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Saviour



I want a Saviour, a song, and a star. A place to go, a way to get there, and someone along the way. A plan of salvation, a revelation of it, and a guide into it.

I want a Saviour. A song without a Saviour would be a deception; a star without a Saviour would be a lie. I want no hollow jungle moan; I want no tom-toms beating in my soul. I want a song that ends in a mighty major chord. I have a soul that was made to soar. I want no glaring, luring light. I want no dazzling death trap. I want no flickering candle that goes out. I want to set my feet upon a fact. I want to rest my soul upon a rock. I want someone taller than I. I want Him because I need Him. Without Him I would choke on every prayer and lift my eyes to an empty sky. My voice would echo throughout a hollow world; my hand would grope in the dark alone; my mind would be a victim of its own thoughts. Every ideal would be but an implement of torture, and every bit of homesickness would add to hell.

I want a Saviour.

—HOYT A. AYERS

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The Convention adopted the following resolutions presented by a committee composed of Pastor W. E. Perry, Nashville; Pastor L. H. Roseman, Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock; Pastor R. E. Baucum, Murfreesboro; Pastor John M. Basinger, Sparkman; and Pastor Don Hook, Ozark.

1. We express our grateful appreciation to the First Baptist Church of Little Rock and its pastor, Dr. R. C. Campbell, for making available to the Convention all of the facilities of the church for this session of the Convention. We appreciate the untiring efforts of all local committees and especially the office force of this church for their efficient and splendid assistance in making the sessions of the Convention work smoothly and with a minimum of confusion. We appreciate the assistance of the other churches in the city of Little Rock in entertaining the messengers and giving to them every convenience at their disposal.

2. We express our gratitude for the outstanding work of the officers of the Convention, and pledge our loyal support to those who will lead us in the coming year. We would also express our appreciation to the program committee for arranging the program of this Convention.

3. We express our sincere thanks to the daily press for its complete coverage of the Convention proceedings.

4. We authorize the secretary of the Convention to have 1,000 copies of the annuals printed and distributed and that he be allowed \$250 for his services. We wish to commend the very efficient manner in which our secretary cares for our association and Convention records.

5. We disapprove the use of tobacco and intoxicating liquors in every form and urge our pastors and all church workers to inform our people as to their evil effects. We request our Religious Education Department to furnish our churches with suitable tracts and other reading matter on these evils.

6. We urge the churches of our Convention to push to a successful completion the Ouachita Campaign as speedily as possible.

7. We resolve that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention go on record as opposing the violation of the principle of separation of church and state by the President of the United States in having a personal representative at the Vatican, and that we oppose the use of public tax funds for the support of church schools.

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Across the Editor's Desk

Host Church

Dr. R. C. Campbell and First Church, Little Rock, are due the thanks of all Arkansas Baptists for the efficient, gracious, and hospitable manner in which they entertained the recent session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The genial spirit of the host pastor and his co-workers and the cordiality of the members of the host church were felt and appreciated by all who attended the sessions of the Convention.

The facilities of the church building admirably met the needs of the Convention and were graciously surrendered to the uses of that body. We are confident that all who attended the Convention will want to join us in a sincere "thank you" to Dr. Campbell and First Church.

Convention Officers

We wish to pay tribute to the officers of the State Convention for the efficient manner in which they conducted the recent sessions held in Little Rock. President W. J. Hinsley was firm, but fair and democratic. Vice-presidents E. C. Brown and Bruce H. Price were called into service several times by President Hinsley and they presided with efficiency and skill. Taylor Stanfill, recording secretary, was faithful to the tedious tasks of his position, having at his finger tips the information needed by the various committee chairmen and others who had to make frequent reference to the records.

We confidently anticipate the same consecration to duty on the part of the new officers of the Convention which has characterized the former officers. And to these officers—President E. C. Brown, Vice-Presidents F. K. Rucker and Irving M. Prince, Recording Secretary Taylor Stanfill—we pledge our prayers, our loyalty, and our cooperation.

With One Accord

Another session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is now history. And significant history it is—history that should make good reading in the future, especially if Arkansas Baptists bring to full maturity and fruition the program launched at the recent session of the Convention.

All reports were characterized by two things; namely, the enumeration of achievements accomplished during the past year and the challenge to greater achievements in years ahead.

Throughout the sessions of the Convention here was in evidence the consciousness of a divine urgency impelling Arkansas Baptists to greater efforts in Kingdom service; there

was also in evidence a spiritual eagerness to undertake greater things for God.

On the whole there was a great degree of unanimity on the major features of the programs proposed for the future. While there were differences of opinion on many issues, yet when the Convention spoke by majority vote, the historic Baptist principle of majority rule was accepted and the spirit of brotherhood prevailed.

Two things may be said about Baptists: they are not "rubber stamps"—each Baptist is an independent thinker and has the right and privilege of expressing his thoughts and opinions. Also, each Baptist is democratic, willing to abide by majority rule. It is necessary to qualify that last statement by saying, "theoretically, at least."

It is to be hoped that the Baptists of Arkansas will be democratic, not only in theory, but in fact. The spirit of unity and cooperation should prevail among us. They are the most powerful incentives to unite us solidly in the promotion of the greatest program ever undertaken by our Convention. There are no irreconcilable issues among us, there are no real barriers among us to complete unity, harmony, and cooperation.

Arkansas Baptists, united in the bonds of Christian love and working together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, can do anything they set their hands to in the Lord's Kingdom; they can do everything they should do in the Lord's Kingdom.

Open your New Testament and read Acts 2:1. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." It should be noted that this little group of Christians were of "one accord" before they came together in one place.

It was the "one accord" that prepared them for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and it was the "one accord" that brought them to the "one place."

The Holy Spirit will come upon Arkansas Baptists, if Arkansas Baptists are of "one accord." Also, if Arkansas Baptists are of "one accord," they will find a common basis of understanding and cooperation, a common purpose and plans for the promotion of every phase of the program of our denomination.

We believe that the pastors and churches and members and denominational servants of Arkansas Baptists are now and will continue to be of "one accord in one place" in the promotion of the Kingdom of God as represented in the Baptist program.

The subtle opponent, indifference, is the Bible's worst enemy. Organized opposition can never wreck the Bible's greatness, but indifferent friends can in great measure impair its usefulness.—James L. Sullivan.

The Christian Cross

The Christian cross is not made of wood. Although the cross of Calvary was made of wood and was the instrument of death upon which Jesus gave His life, that wooden cross was the symbol of something infinitely greater than two beams nailed together, one across the other. If it were no more than that it would have been forgotten long ago. The real cross, symbolized by the cross of wood, was present long before the nails were driven through the hands of Jesus. It was that cross which made Calvary's cross inevitable, and has endowed it with a virtue and glory that do not fade.

Someone has described that cross as the junction of God's love and man's sin. Where the love of God crossed the path of man's sin, there the cross was set up. That junction occurred in the life of Jesus, for the infinite and divine love of God was distilled into the life and person of Jesus.

The love of God in Jesus did cross the path of sin, and sin smote Him, and reviled Him, and betrayed Him, and nailed Him to the cross. The devil tried to tempt Him away from the cross, the disciples tried to dissuade Him from the cross, the world tried to entice Him from the cross. But He carried the real cross in His soul, His own self-sacrifice for the sins of the world; and therefore the cross of Calvary was inevitable.

The Christian's cross is not different from the cross of Christ. This could not be true except for the fact that the wooden cross is symbolic of the cross in the life of Jesus; self-sacrificing love for the sins of the world. If this were not true, then each one of us must be crucified in order to become a Christian.

The Christian cross must be made of the same material out of which the cross of Christ was constructed—the love of God giving itself through us for the sins of men. In the case of Jesus the Christian cross was the atonement for the sins of men; in our case the Christian cross is the carrying of that atonement to sinful men. We cannot cheapen that cross, we cannot build it out of composition material, we can use no substitutes; it must be love that suffers for sinners.

Here is a paradox of deep significance: we are released from the burden and guilt of sin by accepting the atonement which Jesus made for our sins upon His cross; we then take up the Christian cross by accepting the burden of the sins of others. This is the cross that will take one's appetite and produce sleepless nights. Under the burden of the Christian cross one will forget the petty annoyances of life, and will realize the cheapness of worldly success.

When the disciples failed to cast the demon out of the afflicted boy, Jesus said to them, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." When the Christian is so burdened for lost sinners that his appetite fails him and he cannot cease to pray, he knows in that experience the cross which Jesus commissioned His followers to bear.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, had 48 additions during revival services in which Dr. B. V. Ferguson, Ft. Smith, did the preaching and Denver Murray, Rogers, led the singing. Pastor Paul Fox reports: "The largest per cent of the additions were adults, coming by baptism. We feel that it was one of the greatest meetings we have ever been in."

Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, L. H. Davis, pastor, had recent revival services with D. A. Dalby, Bell Gardens, Calif., doing the preaching and Carl K. Potter, Ft. Worth, formerly with the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, directing the music. Evangelist Dalby was baptized by Calvary Church several years ago. Pastor Davis says: "Several found the Lord and a great host rededicated themselves to the Lord's work."

Robert P. James has resigned his position as director of music and education at First Church, Pine Bluff, to accept a similar position at First Church, West Memphis. His pastor, A. B. Pierce, says of him: "He has been a true John the Baptist. His purpose has been to do work the best he could without seeking the credit for it."

Woodruff County Association reports a pastor in every church and that every church had a revival during the past associational year. Riverside Church was admitted to the association in its recent annual meeting. There were nine Vacation Bible Schools the past summer with an enrollment of 363. The association now has a full-time mission program under the direction of James A. Caudle. Officers of the association are Pastor R. H. Dorris, Cotton Plant, moderator; Pastor J. M. Hitt, Howell, vice-moderator; Miss Mildred Stephenson, Augusta, treasurer.

Pastor Irving M. Prince, First Church, Paragould, did the preaching in revival services at First Church, Manila. There were 34 conversions and additions to the church. C. J. Rushing is pastor.

Pastor W. F. Carlton, Marked Tree, writes concerning a revival in which he did the preaching and Frank Adams, Little Rock, directed the music: "We did not see the sun the entire week, but we saw the Son in every service. We had 11 additions, 10 for baptism."

Missionary M. L. Wallis, Ouachita Association, sends in an every family budget list of Arkansas Baptist subscribers from Bethel Church, one of the smallest churches in the community. The church has only two men in its membership.

Claude C. Purvis was ordained a deacon at special services of First Church, Des Arc. The presbytery consisted of Pastors Ernest Baker, of the Des Arc Church, Dale McCoy, Cabot; Guy Magee, Carlisle; Van Griffin, Cabot;

Pastoral Changes

Ray Branscum from South Highland Church, Little Rock, to First Church, Dumas.

85 Additions In Week

First Church, Hope, S. A. Whitlow, pastor, had 85 additions, 69 by baptism, in seven days of revival services. Twenty-eight of those making profession of faith were adult men and women. Preaching was done by Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor, Second Church, Little Rock; music was directed by Bill Keltner, director of music and education in the Hope Church. All services were well attended, the early morning services numbered more than 100. The auditorium and annex were filled to capacity at each evening service and people were turned away at the Sunday services.

Thomas Dove, Bisco, and Deacons A. H. Bacus, Carlisle; James F. Patterson, and J. A. Thomas, Bisco; W. J. Caskey, R. H. Romunder, E. W. Bacon, and Virgil Whitkanack, Des Arc.

M. E. Wiles, rural evangelist, sends a check for \$100 for state missions from Black Oak Church, Washington-Madison Association. The church, less than a year old, has seven tithers and a church budget of which 10 per cent goes to the Cooperative Program. During recent services a school teacher, an 85-year old man, and two children were converted.

Willis Leonard Bunch, deacon of Clear Lake Church, Blytheville, was ordained to the ministry on October 5 in an impressive service. Included in the congregation were the candidate's wife and children, his mother, Mrs. J. N. Bunch, nurse in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, and his two preacher brothers, Carl Bunch, pastor of Rowe's Chapel, Caraway, and Roy Bunch, pastor, Black Oak Church. The presbytery consisted of 25 pastors and deacons and was organized as follows: Henry Wooten, moderator; Carl Bunch, the ordination prayer; Henry Wooten presented the Bible, and H. M. Robinson preached the sermon. The new minister is a student in Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and is pastor of Post Oak Church, in Cleburne County. He served in the Navy during the war.

Arkansas Valley Association had a recent Sunday School training course at First Church, Marianna, under the direction of R. O. Barker, state Sunday School superintendent. Attendance averaged 90. Superintendent Barker taught the adult book; Mrs. Dan Mathis, of Helena, the intermediate book; Mrs. J. B. Measel, of Barton, the junior book; Mrs. Helen Emmons, of Clarendon, the primary book; Mrs. D. D. Smothers, of West Helena, the beginner book; Pastor D. D. Smothers, West Helena Church, the Cradle Roll book. The administration books were used. W. F. Couch is pastor of the Marianna Church.

For Sale: Ouachita College bus. Has had new motor and new air brake and has been painted within the past year. Price \$3,000. Contact Leonard Price, Ouachita College.

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Dr. Joseph T. Watts, general secretary of the Maryland Baptist Union Association and editor of The Maryland Baptist, has announced his intention to retire at the end of this year. He has held this position since 1927.

Rehobeth Church, Moorefield, which recently celebrated its 118th anniversary, counted 34 additions, 27 for baptism, in revival services with Rural Evangelist M. E. Wiles preaching. Evangelist Wiles writes: "All of those who were converted came to church on the bus. Many would not have had any way to come had the church not run the bus. One mother from another denomination and three of her children united by baptism. Art Jones is the efficient pastor. He is leading the church to erect a pastor's home."

Village Church, Liberty Association, has adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for Mrs. I. C. Gunnels, who has served as church treasurer for 22 years and who has resigned that position because of ill health.

Taylor Stanfill, secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, requests that all ordained preachers of the state send their correct addresses to him at 200 E. "D" St., Park Hill, North Little Rock. This information is for the 1947 annual.

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor, First Church, Little Rock, next Sunday.

All broadcasts are by transcription and may be heard every Sunday over the following stations:

- KFFA—Helena, 7:45 a. m.
- KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
- KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
- KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
- KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:30 a. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 12:15 p. m.
- KFPW—Ft. Smith, 12:45 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:45 p. m.
- KGHI—Little Rock, 1:45 p. m.
- KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.

In 94th Annual Session . . .

Convention Sets Challenging Goals for Centennial

Arkansas Baptists launched their most ambitious program in their 94th annual session which met at First Church, Little Rock, November 18-20. Approximately 1,000 messengers, representing 190,000 Baptists and 1,035 churches, registered for the three-day session.

An all-time record budget of \$516,660 was adopted for state and worldwide cooperative work for 1948—\$106,688 more than the 1947 budget. The report on the Cooperative Program (printed in full on the back page of last week's issue of the Arkansas Baptist), which revealed that "approximately two-thirds of the Cooperative Program dollar given in Arkansas stays in the state and only one-third goes to causes beyond our borders, recommended that the total contributions be lifted so that Southwide causes will receive at least 50 per cent of the total gifts. Working toward this end the Convention adopted these recommendations:

"That every Baptist church in Arkansas present tithing as God's plan for financing His cause.

"That the state mission office and all associational missionaries join hands in promoting tithing in every Baptist church in Arkansas.

"Believing that a greater per cent of the church budget should be allocated to the Cooperative Program, we urge all churches in Arkansas to strive to give 25 per cent of their receipts, as a minimum, to the Cooperative Program, striving to eventually reach the ideal division of 50 per cent for local work and 50 per cent for the Cooperative Program.

"We recommend that we do our part in continuing the Southwide drive to secure 1,000,000 Southern Baptist tithers and contributions totaling \$10,000,000 for worldwide causes."

Baptist Imperatives

President W. J. Hinsley addressed the Convention in its opening session on "Imperatives for Arkansas Baptists." He said:

"The first imperative is that our people be well grounded in the fundamentals of our faith. We have no overhead authority to hold us together and make us work at the task committed to us. If we stay together and put on a world program for Christ, it will have to be done by an intelligent grasp of the fundamental teachings of the Word of God.

"It is imperative that our people have a right understanding of the Bible. It is the Word of God. It is to be obeyed and followed to the exclusion of any other teachings. It is an all sufficient rule of faith and practice.

"It is imperative that our people have a correct understanding of the plan of salvation. It is by grace through faith and not of works. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

"It is imperative that our people have a right understanding of the church. Christ established His church.

He is the head of the church. His church is still in the world doing business for Him and will be when He comes again.

"It is imperative that our people have a right understanding of the ordinances—baptism and the Lord's Supper. Neither has any saving power.

"It is imperative that our people have a right understanding and give proper emphasis to Christian education. No denomination will go ahead of its leadership. It is imperative that we bring the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign to a successful conclusion at the earliest date possible.

"It is imperative that we give the Cooperative Program a larger place in our thinking and in the budgets of our churches. Surely no church should put less than a fourth of the income from its budget into preaching the gospel around the world. This will be a day of calamity for our churches if they keep too much at home and spend too little for a lost world."

Centennial Goals Outlined

The Centennial meeting of the Arkansas Baptist Convention will be held November 16-18, 1948, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. The Convention adopted a report of the Centennial committee which proposed that on September 21, 1948, a pilgrimage be made to

Tulip, in Dallas County, where the Convention was organized September 21, 1848, for a one-day meeting. The report also recommended that the Baptist General Association be invited to the celebration at Tulip.

Goals for achievement during the Centennial year are: to baptize 25,000 people, to complete the Million Dollar Campaign for Ouachita College, and to liquidate all old debts.

Secretary B. L. Bridges said in bringing the report of the committee that the rehabilitation of the old church building at Tulip is being considered.

Planning, Co-Ordinating and Steering Commission

The Planning Commission which the Convention authorized in 1947 to correlate all work of the denomination and to plan for future expansion in educational, hospital, and evangelistic work was made permanent. It will consist of seven men and two women with the general secretary as an ex-officio member.

Duties of the Commission are "to study the number and geographical locations of our present institutions, camp grounds, and assemblies.

"To study the character of work done by

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—Courtesy Arkansas Democrat.

PASTOR E. C. BROWN, First Church, Blytheville, (left front), was elected Convention president, to succeed DR. W. J. HINSLEY, who has served in that capacity for two years and who has presided over the last three sessions due to a change in the constitution which calls for election of officers on the second day of the Convention instead of the first day as formerly. PASTOR T. K. RUCKER, First Church, Malvern (center front), was elected first vice-president, PASTOR IRVING M. PRINCE, First Church, Paragould (right front), second vice-president, PASTOR TAYLOR STANFILL, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock (left, back row), was renamed to his seventh term as secretary, and DR. B. L. BRIDGES, state secretary (right, back row), was renamed treasurer.



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and in these institutions, camp grounds, and assemblies.

"To study the present and future needs of our constituency with respect to the ministry of such institutions, camp grounds, and assemblies.

"To determine if, in the judgment of the Commission, our institutions, camp grounds, and assemblies are sufficient in number, and if they are properly located to meet the needs of our increasing and shifting population.

"To determine the advisability of creating or purchasing any new institutions, camp grounds, and assemblies, or the removal of any existing ones.

"To bring the report and recommendations to the Convention in its next annual session."

Two items were referred to the new Commission in this session of the Convention. First, that it consider making Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, an institution of the Convention and bring a report to the next annual meeting; and, second, that it study the advisability of the Convention helping financially in the erection of an auditorium at First Church, Fayetteville, that could accommodate the 2,000 Baptist students now attending the University of Arkansas.

Historical Society

The constitution for an Arkansas Baptist Historical Society, which was authorized in 1946, was adopted. The purpose of the Society "is to promote interest in the discovery, collection, and preservation of materials pertaining to the history consciousness of all Arkansas Baptists, and to encourage the collection of pamphlets, periodicals, manuscripts, pictures, autographs, records, programs, bulletins, associational and church minutes, and other materials as will aid in the preservation of Arkansas Baptist history."

Membership in the Society will consist of members of Baptist churches in Arkansas who pay \$1 annually to help defray expenses and promote the objects of the Society. A single payment of \$10 will be accepted as a life membership in place of the annual payment of \$1. Anyone residing outside the state and paying the membership fee of \$1 will be an associate member. All clerks of district associations will be regarded as associate members.

Helps Negro Baptists

The Convention voted \$10,000 to help the National Negro Baptist Convention, Inc., in meeting obligations under the terms of its contract to purchase the Woodman Union Building in Hot Springs for use as a National Negro Baptist hospital. Of the allocations, which will be taken from state mission funds, \$5,000 is to go toward the purchase price of \$175,000, of which \$50,000 is due and payable in February, and the other \$5,000 is to be designated for the purchase of equipment.

Pastor Clyde Hart, Central Church, Hot Springs, chairman of an advisory committee made up of white Baptist leaders, said in presenting the recommendation to the Convention: "We believe the racial problem of the South will be solved by the people of the South, and the major responsibility, since the chief problem is social and religious, rests with the Baptists of the South.

"There are in the South 6,000,000 white Baptists and 3,500,000 Negro Baptists—9,500,000 Baptists who believe together in the Lordship of Christ and the authority of His

teachings, and the freedom of every soul to find, follow and champion the will of Christ and the principle of democracy of church and state. Surely people who believe these things together have a responsibility to God and to one another to face together their common problems of life. And surely the initiative and leadership in the solution of these problems belongs to those who have the greater advantage."

Mission Report Challenging

Pastor T. H. Jordan, First Church, Van Buren, presented the report on state missions, summarizing the work of the State Department of Rural Missions. Under the direction of Superintendent C. W. Caldwell, the department's three rural evangelists, two pioneer missionaries and 35 associational missionaries conducted 237 revivals, witnessed 1,958 professions of faith, reported 2,253 additions to the churches, and reported 26 new churches during the year. The department

The Centennial Convention meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, November 16-18, 1948. Dr. B. V. Ferguson, First Church, Ft. Smith, was selected to preach the annual sermon, and Pastor E. E. Grier, First Church, Harrison, as alternate.

also assisted in the building program of 16 churches.

Substituting for Dr. E. P. J. Garrott, First Church, Batesville, who was ill, Pastor Sam Reeves, First Church, El Dorado, presented the report on foreign mission work. Mrs. Anne Margrett, native of Argentina and missionary for the Foreign Mission Board, spoke.

Pastor T. L. Harris, First Church, Camden, conducted a memorial service for Miss Albertine Meador, native of Arkansas, who died in Brazil November 14 after having served two years as missionary. A native of Texarkana, she was former educational director at Camden. The Convention also voted to dedicate the 1947 annual to the memory of Miss Meador.

Colleges Report

Report of Ouachita College revealed that of the \$1,000,000 sought during the three-year Million Dollar Campaign, \$750,000 has been pledged and \$230,000 has been paid in cash. Ouachita has spent \$143,000 to erect three large two-story, steel buildings, each 168 feet by 36 feet. The buildings are in use: one for a girl's dormitory, one a GI apartment house, and one for home economics, mathematics, physics and business administration.

Dr. Grant said in presenting the report: "The time has come to choose between increasing the enrollment and turning students away." The school enrolled 1,123 last year, including the summer term.

Secretary B. L. Bridges made an urgent plea that Arkansas Baptists complete the Million Dollar Campaign.

Dr. Otto Whittington, who has served as director of the Campaign for its first two years, has presented his resignation because of failing health. The position has been offered to Pastor Harvey Elledge, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. It is not known whether or not he will accept.

In adopting the Central College report the

11,443 Baptisms

Secretary B. L. Bridges reported that Arkansas Baptists had 11,443 baptisms during the last associational year, the second largest number of baptisms in their history. The best year was 1940 when there were approximately 12,000 baptisms reported. Goal for 1948 is 25,000 baptisms.

Convention voted to accept the 365-acre site at Camp Robinson as a co-educational junior college. The 1946 Convention approved re-establishment of the institution in Little Rock as a co-educational institution. The school, which has been inoperative since May, will reopen in the new location in September, 1948, according to the report.

To Support Banning of Liquor Advertising

The Convention voted a recommendation to support proposed national legislation banning advertising for alcoholic beverages from the radio and other channels of interstate commerce. The report on prohibition, presented by Pastor Clyde Hart, Central Church, Hot Springs, contained other recommendations which urged total abstinence by Baptists and continued opposition to all forms of liquor traffic, and reaffirmed opposition to state-owned liquor stores.

The prohibition report praised the work of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League and its superintendent, Clyde Coulter, and endorsed the stand taken by the American Association of Railroad Superintendents, who have voiced opposition to the sale of alcoholic beverages on trains.

It was reported that since the effective date of the local option election law in 1942, 43 county elections have been held, 35 of which were won by the "drys." Support to vote other counties dry and to hold the line in already dry areas was urged.

Orphanage Asks Change of Name

In adopting the report of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage the Convention voted that a special committee be appointed to meet and work with the Board of Trustees in studying the advisability of changing the name of the institution from Bottoms Baptist Orphanage to Arkansas Baptist Children's Center, and that the committee make its report to the next session of the Convention.

Baptists Could Remove Mountains

Dr. R. G. Lee, Bellevue Church, Memphis, challenged the messengers to be "real men" in a message on "The Menace of Mediocrity" in the closing session. He deplored Christians who are content with "rolling marbles when God wants them to remove mountains." He said one thing wrong with Baptists is that they are not willing to be put out of sight that God might be glorified. "If an automobile had as many useless parts as a church," he said, "it wouldn't run downhill. We need people who are magnificent Christians to lead people out of do-nothingness."

"If we would be magnificent Christians, we must master money. Baptists believe everything in the Book except that the tenth is the Lord's. If we would be magnificent Christians, we must master ourselves. The trouble is not so much lack of money and men as it is a lack of spiritual power. Consecration is sometimes just another name for crucifixion."

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Many of the scenes were shown at the Convention. Titles of explanation will be added so it may be shown in any church without a lecturer. There will be no rental charge. However, after seeing the picture if the people desire to make a free will offering, it will be appreciated and used in producing more films on the mission work.

Another outstanding movie has been produced on local missions. It shows some of the mission work being done by the Baptist churches of Greater Little Rock. Taylor Stanfill, former city missionary in Little Rock, and your superintendent, are touring the state and showing it in the cities and larger towns.

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Speaking of movies, why not keep a history of your church progress by the use of movie pictures? The meeting to organize a church, groundbreaking for a building, the building under construction, the first service in the new building, these and other such scenes could be presented on film to be shown to succeeding generations.

Still other matters regarding personalities could be preserved, such as, the pastor, deacons, choir, babies in the nursery, oh, there

is no end to what could be done. Now, honestly, don't you wish you could see on a screen the past history of your church, the different pastors who have served, the congregations in the many houses of worship, and the many great occasions observed by the church through the past? Why not start now keeping such a record through the future years.

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Convention Boards Named

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Board of Ministerial Education

Fred White, Prescott; John Basinger, Sparkman; O. C. Harvey, Arkadelphia; L. H. Roseman, Little Rock; V. A. Rose, Benton; Roger Butler, Bauxite.

Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas

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Arkansas Baptist Historical Society

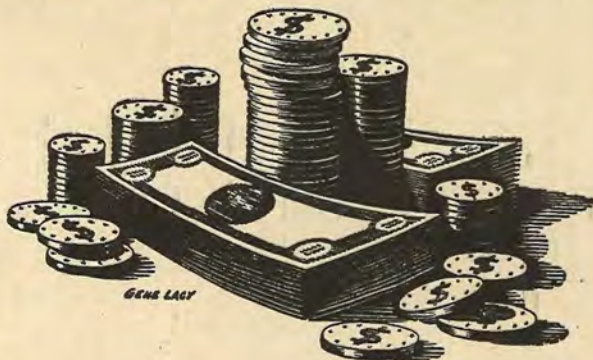
Terms Expiring in 1948: W. A. Jackson, Benton; V. C. Wright, Piggott.

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340 Boys Attended the Eighth Annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper

A last minute rush for tickets caused an overflow crowd at the eighth Annual Fellowship Supper and Recognition Service held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Three hundred forty plates were served and several others who were not able to eat were present for the Recognition Service.

J. I. Bishop, Southwide Royal Ambassador Secretary, had charge of the Recognition Service. Benny Johnson, Ambassador Plenipotentiary from Blytheville, was recognized for having completed his work for the counselor's degree. Benny is the first Arkansas Royal Ambassador to earn this distinction.

Charles Ragland, of El Dorado, was recognized as Ambassador Plenipotentiary, and Eddy and Freddy Spann, of North Little Rock, were recognized as Ambassadors Extraordinary.

Those recognized as full ranking Ambassadors were presented a large RA shield and the Knights were presented wooden swords. The largest group taking part in the service were the Pages, with Squires next. Mr. Bishop reviewed some of the requirements that a boy must meet for each of these ranks and gave a charge to all those participating in the Recognition Service.

Practically all sections of the state were represented at the meeting. Norphlet deserves mention in bringing such a large group of boys from such a long distance. Other large groups came from Stuttgart, Hope, Malvern (Third Church), Hot Springs (Park Place), England, and several of the churches in Pulaski County. Also, represented were churches in Pine Bluff, Russellville, Jacksonville, Clarendon, Searcy, Heber Springs, Clinton, West Memphis and others.

Pastor Aubrey Halsell, of West Memphis, in his message at the Fellowship Supper pointed out the

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part that boys in the past have had in missions. He spoke on the theme, "Little Men in Missions," and emphasized how boys today can live for Christ and be true Ambassadors for Him.

A Call To World Needs

By GEORGE W. SADLER, Director
Relief Committee, Foreign Mission Board

Those who visited Europe last summer have brought the conditions of the poverty-stricken peoples of that part of the world into new focus. They are insisting that we act now in order that life may be saved during the months that are just ahead. A meeting of the Relief Committee of the Foreign Board was held early in November. At that time our purpose to get food and clothing to our Baptist friends through Baptist channels was reaffirmed.

It was also agreed that we would make efforts to open additional avenues leading to needy Baptists. Southern Baptists may be reassur-

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Josephine Weatherford of South Boston, Va., received \$4 among the gifts on her 10th birthday. Instead of depositing it in the bank for her education fund, as is the custom with money she receives, she saved some of it for relief. Other money has accumulated and as soon as the sum reached \$10, she sent it to Dr. M. Theron Rankin for distribution through Baptist channels to the people of Europe.

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CHURCH	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1002	310	1
Including Missions	1306	541	
Fort Smith, First	956	511	1
Pine Bluff, First	660	202	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	629	137	5
Payetteville, First	521		
Including Missions	561	175	5
McGehee, First	512	140	
Camden, First	494	148	
Hope, First	459	158	
Benton, First	459	116	
Arkadelphia, First	445	205	
Warren, First	422	87	
Magnolia, Central	403	138	1
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	401	177	1
Conway, First	385	64	
Paris, First	352	191	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	331	85	
Fort Smith, Calvary	309	98	
El Dorado, Immanuel	308	94	
Including Missions	341		
Siloam Springs, First	303	158	1
Rogers, First	286	101	3
Stuttgart, First	283	141	
Including Missions	326		
Fort Smith, Grand			
Avenue	257	97	3
Smackover, First	235	83	
Harrison	235	154	2
Including Missions	314	190	
Nashville, First	235	48	
Mena, First	232	87	1
Including Missions	282	124	
Monticello, First	217	135	
Greenwood, First	214	138	1
Fort Smith, Oak Grove	164	78	7
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	150	78	
Texarkana, Calvary	146		3
Monticello, Second	133	98	
Walcott	123	59	
Elaine	117	70	
Tuckerman, First	94	32	
South Fort Smith, First	93	38	
Monticello, North Side	69	44	
Fort Smith, Bethlehem	40	38	1

Attendance of 7,000 Expected in 40

Training Union Rallies December 8-12

Seven thousand is the attendance goal for the 40 Associational Training Union Rallies which will be conducted by eight teams during the week of December 8-12, 1947. Every Training Union member should attend the rally that is held in his association. Special effort should be made to have representatives attend from churches that do not have Training Unions.

Associations should set their goals. There should be 400 or 500 in attendance at many of the meetings. These 40 rallies will take the place of Southwide Training Union Night.

Ask your pastor, missionary, or associational director when and where the meeting will be held in your association, and make your plans to attend.

Joiner Has Enthusiastic Music School

Although counting a membership of approximately 140 the church at Joiner, with S. M. Cooper, pastor, leading, attended six sessions of a School of Church Music conducted by the state director. Fifty-nine were enrolled and there was an average attendance of 40. Beginning on Sunday afternoon, November 9, with a hymn-sing, classes were held each night in music fundamentals, hymn interpretation, song leading, and choir work.

The church was organized and officers elected. A program of regular weekly rehearsals was adopted and plans were made for Christmas music and other special programs as well as the preparation of all the music for the regular services. Mrs. Higgins is the choir director and Mrs. Norman Stone is the accompanist. People from the churches at Wilson and Whitton also attended the school.

Christmas Program Available

If you need an outline for a Christmas music service, send for it immediately. There is still sufficient time for rehearsals on this music. Many fine hymns and anthems are included in the service. Plan to utilize youth and junior singing groups in conjunction with the church choir.

My Plans for 1948

I am the Training Union director in my church and I am planning to do the following things in 1948:

1. Increase the Training Union enrollment 25 per cent in 1948. This may call for organizing new unions.
2. Train intermediates and young people to enter the Sword Drill and Speakers Tournament.
3. Plan two church-wide Training Union Study Courses during the year. In the spring we shall study the doctrinal books and in the fall the methods books.
4. Enlist all Training Union members to tithe.
5. Utilize all Training Union members to win the lost to Christ.
6. Challenge all Training Union members to attend the mid-week prayer meeting regularly.
7. Lead the Training Union to enlist three times our enrollment to read their Bibles daily during 1948.
8. Lead the Training Union to assist smaller churches and mission stations by teaching study courses, etc.

Second Annual School of Church Music

A large and enthusiastic group from eight churches in Mt. Zion Association gathered at First Church, Jonesboro, Sunday afternoon, November 2, for the hymn-sing with which the second annual school of church music was opened. Congregational participation on groups of hymns was led by Edgar Booker, of the host church, and special choir numbers were presented by First Church, Jones-

boro, directed by J. H. Little, Jr.; by the girls' sextette from Walnut Street Church, and a quartet from Fisher Street Church.

Mrs. Nininger, Miss Jean Prince, and Mrs. Hardy Little spoke briefly concerning the class work they proposed to teach.

Three classes covering music fundamentals, conducting, hymn interruption, accompaniment, and choral work for five singing groups comprised the week's schedule. The closing feature of the school was a festival of praise given in First Church on Friday night. The carol, concord and chancel choirs and also the ladies choir and male chorus had part on the program of Thanksgiving music.

Successful Associational Sunday School Campaigns

Just recently there have been two more associational Sunday School Training Schools. One was a central school in Arkansas Valley Association. The school met at First Baptist, Marianna, where W. F. Couch is pastor. The school was promoted by Pastor D. D. Smothers, West Helena, and Missionary J. J. Franklin. There was an average attendance of around 100 with more than 80 awards. All of the department books were taught.

In Bartholomew Association there were three central schools with one in each of the three counties. Rev. Wesley Lindsey of Second Church, Monticello is the associational Sunday School superintendent and promoted the school. One of the schools was held in First Church, Monticello, R. D. Washington, pastor; one in Mt. Olive, Number 2, near Crossett, S. E. Powell is pastor; the third in Hermitage Church where the late B. S. Franklin was pastor.

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Association	Church	Pastor	Tithers
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Benton County	Siloam Springs, First	B. N. Simmons	215
Big Creek	Salem	Tom Poole	23
Big Creek	Viola	J. M. Langston	28
Boone-Carroll	Omaha	C. R. McCollum	29
Boone-Carroll	Union	Hugh McGehee	9
Central	Hot Springs, Central	Clyde Hart	189
Central	Lake Hamilton	Joe Melton	50
Clear Creek	Altus	G. L. Lonsberry	12
Clear Creek	Coal Hill	G. L. Lonsberry	24
Clear Creek	Oak Grove	A. D. Kent	22
Concord	Bailey Hill	A. G. Escott	105
Gainesville	St. Francis	Charles Holland	11
Greene County	Walcott	Amos Greer	27
Harmony	Gould	L. W. Williams	18
Harmony	Lee Memorial	Charles W. Finch	50
Hope	Hope	S. A. Whitlow	211
Hope	Magnolia, Central	L. L. Hunnicutt	285
Liberty	Chidester	R. C. Dailey	18
Liberty	Cullendale	Elmer Morgan	160
Little River	Columbus		35
Mississippi County	Blytheville, Calvary	P. H. Jernigan	196
Mississippi County	Cole Ridge	W. C. Steward	16
Mississippi County	Cross Roads	W. C. Steward	15
Mississippi County	Joiner	S. M. Cooper	45
Pulaski County	Calvary	Wilbur Herring	50
Pulaski County	Reynolds Memorial	Guy Wilson	75
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Counties	Marshall	W. L. Leach	30
Tri-County	Earle	Joe B. Sullivan	95
Trinity	Bethel	R. E. Leigh	12
Trinity	Corner's Chapel	J. M. Wilkerson	10

Association	Church	Pastor	Tithers
Trinity	Greenfield	Osborne Justice	15
Trinity	Harrisburg	John Collier	30
Trinity	Hurd's Chapel	R. Earl Cole	3
Trinity	Lepanto	Leslie Riherd	68
Trinity	Pleasant Grove		11
Trinity	Pleasant Hill	L. C. Edwards	8
Trinity	Red Oak	Leslie Riherd	15
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Trinity	Tyrnza	Boyd Eldridge	172
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Trinity	West Ridge	R. D. McEwen	8
Washington-Madison	Black Oak		7
Washington-Madison	Hindsville	Oakley C. Long	25
Washington-Madison	Spring Valley	Oakley C. Long	25
White County	Judsonia	L. M. Keeling	60
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Action

A rabbit, investigating a cry for help, found a frog struggling in a deep hole. "What's the trouble?" asked the rabbit. "I can't get out," wailed the frog. "I'll run and get a ladder," promised the rabbit.

When the rabbit returned with the ladder, however, he found the frog sitting on the bank. "I thought you couldn't get out of that hole?" he said.

"I couldn't," explained the frog. "But a snake crawled in, and I had to."

Baptist Missionaries Ask Gifts for Japan

Missionary Edwin B. Dozier, en route home for a rest, informs the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board that Christmas gift packages to the 12 Baptist missionaries now in Southern Japan will enable them to minister vitally this winter to those in need in their communities. Use any one of the following addresses:

Dr. and Mrs. W. Maxfield Garrott, Seinan Gakuin, Nishijin Machi, Fukuoka, Japan; Miss Alma Graves, Seinan Gakuin, Nishijin Machi, Fukuoka, Japan; Rev. Tucker N. Galloway, Seinan Gakuin, Nishijin Machi, Fukuoka, Japan; Miss Cecile Lancaster, Seinan Jo Gakuin, Itozu, Kokura, Japan; Miss Frances Talley, Seinan Jo Gakuin, Itozu, Kokura, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, Seinan Jo Gakuin, Itozu, Kokura, Japan; Miss Elizabeth Watkins (contract teacher), Seinan Jo Gakuin, Itozu, Kokura, Japan; Miss Floryne Miller, 415 1-chome, Shimo-Ochiai, Shinjuku-Ku, Tokyo, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. William R. Medling, 1029 Seta-machi, Tamagawa, Setagaya-Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

The postal regulations now permit 22-pound packages to Japan. Mr. Dozier suggests items of greatest value: rice, oatmeal, cream of wheat, flour, baking powder, dried

WINNING THE LOST THEIR AIM



Seventeen young men of Central Church, Magnolia, met last March to organize a Young Men's Bible Class which took as its aim increasing the attendance of the Sunday School, encouraging and promoting the general welfare of the church, improving community life, and most of all, winning the lost to Christ. The above picture is part of the visible results. Officers of the class meet weekly to make plans and for visitation. W. C. Blewster is president.

yeast, any packable drugs, peanut butter, jams, cheese and meat spreads, milk (tinned or powdered), salt, pepper, curry powder, tea, powdered coffee, sugar, saccharine, soup mixtures (dry), vitamin pills, aspirin, laxatives (not gum).

For clothing packages, Mr. Doz-

ier recommends: woolen garments, wool yarn, cotton flannel, yard goods, old clothing, thread, buttons, snaps, etc., shoes (5-8 on C-D lasts for adults sizes), men's shirts (14-15 collar sizes), soap (bars only; no boxes), religious literature in Japanese or English (postal authorities approve now).

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Conventions Meet In Other States

Missouri

The Missouri Baptist General Association voted at its 13th annual meeting in Moberly to establish a Baptist chair of Bible at the University of Missouri in Columbia, and authorized a campaign for \$100,000 to endow the department. Property adjacent to the university campus will be purchased for a Baptist Student Center.

The Association also voted to move its state headquarters offices from Kansas City to Jefferson City, nearer the center of the state. Leaders said the transfer can be completed within two years.

Reports by Dr. T. W. Medearis, general superintendent, revealed that during the year Missouri Baptists baptized 14,097 new converts, boosting their membership total to 322,559. Total gifts for missions, education and benevolence were \$1,591,299.68 as compared with \$5,301,730.96 for home expenditures.

Dr. K. J. O'Banion, a layman of California, Mo., was elected moderator of the state group.

North Carolina

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in its 117th annual session voted to offer the Wake Forest College property at Wake Forest, N. C., to the Southern Baptist Convention for a theological seminary.

The Wake Forest property will be vacated when the college is moved to Winston Salem in conformance with terms of a gift exceeding \$10,000,000 from the Reynolds Foundation. Although the Southern Baptist Convention has appointed a committee to study theological education in the Convention territory, there has been no indication that a new seminary will be located on the Wake Forest site.

General Secretary M. A. Huggins reported that total gifts in 1947 are expected to reach \$12,500,000, with \$10,000,000 used by the local churches and \$2,500,000 given for state and Southwide objects. The Convention set a goal of \$1,500,000 for undesignated Cooperative Program receipts in 1948, with the division between state and Southwide objects on a 50-50 basis.

The Convention will continue operation of Fruitland Assembly, with its preachers' school program

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during the winter months. A new Seaside Assembly will begin operation next June 1. Purchase of a building in Charlotte to house the Baptist Book Store was authorized, and purchase of property in Raleigh for a new headquarters building was approved.

Rev. J. W. Suttle, rural pastor of near Shelby, was elected Convention president, succeeding Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte. Special recognition was given to Secretary Huggins on his completion of 15 years of service, the Convention presenting him with a watch and camera.

Pacific Northwest

Ten churches in the Pacific Northwest are cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention through their Northwest Baptist Association and the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

First annual session of Northwest Association met in Longview, Wash., and elected R. E. Milan, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., as moderator. H. A. Zimmerman, one time executive secretary and editor of Arizona Baptists and more recently a state missionary in Arkansas, has been employed by the California convention as missionary in the Washington-Oregon area.

The new association is an outgrowth of the Interstate Baptist Mission, organized four years ago by churches in Washington, Oregon, and Northern California. The group has maintained two missionaries on the field and has contributed generously to Southern Baptist missions in Alaska. Total disbursements to missions in the four year period exceeded \$50,000.

Georgia

The Georgia Baptist Convention in its 126th annual session voted to make a "special effort" to increase undesignated gifts to the denomination's Cooperative Pro-

gram in order to "adequately provide for the Convention's budget and to furnish necessary support" for the various agencies included in the full program.

A 1948 budget of \$885,363 was adopted. Forty-five per cent of the total will go for Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Executive Secretary James W. Merritt reported Cooperative Program receipts for the first 10 months of 1947 totalled \$654,954, an increase of \$105,000 over the same period last year. The Convention pledged full cooperation in the World Relief Campaign and called upon its churches to give special emphasis to collection of both clothes and money.

Columbus Roberts, Columbus, Ga., layman who has given more than \$1,000,000 to Georgia Baptist colleges, was re-elected Convention president. He told the Convention that "demands upon our people today are the greatest in history" and appealed for them to "meet the demands as God would have them met."

The Convention went on record as favoring legislation to prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages, favoring legislation requiring pre-martial physical examinations, and reiterating its position on "the absolute separation of church and state."

Tennessee

The Tennessee Baptist Convention in its 73rd annual session heard Executive Secretary C. W. Pope announce "two notable achievements" for the year:

"For the first time Tennessee Baptists have gone beyond the million dollar mark in their gifts through the Cooperative Program, and in the gifts of \$1,114,585.37 they have for the first time surpassed the goal they set for themselves in a given year."

The Convention adopted a strong resolution against an act

of the 1947 Tennessee legislature imposing an unemployment compensation tax on churches and non-profit religious institutions. The resolution charged that the tax "violates the principle of separation of church and state" and asked Governor Jim McCord to include its repeal in his call for an anticipated special session of the legislature.

Rev. L. B. Cobb, pastor at Kingsport, was elected president of the Convention.

Alabama

Alabama Baptists have rescinded previously adopted plans for the correlation of Howard and Judson Colleges.

The correlation plan had been adopted at a special called session of the Alabama Convention last April and provided that both colleges would be located on a single campus in Birmingham. The rescinding motion urged future Conventions not to take action to move either school unless such action is initiated by trustees of the school involved, and provided for financial campaigns for both institutions. Howard's campaign was set for the year ending November, 1948 and Judson's for the following year.

Dr. John L. Slaughter, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, was elected president of the Convention. The group adopted resolutions urging defeat of a bill in Congress to make lawful the use of public funds for transportation of students to parochial schools and condemning a United States Supreme Court ruling upholding the legality of such use of public funds.

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Members of Early Churches Were Much Like Those Today

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

"Third John is addressed to an individual," says Dr. A. T. Robertson, and "not to a church, though which Gaius we do not know." Paul had three friends by the name of Gaius; Gaius of Corinth (1 Cor. 1:14), Gaius of Macedonia (Acts 19:29), and Gaius of Derbe (Acts 20:4). It would be going too far, however, to say Gaius of III John is either of these, for we have no way of knowing with certainty that such a position is correct.

Three persons are "sharply sketched" in III John, namely, Gaius, Diotrephes, and Demetrius. By looking at the brief character sketch of the lives of these three persons one gains a rather vivid picture of the life and missionary work of the early church.

A Dependable Layman

Gaius has been called "the dependable layman." It is to him that the elderly John addresses the third epistle as, with an eagle eye, he surveys the work in Asia Minor. "The elder unto Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth" (III John 1).

The character of the salutation indicates the place Gaius enjoyed in the affections of John. The words "whom I love in truth" could hardly have been used of one who failed to enjoy the full confidence of John. The salutation that follows (v. 2) proclaims in further measure John's tender concern for the welfare of Gaius: "Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

But John's concern for Gaius is seasoned with righteousness. He desires that Gaius shall prosper and be in health even as his soul prospers. In other words, John wants Gaius to have a well balanced development—a well rounded life.

Gaius was a man who walked in the truth (v. 3). Moreover, he was faithful in all of his relationship with his brethren as well as in his relationship with those who were mere strangers (v. 5). If his love is not powerful

Sunday School Lesson

For December 7

3 John

enough to make him Christian in his dealings with his fellow man he has a bad brand of Christianity.

John rejoices in the fact that Gaius and others have been "fellow helpers to the truth." They had manifested a spirit of true charity toward the journeying brethren who had paused in their midst. John places his stamp of approval on the charitable acts of Gaius and his brethren in thus setting forward on their journey the strangers who had come in the name of Christ.

A Dominating Official

Dr. A. T. Robertson calls Diotrephes "the dominating official." That is perhaps an excellent characterization of him in the light of John's words: "I wrote somewhat unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not."

Evidently Diotrephes was one of these individuals who desire "to rule or ruin." John goes on to declare, "Therefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his works which he doeth, prating against us with wicked words: and not content therewith, neither doeth he himself receive the brethren, and them that would be forbidden and casteth them out of the church" (v. 10).

Diotrephes' words were not simply foolish chatter, but malevolent words. Such wickedness on the part of Diotrephes did not go well with the Apostle John. Neither was the aged apostle afraid of Diotrephes (Robertson), for he pointedly defied him. Such accusations, in John's sight, needed a public rebuke.

Perhaps in our churches today we deal too gently with those whose deeds and acts do not manifest love for the brethren. It is possible for us to be too patient with trouble makers and yield too often to those who have not so

much the cause of Christ at heart as their own preeminence.

This short epistle ought to be read often and taught fully to every congregation in the land. It would doubtless serve to cause many a selfish soul to see and rightly appraise his evil deeds and thereby promote a greater spirit of love among all the brethren.

A Kindly Messenger

Demetrius has been termed "the kindly messenger," and that seems to us a fitting designation for him. "Demetrius hath the witness of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, we also bear witness; and thou knowest that our witness is true" (v. 12).

We know nothing more about Demetrius than what is contained here in John's brief word concerning him unless Demetrius should be identified with Demas as a shortened form (Philemon 24; Colossians 4:4; 2 Timothy 4:10), "who has come back after his desertion or with the Ephesian silversmith (Acts 19:21ff.), who may have been converted under John's ministry, which one would like to believe, though there is no evidence for it" (Robertson).

At any rate the message of Demetrius was a good message and it was full of truth. There were no malicious words in his report, neither is there any evidence that he was concerned with "preeminence" for self.

It is refreshing indeed to have in one's midst such a person as Demetrius. He is a topic for the soul.

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Truman Says Taylor Position Temporary

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—President Truman has again assured a delegation of five evangelical leaders that the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to the Vatican was "a temporary expedient."

The assurance was given in a conference between Mr. Truman and five members of the original delegation that called on the President regarding the Taylor appointment June 5, 1946.

Members of the group were Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Bis-

To Malvern



James E. Birkhead, of Benton, who has just recently surrendered his life to full-time Christian service, is the minister of music and education at First Church, Malvern. A native of Arkansas, he attended Ouachita College. Mrs. Birkhead also attended Ouachita and has served as church secretary of First Church, Arkadelphia.

hop G. Bromley Oxnam, representing the Methodist Church; Dr. W. E. Garrison of the Christian Century, representing the Disciples of Christ; Dr. Edwin T. Dahlburg, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Representatives of the Presbyterian and Lutheran churches had been expected but could not come because of prior engagements.

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1946 (Designated for Endowment)	607.50		
1947 (January-October, Inclusive)	137,397.19		\$230,010.14

Total Cash Disbursements:

Campaign Expenses:			
1946	\$11,493.84		
1947 (January - October, Inclusive)	13,050.16	24,544.00	

Remitted:

1946	80,500.00		
1947 (January - October, Inclusive)	62,873.63	143,373.63	167,917.63

Balance on Hand—October 31, 1947			\$ 62,092.51
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Make It Unanimous

A few of our churches have not contributed any undesignated money for the Cooperative missionary program this year. Time is fast slipping away, brethren. Won't you take a collection in your church next Sunday. Don't wait until the following Sunday, please. Try to do it next Sunday. Your mission causes need your help.

If the Tithing Campaign has increased your collections, why not give the increase through the Cooperative Program? Doubtless you were already receiving enough money month by month to satisfy your budget. Wouldn't you like to give the increase for evangelizing the world? Many churches in the South are doing that very thing.

Roger Babson on Tithing

Roger Babson, foremost American economist has this to say about tithing:

"The tithing system, if adopted by the churches, would give astounding figures.

"A compilation shows that the annual business turnover in this country amounts to more than \$500,000,000,000. It is estimated that of this amount four-fifths passes through the hands of the church people.

"One per cent of this amount would mean \$5,000,000,000 a year. Assuming that there is a profit of 10 per cent on this turnover it would mean that there is coming each year to the church people of this country an income amounting to \$40,000,000,000. If the tithing process were in operation this would give the church in tithes about \$4,000,000,000 a year.

"These figures seem very extraordinary, but on checking them up no flaws can be found. The facts are that the church people of the country are giving less than one per cent of their income to church and missionary work. If this were increased to 10 per cent, the church could come into its own in a great big way that heretofore it has been able only to talk about."

Wilkins and Newport

It was the writer's privilege to assist recently in the formal opening of the splendid new First Baptist Church in Newport. The picture of this building was published in this paper sometime ago. There was a delay in getting the pews, so the formal opening took place November 23.

This house is one of the most elegant and beautiful of all the church houses in Arkansas. It is not as large, of course, as some of the houses in our larger cities, but none are more beautiful. All its interior appointments were well planned, and beautifully furnished. Not only the building, but its furniture is handsome.

Pastor Charles Wilkins has proven his ability as a real leader and pastor. His people follow him loyally. The Baptists in Newport have been a struggling minority group. Men who knew the situation there would not believe their eyes if they should see this beautiful new church building, but the Baptists in Newport are different now. This great church will never be the same any more. Some of the best men on earth, and women, too, are members of this church. Pastor and Mrs. Wilkins are happy indeed. Thank the Lord for such steady patient, prayerful leaders as Charles F. Wilkins.

Seefeldt and Paris

First Church, Paris, received about 100 members during the month of October. Pastor Seefeldt had two campaigns in evangelism. Nelson Tull of the Brotherhood Department assisted one week. There were 50 additions. Angel Martinez assisted for a week, and there were 50 more additions. First Church, Paris, is going strong under the leadership of Pastor Seefeldt.

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Have you ever tried to get a little man to do a big job?

Have you ever tried to carry the weight of a lost world?

Have you ever tried to love when others hate, or praise when others condemn?

Have you ever tried to bind up broken hearts or re-establish broken homes?

Have you ever tried to sympathize with and help fallen men and women when others seem not to care?

Have you ever tried to smile upon empty collection plates and realize that the world is moving away from God?

Have you ever tried to pour out your very soul to get men to give themselves to Christ and have no response?

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If not, then you cannot know how it is to be the pastor of a Baptist church.

First Church, Paris, has found the solution of these problems by being a part of the Kingdom of God.