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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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*The Bible, Our Guide*

Theme of the recent Arkansas Baptist State Convention

See Report on pages two and three

—H. Armstrong Roberts

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

By the Editor

## The Bible, Our Guide

The mariner has the compass to chart his course across the sea. We have our road maps and road signs by which the traveler charts his course across the country. There are guides to conduct the tourist on sightseeing tours and to places of interest in the areas visited.

The Christian also has a guide by which he may conduct the course of his life, his life pursuits, and activities with certainty and with the assurance of reaching the greatest ends of life and achieving the greatest goals of life. That Christian guide is God's revelation to man, the inspired Bible.

The theme of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, meeting with the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, November 8, 9, and 10, was "The Bible, Our Guide." That theme ran through the entire Convention sessions being emphasized in every message and by all the speakers. It was the keynote sounded in the President's address and re-emphasized in every session.

The congregational singing was under the direction of Purl Stockton, who did a superb job both in the selection of the great gospel hymns and in enlisting the entire congregation in singing them. Those who know Purl Stockton know with what energy, enthusiasm, and spiritual fervor he performs any service committed to him. He was at his best in conducting the congregational singing during the sessions of the Convention. In addition to the congregational singing there were several special numbers which thrilled and delighted the Baptists who were gathered from all parts of the state.

Each session of the Convention was opened with a devotional service. These devotional periods were vital to every session of the Convention and those brethren who were responsible for them were at their best. They were B. K. Selph, Boyd Baker, W. W. Dishong, Luther Dorsey, Lawson Hatfield, Earl Humble, and Lehman Webb. Much credit for the spiritual atmosphere of the sessions is due these men.

WEDNESDAY MORNING,  
NOVEMBER 8

## The Bible, Our Guide In Advancement

Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Church, welcomed the messengers constituting the Convention, to Pulaski County Association, to the capital city of Little Rock, and to Immanuel Church. Dr. Vaught stated that 15 years ago there were 30 Baptist churches in Pulaski County Association and today there are 63. He urged all messengers to go back to their churches and lead those churches to give more money to the Cooperative Program.

Dr. W. B. Tatum, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, responded to the welcome address. Dr. Tatum declared that we are here to build a great denomination. He stated that Baptists constitute the last stronghold of spiritual democracy. He urged the necessity of an offensive approach to the program launched by Arkansas Baptists.

President T. H. Jordan delivered his message on "The Bible, The Inspired Word of God." Since we plan to publish this message in a later issue we shall not give an analysis of it here. Following the President's message

## Special Order of Business

10:15 Friday Morning

The special order of business which was postponed from Thursday afternoon to Friday morning involved the recommendation of the special committee on Educational Institutions that the Constitution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention be amended as follows:

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

5. That article VIII of the constitution be amended by adding section 2 as follows:

"That each Board, Agency, and Institution of this Convention shall submit to the Executive Board through its Administrators and Finance Committee a memorandum statement of budgetary receipts and expenditures each quarter-year and, if the quarterly report reflects that any Board, Agency, or Institution has current expenditures in excess of its current receipts, that said committee shall instruct the General Secretary to withhold payment of budgetary allocations until necessary adjustments have been made, to the satisfaction of the Administration and Finance Committee."

W. R. Vestal of Searcy offered the following motion: "That the amendment be held in abeyance for a year and that the institutions comply with the Convention Constitutional requirement that no debts be made; that institutions report financial status next year to the Convention."

E. C. Brown of Blytheville offered the following amendment to Mr. Vestal's motion: "That the proposed constitutional amendment be referred to the committee on Educational Institutions of the Executive Board to be studied and brought back to the Convention in 1951 in any form they deem wise."

The motion as amended was passed by the Convention.

and immediately preceding the Convention sermon, Mr. John F. Moreland sang a beautiful solo. Pastor Stanley Jordan, First Church, Springdale, read the scripture, Luke 12:32-48.

Pastor Harvey A. Elledge, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, preached the annual Convention sermon, taking for his text the latter part of Luke 12:48 "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they shall ask the more."

Pastor Elledge delivered a powerful, soul stirring sermon. He declared that there should be a balance between what Christians receive and what they do, between their blessings and their responsibilities. He declared that we have committed unto us a history, a heritage, and a hope. And in response to these gifts we should be faithful, filled, and fruitful.

Since we shall publish this sermon in a later issue of the paper we shall not undertake to give a complete analysis in this report.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,  
NOVEMBER 8

## Our Guide In Evangelism

Dr. C. E. Matthews, director of the department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, brought a stirring and challenging message on the subject, "The Bible, Our Guide in Evangelism." Dr. Matthews declared that evangelism is first in our Christian program. When evangelism goes up, Dr. Matthews said, everything else goes up. He declared that evangelism unifies all other phases of our church and denominational programs.

Dr. Matthews discussed the advantages of the simultaneous method of evangelism. He declared that the simultaneous method provides for adequate and thorough preparation and organization for the evangelistic campaign. He also spoke with appreciation for the Simultaneous Crusade west of the Mississippi River early this year, and spoke of the preparations being made for the Simultaneous Crusade east of the River in 1951. He also asked for the prayers of the people west of the River for and in the interest of the Crusade east of the River next year.

As a basis for discussion of evangelism and the analysis of the evangelistic opportunity, Dr. Matthews read portions of the book of Jonah and called attention to four things in the experience of Jonah which are basic to any evangelistic effort. These four principles are: A challenge, Impending Danger, Participation, and Preaching.

The speaker emphasized the importance of preaching repentance, declaring that there was never a time when there was a greater need for preaching repentance than this age in which we live.

## Publication Report The Arkansas Baptist

The report of the Arkansas Baptist was read by J. T. Elliff, who also presented Editor B. H. Duncan and the members of his staff. Mr. Elliff reported that the circulation of the paper has reached a total of 35,698 subscriptions, an increase of 484 over last year.

He also reported that the paper is promoting an expansion of the circulation by offering a two months free sample budget to any church in the state which does not now have the paper in its budget. As a result of this offer, 69 churches have received the paper for two months without charge; that 21 of

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## Convention Report

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these budgets have been confirmed, and club and individual subscriptions have been received from two others of these churches; that 20 of these sample budgets are still in force and that 26 have been dropped.

This two months free sample budget is an introductory offer to acquaint the people who are not now receiving the paper with the **Arkansas Baptist** and with the hope that after having received the paper for two months these churches will continue the **Arkansas Baptist** in the church budget.

The report recommended that the present subscription rates be continued in force, stating: "We do not believe it would be wise to increase the subscription rates which now stand at 11 cents per month or \$1.32 per year for church budget subscriptions, \$1.50 per year for the club subscription, and \$2 per year for the individual subscription. While the subscription rates, all except the individual subscription rate, are below the actual cost of production, we believe that the promotional value of the **Arkansas Baptist** would justify the Convention in allocating sufficient funds to produce the paper on the present high standard at the present low rates. To increase the subscription rates would inevitably reduce the circulation and the reduction in circulation means that the promotional value of the paper is lost to those subscribers whose subscriptions are lost.

### The Editor's Statement

Editor B. H. Duncan stated that there were three processes involved in the production of the paper. The first of these is the matter of getting the paper printed, selecting the material, arranging it, and getting it off the press. The second is the problem of circulation, getting the paper out to the people. He stated that by far the most effective method of getting the paper to the people is the church budget plan of subscriptions. And the third essential is that the paper may be read after it is delivered into the homes of the people. The Editor asked for the co-operation of pastors, Sunday School teachers, and other interested persons in the local churches to assist in enlisting the interest of the people in reading the paper.

### 123 New Organizations In W. M. U. Work

Miss Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary of the State W. M. U., presented the report of the Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Cooper called attention to the growth of Woman's Missionary Union in Arkansas from a very small beginning in 1888 until the present time. "Growth has been experienced in every era of history and advance recorded during the above period is further evidence of divine sanction, humbly acknowledged by those who serve." There are now 25,000 women and young people enlisted in 1,891 organizations. These figures include 123 new organizations during the first nine months of 1950. During these nine months, 2,254 study classes were reported.

The W. M. U. places major emphasis upon tithing and proportionate giving. Reports reveal a 13 per cent increase in the number of tithers during the past year and an 18 per cent increase in total gifts. Besides emphasizing a regular and proportionate giving through the church budget, the Woman's Missionary Union sponsors the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions which resulted in a gift of \$55,498 last year; the Annie Armstrong offering for Home Missions which totaled \$20,331 last spring; and the Dixie Jackson offering for State Missions with a total contribution of \$17,580.

Among the other activities in the overall

W. M. U. program are Community Missions, Missionary Education, and promotional activities such as conferences, district meetings, and associational rallies.

### Home Mission Board Employs 779 Missionaries

Miss Cooper presented Foreign Missionary Howard Bryant from Antofagasta, Chile. Mr. Bryant is a native of Alabama, and has served under the Foreign Mission Board for 11 years in Chile. He brought a very interesting and instructive message on the missionary work in that South American country.

The report on Home Missions was read by O. M. Stallings, who presented Dr. Perry Carter, superintendent of the department of city missions of the Home Mission Board.

Dr. Carter declared that the Home Mission Board had been instrumental in establishing 10,000 Baptist churches within the area of the Southern Baptist Convention and was also instrumental in the conversion of one million souls. He declared that there was one conversion for every \$35 received by the Board.

In 1930, the Home Mission Board had 106 missionaries in its employ. Today there are 779 missionaries. Ten new departments have been added and the territory for which the Board is responsible has increased 79 per cent.

Dr. Carter called attention to the five year crusade being launched by the Board with a goal of 10 per cent increase in baptisms each year; 1,000 new churches each year; and 2,000 mission stations.

### Religious Education

The report on Religious Education was presented by L. H. Davis.

The report shows that a total of 9,822 Sunday School study course awards have been issued since October 1, 1949, with 250 churches and 38 associations reporting training schools, with 61 Workers diplomas, 17 Advanced diplomas, and two Master diplomas awarded.

Among the important events in the field of Religious Education during the year were Vacation Bible Schools in June, State Baptist Assembly in July, Statewide Associational Leadership Conference in September, and the Annual State Sunday School Convention in October.

Among the outstanding achievements of the Training Union Department may be listed the Summer Field Work in which 32 young persons were engaged in 69 rural churches in Arkansas for five weeks during the summer.

Among the outstanding events of the year were the State Planning Meeting for all associational Training Union officers, and "M Night" rallies in 40 associations.

State Training Union Director Ralph Davis, proposed three things to promote Training Union work in the state in 1951. A State Planning Meeting has already been held; and plans are being made to assist associations with simultaneous study courses, group leadership schools; and central leadership schools during 1951. Arkansas Church Development Week will be observed January 29 to February 2, 1951, with six Central Leadership Schools conducted in the following cities: Pine Bluff, Little Rock, Hot Springs, Fort Smith, and El Dorado.

### Student Union Work

Dale Cowling is the new Student Union secretary. The purpose of the Student Union organization is to minister to students on college campuses, to provide Christian atmosphere on state and denominational campuses, out of which will come consecrated, trained leadership for the responsibilities of Arkansas' tomorrows.

There are approximately 5,000 Baptist young people on the college campuses of

Arkansas. The Student Union secretary, Mr. Cowling, promotes state and local activities through the channels of the state and local councils endeavoring to enlist the young people in the church membership and participation in all the unit organizations and activities of the Baptist churches in the college centers.

### Church Music Education

The Church Music Education program is steadily expanding under the direction of State Music director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger. More and more associational music schools, hymn sings, and festivals are being sponsored by the associational organization.

The Annual School for Music Leaders was held at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs last summer. Dr. Warren Angell, of Oklahoma Baptist University, headed the faculty for this school.

The Youth and Junior Choir festivals were held at Ouachita College last March with 868 young people participating.

After brief comments by Ralph W. Davis and Mrs. B. W. Nininger, Dr. Edgar Williamson presented Dr. W. F. Powell of Nashville, Tennessee, who spoke on Christian education.

Dr. Powell declared that all good government functions through Christian education. Christian education, he declared, is necessary for our country, for our churches, and for the individual. "No democracy," said Dr. Powell, "can survive without Christian education. America must educate or America must abdicate."

WEDNESDAY EVENING,  
NOVEMBER 8

### The Bible, Our Guide In Christian Education

The Wednesday evening program was devoted exclusively to Christian Education. L. W. Hunnicutt read the report, "The Bible, Our Guide in Christian Education." Mr. Hunnicutt emphasized the needs and the opportunities for Christian education in the home, in the church and its organizations including the pulpit, the Sunday School, the W. M. U., the Brotherhood, and the Training Union.

He stated that there are 3,000 Baptist students in state colleges in Arkansas. Approximately 1,000 in Ouachita and Southern Baptist College. Referring to the Baptist students in the state colleges of Arkansas, Mr. Hunnicutt proposed that some provision should be made to minister to these students on state, college, and university campuses. Such a ministry might be rendered through Student Centers and chairs of Bible.

Dr. H. E. Williams, president of Southern Baptist College, reported for that institution. The enrolment of the college reached 1,110 for the school year 1949-50. Nine hundred-seventy of these students were enrolled in the winter session. The others in the summer school. There were 120 ministerial students and 25 volunteers for special religious service. This record attendance of 1,110 has grown from the small beginning of 42 students in 1941, when Southern Baptist College was opened.

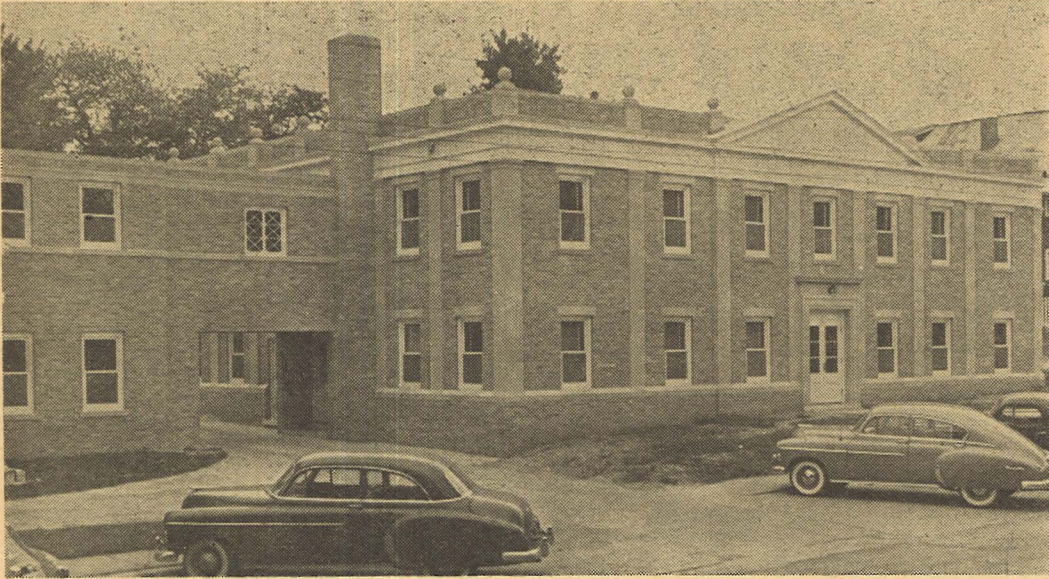
Dr. Williams stated that the total receipts for the past year amounted to \$451,000; \$20,000 of this came from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

President Williams emphasized the missionary and evangelistic service rendered by the student body and faculty members of the college. As a result of this service 2,000 people were reached for Christ during the past year. Dr. Williams stated that a Baptist college should be Christian in policy and practice.

The current enrolment stands at 625.

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## First Church, Jonesboro, Dedicates New Building Honors Leader of 44 Years in Unveiling Service

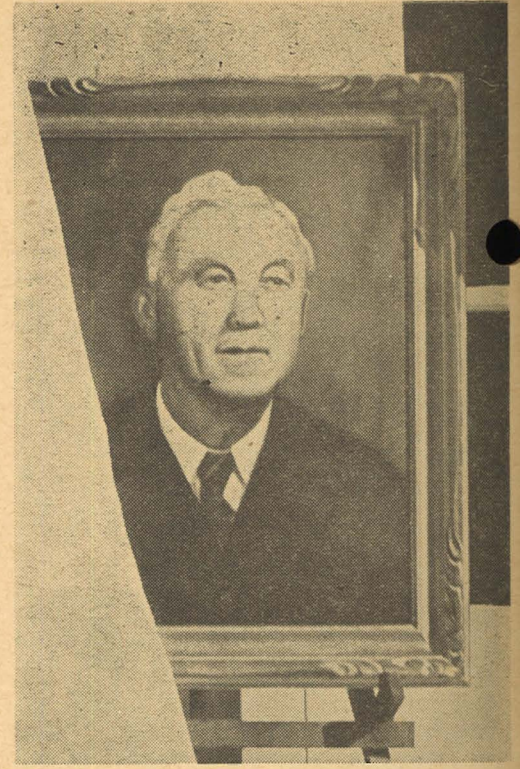


The new \$100,000 education building of the First Church, Jonesboro, was dedicated on Sunday, October 15. The dedication service, which took place in the early afternoon and following a barbecue lunch which was served at the church, was led by Dr. B. A. Pugh, former pastor of the church and at present the pastor of First Church, Joplin, Missouri. The dedicatory prayer was led by Dr. O. L. Powers, also a former pastor of the Jonesboro Church.

Dr. Powers, who served as pastor of the church from 1936 to 1946, preached the sermon for the 11 o'clock service and Dr. Pugh, who served as pastor of the church from 1923

to 1937, preached the sermon for the evening service.

The new building and equipment represent an expenditure of \$100,000. The building is dedicated free of debt except for \$12,000 which is secured by pledges. Since 1947 the church has raised \$65,000 for its building program. During the same period, the church has increased its gifts to the Cooperative Program and to missions every year. Since 1946 the total receipts of the church have increased from \$26,000 to \$64,000 for the annual budget. During the same period the Sunday School enrollment has increased from 481 to 858 with an average attendance increase from 257 to 466.



A feature of the dedication service was the unveiling of a painting of J. R. Gregson, who served as Sunday School Superintendent for 44 years. This painting is placed in the memorial chapel which is named for Mr. Gregson.

The new building provides a chapel, three nurseries, a beginner's department, a primary department, a junior department, an intermediate department, a church office, and the pastor's office.

Pastor C. Z. Holland came to the Jonesboro Church in 1946 from Mississippi.

### Arkansan in Atlanta, Georgia Reports Good Year

Pastor Paul Aiken, a former Arkansan, now pastor of the Kirkwood Church, Atlanta, Georgia, reports a church building program adopted by the Kirkwood Church that will represent an expenditure of approximately \$600,000. During the past year the church raised \$92,000 for all causes and gave \$28,000 of this amount to missionary and benevolent causes. One hundred persons were baptized into the fellowship, and the Sunday School averaged 1,080 for the year. Pastor Aiken reports that this is the best year in the history of the church.

"The Arkansas Baptist," says Pastor Aiken, "is a constant source of inspiration to my ministry. I have never seen a religious periodical with a front page cover as attractive as yours. My heart is blessed the minute my eyes fall upon the picture from week to week. I rejoice at every indication of progress reported in the state. May God continue to lead Arkansas Baptists in an ever expanding program is my prayer."

### Columbia Church of the Air Features Fred Eastham

Dr. Fred C. Eastham, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, will be heard on the Columbia Church of the Air broadcast November 19. CBS stations all over the country will carry the program at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Dr. Eastham is a graduate of Hardin Simmons College, Abilene, Texas, and received his seminary training at Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans.

### J. Marvin Thomas Accepts Pastorate North Side Church, Ft. Smith

J. Marvin Thomas, former pastor of First Church, Lolita, Texas, has accepted the pastorate of North Side Church, Ft. Smith, to succeed Ben F. Worley, who recently went to the Oak Lawn Church in Texarkana.

During Mr. Worley's ministry with North Side Church, a new building was erected and progress was made along all lines.

The new pastor, Mr. Thomas, though a native of Arkansas, has spent most of his life in Texas; received his education in East Texas Baptist College and Baylor University. His pastoral work has been in Waco, Houston, and Mt. Enterprise, Texas. He has been especially interested in Youth Work and Music. Mrs. Thomas, who is also a talented musician, has been active in Youth Work and W. M. U.

### Chief of Chaplains Visits Far East

The Chief of Army Chaplains, Major General Roy H. Parker, left October 3 for the Far East where he will visit American troops in the front lines and inspect chaplain activities.

Chaplain Parker plans to discuss the worldwide implications of the United Nations campaign in Korea with as many GI's as possible. In addition to personal contacts, the Chief of Chaplains will conduct religious services and address American personnel over the armed forces radio network.

The head of the Army chaplaincy, who was Far East Command Chaplain prior to his present assignment in Washington, will return to the United States by way of San

### Baptist Leaders Aid Alaska In Great Evangelistic Crusade

C. Y. Dossey, assistant secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, has reported that the Alaska Crusade resulted in seventy-six professions of faith, sixty-eight baptisms, and sixty-two additions by letter to the Alaska churches. There were seventy-three new pupils enlisted in Sunday school and forty-five new members added to Training Unions in the territory.

Evangelist Dossey who directed the Alaska Crusade while preaching in First Baptist Church, Fairbanks, made a flight to Point Barrow, "farthest point north a Baptist preacher has ever been." Assisting in the Alaska Crusade were D. D. Sumrall at First Baptist, Anchorage; Hugh Bumpass, Calvary Baptist, Anchorage; C. D. Jackson, Faith Baptist, Anchorage; James N. Morgan, Palmer Mission, Palmer; Dick H. Hall Jr., First Baptist, Juneau; and J. Ralph Grant, First Baptist, Ketchikan.

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Cross-bearing? Yes, it is the privilege and the joy of the Christian. In bearing the cross, he fulfills the requirement of a follower of Christ, senses something of the sufficiency of the grace of Christ, and finds his life in giving it in service to others for the glory of his Lord.

Francisco. He plans to visit Fort Ord, Camp Cooke and Sixth Army Headquarters.

Chaplain Parker is accompanied on the trip by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James B. Murphy, Planning and Training Division, Office Chief of Chaplains.



# Thanksgiving Is Near . . .

**TO THINK  
IS TO THANK**

The Cooperative Program provides only part of our support. This Thanksgiving Offering is a part of Arkansas Baptist Program. We are trying to operate within our income. We cannot operate at all unless you support the Home with your love, interest, prayers, and your money.

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## Help Fill His Daddy's Shoes

**GIVE ONE DAY'S PAY AS YOUR ANNUAL**

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The Liberty Association Orphanage Day was a grand success. Well over 100 visited your Orphanage from the various churches. We invite other associations to do the same. Set a date. Let us know when you can some.

The Orphanage truck is making the State as per schedule published. Feed, cattle, pigs, chickens, or food help so much! . . .

**YOU CAN HELP FILL HIS DADDY'S SHOES**



**GIVE ONE  
DAY'S PAY**

Pastor—

Date

I want to be one to help "fill his daddy's shoes" by contributing ONE DAY'S PAY for carrying on the work of The Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, at Monticello, Arkansas.

NAME

ADDRESS

MY CHURCH IS

Amount

Please give to your pastor or place in the contribution plate.

## Religious Education Department

212 Baptist Building, Little Rock  
EDGAR WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR

### Now Is The Time

Now is the time to promote the Junior Memory Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Speakers' Tournament in every church in Arkansas. We have four months before the State Training Union Convention meets. By the first of February every church should have its church elimination tournament and by the first of March every association should have its associational elimination tournament.

Now is the time to order free memory drill, sword drill and speakers' tournament tracts from your State Training Union Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. These tracts have been printed earlier than usual this year, and should be secured at once. Order what you need immediately.

Now is the time to make and use posters in the Training Union. Keep your posters and bring or send them to the State Training Union Convention. Write to your State Training Union Director for the state poster rules.

Now is the time to find out where "M Night" (Mobilization Night) will be held in your association and make plans for a large number of your Training Union members to attend. Contact your associational Training Union director at once!

Now is the time to begin making plans to attend one of the leadership schools during Arkansas Church Development Week, January 29-February 2, 1951. Six schools will be held in the following six cities: El Dorado, Pine Bluff, Hot Springs, Little Rock, Fort Smith, and Jonesboro. If you live near one of these cities, large numbers of your people should attend. If you do not live near one of these six cities, you should plan to take at least one car load of Training Union leaders to one of the schools each night, January 29-February 2. Be sure to put the Church Development Week poster in a prominent place in your church as soon as you receive your poster.

Now is the time to put Sunday, March 11, "Pre-Convention Training Union Attendance Night" on your Training Union calendar of activities. Your goal that night in Training Union will be the same as the enrolment you reported at the annual meeting of your association this fall. All who reach their goals will have their names printed on the Training Union Convention program.

Now is the time to make your plans to attend the State Training Union Convention, First Baptist Church, El Dorado, March 16-7,

1951. There will be a limit of 20 from each church which will be guaranteed bed and breakfast at the convention. Bring your leaders and officers.

### Church Development Week

Six Training Union Leadership Schools

Six Outstanding Faculties  
January 29-February 2

Plan to attend the school that is nearest to you. The six schools will be held in the following six places:

- El Dorado, First Baptist Church.
- Pine Bluff, First Baptist Church.
- Little Rock, Immanuel Baptist Church.
- Fort Smith, Calvary Baptist Church.
- Hot Springs, Second Baptist Church.
- Jonesboro, First Baptist Church.

### Joint Thanksgiving Service

On Thanksgiving morning, November 30, at 10 o'clock a joint worship and praise service for all the Baptist churches of Greater Little Rock will be held. Immanuel Baptist Church is the place. W. O. Vaught Jr., host pastor, will bring the message. Hatcher Hoyt, music director, will conduct the music program featuring the Baptist Choral Club, an organization composed of singers from the choirs of all the Baptist churches.

It is anticipated that a capacity crowd will assemble for this joint worship service on Thanksgiving morning.

Rehearsals of the Baptist Choral Club will be held on three Monday nights at 7:30, in Immanuel Church, November 13, 20 and 27. Every director, organist and singer is urged to report promptly for these rehearsals.

### Coming Events

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

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## Woman's Missionary Union

### W. M. U. Moves Forward

Excerpts from the W.M.U. report presented at the Arkansas State Convention on Wednesday, November 8, reveal interesting facts concerning the status of the work as reported October 1, 1949-September 30, 1950.

Total Number of Organizations	1,891
Number of W.M.S.	576
Number of Young People's Organizations	1,315
Number New Organizations	123
Total Membership (Reported)	24,985
Number Mission Study Classes	2,254
Increase in Number of Tithers	13%
Increase in Total Gifts	18%
Number Young People Attending the Nine Missionary Camps held during 1950	1,121
Number Associational Methods Conferences Conducted	40
Number Attending District Meetings	1,950

### Some Gifts

Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions	\$55,498.67
Other Special Gifts to Foreign Missions	3,249.62
Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions	20,331.52
Other Special Gifts for Home Missions	2,238.09
Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions	17,580.69
Other Special Gifts to State Missions	629.45
Associational Missions	13,112.61
Southern W.M.U. Building Fund	1,174.36
Narcotics Education Fund	1,206.53
Special Gifts—Misc.	1,282.79
Special Gifts from B.W.C.s of State to Buy Station Wagon for Evelyn Stanford	1,472.47

Remember, the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM is the "life stream" of all Southern Baptists' program of advance.

Today is ours—let's live it. And love is strong—let's give it. A song can help—let's sing it. And peace is dear—let's bring it. The past is gone—don't rue it. Our work is here—let's do it. The world is wrong—let's right it. If evil comes—let's fight it. The road is rough—let's clear it. The future vast—don't fear it. Is faith asleep?—let's wake it. Today is ours—let's take it.

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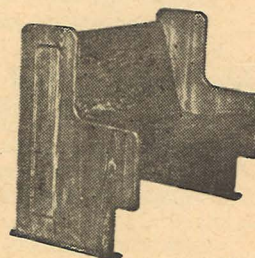
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# Christian Worship

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**Sunday School Lesson for  
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John 4:19-24; Colossians 3:16**

The Bible clearly and accurately defines true worship, the kind of service God expects and the only kind He will accept. Yet, Israel of old, and many today, have come to think of religion in the same light. Israel had many religious rituals and ordinances, but this lesson reveals how the Lord felt about it all. Human society today has altars to many gods of their choice and convenience; many worship at the altar of knowledge or culture or respectability; to many, religion is a mere formality.

### Activity or Worship?

God asked Israel an astounding question in this lesson: "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to me?" Israel was busily engaged in offering animal sacrifices upon an altar in an outward form of religion, but backslidden Israel had fallen so deeply into sin, their personal lives were so immoral they had become a stench to the Lord—yet they continued their religious activities. Their offerings were so many they became a burden to the Lord, He said He wearied of them because their lives did not conform to their professions.

God asked Israel just what was the purpose of their vain oblations. Just whom did they think they were fooling? The Lord said, "I am full . . . I delight not . . ." He had enough of their hypocrisies; He rejected their futile efforts to offer works to Him from impure hearts and sin filled lives.

In verse 12, they were asked to think upon another question; who had invited those sinners to tread God's courts in their impenitent condition? Their holy days, their assemblies, their festivals, though ordained of God in the beginning, had become so corrupt that they were even sinful. The Lord demanded that they stop it.

Their many pious prayers with outspread hands were empty gestures and a mockery to the God of all purity and holiness. "Learn to do well" was His admonition to them; in Arkansas vernacular He said, "Practice what you preach."

### Worship Is Strictly A Spiritual Matter

The conversation our Lord had with the Samaritan woman at the well reveals a truth that was prevalent in the days of Jesus: many thought God could only be worshipped at a certain place, and through religious exercises. Indeed, the Lord only had one earthly Temple and it was located in Jerusalem; all animal sacrifices

had to be offered at that Temple, and nowhere else. But it had not always been so; the patriarchs of old had worshipped in spirit and in truth long before Moses lived and built the tabernacle. The Samaritan woman approached the subject by informing Jesus that her ancestors had worshiped in the mountain in Samaria where they were talking; but she knew that He, because He was a Jew, would insist that one could only worship in the Temple in Jerusalem. She must have been both gratified and surprised when He told her that the time had come when that particular mountain nor the Temple in Jerusalem were important to true worshippers; worship refuses to be confined to any particular place; worship is a matter of the heart and spirit, since God is a Spirit He must be worshiped in spirit and in truth. So the heart of man may be attuned to God any where and at any time.

The world is filled with extremists; the Israelites said by their words and actions, one must go to church in order to worship; possibly there are many today who never think of God until they enter a church. There is a tribe of people in this day who go to the other extreme and say, "I can live as well out of the church as I can in it." The author of Hebrews seemed to anticipate that argument, and answered it with the command that "we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is . . ." We should attend church and participate in religious exercises for many reasons, too numerous to mention here. But the high point of this lesson is, that worship may or may not be in public assembly; that whether one is at home or abroad or at church, worship is a spiritual matter, and may or may not be manifested outwardly. Any outward manifestations must come from within; the first reason for attending public services should be for spiritual communion with God. The second reason should be to promote His cause for the salvation of others and for the glory of God.

### Act Merits Nothing If Motive Is Wrong

The very act of going to Sunday School or to church on Sunday morning is of no merit unless the person goes for spiritual reasons. We are made to wonder how many times and how often we as Christians get up, go to church on Sunday without any motive at all; we may go from a sense of duty or

from the force of habit. If Jesus should personally interview some of us, in looking over the haphazard lives of many of those who profess His name, would He say to us as He said to the woman at the well: "Ye worship ye know not what"—or whom?

If we take Paul's advice to the Colossians, we will not offer a vain and empty service to our Lord. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly . . ." would make one an informed and capable Christian; a worth while servant in the Master's vineyard.


"Teaching and admonishing one another . . ." would leave no room for idleness. Such a Christian would necessarily be a help and comfort to others.

"Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord . . ." would set one apart as a happy, joyful Christian. One does not need to be a musician to sing with grace in his heart to the Lord. The Psalmist said any of us can make a joyful noise unto the Lord; and any of us can be happy in our hearts whether we can sing a note or not. The Lord, though the giver of good music, is not likely to be interested in the musical ability of the average person. But He knows

that a happy Christian is a useful Christian.

So whether at home, at church, or elsewhere, it is the Christian's privilege to enjoy spiritual communion with the very God of heaven; "Neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem," but any where, any time, we can lift our hearts to Him in prayer, in praise, in petition, in thanksgiving.

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## Ten Months Of Progress

For your information and encouragement we are giving you here-with a report of the receipts for a ten months period of 1950. This report is encouraging because the amount of money received for the Cooperative Program is more than we received for the same period last year. The designations are not as much because last year we had on a special campaign while this year we have tried to stick to the Cooperative Program. You can see that during the ten month period, we received in undesignated funds \$67,058.88 more than we received for the same period last year. This figure is not too encouraging because we have such a large budget this year that even the increase in receipts is not sufficient to cover the budgetary allocations. Then too, the figure on designations is not as large this year as it was last year. We believe, however, that a material increase in undesignated funds represents progress and gives encouragement even though we do not receive quite as much in designated money as we did last year. Here are the figures:

### EXECUTIVE BOARD ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

January 1, 1950 to October 31, 1950, Inclusive

Cash on hand in banks, January 1, 1950		\$261,275.86
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>		
Cooperative Program	\$554,339.14	
Designated Contributions:		
Arkansas Baptist College	\$ 550.00	
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	4,035.78	
Central College	5,080.73	
Old Debts-Honor Fund	6,806.54	
Orphanage	3,258.05	
Ouachita College-Designated	1,600.34	
State Missions	5,372.18	
State Missions-Dixie Jackson Offering	11,187.63	
American Bible Society	85.68	
Foreign Missions	10,978.31	
Foreign Relief	82.00	
Home Missions	1,017.72	
Old Ministers Relief	80.69	
World Alliance	323.06	
Southern Baptist Seminary	160.00	
Baptist Hour	322.12	
Arkansas Temperance League	1,860.52	
Ministerial Student Aid	10.00	
Ouachita Campaign	56,147.53	
<b>Total Designated Gifts</b>	<b>108,958.88</b>	
<b>Total Cash Contributions</b>	<b>663,298.02</b>	
Miscellaneous Cash Receipts:		
Ministers Retirement		
Members Dues	18,362.86	
Churches Dues	24,574.29	
MRP Refunds by R&A Board	92.70	
WSAP "A" Dues:		
Members Dues	4,928.17	
WSAP Refund by R&A Board	96.10	
Special Contribution by Bapt. Hospital for MRP	66.70	
Relief & Annuity Board for MRP Adm. and Promotional Expense	1,347.47	
Home Mission Board for State Missions	4,166.60	
Notes Receivable from Plainview Church	190.00	
Federal Tax Withheld from Salaries	2,320.70	
Office Building Rent	8,356.10	
Baptist Boards Retirement:		
Employees Dues	2,119.61	
Employer's Dues	2,119.61	
Baptist Boards WSAP "B":		
Employees Dues	607.03	
Employer's Dues	607.03	
First Church, Fayetteville,		
Sunday School Board for Rel. Ed. Regular	9,570.00	
for Student Secretary	450.00	
Sunday School Board for Rel. Ed. Special:		
Vacation Bible School	\$ 375.00	
Field Work & Promotion	600.00	
Summer Music	250.00	
Summer Field Work	500.00	
Sunday School Planning Meeting	200.00	1,925.00
Religious Education, Special:		
V.B.S. Conference	4.42	
Hawaiian Missions	979.71	
Training Union Convention	1,070.70	
Choir Festivals	1,171.00	
BSU Retreat	686.53	
Summer Field Work	1,924.16	
Sunday School Convention	406.36	
BSU Convention	355.00	6,597.88
Sale of History Books		59.49

Interest on Investments:		
State Missions Endowment	132.50	
S. A. Apple Ed. Fund	67.50	
Honor Fund	15.46	
Office Building	15.00	230.46
<b>Total Miscellaneous Receipts</b>		<b>88,787.80</b>
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>		<b>752,085.82</b>
<b>Total Cash to be Accounted For</b>		<b>1,013,361.68</b>
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Administration	21,856.37	
Less Refunds	235.94	21,620.43
Office Furniture		1,009.50
Promotion and Convention	6,370.10	
Less Refunds	204.30	6,165.89
Arkansas Baptist History		95.50
Camp Grounds (Ark. State Assembly)		95.50
Honor Fund Token Payment		45,961.50
Brotherhood	8,179.34	
Less Refund	739.29	7,440.05
Foundation	4,254.99	
Less Refund	270.27	3,984.72
Religious Education	41,606.27	
Less Refund	869.16	40,737.11
State Missions	67,436.02	
Less Refunds	143.55	67,292.47
Federal Tax Remitted to Collector of Internal Revenue		2,320.70
Office Building:		
Note: Principal	8,000.00	
Interest	1,000.00	9,000.00
Taxes		777.64
Miscellaneous	2,667.59	
Less Refund	152.61	2,514.98
Arkansas Baptist Hospital		28,377.20
Orphanage		24,124.97
Central College		46,377.23
Ouachita College		71,183.82
Ouachita Campaign:		
Contractors, Architects and Building Committee	209,742.95	
Less Refund	1,915.99	207,826.96
Miscellaneous		712.49
Arkansas Baptist		4,172.39
Woman's Missionary Union		13,907.96
Southern Baptist College		15,996.64
Arkansas Baptist College		550.00
Ministerial Student Aid:		
Ouachita College	1,335.00	
Southern Baptist College	515.00	1,850.00
Relief & Annuity Board:		
Ministers Retirement:		
Convention Dues		12,241.91
Members Dues		18,362.86
Churches Dues		24,574.29
Refunds—Members Dues		92.70
WSAP "A" Dues:		
Convention	4,928.17	
Members	4,928.17	
Refunds	10.00	
J. S. Rogers Retirement	750.00	
Otto Whittington Retirement	200.00	
Relief and Annuity Board:		
Baptist Boards Retirement Dues:		
Employees' Dues	2,119.61	
Employer's Dues	2,119.61	
Baptist Boards WSAP "B" Dues:		
Employees' Dues	607.03	
Employer's Dues	607.03	
Executive Committee, Sou. Baptist Convention:		
Southwide Causes	221,636.61	
Foreign Missions	1,950.49	
Foreign Relief	82.00	
Home Missions	1,017.72	
Baptist Hour	322.12	
World Alliance	323.06	225,332.00
Relief and Annuity Board for Old Ministers Relief		80.69
Foreign Mission Board—Special		9,027.82
American Bible Society		85.68
Arkansas Temperance League		1,860.52
Southern Baptist Seminary		160.00
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>		<b>\$935,911.67</b>
Cash on Hand and In Banks, October 31, 1950		\$77,450.01

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