributions for the year to \$203,908.16 while \$91,638.96 was given for designated causes.

Gifts from all states channeled through the Executive Committee offices through October totaled \$10,360,783.17 in 1951 as compared with \$9,144,054.41 in 1950, a 13.3 per cent gain.

Of the total gifts, \$6,494,389.83 was given through the Cooperative Program, representing nearly 8 per cent increase over 1950 Cooperative Program receipts of \$6,026,187.45 through October. Designated causes have received \$3,866,393.34 in 1951, a 24 per cent gain over the \$3,117,866.96 given last year.

Cooperative Program receipts are expected to reach the \$7,200,000 operating budget needs during November, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, thus allowing all receipts during December, or the remainder of the year, to be allocated to the Foreign Mission Advance Program.

Receipts during October this year, both to the Cooperative Program and designated, totaled \$748,940.09. The Cooperative Program received \$650,626.64.

Of the more than \$10,000,000 total receipts thus far in the year, more than \$5,000,000 has been allocated to the Foreign Mission Board and nearly \$2,000,000 to the Home Mission Board.

Texas gifts are well over the \$2,000,000 mark already this year. Second in contributions is North Carolina, pressing close to \$1,000,000 with \$927,332.81. Ten other states have passed the \$450,000 mark in their 1951 gifts.

Kansas Baptists have more than tripled their gifts this year as compared with the 1950 figures while two others of the newer states in Baptist work—Arizona and Oregon—have nearly doubled 1950 gifts.

## Christmas Seals For TB Control

The Pulaski County Tuberculosis Association carries on the year-round fight against tuberculosis through health education—the corner stone of the Program, through the printed word, bill-board posters, the radio, distribution of literature, movie pictures, talks before various groups—the Association spreads information as to the cause, prevention and control of TB. Your Christmas Seal dollars make this program possible. Buy and use Christmas Seals.

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Think holy things; your work will go more easily tomorrow.

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By Religious News Service

## Catholics Extend Ultimatum Deadline on School Issue

The British Columbia Education Association announced that it had extended the time limit on its recent ultimatum to the major political parties calling for a statement of policy on State support of separate schools.

"We haven't received any official reply from the parties, but we aren't too concerned," a spokesman for the association said following an executive meeting.

At its first annual convention early in October, the association gave the major political parties three weeks to state their position on the separate school issue or face organized opposition at the polls. One delegate suggested that the association organize a Christian Democratic party if the government refuses to meet the Catholic demands.

The association spokesman explained that although the political parties have not officially responded to the ultimatum, several members have expressed support of a proposed seven-point program for Catholic school support outlined by Archbishop William M. Duke of Vancouver.

Demands for Catholic school aid grew out of a controversy at Maillardville, last April, which resulted in two Catholic schools closing down in protest against refusal of the government to provide such aid.

The Catholic Education Association announced also that the Catholic Health and Dental Office, organized in 1939, has closed because neither the Community Chest nor the British Columbia government would provide money to carry on the work.

Purpose of the health services organization was to provide facilities to children attending Catholic schools. The Community Chest helped the offices with grants until 1950, when officials decided the responsibility for further support lay with the government.

Commenting on the health services issue, Archbishop Duke said: "Responsible citizens and fair-minded parents everywhere will recognize the injustice of denying Catholic school children health and dental service for which their parents are taxed from their earnings."

(Note: See what is happening in Canada? It will happen in the United States, too, unless the present trend is turned back and the voting taxpayers demand that tax money go only to public schools. — Editor.)

## Birmingham Baptists Resolve Hospital Fund Issue

Baptists in Birmingham have undertaken a campaign to raise \$675,000 for improvements and additions to the Baptist Hospital.

Decision to undertake the fund drive appeared to resolve a two-year controversy over the fate of the institution which comprises two units—West End Hospital and Highland Avenue Hospital—jointly known as Baptist Hospital.

(Note: These are the hospitals that tried to get government money. They were defeated in this effort, and are now doing the right thing in going to the Baptist constituency for their support. — Editor.)

## President Signs Bill To Aid Church Hospitals

President Truman signed into law an authorization for direct federal grants to two local church hospitals to help them erect new buildings.

The hospitals which will benefit from the bill are Providence (Roman Catholic) and Sibley Memorial (Methodist).

The authorization must still be fulfilled by an appropriation which will be sought from Congress early next year.

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said that attorneys for his organization are mapping a legal suit in the event that the legislation is implemented with an appropriation.

He said that an injunction to prohibit expenditure of the funds will be sought in the hope that a test case will result that can be carried to the Supreme Court.

## Adventists Approve 17 Million Budget

Approval of a \$17,060,000 budget for 1952 by the general council of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at its meeting in Cleveland marked the second straight year the Church's budget has exceeded the \$17,000,000 mark.

The 1951 budget set an all-time record of \$17,074,517.

Some \$9,000,000 of the next year's expenditures will go for overseas work, with the remainder being spent in North America. A \$150,000 addition to the denomination's Washington, D. C., headquarters is included in the budget.

Seventh-day Adventists maintain 4,438 schools throughout the world, an increase of 800 since 1948, it was reported to the council. Of this total, 283 are colleges and academies, the balance elementary schools.

The denomination also operates 106 hospitals and sanitariums, 19 of them in this country. Assets of Adventist medical institutions were reported to total \$30,000,000.

## Election Results in Victory

Protestant clergymen were jubilant over results of the election in Reading, Pennsylvania, which replaced every major city official with the exception of treasurer.

More than 50 clergymen of the Reading Ministerial Association and the Greater Reading Council of Churches had urged their congregations to "vote to stamp out crime and rackets in the community."

The ministers refrained, however, from endorsing specific candidates or political parties.

## Bars School Boards From Transporting Parochial Pupils

Attorney General Clifford G. Parker ruled in Montpelier that public school board officials in Vermont cannot use public funds to pay for transportation of students to parochial or private schools.

He did not rule on whether or not the electorate of a school district might vote such funds.

# A Smile or Two

The long-winded lecturer had been holding forth for over an hour, except for brief pauses from time to time to gulp a hasty drink of water. Finally, during one such pause, an old farmer in the audience leaned toward his neighbor and announced in loud whisper: "First time I ever saw a windmill run by water."

"Now," said the saleslady in the hat shop, "Here's a number that will never go out of style. It will just look ridiculous year after year."

The personnel manager was interviewing a man for a job. "How long did you work in the other place?"

"Sixty-five years."

"Sixty-five years?" exclaimed the manager; "how old are you?"

"I'm forty."

"Tell me, how could you work sixty-five years when you are only forty years old?"

"Overtime."

—Continental Counselor.

In a certain town where two brothers are engaged in a flourishing retail coal business, a series of revival meetings were held and the elder brother of the firm was converted. For weeks after his conversion, the brother who had lately "got religion" endeavored to persuade the other to join the church. One day, when the elder brother was making another effort, he asked, "Why can't you join the church as I did?"

"It's all right for you to be a member of the church," replied Richard, "but if I join, who's going to weigh the coal?"

At the end of Jim's first term, his teacher wrote on his report, "Jim is trying." Next term he wrote, "Jim is still trying," and the third term, "Jim is still very trying."

Headmaster: "Have you ever seen sausages hanging up in a butcher shop?"

Small Boy: "No sir; I have only seen them hanging down."

Some minds are like concrete; all mixed up and permanently set.

Teacher: "Who can tell me what the former ruler of Russia was called?"

Class (in unison): "Czar."

Teacher: "Correct, and what was his wife called?"

Class: "Czarina."

Teacher: "Correct and what were the Czar's little children called?"

A pause and then a small, timid voice piped up: "Czardines."

Editor: "Have you ever read proof?"

Applicant: "No, sir; who wrote it?"

Teacher: What are the people of New York noted for?

Boy: For their stupidity.

Teacher: What ever gave you that idea?

Boy: The book says the population is very dense.

"I suppose you think I'm a perfect idiot."

"Oh, none of us is perfect."

Uncle Mose, the colored church janitor says, "Chu'ches prays fo' de Lawd to send 'em a pastoh or 'vangelist, but w'en dey goes to git rid o' him, dey don't want de Lawd messin' aroun'."

# The Progress of a Leader

By BURTON A. MILEY

Any church must be grown. There are two ways of growing a church. One is by adding members unto it. This is the numerical growth. This growth often attracts the attention than any other kind of growth. Reports are made of the numbers received into the fellowship of the church. But numerical growth can be against the permanent working of the church. It is possible for a church to have numerical indigestion, that is to take more members into its fellowship than it can assimilate and use. The result is the same as when the body takes more food than it can assimilate and use.

The second method to grow a church is through the development of members. This is the proposition of growing a greater quality of life within the particular members of the church. This is the type of growth that will result in better advance of the church and over a period of time greater numbers added unto the church.

There are some things which should be watched. First, loyalty counts most. A leader should be bound to his people by an undying loyalty. He should make one decision for all that the church is to claim his attention and energies.

Then in the progress of the leader he must have a goal. This goal should be long range and immediate. Long range in order that the most can be accomplished over a period and the immediate goal can be used to encourage greater effort. The people should know these goals. When there is nothing in the mind of the leader, there is nothing in the mind of the people. Sometimes there is something in the mind of the leader that is not given to the people. Any progressive leader will let his people know the goals, what he hopes to accomplish. He will develop a method to reach the goals. Some methods are more valuable than others. The leader will choose the most valuable method.

Then a progressive leader will work with people as they are and will work. God does not use many of us when we are as we should be because we do not attain that state but God works with us as we are and leads us onward. A leader will do people the same. People respond to something big and of challenge. Most anyone can do the little things and if there is only a small work to do it is common to say, "let George do it." But if there is something big and challenging to be done people will respond.

One church had exercised only puny, limping efforts to progress. The only thing held before the people was the maintenance of a preaching service once a month. The salary of the pastor was not paid. No gifts to missions had been made. No support to Christian education had been registered. The preaching attendance was falling off. But there came a new leader. He began to challenge for a building program. He asked for support for missions. He asked tithes from people instead of silver offerings. The people began to respond. The little one-room shack of a church building surrendered to a new church plant of beauty. A preacher was moved on the field. The secret was not new people but an approach to the people with a challenge. The same people supported the new program as tolerated the old. We tolerate small things, we support large things.

The leader must be concerned with progress.

# Go - - By Giving Now

By M. THERON RANKIN, Secretary  
Foreign Mission Board

Every Christian wants to be a missionary. That desire came into the heart when Jesus came in.

Every Southern Baptist has an opportunity to be a foreign missionary right now. But you'll have to hurry.

All the money which your Baptist state convention sends to the Southwide Cooperative Program in December will go to foreign missions. The Southern Baptist Convention voted to give all money above the 1951 budget of \$7,200,000 to the Foreign Mission Board for the continuation of its Advance Program.

Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, believes that the budget figure will be reached in the money which comes into his office in November. Therefore, the money distributed through the Nashville office in December will go for the advance of world missions.

BUT you will have to give your money now and ask your church treasurer to get it into your state office immediately so that it will get to the Executive Committee in Nashville for December distribution.

Last year the Foreign Mission Board received \$675,000—money received above the Convention budget—for advance on foreign fields. But, because the Convention budget was raised this year, the Executive Committee will have to receive \$745,000 more than it received last year in order that the Foreign Mission Board will receive as much income.

If the same margin of advance is provided this year, a total of \$1,150,000 must be given beyond the \$7,350,000 which Southern Baptists gave to the Southwide Cooperative Program last year.

Remember that it must be given now and must reach Nashville—via of your state office—in time for December distribution.

## The Lord Said YOU!

You must go out as a missionary! For the Master said, "Go ye into all the world."

But you have to earn a living. You have and to support a family. You have to go to school. You have to keep house.

There is no substitute. The Lord said you!

You can go! You can send an hour of you—a day of you, a week of you, a month of you.

One hour's pay equals one hour of you. One day's pay equals one day of you. It was earned with your mind, your energy, your time. It is you!

Give your money—exchanged for the time out of your life—to the Cooperative Program now.

"Go ye into all the world—"  
"Lord, here am I, send me."

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## 40 Protestant Missionaries Working in Korea

Forty Protestant foreign missionaries were carrying on active work in Korea as of November 1. They include eight trained nurses.

Eight of the missionaries are Methodists, eight belong to the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and eight to the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern). Other denominations represented include the Seventh-day Adventists and the Southern Baptists.

—Religious News Service.

## What We Could Do, If We Would (Continued from page three)

joys and satisfactions which should be normal to us as followers of Jesus. There are so very many Southern Baptists in this condition.

## We Would Not Give God His Tithe We Are Giving 25 Per-Cent to War

In the light of the figures given above, and in the light of present world conditions, and in the light of what the gospel of Christ can do for the world, we can understand why God commanded, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house." From the figures given above, we can easily see how God's house would be provided with sufficient resources to preach His gospel to all the world and to promote His kingdom to the ends of the earth.

If God's house were provided with the tithes from all His people, and if these resources were administered according to His instruction, it is reasonable to believe that the present world condition would be impossible. The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is a more powerful force than atomic energy and the war making devices of our present world. If God's people had given their tithes for the preaching of the gospel throughout the world, it is quite unlikely that 25 per cent of their income would now be taken to finance war. God's people are paying dearly for their withholding from God His tithes.

The peoples of the world are crying for peace while the governments of the world are preparing for war. War and military aggression can be driven from among men only by a moral and spiritual force exercised by the people of God. But the people of God cannot exercise that moral and spiritual force while at the same time they are robbing God.

Let the Christian people of the world beware! Let the Christian people of America beware! Let Southern Baptists beware! Let Arkansas Baptists beware! Lest they let the last chance slip by unnoticed while they are busy with other and less important engagements and issues of life.



Listen to The

## BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: November 25

SPEAKER:  
Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:  
"The World, the  
Flesh, and the Devil"

### ARKANSAS STATIONS

- KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
  - KENA, Mena, 1:30 p. m.
  - KDES, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.
  - KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.
  - KOSE, Osceola, 8:30 a. m.
  - KVRC, Arkadelphia, 2:15 p. m.
  - KGHL, Little Rock
- Consult local paper for time.



## Convention Sermon . . .

# The Faithful Father

By LLOYD A. SPARKMAN

South Side Church, Pine Bluff

Scripture reading, Luke 15:11-32

Texts: "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." I Corinthians 1:9.

"But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil." II Thessalonians 3:3.

"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." I Timothy 2:13.

In the story of the prodigal son, a story of terrible tragedy, tenderness, and triumph, Jesus enables us to see our Heavenly Father with amazing clarity. The gigantic, awe inspiring, and luminous figure in the parable is the Father. Jesus not only called God, Father, but taught us to call Him Father. We are led to believe, yea, by our experience we know, that God is our Father.

However, God is not the Father of all men. The teaching of the universal Fatherhood of God is as fallacious as that of the universal brotherhood of man. All men are brothers in the flesh, and God is the creator of all things; but God is no more the Father of all men because He created all men than He is the Father of an animal grazing on the green. All men are not brothers in the real sense because God is not the Father of all men. Brothers have the same father.

Jesus tells us of some who were not God's children. "Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do." John 8:41, 42, 44.

A contrast is made between children of God and children of the world. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not." I John 3:1. God's children are told to influence others. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust." Matthew 5:16, 45.

Men are told how they may know God as Father, even by knowing Jesus: "Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" John 14:8-9.

Receive Christ and become God's child: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:11-12.



Pastor Sparkman

## He Is Faithful in Our Folly

The Father is faithful to a fool in his folly. He divided his substance with the sinful boy. "And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living." Luke 15:12. This shows that God will deny us nothing that is rightfully ours; that God will permit us to make our own choices.

God gives us a chance when we make a wrong choice and ruin our lives. "And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him . . . But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry." Luke 15:20, 24.

The Father waited for the fool to get over his folly; he watched for the repentant sinner to come home; he wasted no time in running to meet the returning rebel.

My older half-brother and I were on the bridge which spanned the creek on our farm. I was hanging on the edge of the bridge which had no railing. He warned me, but I paid no attention. It was an icy cold morning, and suddenly—how it happened I will never know—I fell in. The water was more than five feet deep and the bridge being of short span had no uprights to which one might hold. I came up shivering and sputtering, half strangled. I was too full of water to even call for help. There was a plank on the bank of the stream and the brother ran, got the plank and shoved it out into the stream calling to me, "Lloyd, Lloyd, grab the plank." Somehow as I went down about

the third time I did get one arm hooked over the plank. He yelled, "Paddle to the bank" but all I could do was sputter and try to call for help. Finally he waded out into the water and towed me in.

We started to the house, almost a half mile away. I think I never was as cold in my life. My clothes were frozen stiff. My teeth were chattering and I thought I never would make it to the house. That half-brother, between teeth that he could not hold together for their chattering, said to me, "You haven't got a bit of sense. I ought to 'ave let you drown."

Who of us today can say that God should not let us drown in hell? We not only fell into the stream of sin because we failed to heed His warning, and have done nothing to help save ourselves; yet He sent His divine Son to snatch us from the flood of death.

The Father wiped out the results of his son's folly. "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God our Father." Galatians 1:14. If God failed to deliver us from this present evil world, we would be eternally lost without hope.

## He Is Faithful When We Sin

The Father is faithful to a saint in his sin. God made a plan for sinning saints. "My little children these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I John 2:1. It is useless to tell you that there are no sinless ones today. Nay, there have been no sinless ones save this sinless advocate with the Father. God declares that only liars claim to be without sin. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." I John 1:8.

We have in the elder brother a picture of a sorry, sinning saint. "And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him." Luke 15:28. How many that will not go in! How many are puffed up because they think they will not be appreciated, or that someone else has been recognized more than they! We see this on the part of our church members, deacons, preachers, institutions that are afraid that another institution will share in the proceeds of a campaign.

Also, we see the entreating faithful Father, who "entreated him." How many times has God entreated you? Where would we be today if Jesus had not met Simon and restored him to the apostleship, or said to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands; and reach hither, thy hand and thrust it into my side." Where would most of us preachers be today, if, in our hours of failure and rebellion, God had not entreated us? No saint would hold out faithful if the faithful Father did not rescue us from the results of our own rebellion.

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## The Faithful Father

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God shares even with sinning saints. "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine." Luke 15:31. When God forgives, He forgets. When God receives, He relieves. When God accepts us, He never rejects us. This poor soul had sinned against his father and sinned against his brother, but still the father said, "All that I have is thine." He had refused to go in but the faithful Father came out and said, "Thou art ever with me. All that I have is thine."

### He Is Faithful When We Are Unfaithful

The Father is faithful to unfaithful followers. Our text tells us that God is dependable. The Psalmist knew it, for he said, "Thy mercy, Oh Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds." He is faithful to us in time of temptation. "There hath no temptation taken you but such is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." I Corinthians 10:13.

He is faithful in time of suffering. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." II Corinthians 12:9. We fail him, but he does not fail us. He is faithful in spite of our unfaithfulness.

Is there any doubt of God's faithfulness to us? Do we need any further proof that God's word in Deuteronomy 7:9 is true? "Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations."

### He Is Faithful to America

God has been faithful to America. America has not been faithful to Him. The hill tops glitter with the lights of night clubs and honky tonks. The valleys are desecrated by juke joints and dance halls. The airways are polluted by "pleas" to drink beer. The pages of the newspapers are marred by advertisements of liquor. Poor foolish men even write these hellish advertisements on God's pure sky. Presidents play poker and fish on Sunday. Supreme Court Justices gamble. High authorities traffic in the lives and blood of their constituents. Office holders sell their birthright for the pottage of prestige and power. Voters sell their ballots for paltry preferments and subsidy payments. Parents pawn their right to the respect of their children for passing pleasures. Preachers prate puerile platitudes about nothing while priceless souls plunge into hell because they hear not the gospel which is "the power of God unto salvation unto everyone that believeth." Church members change their bodies from temples of the Holy Spirit into instruments of iniquity.

How long, Oh God! You revealed yourself unto Abram in Ur of Chaldea, but Chaldea fell because she was unfaithful. You revealed yourself unto Egypt, but Egypt has vanished because the people knew not Joseph, nor Joseph's God. The graveyards of nations continue to multiply. The funeral of France is only delayed. Germany is gone. Britain is gasping for breath. Oh God be faithful to faithless America! God has been

faithful to Baptists whether in Jerusalem, Antioch of Syria or Antioch of Pisidia, Ephesus, Phillipi, Rome: whether in the caves and forrests of the Dark Ages, or in the wilds of the wilderness of Rhode Island, the jails of Virginia, or the hills of Kentucky. Will Baptists be faithful to God?

Imprisonments and death did not put Baptists out of business because God was faithful. Even persecution produced more Baptists. He has made us many. We have not let Him make us much. He has made us rich. We have not let Him make us righteous. He has given us the gospel. We have not let Him cause us to "go" to all the ends of the earth. When we are faithless, He is faithful. "If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." II Timothy 2:13. I, for one, believe that Arkansas Baptists should adopt a budget for one million dollars and raise it. We can do more at home and give more to the ends of the earth. All we need is faith—God is faithful.

### He Is Faithful to His Nature

The Father is faithful to His own nature. God is love. God's love is God in action. "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." Revelation 1:5.

God is mercy and His mercy is everlasting. "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children."

It reaches to all generations. "And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation." Luke 1:50.

It affords us a lively hope. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." I Peter 1:3.

It is abundant for every day. "The Lord's mercies are new every morning." Lamentations 3:22, 23.

God is righteousness, there is no sin in Him. "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all." I John 1:5.

His righteousness is in contrast to our sin. "And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked." Exodus 9:27.

His righteousness reaches from earth to heaven. "Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee." Psalms 71:19.

God is just, He treats everyone right. "And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear." I Peter 1:17.

He will mete out justice. "To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Jude 15.

He will be generous in rewards. "Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free." Ephesians 6:8. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man

according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12.

### "Lead On, O King Eternal"

God is supreme. "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:6. Nations rise and fall. Rulers wax and wane, but God is above all. The poet said, "Hitch your wagon to a star." If that star is the star of Bethlehem, we shall be priests and kings forever and forever, for Revelation 11:15 says, "And the seventh angel sounded; and there was a great voice in heaven saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and forever."

Neither communism, materialism, humanism, nor athelism can stand before the faithful followers of a faithful Father. Jesus said "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18. As a faithful and true witness let God's people say:

"Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper The sweet Amen of peace;  
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly kingdom comes.

"Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er Thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might."

Atomic bombs may burst. The worlds may be loosed from their foundations, but God who is faithful standeth steadfast.

She was just a little thing. I was out visiting that afternoon and they couldn't find me. She was in the emergency room at the hospital. The two doctors were there, robed and ready. The mother was wringing her hands because a limb had been broken. They had the funnel ready to put over her nose and the anaesthetic in hand, but this little daughter of mine said, "No, Daddy is not here." One of the neighbors found me and I rushed to the hospital. As I stepped out of the elevator across the hall from the room I saw the scene and this little girl of mine, who now is preparing to go to a foreign mission field to tell the story of Jesus, was looking over her shoulder at me. As I approached the cot she held out her hand and said to the doctor, "I am ready now. I am not afraid, 'cause my daddy will hold my hand."

As a faithful child with my hand in the hand of a faithful Father, I am not afraid of time and eternity.

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## Broadman Books of Merit THE NEW TESTAMENT DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

J. Clyde Turner Board, 60 cents  
The January Bible Study Week theme for study is "The Bible and the Church."

The New Testament Doctrine of the Church is the guide to find what the Bible teaches. It is in the New Testament that we find the origin of the church, the pattern of the church, the mission of the church, and the early history of the church. This book by Dr. J. Clyde Turner leads in the study of what the Bible has to say about the church.

## Woman's Missionary Union

### Buckets of Water And The Water of Life

By STELLA AUSTIN, Agbor, Nigeria

In Nigeria, the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is called the Christmas Week of Prayer, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is "Our Birthday Gift for Jesus." I want to tell you how the Agbor Baptist Girls' School observed this Week of Prayer last year. For weeks before the designated time, the missionaries had been mentioning the approach of the week and preparing the materials to be used. The girls were reminded of the purpose of the week and of the offering to be taken during the week. Some of the girls have very little money to spend or to give, so they began asking if they could work for us to earn money.

At the time we were building a water tank at the school, and since it was during the dry season, water to be used in making cement had to be carried from the river a mile away. The girls were carrying water from there for their personal use each day, so we asked them if they wished to carry water to use in building the tank in order to earn money for their Birthday Gift. We told them we would pay them three pence (about 4c) a bucket, the rate we were paying laborers to carry it. Every one of the girls kept a record of the number of buckets carried and when they had finished it was found that some girls had earned as much as four shillings (56c).

In the chapel a week or more before the Week of Prayer, we began talking of a goal for our offering. Several girls suggested different amounts that they thought we could give and then the whole school voted on these. It was decided that the goal should be eight pounds (\$22.40). As the week drew near the girls began looking forward to the program and were enthusiastic about the offering. In order that we might see how nearly we were reaching our goal, a poster was prepared showing a thermometer, the degrees representing pounds and shillings.

During the first week in December at our daily chapel period, Mary Ellen Yancey, principal of the school, assisted by different girls, presented the program outline in such a way that every girl and faculty member was made to feel the need presented each day and to desire not only to pray for, but also to give liberally so that the need could be met. On Monday a jar was placed in the chapel and five shillings was given. On the thermometer poster the mercury rose to the level of five shillings.

Each girl was told to bring her offering and place it in the jar at any time she desired. After the program each day the money was counted and the amount registered on the thermometer. On the last day as we joined with others for the Day of Prayer Around the World we felt a fellowship with Christians everywhere and were happy that we could bring a gift to carry the message of Christ to others.

As the final offering was counted the mercury in the thermometer burst the tube and rose above the top. Our Birthday Gift for Jesus exceeded the goal of eight pounds and we rejoiced that we could have this part in carrying the message of God's love into all the world.

#### New Community Missions Leaflets

Your state W. M. U. office has available three new Community Missions leaflets on soul-winning visitation. These are not replacing any former leaflets, but are in addition to the ones we already carry. These leaflets are free.

Please note the titles and uses of leaflets.

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## "M" Night Is In the Air

All associations are urged to observe "M" Night on December 10, or near that date. Letters have gone to missionaries and associational directors, asking them to notify the State Training Union Director of the place and date of "M" Night.

On "M" Night, Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament tracts and mimeographed Junior Memory Drill verses will be distributed. These packages of tracts will be secured at the State Convention, which meets in Little Rock, November 20-22. Churches which need additional copies of the tournament tracts should write to the State Training Union Director.

Goals have been suggested for each association for "M" Night. Every effort should be made to have every church in your association represented and every pastor and Training Union director present.

The following associations have indicated that they plan to observe "M" Night.

- Black River
- Big Creek-Salem
- Boone County
- Caddo River—Oden
- Carey
- Caroline
- Carroll
- Central-First, Benton
- Caddo River-Oden
- Delta
- Faulkner
- Harmony-Second, Pine Bluff
- Hope - (December 7) Beech Street, Tearkana.
- Liberty—El Dorado High School Auditorium
- Newton
- Ouachita (December 17) Gran-  
ins.
- Pulaski-Immanuel, Little Rock
- Red River-Beech Street, Gurdon
- Rocky Bayou
- Tri County
- Trinity-Tyronza
- Woodruff-Pleasant Grove.

## Coming Events

- December 10: Training Union "M" Night
- December 30: Student Night at Christmas

Life gets so choked by busy living,  
Kindness so lost in fussy giving,  
That love slips by unseen.

The God who breathed life in-  
to us gave us the love of liberty  
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## A Cradle Roll in Every Church by December 23

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When the baby is born, he is enrolled in the Cradle Roll and becomes a member of the Sunday School. Regular visitation is made in the home by the visitors.

Many of the parents are not Christians and some hold membership in far removed churches; some are indifferent Christians; others are among our best church leaders. All need the church at this time.

Every church should be interested in these homes. The church owes it to these families to minister to them.

Many Cradle Roll parents join the Sunday School, thus enlarging its attendance; many of them become members of the local church.

Because of the tremendous importance of Christian homes, we are working for a Cradle Roll department in every church by December 23. Do you have a Cradle Roll? If not, write to the Cradle Roll Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue North, Nashville 3, Tennessee, or to your State Sunday School Office, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, for a free gift outfit card and further information.

## Central, Hot Springs Enjoys Gain In Sunday School and Training Union Attendance

A recent report states that the average Sunday School attendance for the month of October 1951, was 505, compared with the average attendance of 431 last year.

The average Training Union attendance for October this year was 220; last year it was 153 for the same period.

Clyde Hart is the pastor; Mr. R. M. Chambers, Education Director.

## Central Association Hymn-Sing Report

Ray McClung, associational music director of Central Association, sent in the following report of the Quarterly Music Festival for Central Association:

"I want to report on our last Quarterly Festival held at Bauxite, Thursday evening, October 25. We had seven churches represented in the attendance, six of them providing one choir or more, or other numbers. First Church, Malvern, adult choir did "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" from the Church Musician. Bauxite had also prepared to sing this but switched at the last moment to "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" by their adult choir. Later their youth and junior choirs appeared on the program. First Church, Benton, had a splendid male chorus to sing "Going Down the Valley." Central Church in Hot Springs had a lovely little Junior choir to sing "Steal Away" after having only three rehearsals. Mrs. Jack Daniel, their director said. Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Roy Orr sang a duet, "My All for Thee." Miss Rutherford had a nice arrangement of "Anchored in the Rock" for her youth choir. I had my girls sextette that I call Treblettes to sing "Grace, Greater Than Our Sins."

"For the congregational singing period I used a group of strictly gospel songs after giving an attempted definition of the hymn and the gospel song. The Bauxite church auditorium which seats 350 was almost filled. We were pleased at the responses about the evening program.

"Plans for the new year include a continuation of the Sunday afternoon Zone Hymn-Sings to be held in the rural churches of the Association, but with a wider appeal for attendance. In other words, announcement of them will be made in every church, large or small, in that zone and an effort made to get those interested in good congregational singing to attend. I am enlisting an associate director to have charge of the Sings in each of these zones. We will make efforts to have one of the rural churches, more if they can be enlisted, to have the special choir numbers. Then we want to put a bit more planning into the Festival program each quarter, seeking to have some combined choir numbers on pre-arranged selections and the like.

"Our Festival dates for the year are as follows: January 24, at

## Tournaments

Now is the time for all churches to be planning for their church Sword Drills, Speakers' Tournament, and Junior Memory Drills. Church elimination tournaments should be held sometime in February, and the associational tournaments the first part of March. State tournaments will be held at the State Training Union Convention, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 14-15, 1952.

The purpose of the Junior memory drill, sword drill, and speakers' tournament is not just to assist one or two people to become "winners", but to encourage a large number of people to enter in order to receive training. For that reason we are hoping that many churches will have large numbers to enter the church elimination memory drill, sword drill, and speakers' tournament.

All Juniors who do not make over three mistakes in the church drill may go to the associational drill and all who do not make over one mistake there may go to the State Junior Memory Drill to be held at the State Training Union Convention.

## Attention, Church and Associational Training Union Workers!

The State Training Union Director will be able to assist a large number of churches and associations with enlargement campaigns and leadership schools during 1952. Faculties consisting of capable Training Union workers will be enlisted. Write to your State Training Union Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, and let him know what you want and when. Definite engagements are being taken now. Plan something worthwhile for your Training Union next year.

Second Church in Hot Springs; May 1, at First Church, Malvern; July 24, at First Church, Benton; and October 23, at Central Church, Hot Springs.

"The tentative schedule and places of the Zone sings is: November 4, Antioch Church; December 2, Calvary, Benton; February 3, Mountain View Church; March 2, Lake Hamilton Church near Hot Springs; April 6, Owensville; June 1, Jessieville, August 3, Gravel Hill; September 7, Grand Avenue Church, in Hot Springs. These all meet at 2:30 in the afternoon."

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**Jay D. Tolleson, Moderator,  
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In a letter to pastors and superintendents Mr. Tolleson said: "Enclosed you will find a sheet showing the amount given by the churches last year, taken from Association letters. Please study this and set a goal and date for your church. I would like for our Association to set for its goal \$12,000, and in order to reach it I have indicated a suggested goal for your church. Much money will be spent between now and Christmas for the Devil's work. Let us channel some of it into God's work."

**Excerpts from the Annual Report**

The population of the Home remains practically the same, because as one child moves out another moves in. Capacity is 36 boys, 36 girls; total number cared for during the year was 93, up to November 9th.

The boys look after the 240 acre farm, under the direction of Farm Manager D. P. Smith. Farm and stock are gradually being improved, as a program of work and training for the boys and a source of food for all.

Since January 1st, 31 hogs (4469 lbs. meat) and 13 beeves (3404 lbs.) have been butchered; 12 to 14 cows are milked daily, and the children consume 25 to 30 gallons of Pasteurized milk per day. The dairy herd includes 82 cows and calves.

Thus we need YOUR support to help support our livestock that helps support OUR children! If Christian people do not provide for helpless children, WHO will?

# CARRYING THE BALL

## for the ORPHANAGE

Associations, churches and individuals are urged to continue their gifts right up to Christmas, because the Orphanage is in the Cooperative Program for only a part of its support. Here's what some are doing. How about matching their spirit?

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 Fort Smith, Arkansas

November 8, 1951

Rev. H. C. Seefeldt,  
 Bottoms' Baptist Orphanage,  
 Monticello, Arkansas.

Dear Brother Seefeldt:

Your letter of November 1 received and contents carefully noted.

It thrills our heart to be able to report to you that our Board of Deacons has recommended to the church that our entire church offering for Sunday, November 25, be given to our State Baptist Orphanage. This recommendation was unanimously accepted by our church in our regular monthly business meeting last night. This offering should run somewhere between \$2500.00 and \$4000.00.

I am certainly glad I had the opportunity of meeting you at the Association. Let me assure you that in the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Smith you have a real friend for the great work you are doing for our Lord and our homeless children.

Trusting God's richest blessings on you, I remain,

Yours in His service,  
 (Signed) J. HAROLD SMITH

**From First Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas**

My Dear Brother Seefeldt:

Thanks for your letter of November 1 calling our attention to the Thanksgiving offering for our orphan children. I shall call attention to the contents of your letter, as well as the ads in the Arkansas Baptist, and, of course, we'll have the posters in a conspicuous place.

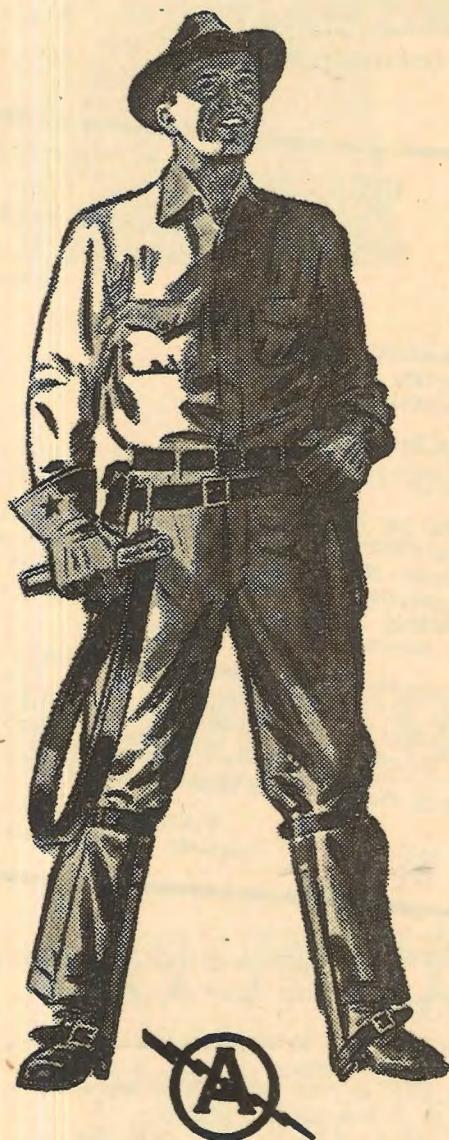
With the best of personal regards, and praying for a great Thanksgiving offering, I am

(Signed) JOHN L. DODGE, PASTOR

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Including Missions	1390	577		
Little Rock, First	1026	413		
El Dorado, First	950	303		
Including Mission	1030	346		
Little Rock, Second	923	170	1	
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	848	353	4	
Including Missions	884	372		
Hot Springs, Second	728	195	4	
Fayetteville, First	699	248	4	
Pine Bluff, South Side	657	229	5	
Texarkana, Beech St.	597	309	3	
Benton, First	585	139		
Including Mission	652	174		
El Dorado, Second	547	254		
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	538	185	1	
Camden, First	517	117	3	
Including Missions	749	276		
Fort Smith, Grand Ave	513	255	4	
Forrest City, First	508	232	4	
Including Mission	547	288		
Little Rock, Tabernacle	502	183	3	
Paragould, First	501	229		
Including Missions	686	331		
Siloam Springs, First	489	314	1	
Hope, First	484	125		
Hot Springs, Central	480	209	1	
Crossett, First	477	245		
West Helena	471	197	1	
Little Rock, Gaines St.	469	251	1	
Booneville, First	462		3	
Fordyce, First	454	187		
Hot Springs, Park Place	454	171		
Warren, First	445	99		
Cullendale, First	425	174		
Conway, First	418	141	1	
Paris, First	415	150		
Including Mission	452			
Malvern, First	411	126	5	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	403	194		
Springdale, First	396	241		
Including Mission	581			
Osceola, First	394	199	2	
Rogers, First	393	148	1	
Including Mission	454	182		
El Dorado, West Side	376	150	1	
Fort Smith, Calvary	369	166		
Stuttgart, First	369	217		
Including Mission	410	253		
Little Rock, So. Highland	357	163		
Texarkana, Calvary	355	145		
Bauxite, First	350	161	4	
Hot Springs, First	350	116	2	
Searcy, First	338	116	1	
Monticello, First	333	125		
Smackover, First	322	144		
Hamburg, First	315	152		
Fort Smith, Southside	315	130	3	
Norphlet, First	292	221		
Mena, First	287	110		
Wynne	285	92	7	
Bentonville, First	282	92		
No. Little Rock, Pk. Hill	278	67		
Piggott	272	87		
Gentry, First	271	206	1	
Pine Bluff, Second	268	113	1	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	264	125	1	
Jacksonville, First	258	108	2	
Levy	258	134		
North Little Rock, First	251	74	1	
Tyroneza, First	241	143	5	
Including Mission	346	234		
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	227	81	4	
Gurdon, Beech St.	219	106	2	
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	216	126		
Alma, First	206	116		
Little Rock, Hebron	201	127		
Star City, First	191	75		
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	186	150		
Rose City, Calvary	183	88	3	
Carlisle, First	181	75		
Augusta, First	154	60		
Including Mission	211			
Van Buren, Oak Grove	148	105	2	
Almyra	146	119	2	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	146	100	2	
Nettleton	144	108		
Strong, First	141	72		
Hot Springs, Harvey's Chpl.	135	105		
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	126	79		
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	125	48	3	
Hot Springs, Lk. Hamilton	110	84	1	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	105	58		
Scott, Toltec	102	68		
Curtis	101	68		
Warren, Immanuel	96	86		
Little Rock, Woodlawn	95	41		
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	81	69	2	
Fort Smith, North Side	79	43		
No. Little Rock, Grace Magazine	75	30	3	
Douglasville, Second	71	29		
No. Little Rock, Cedar Hts.	70	60		
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	68	42	1	
No. Little Rock, Davis Chpl	67	64		
Little Rock, Bethel	62	43		
El Paso	58	49		
Fort Smith, Rye Hill	53	54		

The man who says it can't be done is usually interrupted by some one doing it.

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# The People At Worship

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

*Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.*

We emphasize three points in this lesson: The law of Moses as it was related to the worship service of Israel; the place of worship; and the administrators or directors of their worship. Let us notice carefully how thoroughly the Lord organized His business with Israel. Keep in mind too that Israel was a young nation just starting out in its life's journey, and that no nation before it ever had received the laws of God, nor had enjoyed a personal experience with Him. Heretofore all His dealings had been with individuals.

## The Laws of Worship

The laws concerning Israel began with the ten commandments in Exodus 20. The law of Moses was both civil and religious; its basis was both moral and spiritual. God was their King and they lived in a Theocracy; the nation was "God ruled." The civil contract said, break a commandment and die; be stoned to death. Paul said the ten commandments were an administration of death, 2 Corinthians 3:7. But the same contract had a spiritual side which provided a substitute for death, if obeyed. The Lord set up a schedule whereby the death penalty could be avoided. There was the "sin offering" for sins committed in ignorance; there was the trespass offering and the law of restitution to be made for the every day sins or trespasses of God's children. Then there were "worship offerings" called the "whole burnt offering, the peace offering, the meat (meal) offering, the thanksgiving offering." Then once each year there was the great day of atonement when sacrifice was offered for all the sins of all the people for an entire year. These individual offerings were offered every day throughout the year; the fire never died on the altar of sacrifice. But that was insufficient to cover the sins of all the people; once a year they had an overall offering to cover everything. Would that not picture to us, that as human beings, or as Christians, after we have done the very best we are able to do to live right and do right, we still need a sacrifice for sin. Jesus is that sacrifice. "He was offered once for all; He is able to save to the utmost all that come unto Him." At the great day of atonement, a scape goat symbolically received the sins of the people and was taken to the wilderness to roam forever, never to be

seen again by the Israelites, indicating that sin once forgiven is forgotten. "He will remember our sins against us no more." They are as far from us as the East is from the West.

## Place of Worship

The laws of worship included a place of worship. Prior to Israel's experience in the wilderness all worship was "family style." Each father was priest of his own household. Their place of worship was a family altar. So Israel was instructed to build the first place of public worship, the tabernacle. The people were instructed to bring gifts to Moses for the purpose of building. A huge frame was constructed; animal skins were prepared for the outside, and fine embroidered linens were prepared for the inside. The furnishings were simple, but were covered with pure gold. The altar and laver were used in the court yard of the tabernacle, and they were made of brass.

The tabernacle was in three divisions; the outer court was really the court yard. That was where the sacrifices were offered. A person would bring his offering to the gate of the tabernacle, the sinner killed the offering, the priest administered the sacrifice according to the law. When the congregation met, it was in the outer court, always. The altar for sacrifice was out front, and the laver for ceremonial washing also.

The next section was the inner court. That room contained the table of show bread, the altar of incense, and the seven golden candle sticks. Only the priesthood went in there.

The third section was divided by heavy curtains, and it was the most Holy Place or the Holy of Holies. Nobody entered that room except once each year; on the great day of atonement the HIGH PRIEST went alone, and not without blood, into the Holy of Holies to make the annual sacrifice for sin.

The tabernacle was a portable building. It was so constructed that it could be taken down at will, carried in sections, and erected again when desired. The Israelites used it throughout their wilderness journey, repaired it several times after reaching the promised land, and it was not replaced till the days of Solomon, although David desired to

build a new house of worship very much.

## The Administrators Of the Law

The general directors of the laws of God were the priests. The priesthood consisted of one high priest, who was always supposed to be a descendant of Aaron, the first high priest, and brother of Moses; the high priest had helpers, who were the sons of high priests. The entire priesthood was supposed to be of the household of Aaron. (Remember the father of John the Baptist was a priest).

All sin and trespass offerings were made by the high priest only. The worship offerings, peace offerings, thanksgiving offerings were handled by his assistants, shall we say, the ordinary priests. Aaron and his four sons were the first ordained or consecrated priests. Two of them were killed for disobedience. The priesthood was assisted by the Levites, one entire tribe from among the Israelites. During the wilderness journey they had charge of moving the tabernacle, and other technical duties. Later we understand they were trained for singers and were also porters about the temple or tabernacle.

God never permitted anybody to offer sacrifices, or to act as a mediator between Him and men, except those who were called for the special place. The Lord tolerated much disobedience from the first king in Israel, Saul, but when Saul presumed to enter the priest's office to make sacrifice in the priest's stead one day, the Lord said it was enough; that was the day He disowned the king of Israel.

There are those today who pattern modern religious systems after the Old Testament mode of worship and think they have

a biblical right to do so. But the New Testament replaces each phase of the law of Moses with a better way, the way of Christ. Hebrews 7:12; 8:13. Instead of animal sacrifices, Jesus is our sacrifice. Instead of an order of high priests, Jesus is the one High Priest, Hebrews 7:28, and each Christian is a priest, 1 Peter 2:9. Instead of human mediators between God and men, "There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5.

In the Old Testament dispensation, people were commanded to obey the laws that were given them by Moses; today we are told "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him." We get our "laws" teachings, doctrines from the New Testament. The principles of right and wrong are the same; customs and administration are different.

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If people speak ill of you, live so that nobody will believe them.

-Plato.

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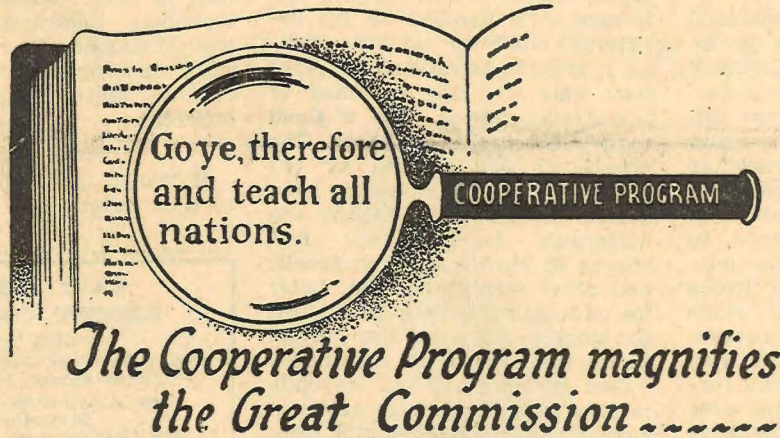
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## We Work Together

As we come to our annual Convention week, we look back through the years and think how greatly the Lord has blessed Arkansas Baptists in every phase of their work. Year after year the reports made at our Convention have stirred our hearts. We have made advance. We believe these advances have been accomplished chiefly through the Cooperative Program, the Baptist plan of carrying the gospel "unto the uttermost," beginning at home.

**We Work Together!** How grateful we are to the Lord for His blessings upon us. How grateful we are to every church, every pastor, and every individual member of our great Convention for the fine spirit of co-operation they have shown by their giving and labors.

Let us now join hands and hearts as we face a new year of enlarged and challenging opportunities. Let us join in prayer for self and for each other. Let us work together, "Bringing in the sheaves."



### Webb and West Helena Church

West Helena Church will give between \$9,000 and \$10,000 next year through the Cooperative Program. What an increase! This aggressive young preacher not only fills the pulpit in a challenging way, but he is a marvelous and wise leader in enlisting his church members in supporting the whole cause of Christ. In an unusual way his church membership follows his bold and aggressive leadership. He has a number of fine laymen that stand up by his side and march along in full support of his leadership program. Have you heard him preach? He can really do it.

### Ralph Douglas and Helena

First Church, Helena, has really come into its own. We do not know of any situation that has made such remarkable progress in every direction within the last few years. Pastor Douglas is a great preacher. He is fearless and does not watch the clock. He watches closely the Holy Spirit's leadership in the pulpit as well as in the planning of the work. His men have stayed with him and they have recently dedicated a fine, large, commodious, new church building and their enthusiasm and victories are challenging the people of that city. They are celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the church. This church was organized by J. R. Graves and others in 1851. The records say that J. R. Graves preached three hours on that day. They called a pastor and paid him \$600 per year. This great church is launching now an enlarged program for the new century.

### What A Leap

South Side Church, Pine Bluff, and Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor, goes far in increasing their contribution for the Cooperative Program in 1952. In a letter to the editor we notice Pastor Sparkman says that they will increase their contribution 66 2/3 per cent. This far reaching increase illustrates what a Baptist Church can do if it really wants to do it. Some of the smaller churches who do not have great financial burdens at home have doubled their contributions, but here is one of our larger churches that has a heavy local operating expense giving an increase of 66 2/3 per cent for Cooperative Missions. It is a good mark for other churches to behold. This church and pastor could try to excuse themselves from a large mission allocation on the ground that they have recently built and have a church debt, but their love for Christ's world program tells a different story. The church loves and follows the leadership of Pastor Sparkman.

### Tedford and Jessieville

Tommy Tedford writes that every family in the Jessieville Church except two has been enlisted as tithers. The income of the church has increased and Pastor Tedford says the church will, without doubt, give every dollar that we prayed for it to give for missions in 1952. He thinks it will give \$100 instead of the smaller amount we requested. Tommy is one of our youngest preachers, but is aggressive and full of faith.

### Clubb and West Memphis

West Memphis has a Clubb. Two Clubs in fact. They are Russell and Jessie. They "Clubb" the First Baptist Church in West Memphis, but they "Clubb" it with love. They sent us \$1,000 this month for the Cooperative Program. Think of the marvelous growth of this church in the last few years. The Clubs are missionary to the core, and this fine group of Baptists follow their leadership.

### Davis and College Hill

College Hill Church, Texarkana, sends \$235 this month for the Cooperative Program. C. G. Davis has been their beloved and trusted pastor for several years and they are wonderfully following his missionary leadership. They have grown in a marked way during the years of his pastorate.

### Pastor Reeves and El Dorado, First

They tell us that First Church in El Dorado will give \$22,500 for the Cooperative Program in 1952. This great church has finished and paid for two Sunday School wings. They have recently celebrated their victory. Yes, the Lord has put some wealth into the hands of Baptists in El Dorado, and they are true to the Lord in the use of their Lord's money. Pastor Reeves is greatly loved by his membership and they all count it a delight to follow his leadership.

### Harris and Beech Street, Texarkana

The Beech Street Church in Texarkana has not adopted its budget for 1952. You will be happily surprised when they take action and when you see how they are moving up into the higher brackets in giving for Cooperative Missions. Here is another illustration of a great vision by the pastor and a fine fellowship on the part of the church. Pastor Harris not only loves the Arkansas Baptist program, but he is strong for missions to the ends of the earth.

### Marvel Church

Perhaps the first contribution that the Marvel Church has ever made for Cooperative Missions was booked in our office this week. The Marvel Church has been with the Landmark brethren ever since they split off in 1901, but they have voted to co-operate with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. This scribe preached to them last Sunday night and we have a \$25 contribution for missions to their credit.

### The Country Parson

You have heard the Country Parson over the radio haven't you? He drives his faithful horse, Stonewall, and rides in his buggy to church in his radio program. He has a very practical message which reaches the hearts of many people that the ordinary sermon does not reach. He is Wesley Pruden, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Little Rock. Two weeks ago they voted to join in with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

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