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Baptists Versus Catholics

By DR. J. B. LAWRENCE

The basic distinctive which characterizes Baptists is not baptism, but their belief that every individual is a person, sovereign in his own right; that he stands face to face, as an individual, with a sovereign God; that all matters between him and God are personal; and that he is competent to act for himself, believe for himself, repent for himself, and worship God in his own way without hindrance by any outside authority.

Baptists deny the right of priests with ecclesiastical authority to come between the individual and God. They hold that no human overhead lordship, ecclesiastical or political, can fence a man in or out to any religious or non-religious faith; but that everyone is a free soul standing face to face with a sovereign God and must make his own decisions.

Therefore, Baptists do not believe in priests; but they do believe in prophets. They do not believe, shocking as it may seem to the sacramentarians, in sacraments; but they do believe in a personal and direct approach to Christ by faith. They do not believe in ecclesiastical overhead lordship; but they do believe in the lordship of Christ.

This belief of Baptists concerning the individual is basic in all their theology and practice. It demands a direct approach of the individual to God and a direct response of God to the individual when such an approach is made. The new birth is God's answer to the personal approach of the individual to Him in faith, a new creature in Christ Jesus; resulting is a product of the personal business God and the individual soul.

If the individual has the consciousness of sin, then he seeks an audience with God to make confession and repentance. This is his sovereign right. If he seeks a new alliance with God and a new relationship, then his soul leaps up in faith to meet a sovereign God in confidence and trust. The individual alone, unsponsored, unrepresented, unattended, save by Christ and the Holy Spirit, enters into the presence of the Father in heaven and registers his vows at a throne of mercy.

This belief in the integrity and competency of the individual is the reason Baptists believe and practice as they do baptism and the Lord's Supper. These two ordinances are set in the church by the divine Christ to keep before the eyes of the world the great fundamental fact of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the death of the believer to sin and his resurrection to newness of life. The Lord's Supper memorializes the death of Christ as essential to man's salvation; baptism symbolizes the resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of the soul which has been made alive in Christ. These are ordinances in which an individual in his relation to a sovereign God witnesses to the two divine transactions in the redemptive program of a loving and redeeming Christ.

It is this belief in the integrity of the individual as a person before God that determines the position of Baptists on the separation of church and state. A sovereign soul before a sovereign God has a right to be free. This freedom is both political and religious, for both the state and the church stem from the individual.

Therefore, Baptists have ever stood for political and religious freedom. They believe

that nothing must interfere with, or hinder in any way, the free exercise of a free soul in its duties to a sovereign God. They believe that the state has no right to meddle with the religious beliefs of the individual; that everyone is free before the Lord to have any religion or no religion as he may choose; that in religion the soul has to do only with God and the state must keep its hands off.

This position of Baptists is fundamental. It is a distinguishing characteristic. It is that which separates them from all other groups of Christians in their church life.

Fundamentally, there are but two structural principles on which churches are founded. One is the direct contact of a sovereign soul with a sovereign God and the obedience of that soul to God in all things—that is the Baptist position. The other is the subordination of God's authority to human authority and the separation of the individual from direct contact with God and access to Him by the interposition of human ordinances, rules, regulations, requirements, and human authority. That is the Catholic position.

Therefore, Baptists are irrevocably separated from Catholics and also from all forms of belief and from all churches which subordinate the individual to the control of human institutions, and from all Christian groups which impose a barrier of any sort between the individual and God.

Hence, churches which practice infant baptism, or which hold to the idea that the ordinances are sacramental, or which have established orders in the ministry, or which have ecclesiastical control of the churches, are automatically fenced off from Baptists.

In fact, if everything that Baptists hold were taken away from such churches what remains would be Catholic. For instance, immersion is Baptist; sprinkling is Catholic. Proxy religion is Catholic; individualism in religion is Baptist. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit acting directly on the sovereign soul of the individual when he believes is Baptist; regeneration through the sacraments of the church is Catholic. The symbolic view of the ordinances is Baptist; the sacramental view is Catholic. The equality of ministers is Baptist; orders in the ministry is Catholic. The democracy of the church is Baptist; hierarchial control is Catholic. The separation of church and state is Baptist; the union of church and state is Catholic. On and on we might go, and when we finished we would have two Christian groups which are absolutely distinctive, Baptists and Catholics, and only two.

These people called Baptists have gone on gloriously through past centuries. The glory of going on shall be theirs through the coming centuries. The principles they hold challenge them to service. It would be vain for them to unfurl their banners to the breezes if they were not prepared to bear those banners onward into the thickest of the fight. But they are prepared. They are ready to prove the divinity of their principles by the splendor of their achievements. They have a commission from God and they will not prove traitors to the King of Kings. Southern Baptists, in my humble opinion, offer to God the mightiest spiritual leverage for the evangelization of the world now available.

—Southern Baptist Home Missions.

A Living Faith

A Devotion by the Editor

"... so faith without works is dead."

"If at first you do not believe look, look again before you doubt." This caption appeared some years ago above a magazine article. It acknowledges that one may be uncertain about what to believe with absolute confidence, it urges one to make painstaking investigation to discover that which is worthy of and will justify one's faith, it sets forth the thoroughly demonstrable truth that sound faith in established truth is more constructive than doubt.

There is a tripod of faith without which life is uncertain, confused and bewildered: One leg of this tripod is faith in the Bible as the Word of God, another leg is faith in Jesus as the Son of God, the third leg is faith in one's faith. This is the irreducible minimum, and yet it is thoroughly comprehensive and adequate.

Faith is a living thing, it is not a mere mechanical device. It is something that lives and grows and propagates. It cannot be dealt with as a mechanical instrument, it must be treated as a vital spirit. It cannot be wound up like a clock and made to run for so many days, it must be nourished like a vital organism, producing its own energy.

Faith is the organism of the soul. All it asks is a chance to live and grow and assert itself in one's life. It is worthy of our confidence and trust; it deserves a much larger place in our lives than most of us give it. It offers assurances in place of doubts, it offers stability instead of uncertainty, it offers hope against despair, it promises life instead of death. Here is the Royal Road to eternal life, there is no other.

Since faith is a living organism, it must be treated as such. To refuse faith its proper nourishment is to produce spiritual anemia. To dwarf its growth is to arrest the processes of spiritual life. To limit its activities is to reduce spiritual energy.

The very nature of Christian faith is to be active in Christian service. Work is the characteristic conduct of Christian faith. The apostle James shows how impossible it is to have a vigorous, satisfying Christian faith without the complement of Christian works. And he presents Christian works as the breath of Christian faith, the proof of Christian faith, and as the perfection of Christian life.

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? . . . For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:14-26.

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From The Editor's Desk

Who Is Getting The Crumbs?

A woman came to Jesus one day and asked for a spiritual blessing. She was a Gentile woman. Undoubtedly Jesus was testing her faith when He reminded her that it was not right to take the children's bread and give it to dogs. She rose to the occasion and replied that she recognized the truth of His statement, and yet she reminded Him that the dogs have the privilege of picking up the crumbs which fall from their master's table.

God Gets the Crumbs

We Southern Baptists, including Arkansas Baptists, are eating well. We live in comfortable houses; we drive high powered automobiles; we have, as a general rule, the many timesaving and laborsaving devices in both home and business. Our standard of living is the highest it has ever been, the highest ever known or experienced by the human race. By all standards of measurement we are living well. By no standard of living known to the human race can it be said that we are living on the crumbs which fall from the table.

Who then is getting the crumbs? By and large, and according to the standard of maintenance which God has prescribed for His work, God Himself is getting the crumbs which fall from the table of His people. We would not overlook those spiritually mature Christians who recognize God's place at the table of material satisfactions, and who set aside from their income God's share which He requires of His people. However, it must be obvious to the most casual observer that the majority of our Baptist people are allowing God only the crumbs which fall from the table of their material possessions—just the pocket change that will never be missed anyway. They would pauperize God and reduce Him to the status of a beggar. They often claim that the churches spend too much money, and that the denominational programs are too ambitious and require expenditures out of proportion both to the challenge of opportunities and to the ability of the people to give. Strange as it may seem, we have never heard a tither make such complaints.

Tithe Provides Ample Resources

God asks for the tenth of our net income. But, it may be asked, what use does God have for the tenth of our material income? That is a legitimate question. In order to give the tenth intelligently, we must have an intelligent answer to that question. We have that intelligent answer in Malachi 3:10, where God asks that His people bring all the tithes into the storehouse, "that there may be meat in mine house." The house to which He referred here was the institution which He had created for the maintenance, promotion, and propagation of His program in the world. This program was committed at that time to the Jewish nation, and the Jewish nation was required to give a tithe to the

religious institution of the nation which was manned by the tribe of Levi.

According to His own words, God demanded the tithe "that there may be meat in mine house." That is, that there might be ample provision in this spiritual ministry which He had established for the carrying on of His spiritual program among the people. If the people did not bring their tithes to this institution, then God's cause would be reduced to poverty, there would be no supplies on which to draw for the maintenance and promotion of His spiritual program. His cause could not be maintained by the crumbs which might fall from the table of His people who were living well. Nothing less than the tenth part of their net income would be sufficient to maintain His cause adequately and without reducing it to the state of pauperism.

God has never abrogated this original plan nor has it been superseded by any other plan in the Christian era. The only qualifying statement that can be made is that God's original plan for the ministry of His word and worship has been intensified in the Christian era.

Church to Administer Tithe

Logically the storehouse of the Christian era is the Christian churches. With the abandonment of the spiritual institution within Israel as the promotional agency for His kingdom work in the world, Jesus established His church. Therefore, the church is the responsible agent for administering the tithe in the promotion of His kingdom.

The initiative in this promotion beyond the local church community was taken by a local church, Antioch of Syria. The local churches have discovered that they can multiply their ministry beyond their local communities by associating with other local churches and so forming what we know as a denominational program. The churches sending messengers to conventions have set up agencies and institutions to carry out this spiritual ministry; a comprehensive program has been worked out to include, so far as human ingenuity and human responsiveness to the promptings of God can devise, all phases of the missionary program which Jesus announced in His commissions.

Paying Tribute to War

It still requires the tithe from God's people to adequately carry out this program. The only reason that the ministry which Jesus committed to His disciples, in His commissions, has not covered the earth is because the majority of His disciples have left God's cause to subsist on the crumbs which fall from the tables of their abundance. Of course, they have had to yield much of their substance in taxes to pay for wars which the gospel might have prevented if that gospel could have had the tithe of God's people for its propagation throughout the world.

God said, "that there may be meat in

Big City Machine Politics Transplanted To Federal Government

President Truman has transplanted the political philosophy of the big city political machine into the Federal Government. Mr. Truman got his political training with the big city Pendergast political machine of Kansas City. Bill Boyle, who recently resigned as National Chairman of the Democratic Committee, was also trained politically in the Pendergast machine of Kansas City. Bill's mother was a loyal Pendergast supporter and worker. As reported in the October 8 issue of *Time* magazine, Mother Boyle "ran her cosmopolitan democratic club for Tom Pendergast with a firm hand." In the same issue of *Time* she is quoted as saying, "Bill has never done anything wrong. He was always more than glad to do favors in a nice way."

The philosophy of the big city political machine, as demonstrated in the Pendergast machine of Kansas City and as demonstrated in the philosophy of President Truman and many of his appointees, is this: Anything is right that will keep the machine in power. "Bill has never done anything wrong," said his mother. President Truman has exonerated all his appointees who have used their positions to their own personal advantage and at the expense of the taxpayer. But so long as they can keep themselves in power they can do no wrong, that is their basic philosophy.

There have always been such low characters in government positions and doubtless always will be. But surely the present administration has reached a new low in lack of integrity and in fleecing the public.

If there was ever a time in the history of our nation when we needed to restore the integrity of the government, surely it is now. The United States has been plunged into the position of world leadership. It is obvious to the most casual observer that our present administration is woefully unprepared morally and spiritually and for lack of common honesty and integrity to assume such a position of world leadership.

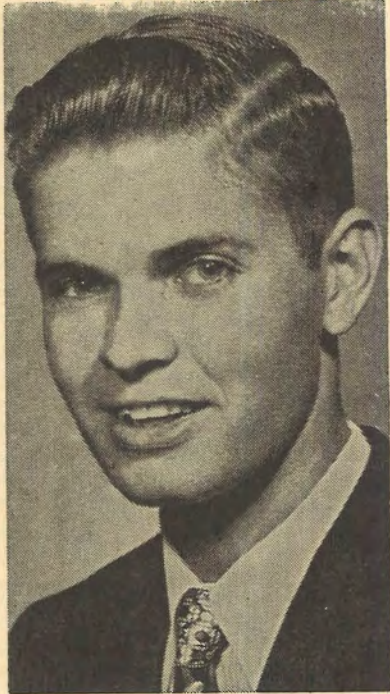
It is to be hoped that the American people will recover the reins of their own government and restore to that government the integrity and honesty which are demanded in order for our nation to fulfill its obligation as the leader of the democratic nations of the world.

mine house." Too long has the cause of our Lord been pauperized, and so languished, while God's people have paid tribute to materialism and to war. God has asked that we keep His treasury supplied with sufficient resources to adequately meet the spiritual needs of the world with the preaching of the gospel and a spiritual ministry which are provided only by the church which Jesus Himself established.

We must decide, each Christian for himself, whether we will accord to our Lord His rightful place at the table of our material satisfactions and so allow Him the share of our material income which He requires, or whether we shall assign to Him only the crumbs.

Kingdom Progress

Mission Pastor



Claris Johnson

Claris Johnson, a senior in Ouachita College and son of Associational Missionary C. A. Johnson, succeeds Bud Fray as Mission Pastor of First Church, Fordyce.

The Fordyce Church has recently completed the construction of an auditorium for the mission which it maintains and of which Mr. Johnson is the pastor.

Former Mission Pastor Bud Fray is now a student in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

First Church, Wynne Receives 19 Members

Missionary Clyde Hankins, on furlough from Brazil, was with Pastor Boyd Baker and First Church, Wynne, in revival services October 28 to November 4. There were 19 additions to the church.

Missionary Hankins is a native of Pine Bluff, a graduate of Ouachita College and the Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. He also attended Yale Divinity School. Before going to Brazil as a missionary, he served as pastor of churches in Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas.

Mrs. Hankins is the former Miss Nina Dodson of Calhoun, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Hankins have two children, Nona Bea and Billy Clyde.

Pastoral Changes

Steel Bridge Church, Caroline Association, has a new pastor; he is Jack Hogue of Little Rock.

E. S. Ridgeway has accepted the pastorates of Oak Grove and Pleasant Hill Churches in Caroline Association.

Harold Pressley has gone from Pine Grove, Sweet Home, to the pastorate at Almyra.

Dr. John D. Freeman Visits Cuba

The Las Villas State Baptist Convention of Cuba had as guest speaker during its annual session, November 8-9, Dr. John D. Freeman of Nashville, Tennessee, now teaching in the Baptist Bible Institute of Lakeland, Florida. Daniel Rodriguez, pastor of the Baptist Church in Consolacion del Sur, is president of the Convention. While a student in Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, he heard Dr. Freeman give a series of lectures on Rural Church Problems and became interested in the subject. Since returning to his home, he has been working toward founding a school wherein workers for rural fields may receive special training. Dr. Herbert Caudill, superintendent of the Home Mission Board's Cuban work, had part in the Convention, and aided Pastor Rodriguez in enabling the visitor to see much of Baptist work in the Island.

Vocational Emphasis Week At Ouachita

The week of November 5 was observed as Vocational Emphasis Week on the campus of Ouachita College. The program was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union and its purpose was to acquaint students with various vocational opportunities.

A different speaker was featured each evening during the vesper period. The different speakers represented different occupations. Each speaker, an outstanding Christian, told of his particular life's vocation in the light of Christian doctrine.

The speakers included Dr. Art B. Martin, M.D., of Fort Smith; Mrs. Don Dawley, Christian housewife, Arkadelphia; Dean W. C. Ferguson of Arkansas State Teachers' College, the field of teaching and of education; Ray McClung of Hot Springs, religious educational work; and A. E. Randall of Stuttgart, representing the business world.

S. B. C. Cooperative Program Receipts in October

A report from the office of the Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville reveals that a total of \$748,940.09 was received in that office during the month of October. Cooperative Program receipts amounted to \$650,626.64; designated gifts totaled \$98,313.45.

For the first ten months of the year Southern Baptists sent to the Nashville office a total of \$10,360,738.17. Of this amount \$6,494,389.83 was given through the Cooperative Program; and \$3,866,393.34 in designated gifts. This is an increase in total gifts over the same period in 1950 of \$1,216,728.76. Cooperative Program gifts increased over the same period in 1950 by \$68,202.38; designated gifts increased \$748,526.38.

Landers in Texas

Thomas Landers Jr., who graduated from Ouachita last May and is now a student in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Bolivar, Texas.

Prize-Winning Sermon Appears In Congressional Record

A sermon awarded first place in the 1951 Spiritual Mobilization sermon contest has been reprinted in the Congressional Record at the request of Rep. Norris Poulson, of California.

Entitled "Freedom Under God," the sermon was preached by Kenneth W. Sollitt, minister of First Baptist Church, Mendota, Illinois.

Mr. Sollitt's sermon declared, in part: "America has a bad case of 'me-first-itis'. We have wanted freedom, as we have wanted everything else, for ourselves as individuals instead of for all Americans. We have wanted freedom, but not freedom under God. Yet freedom under God is the only real freedom there is.


"There is a difference between freedom as conceived by the person who wants something for himself or his immediate friends at the expense of others, and freedom under God as conceived by the founders of this Nation.

"In 1876 when throughout the Nation America celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, an Episcopal clergyman, Daniel C. Roberts, of Brandon, Vermont, wrote a prayer hymn which was sung for the first time on the Brandon, Vermont, village green. That hymn took account of the fact that God cannot be left out of our thinking with regard to our liberties, or there will be no liberty for any of us. We are free men and women only as we seek our freedom according to the laws which He has laid down for His children to follow. This is what we mean by freedom under God being the only real freedom. It is a fact which we have tended to forget in recent years. But when we try to nullify God's laws, either as individuals or as a nation, we break not the laws, but ourselves."

—Washington Religious Report.

Immanuel Church, Rogers Has Revival

Immanuel Church, Rogers, and Pastor Carl B. Chism, had the services of Pastor L. C. Craig of the North Dallas Church as evangelist in a recent revival meeting. There were nine additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and two by letter.



Listen to The
BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: November 18

SPEAKER:
Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:
"America's Modern Murderers."

ARKANSAS STATIONS

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

Suggested Amendment to The Constitution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention

By LLOYD A. SPARKMAN

To amend Article III.—MEMBERSHIP—
Section 2 which now reads, "Each co-operating church shall be entitled to three messengers, with one additional messenger for each additional one hundred members, or major fraction thereof above one hundred" by adding the words "provided however, that no church shall be entitled to a total of more than ten messengers."

The above needs little explanation and I feel that our people will be in favor of this change. It is in line with the policy of the Southern Baptist Convention and certainly in harmony with true democratic principles. For instance if the sessions of the Convention are held in Pine Bluff, the churches here could send scores of messengers and thus overbalance the representatives from the outlying sections of the state. The same will be true to a greater extent if the sessions continue to be held in Little Rock. This is no reflection on the larger churches which send a large number of messengers. To the contrary, they are deserving of praise for their interest. However, the above amendment will forever guarantee that the smaller churches in country and villages will have a voice in Baptist affairs. All of our people believe in Baptists recognizing the smaller churches as much as the larger ones.

Fouke Church Dedicated

First Church, Fouke, dedicated its new church building on Sunday, October 21. Editor B. H. Duncan delivered the dedication sermon, using the subject, "When Jesus Came to Church." Pastor G. W. Hooten says, "The largest crowd ever to attend the church was present for the dedication sermon."

The new building provides a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 250, and a basement which provides ten Sunday School rooms and a large assembly room.

Pastor Hooten came to the Fouke Church a little more than a year ago from Texas. During this brief pastorate the new church has been constructed.

First Church, El Dorado, Dedicates Education Building

The East wing of the education building of First Church, El Dorado, was dedicated on Sunday, November 4.

Dr. T. D. Brown of Kentucky, and former pastor of the El Dorado Church, delivered the dedication sermon at the 11 o'clock worship hour Sunday morning. He also delivered the evening hour message. Dr. B. L. Bridges brought felicitations from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The dedicatory ritual was led by Pastor Sam C. Reeves with the congregation responding. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Associate Pastor Clyde H. Freed Jr.

Open house was held in the afternoon from 2:30 to 4 o'clock with refreshments served by the W. M. S.

The dedication program continued through November 6. In order to move into the new structure debt free, \$28,029.25 in cash was raised by the El Dorado Church.

During the past four years, under the ministry of Pastor Reeves, the El Dorado Church has added over \$300,000 worth of additional buildings and equipment to their physical plant. Both the West and the East wings of the educational building have been constructed and paid for during this

A Letter To The President

Honorable Harry S. Truman,
White House,
Washington, D. C.
Honorable Sir:

The criticism of your appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican may not be as severe as you anticipated (according to the press) but let me assure you that most of it is sincere and does not spring from political expediency which seems to be the only criterion known by your administration.

And, Mr. President, there may be considerably more criticism than you think. The self-imposed deafness of your administration to the many cries of protest against the five per centers, the influence peddlers, the inefficient and bungling bureaucrats, the gagging of the public press, and the constitution tamperers has just about exhausted the voices and patience of the people who, in theory at least, still constitute this government of ours. Why should we cry in protest when, according to the press, your mind is already "made up" and you have "steeled" yourself against any criticism in this matter? What else could this mean but that you were pre-determined not to hear?

Mr. President, when you offer reasons for this appointment, you insult the intelligence of every citizen who thinks in terms of democracy. You say that the appointment does not violate the principle of separation of church and state. Just what is the Vatican, Mr. President? If it is just another political state, why are all its officials ecclesiastical dignitaries with the rank of bishop, archbishop, or cardinal? Why is the Secretary of State for the Vatican always a cardinal? Are any of the office holders in the Vatican non-Catholics? If the Vatican City State is a political unit only, how is it that all the property therein belongs to the Holy See? If its status is purely political, why aren't its clergymen here required to register as foreign agents? You answer these questions, Mr. President, since it is you who argues that this appointment does not violate our time honored principle of separation of church and state.

You insult our intelligence when you maintain that we must have an ambassador to the Pope so that we may have a "listening post" at which we may gather the secrets of enemy nations. Do you admit, Mr. President, that the Roman Catholic Church is in reality a "super" secret service agency which is superior to our own Intelligence Corps? Have Roman Catholics convinced you that an ambassador to the Pope is the price we must pay for any information they might have? If the Vatican is actually interested in the peace of the world and in the survival of democracy, would it withhold information vital to the cause of peace simply because we had no ambassador there?

The greatest insult to our intelligence is added when you and others bow to the bigoted boast that Roman Catholicism is the last great bastion between a free world and communism. Nothing could be farther from the truth than this fabricated insinuation. The blood of every free man who has died, and the blood of every free man who stands ready to die in the fight against communism, protests the arrogant claim of any sectarian group that it alone is the divinely infallible guardian of men's freedom. Our greatest bulwark against any ism has

period. In addition, the auditorium has been redecorated and air conditioning equipment has been installed for the entire building.

always been, and will always be free men, with free voices, under a free government which has no affinity for any particular religious denomination, wielding the instruments of freedom in free hands, and moved by freedom's Holy Light to see to it that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Finally, Sir, you are a Baptist, at least in name. You are also a student of history. Furthermore, you are sworn to safeguard and further the principles of democracy as we know it in America. Surely you must know that wherever and whenever opportunity and expediency have permitted, Roman Catholics have imposed their religious convictions and edicts upon others by legislation and coercion. Do you forget, Sir, that there are many countries where Roman influence forbids others to propagate and perpetuate their faiths? Examine the history of all countries where Roman Catholicism has been in the ascendancy. I challenge you, Sir, to cite one instance where her voice was ever raised in behalf of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Have you so soon forgotten that both Hitler and Mussolini had Papal blessing as long as they were willing to co-operate with official Romanism? If you have ever read one line of history, you know, Sir, that the Vatican has never had but one love among the family of human governments, and that love has always been autocracy. Her motive in insisting on mutual diplomatic relations with the countries of the world is certainly not to preserve and promote democracy, or freedom in democracy, but rather to preserve and promote Roman Catholicism.

There is not a freedom loving American anywhere who would not fight for Catholics' rights to worship and perpetuate their faith here or elsewhere. But to the last man we protest Rome's perpetual insistence that she be given special rights, privileges, or recognition. And we protest the actions of any person, in office or not, who compromises any of our democratic principles which forbid such recognitions.

Yes, Mr. President, I protest! And, if in the coming elections there are many missing votes in your column which normally would have been there, it will be little men such as I, protesting in the only language which the little man from Missouri seems to understand.

Yours for an integrity that will keep faith,
—Don Hook.

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Revival Nets 93 Additions

Dr. John H. Parrott, pastor of First Baptist Church, Las Cruces, New Mexico, reports 60 additions by baptism and 33 by letter in a recent revival meeting. Dr. W. D. Wyatt assisted in the revival. Sunday School and Training Union attendance reached an all time high with 538 and 208 respectively.

Dr. Parrott is a native of Tuckerman, a graduate of Ouachita College and the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

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The Bible is the Christian's rule book. It is the Voice of God coming down through the ages—a guide—a lamp—a light that keeps our feet from slipping. It offers the Saviorship of Christ. Convicted of our sins, we grasp this only means of salvation and call ourselves Christians.

The world wants good mixers. God wants good separators.

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By Religious News Service

Reformation Day Rallies Protest Vatican Ambassador

Protests against President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican were featured at Reformation Day rallies held across the nation.

Taft Says He Declined Vatican Ambassadorship

Charles P. Taft, one of the nation's most prominent Protestant laymen, said that he declined an appointment as ambassador to the Vatican last January and advised President Truman against such a diplomatic mission.

Mr. Taft denied, however, a press report that he had, at that time, suggested that the President send a second ambassador to Rome and another to Geneva, Switzerland, where the World Council of Churches has its headquarters.

"It is correct that I was offered the post of ambassador to the Vatican by the President in January," Mr. Taft said. "I declined and advised against it. The story that I suggested instead a second ambassador at Rome and an ambassador in Switzerland to the World Council of Churches is absolutely incorrect."

Mr. Taft, a brother of Ohio's senior senator, is a member of the central committee of the World Council of Churches and of the general board of the National Council of Churches.

White House Confirms It Made Offer to Taft

The White House confirmed the report that Mr. Taft was asked by President Truman early this year to take the assignment. However, the White House had no comment on Mr. Taft's statement that he rejected it and advised the President against sending such a diplomatic mission.

Twenty-six Clergymen Ask Withdrawal of Vatican Appointment

Twenty-six prominent Protestant clergymen of the New York metropolitan area issued a joint statement calling upon President Truman to withdraw "immediately" his appointment of General Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican.

"At a time when national unity is of utmost importance," the statement said, "the President has needlessly started a controversy which . . . will bitterly divide our people and do immeasurable harm. He has forced millions of our citizens into a position where, motivated by no anti-Catholic prejudice and hating religious dissension, they must nevertheless, for conscience's sake, protest against what seems to them an intolerable negation of basic American principles."

National Council Hits Vatican Ambassador Plan

Prompt withdrawal by President Truman of his nomination of an ambassador to the Vatican or rejection of his proposal by Congress was urged by the general board of the National Council of Churches at an emergency meeting called to formulate a statement regarding the appointment.

"We believe that the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican would be wrong in principle, useless in practice, and would produce consequences both far-reaching and disastrous to the national unity of the American people.

"Taking a step which arouses religious controversy, the President has done a grave disservice to our country. We are especially distressed by the published reports of his suggestion in a press conference that this is a time to 'fight it out.' It is normal and wholesome in a democracy to 'fight it out' on political issues; but this is different. Religious convictions lie deeper than politics."

The statement said the general board's position was based on "conscience and conviction with regard to religious liberty, combined with loyalty to an essential principle of American democracy and gratitude for a national tradition consistently defended by our fathers."

Chicago Ministers Plan Delegation to Senators

Protestant ministers voted to send a three-man delegation to bring to Illinois senators, Paul Douglas and Everett Dirksen, their views on the proposed appointment of an envoy to the Vatican.

The ministers took action at the regular monthly meeting sponsored by the Church Federation of Greater Chicago. They affirmed the statement already issued by federation officers opposing the Presidential appointment and adopted a supplementary statement of their own. This called upon "all who discuss and act upon this issue to do so in the spirit of love."

But the pastors urged ministers, churches, and denominations to "stand firm for our basic American, and we believe Christian, principle that the Churches must be separated from the State."

Alabama Senators Promise To Oppose Vatican Ambassador

Senator Lister Hill and Senator John Sparkman of Alabama have assured the Montgomery Ministerial Association of their opposition to the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

In his statement to the Montgomery Ministerial Association, Senator Hill said:

"I have always felt and on different occasions in the past have expressed the feeling that the United States should not have an ambassador to any church, no matter what the denomination of the church might be.

"An ambassador is the highest diplomatic representative of a government, a political state, and I have felt that to send an ambassador to any church would violate our fundamental American principle and belief in the complete separation of Church and State.

"I shall oppose the appointment of General Clark."

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Last Call to Convention
November 20-22; First Church,
Little Rock.

A Smile or Two

"Pa," said Hector, looking up from the book he was reading, "what is meant by 'diplomatic phraseology'?"

"Well," replied Pa, "if you were to say to a homely girl, 'Your face would stop a clock,' that would be stupidity, but you said to her, 'When I look into your eyes, time stands still,' that would be diplomatic phraseology!"

—Clipped.

A sentimental young thing on a tour of the Oregon State Forest Preserves stopped before a giant tree. "Oh, wonderful elm," she exclaimed, "if you could only speak what would you say to me?"

The senior forester, accompanying her, said, "It would probably say, 'Pardon me, but I'm an oak.'"

Wife—"Tell me, doctor, what is my husband's trouble?"

Doctor—"He has a severe case of voluntary inertia."

Wife—"My goodness. And I have been thinking he was just plain lazy."

—Vancouver Province.

Junior was one of those little terrorists and Papa was surprised when Mama suggested they buy him a bicycle. "Do you think it will improve his behavior?" Papa asked.

"No," replied Mama grimly, "but it will spread his meanness over a wider area."

—San Francisco Progress.

"What kind of car are you driving?"

"It's an Eisenhower," was the answer.

"An Eisenhower?" said the first man.

"Why, I never heard of it."

"Well, I'll tell you it's one of them that you don't know whether it's going to run or not."

—Quote.

"What's the matter with Smith," one neighbor asked another. "He looks sad."

"He's just been contesting his wife's will," answered the other.

"Oh, I didn't know she was dead."

"That's just it," came the reply. "She isn't."

—Quote.

Dear Dad:

Please send me \$55 to pay my fraternal bill.

Sincerely,

Your Son.

Dear Son:

Find enclosed the \$55 you asked for; however, please don't buy any more fraternal ties.

Sincerely,

Your Dad.

Explorer: "And this bear on the floor, I shot in Alaska. It was a case of me or him."

Bored: "Well, the bear certainly makes a better rug."

The woman autoist posed for a snapshot in front of the fallen pillars of an ancient temple in Greece.

"Don't get the car in the picture," she warned, "or my insurance agent will think I ran into the place."

News From Baptist Press

Baptist Leaders Continue to Speak Against President's Appointment

Southern Baptists are continuing profound and definite reactions to President Truman's appointment recently of General Mark Clark as the United States ambassador to the Vatican state in Rome.

Following are quotes on the President's action from representative leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention:

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, Georgia, president of the Georgia Baptist Convention: "While I must admit that I am not surprised at the President's sneak play in naming General Clark as Ambassador to the Vatican in the closing hours of Congress, when it was obviously impossible for Senate consideration, I must also admit a sense of deep concern, realizing that while we won the first battle in the effort of Roosevelt and Truman to comply with Vatican pressure, we have not won the war. There is encouragement in the fact that the President's tactics have quickly aroused widespread resentment on the part of people everywhere throughout the nation. If we lose this battle, we will have our backs against the wall."

Dr. S. G. Posey, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, believes the action to be "tragic and inimical to the welfare of our nation. It is deplorable that one schooled in the text and history of the Constitution, and charged by sacred oath as the chief executive of our nation to uphold the Constitution, could be so determined to violate the letter and the spirit of the Constitution whatever his reasons might be for doing so."

Among other effects of the action cited by **Dr. M. Theron Rankin**, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, are: "(1) It will open wide the door to the complete breakdown of the principle of the separation of church and state, and (2) It will precipitate into the United States a bitter and irreconcilable religious struggle which will bring irreparable injury to our country."

Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor of Southside Church, Birmingham, Alabama, expresses the common reaction of citizens in concluding that "our strategy now is to secure commitment from our senators that they will resist this appointment when it is brought for confirmation before the Senate in January. I am happy to state that in response to a telegram our two senators from Alabama have given assurance that they will vote against confirmation."

Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of First Church, Washington, D. C., assured his congregation that "not only in an individual capacity, but in co-operation with other Protestant officials, I did my utmost to point out the great dangers which seemed to me to lie in such an arrangement. I would equally oppose a like appointment to the world Baptist headquarters or the headquarters of any religious body."

Dr. J. W. Storer, First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma: "Only two camps can be happy about all this, and both will benefit from it—the Vatican and Stalin. It is an hour for prayer, and an hour for men who love the United States to stand firm in the conviction that no religious group, Roman Catholic, Protestant, or Baptist, has any right to recognition as a sovereign state or

entity by the appointment of an 'envoy' to it."

Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, and chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, writes: "The President's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican is a violation of the principle of separation of church and state and a violation of the spirit of the First Amendment. At a time when we should have national unity, this political maneuver can only result in bitterness and division. The President has made his choice. Our hope now is that the Senate will disapprove the nomination. Let us make our views known to all Senators."

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Church, Richmond, Virginia: "I hope this discussion can be carried on without engendering bitter religious controversy, but certainly we have no other choice than to stand for our traditional policy of the separation of church and state and for our Baptist principles of religious liberty."

Summing up the responsibilities and reactions of most Baptists, **Dr. Duke K. McCall**, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, says: "Southern Baptists and all freedom loving Americans will need to hold their tempers and keep their powder dry, lest in righteous indignation over the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican by Harry S. Truman, we expend our energy before the battle is actually joined. In a wise political move President Truman has moved the battle from his desk to that of the senators, who must confirm the appointment. Let us make certain that when the matter is under consideration by the Senate that every senator as well as the President is made aware of the fact that our convictions will be expressed, if necessary, at the polls in the forthcoming election."

Wake Forest College Breaks Ground on Winston-Salem Site

Official ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Wake Forest College campus in Winston-Salem were held in October. Speakers for the occasion included President Harry S. Truman; Pat Taylor, lieutenant governor of North Carolina; Grover H. Jones, president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president of Wake Forest College.

Funds are in hand for the chapel building, first of the new buildings to be erected on the 320-acre site, according to Judge Hubert E. Olive of Lexington, president of the school's board of trustees.

Oregon-Washington Convention Votes \$85,000 for 1952 Budget

An \$85,510.67 budget for 1952 was adopted by the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington in its annual meeting in Vancouver October 24-25, according to Dr. R. E. Milam, executive secretary.

The new budget is \$30,000 more than the current year's budget.

E. R. Jacks, Longview, Washington, was elected president of the convention for the coming year. The 1952 session will be held in Portland, Oregon. The date is yet to be arranged.

Southern Baptist Head Assails Appointment

Strong opposition to the appointment of a U. S. ambassador to the Vatican has been expressed by **Dr. J. D. Grey**, New Orleans, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He told the annual convention of the Missouri Baptist General Association:

"Like every patriotic, freedom-loving American citizen, I vigorously oppose the appointment of an American ambassador to the Vatican or to any other religious organization, even our own Baptist World Alliance headquarters."

Dr. Grey said "it is unjust and unkind to our friendly Catholic neighbors to assume that they all desire preferential treatment by our government . . ."

"The statement that the ambassador would represent the United States to the Holy See as a political State is unrealistic 'powder-puff, pink-tea' diplomacy," he said. "The Vatican is a mere 'de facto' limited area of only 108 acres. If it possesses (which is doubtful) significant information vital to our country and others fighting Communism, it is to the Vatican's own best interests to share that information without the luxury of an official ambassador."

Dr. Grey criticized "Catholic propagandists who insist that the Vatican is a sovereign State."

If it is a political State, he said, "then every representative of the Vatican in this country should be registered as a representative of a foreign government."

He said that although a number of nations do have legations at the Vatican "it must be remembered that the vast majority of these countries hold to a philosophy of government with the union of Church and State—a philosophy wholly repugnant to our democratic American concept."

—Religious News Service.

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For Your Information

In the Russian occupied zone of Germany and in the East and West Sector of Berlin there are 210 Baptist churches with 40,600 members.

Alcoholics Anonymous, which in 16 years of existence has brought recovery to 120,000 chronic drinkers, received one of the Lasker Awards at the meeting of the American Public Health Association in San Francisco on October 30.

New records (such as they are) were set by the first session of the 82nd Congress, just closed. More billions were appropriated, more taxes were approved, more foreign aid was voted, more scandals were turned up than any previous so-called peace Congress.

—J. P. Edmunds.

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How Logical

A student stumped his professor with a question in Dr. Joe McElhannon's history class at Baylor University.

Dr. McElhannon was discussing the penalty for stealing a chicken in France before the revolution. For the first offense one would lose a hand, said the professor, and for the second he would lose his other hand. And if he committed a third offense, he would lose his head.

Just then a hand popped up in the back of the room.

"Professor," asked the student, "there's something that puzzles me. How could a person steal a chicken if he had no hands?"

—Baylor Press.



DEAN H. A. HASWELL
Prayer in faculty meeting



DR. LESLIE WILLIAMS
Prayer in classroom



COACH "RAB" RODGERS
Prayer before the game

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NELSON TULL, Secretary

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Reports from over the state are very encouraging; and it looks now that the goal of "1500 Men on Brotherhood Night" is going to be reached and passed. Many men are driving in from every section of Arkansas for the Brotherhood Night meeting. And most of them will have to return home that night for their work next day. But they're coming!

The Brotherhood Night program is packed with worthwhile features. The music will be excellent. The speaking will be done by able men. The whole program will be profitable from beginning to end.

To hear Dr. Ralph A. Herring of North Carolina will, in itself, be a great spiritual experience!

Brotherhood Night will be observed on November 19, at First Church, Little Rock. The organ will begin playing at 7 o'clock, and the singing will start at 7:15. The program will get under way at 7:25.

Come, and bring a car-load of men with you!

Tapscott Coming to Arkansas

L. H. Tapscott, Brotherhood Secretary of Texas, will be in Arkansas in December for a short series of Regional Brotherhood Meetings. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, December 11: First Church, El Dorado, for Liberty and Carey Associations.

Thursday, December 13: First Church, Bentonville; for Washington-Madison and Benton County Associations.

Friday, December 14: Second Church, Little Rock, for Pulaski County Association, and regions round about.

Mr. Tapscott is one of the South's greatest Brotherhood men. He has had many years of experience in church and denominational work, being formerly a member of the staff of First Church, Dallas, where he was director of the Training Union work of the church.

Every church and church Brotherhood in the associations above will do well to take note of these meetings, and to begin work now to get out the men!

Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

A Few Facts About Arkansas Baptists

From the 1951 Southern Baptist Handbook the following facts have been gathered. The figures may differ slightly with the records of our state minutes, but in the main they are nearly correct.

The total number of churches affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist Convention is now 1,041. Of this number, 515 are in the open country, 221 in villages, 156 in towns, and 149 in cities.

There are 855 Baptist pastors; 429 are resident pastors.

The resident pastors are located as follows: open country, 106; village, 66; town, 117; city, 140.

The total church membership of Arkansas Convention Baptists is 239,049. These live as follows: 54,534 in the open country; 26,669 in villages; 43,240 in towns; and 114,605 in cities.

The average membership of the country churches is 106; the village churches, 121; town churches, 277; city churches, 769.

The percentage of increase in church membership in 1950 over 1949 was as follows: country, 10.7 per cent; village, 5 per cent; town, 0.3 per cent; city, 7.9 per cent.

There were 16,600 baptisms in 1950. In the country churches there was one baptism for every 12.8 members; in village churches, one baptism for every 12.9 members; in town churches, one baptism for every 13.9 members; and in city churches, one baptism for every 15.9 members.

The Sunday School enrolment increased in 1950 over 1949 as

follows: open country, 13.4 per cent; village, 11.7 per cent; town, 0.4 per cent; city, 8 per cent.

From 1940 through 1950 the total church membership increased 52 per cent; total Sunday School enrolment increased 28 per cent.

The Training Union enrolment is as follows: open country churches, 18,852; village churches, 8,675; town churches, 12,048; city churches, 29,382.

The percentage of increase in Training Union in 1950 over 1949 was: open country, 15.3 per cent; village, 11.1 per cent; town, 2.4 per cent; city, 15.6 per cent.

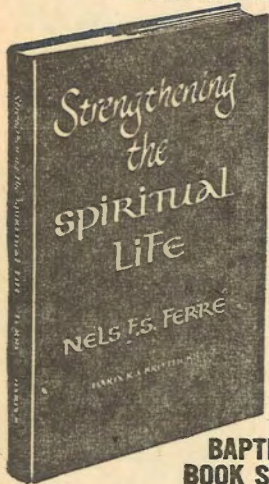
The W. M. U. enrolment showed 29.6 per cent increase in open country over 1949 record. Village churches had an increase of 37.6 per cent. But town churches decreased 11.5 per cent. The city churches increased 8.9 per cent.

Brotherhood enrolment showed a great gain in open country churches with 107.2 per cent increase over 1949. The increase in village churches was 98.9 per cent. But, like the W. M. U., the town churches showed a decrease of 6.7 per cent. The city churches gained 16.8 per cent.

These figures reveal that the open country churches are showing the greatest increase in every phase of work. The figures also show that the town churches showed practically no increase in Sunday School, very little in Training Union, and a great loss in W. M. U. and Brotherhood enrolment.

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You've got to keep on talking. One inch won't make you very tall;

You've got to keep on growing. One little deed won't do it at all; You've got to keep on going.

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Three Big Training Union Events

"M" Night, December 10



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"M" Night is Mobilization Night in every association, December 10.

"M" Night is an Associational Training Union Mass Meeting, planned and conducted by the associational Training Union officers.

"M" Night purpose is to

launch the training Union program for 1952.

WHAT, WHEN, WHY, AND WHO

"M" Night is one of the regular mass meetings of the associational Training Union organizations. The suggested date for this meeting is December 10, although it may be held any time this quarter to meet the convenience of your people and your program.

The purpose of "M" Night is to launch the state and convention-wide Training Union Promotional Program for 1952. As far as your own people are concerned the most important part is to present the associational Training Union program for 1952 and ask them to adopt it.

Last year there were 590 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention which promoted this meeting with a total attendance of 190,262. There were 8,849 churches represented, and 5,600 pastors present. In Arkansas last year twenty-eight associations observed "M" Night with an attendance of 6,159. The following associations have indicated that they are planning to observe "M" Night this year: Big Creek, Black River, Boone County, Caddo River, Carey, Caroline, Carroll County, Central, Clear Creek, Delta, Faulkner County, Harmony, Hope, Liberty, Newton, Ouachita, Pulaski County, Red River, Rocky Bayou, Tri-County, Trinity, and Woodruff. Only twenty-two associations are listed above. Please let us know NOW if you are planning to observe "M" Night.

PROGRAM AND PROMOTION MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be happy to send you a supply of the "M" Night posters, without cost, for distribution in the churches of your association. This is another way of assisting you in publicizing your "M" Night program and promoting attendance upon this meeting. Although the picture shown on this page is black and white, the poster will be in three beautiful colors.

A film strip is suggested for the "M" Night program. This may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, Arkansas, for \$4.

This year our attendance goal is 200,000 including 10,000 churches represented, with 7,000 pastors present. In Arkansas the goal is forty-four associations observing "M" Night, with an attendance of 10,000.

SUGGESTED "M" NIGHT PROGRAM ADAPT TO FIT YOUR NEEDS

Theme: "Christ Speaks to His Churches"

- 7:30 Praise Service
- 7:45 Scripture and Prayer
- 7:50 Announcements and Recognitions
- 8:00 "Our Program for 1952"—Associational Director
- 8:15 Color Filmstrip—"Christ Speaks to His Churches"
- 8:35 Special Music
- 8:40 Message—"When Christ Speaks"
- 9:05 Adjourn

NOW is the time to plan for "M" Night. **PLAN BIG!** Make this one of the best mass meetings ever held in your association!

Tournaments

Now is the time to promote the Speakers' Tournament, Sword Drill, and Junior Memory Drill. The State Training Union Director is mailing to every associational Training Union director a package of the tracts. Each director should send these tracts to the churches of his association.

WHEN AND WHERE

The church tournaments should be held in February and the associational tournaments the first part of March. **SET THE DATE FOR YOUR TOURNAMENT NOW!**

The state tournament will be held at the State Training Union Convention, March 14-15, 1952. The Junior Memory Drill will be held Saturday morning, March 15, 1952.

State Training Union Convention

The annual State Training Union Convention will be held at First Church, Little Rock, beginning Friday morning, March 14, at ten o'clock and closing Saturday noon, March 15. Mr. Howard Butt, popular lay-evangelist, of Corpus Christi, Texas, will be the inspirational speaker. Seven workers will come from the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board for messages and conferences.

INFORMATION FOR ALL

Sectional meetings for all departments will provide Training Union information for all who attend. Conferences will be conducted by people who know Training Union work.

All of the state tournaments will be held at the convention. Elimination sword drills and the elimination speakers' tournament will be conducted on Friday afternoon with the finals conducted Friday night.

ONE SESSION AT ROBINSON AUDITORIUM

On Friday night the Pulaski County Choral Club will present a choral festival under the direction of Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state music director. The Friday night session will be held in the Robinson Memorial Auditorium which seats over 3,000 people.

Bed and breakfast will be furnished free by the people of Pulaski County. All people within a radius of fifty miles of Little Rock are asked not to request this entertainment.

There will be no attendance and mileage banners offered the churches. We are encouraging a few to come from many churches rather than many to come from a few churches.

Remember, Everybody Comes To The State Training Union Convention

Faith Seen as a Weapon By Chaplains in Korea

Front-line chaplains with the Army's famed Second Infantry Division consider "foxhole religion" as one of the best military weapons in Korea, according to a news story issued at The Pentagon in Washington by the Public Information Division, Department of Defense.

Chaplains in the American Eighth Army say the durability of "born in battle" security cannot be determined, but that it exists is indisputable. There is a deep search for security among the fighting men, and in groping for security the soldiers often find God.

Major (Chaplain) Joe E. Gannon, of Tacoma, Washington, puts it like this:

"The man in the foxhole is in need—urgent need. Alone and sometimes helpless, his whole system cries out with the conviction that there must be something, somewhere in the universe, to give him assistance.

"A sense of security is more important to the fighting man than security itself. When men have it, they feel more competent and less afraid to do their job."

Another chaplain, Major Lewis Sheen, of New York, New York, declared that "nearly every soldier over here realizes to a certain extent that Korea is a spiritual war—a conflict of ideologies such as we have never witnessed in our time."

"He is asking himself the basic questions of life as he reasons his way through the causes and effects of his participation in that conflict."

It is the consensus among the men who have been in a position to know—chaplains who have accompanied the infantrymen into action—that the bitter Korean fighting has demanded more of the soldiers engaged than any previous conflict in American history, at least in modern times.

—The Washington Religious Review
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Why I Attend Sunday School

By Roy G. Wood

There are a number of reasons why I attend Sunday School.

Maybe it is from early training; as a child our whole family went to Sunday School. Maybe out of respect to the memory of my mother; as a young man it pleased her very much for me to go. Somehow I feel she knows now I still attend.

Maybe it gives me a Center, something to return to, to get new bearings, new values, when conscience, selfishness, national issues and storms of uncertainties give one kinda doubtful thoughts as to WHYS and BECAUSE, — forgetting to hear "Christian, Follow Me."

I can explain this having a center by telling you a story:

Rear Admiral Byrd on his first expedition to the South Pole left his hut for a brief exploration trip and got lost in a blizzard. Nothing about him gave him a sense of direction. If he should strike out blindly and fail in the first attempt to get back to his hut he would be lost and likely freeze to death. He had a long pole he used for testing for holes in the ice. He drove this long pole in the ice and tied his scarf to its top, which blew in the terrific wind. That was his center; if he failed to find the hut he could return to that pole. Three times he struck out in search of his hut; each time he failed and returned to his Center. Without this Center he would have been lost. In the fourth attempt he accidentally found his hut.

My going to Sunday School is my Center.

PRAYER POWER

Prayer has never been tried to its full capacity in any church. If we want to see mighty wonders of divine power and grace wrought in the place of weakness, failure, and disappointment, let the whole church answer God's standing challenge, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not!"

—J. Hudson Taylor.

SENDING A DELEGATE

The most beautiful sight from the pulpit is a whole family seated together in a pew. The church service is not a convention, that a family should merely send a delegate.

Figures to Inspire

Sunday, November 4

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Fort Smith, First	1327	779	29
Including Missions	1651	875	
Little Rock, Immanuel	1178	410	
Including Missions	1372	547	1
El Dorado, First	1013	320	1
Including Mission	1101	379	1
Little Rock, First	1015	427	13
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	940	336	
Little Rock, Second	389	166	5
Hot Springs, Second	751	222	12
Fayetteville, First	636	264	16
Pine Bluff, South Side	670	255	1
Magnolia, Central	633	245	4
Including Mission	637	260	
El Dorado, Immanuel	601	292	2
Including Mission	651	341	
Texarkana, Beech St.	576	247	8
Benton, First	568	128	
Including Mission	615	164	
Crossett, First	564	241	2
Camden, First	532	136	3
Including Missions	763	288	
Paragould, First	514	261	5
Including Missions	679	372	
Hope, First	509	115	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	505	246	6
McGehee, First	502	194	2
Including Missions	606	248	2
Fordyce, First	500	221	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	598	176	2
Forrest City, First	490	217	
Little Rock, Gaines St.	488	305	8
El Dorado, Second	483	222	2
Siloam Springs, First	473	324	4
Hot Springs, Park Place	454	166	
Booneville, First	450		
Warren, First	441	104	
Hot Springs, Central	439	209	3
Little Rock, Tabernacle	438	193	1
Springdale, First	425	246	2
Including Mission	515		
Cullendale, First	417	192	
Malvern, First	413	116	5
El Dorado, West Side	404	183	
Little Rock, So. Highland	403	183	4
Paris, First	398	155	3
Including Mission	442		
Osceola	394	174	
Rogers, First	371	151	2
Including Mission	448	191	
Fort Smith, Calvary	368	162	
Stuttgart, First	369	227	
Including Mission	400	252	
Van Buren, First	358	131	2
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	351	90	3
Texarkana, Calvary	350	129	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	344	138	3
Hot Springs, First	342	121	2
Fort Smith, South Side	336	126	
Bauxite, First	325	190	7
Mena, First	315	109	3
Hamburg, First	311	179	1
Norphet, First	301	224	
Monticello, First	298	101	
Fort Smith, Temple	297	187	4
Gentry, First	291	207	
Wilson, First	287	138	
Pine Bluff, Second	283	110	6
Wynne	264	85	10
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	256	76	
Fort Smith, Trinity	255	108	1
Bentonville, First	254	76	1
Levy	253	130	
No. Little Rock, First	251	108	
Piggott	241	87	2
Greenwood, First	241	108	1
Little Rock, Calvary	231	78	
Spradlins Chapel, (Fort Smith)	219	101	5
Gurdon, Beech St.	211	113	
Star City, First	202	61	
Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial	200	105	
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	196	111	
Carlisle, First	193	76	
Little Rock, Hebron	189	116	
Lavaca	185	97	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	180	127	3
Augusta, First	169	69	1
Including Mission	207		
Alma, First	165	91	7
Nettleton, First	156	118	1
Hot Springs, Harvey's Chapel	152	115	
Rose City, Calvary	146	63	
Almyra	142	96	5
Bald Knob, Central	142	54	
Amity	132	79	
Little Rock, Ironton	132	111	1

Inseparable

By CHARLES A. WELLS

The relationship of faith to life is hard to comprehend until we have contemplated life without faith. Where men have had no belief, it has been universally true that the creative fruitful qualities of life die out. Men only create greatness when they are inspired, and how can they be inspired when they do not believe in anything? Faith thus is like a stream of water coming down into a valley — a valley that might be a desert with no life in it, except for the miracle of water mixing with barren sand and clay to make a lush and fruitful scene. If you are finding your life barren, fruitless, look to see if you have forgotten what is inseparable from a fruitful life—a strong and vital faith.

—OOO—

"He who lives without prayer, he who lives with little prayer, he who seldom reads the Word, he who seldom looks up to heaven for fresh influence from on high—he will be the man whose heart will become dry and barren."

—Charles H. Spurgeon.

Think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ.

—Van Dyke.

Pine Bluff, Bethel	128	86	3
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	126	80	
Hot Springs, Lk. Hamilton	124	88	
Curtis	113	67	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	111	55	
Scott, Toltec	104	64	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	93	48	
Warren, Immanuel	88	72	
Little Rock, Geyer Spgs.	85	71	4
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	84	55	2
Fort Smith, North Side	76	42	
Little Rock, Bethel	72	42	
Magazine	71	59	
Hot Springs, Immanuel	68	48	
El Paso	65	30	
Fort Smith, Rye Hill	64	60	
No. Little Rock, Davis Chapel	63	63	
No. Little Rock, Grace	60	30	
Little Rock, Markham St.	58	34	
No. Little Rock, People's	48	47	
Douglasville, Second	38	46	
Rt. Booneville, Mixon	30	40	

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Dr. Duncan:

Thank you for your splendid editorial, "A Cooperative Ministry" in the Arkansas Baptist of October 25. We, here in South Side, believe in this Cooperative Ministry. We want to be a part of the program of Southern Baptists, Arkansas Baptists, and Harmony Association Baptists. We have recently built, and are rapidly paying for, a large beautiful sanctuary; we have done extensive remodeling on our old building; we have led in the building of a beautiful mission church, which now is organized as the Linwood Baptist Church; we must provide new facilities for our ever growing organizations; but we expect to increase our gifts to the Cooperative Program by 66 2/3 per cent in this new church year.

We are discovering that God blesses us here in direct ratio to our liberality for causes outside, and we believe what we do should be along with what all of our cooperating churches do.

Paul, in writing of the gifts by the people of his day, writes of the liberality of the "churches" to a common cause. Designations by individuals, and by churches, make for boasting and pride. One may purchase preference from an agency or a leader by designating, but being good stewards to the whole program is both scriptural and sensible. We are coming to

realize, here in our church, that people can be counted on if they know what to expect. What is most important from a dollar and cent standpoint is that the causes get so much more money in the long run if the people are challenged to give worthily to the whole program year after year. I, for one, believe a person or church has the right to designate, but I know any beloved institution or agency will get more money by getting all our people to support the program than it will by spasmodic, emotional, uncertain giving when the pressure is put on. The same is true of all our agencies and institutions. Churches that give worthily to the Cooperative Program year after year will contribute more money to the participating agencies and institutions than those who major on specials. We must support the Thanksgiving Offering to our Orphanage, the over and above mission offerings, but we must get "in" and "behind" the Cooperative Program which is the life-line of all our work, even though we must face criticism for not pushing "specials" that one group may consider a must.

If we pray together, walk together, give together, and love the whole cause of Christ with equal passion, through the Cooperative Program, we can spread

Only 140 Churches Divide 50-50

By LAWSON H. COOKE

A recent editorial in one of our Baptist papers opened with this statement: "Baptists are a missionary people." We have sometimes wondered about that, and even more so since we have studied a survey prepared by Dr. Porter Routh, and published by the Division of Promotion of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Only 20 of the 4,842 village churches;

Only 16 of the 3,526 town churches; and

Only 28 of the 4,642 city churches.

This means that only 140 of 27,788 churches divided their offerings on a fifty-fifty basis.

Here is a condition to which the men of our churches should give attention—and do something.

The answer lies in raising the total offerings of our churches through the enlistment of those of us who at present are giving little, many of us nothing at all, to the support of our churches.

It is not so much a matter of maneuvering percentages as of a recognition of our responsibilities as members of Baptist churches, and a discharge of our Christian stewardship in the support of the cause of Christ around the world.

The Brotherhood Bulletin.

It is a good thing to have money and the things money can buy; but it is good, too, to check up once in a while to make sure that we haven't lost the things money cannot buy.

—Exchange



This survey gives the percentages of total church budgets which went for missions in 1950. It presents a rather discouraging picture.

Here are the facts:

2,664 churches gave nothing to missions.

Only 76 of the 14,778 open-country churches divided their offering on a fifty-fifty basis.

the teachings of Christ to the ends of the earth.

—Lloyd A. Sparkman.

Examples Of How Some People Give

to the Thanksgiving Offering for

OUR ORPHANAGE



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1 church gave\$3,000 plus	21 churches gave ____\$200 to \$300
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I Made No Sacrifice

By the Late DAVID LIVINGSTON

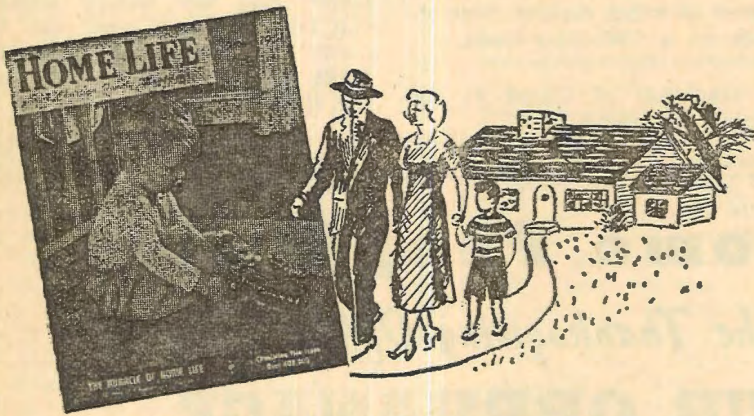
People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of the great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own best reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter?

It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering or danger now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may make us pause and cause the spirit to waver and sink; but let this only be for a moment.

I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk when we remember the great sacrifice which He made who left His Father's throne on high, to give Himself for us.

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The most comprehensive and helpful materials ever prepared for the observance of a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions are being furnished this year. In addition to the splendid program material for the W. M. S., there is a recorded appeal by Mrs. George Martin, president of Southern W. M. U., invitation cards, maps, posters, and annual report of the Foreign Mission Board, all designed to stir our hearts to intelligently support Southern Baptists' world-wide mission program through our prayers and offerings.

BUT, NOTICE! Materials will only be sent to organizations whose 1951-52 leadership has been reported to State W. M. U. Headquarters. Expense of producing and mailing the materials prohibits promiscuous distribution. If your W. M. U. is one of the more than two hundred in the state which has not as yet reported officers for 1951-52 (i.e., president; young people's director; recording secretary; chairmen of community missions, mission study, stewardship; chairmen of B. W. C.s and circles for mothers of pre-school age children; counselors and leaders for all young people's auxiliaries; number circles in W. M. S.; number B. W. C.s; number circles for mothers of pre-school age children), MAIL YOUR LIST TO-

DAY. To fail to observe this important season is to penalize the membership of your organization and to rob the Kingdom of power and support that will be released through this medium. Other important and valuable promotional materials are also being held up.

Annual R. A. Fellowship Supper November 19

Dr. W. H. Carson, long-time missionary to Africa, will be a featured speaker on the program of the annual R. A. Fellowship Supper to be held at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Monday evening, November 19. J. D. Wagnon of Zwolle, Louisiana, former Royal Ambassador Secretary of Louisiana, will conduct a recognition service at the supper and will then speak at the Brotherhood meeting to follow. Bob Roberts, associate pastor of Second Baptist Church, will be toastmaster.

Bring the boys from your church for this important experience. RESERVATIONS for the supper should be made through Miss Doris DeVault, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Price is \$1.25 per plate, and check should accompany reservations. Please get these to Miss DeVault immediately. The time of the supper is 6 p. m., sharp, November 19.

District Meetings for 1951 Are History

Attendance of the eight annual District W. M. U. meetings held October 23-November 2 was most gratifying with a total registration of 1,573, with representation from 214 churches. Each program featured two messages by the visiting missionary, Miss Kathleen Manley of Joinkrama, Africa, in all districts except northwest where Miss Jaxie Short of Hong Kong was the guest speaker. Miss Doris DeVault, State Young People's secretary, Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary of Arkansas' W. M. U., and a representative from the Baptist Book Store spoke at each place.

District young people's leaders elected to serve during the coming year were: **Central District**, Mrs. George Allen, Hot Springs; **Southwest**, Mrs. Hollis Terrell, Magnolia; **Southeast**, Mrs. D. S. Miller, Eudora; **Northwest**, Mrs. Ebb Carson, Harrison; **West Central**, Mrs. D. O. Stuckey, Van Buren; **East Central**, Mrs. L. Y. Lewis, Clarendon; **North Central**, Mrs. J. R. Dryer, Mountain Home; **Northeast**, Mrs. Frank Wright, Newport.

Note the following figures:

	Attendance	Offering	District Budget Apportionment Adopted
Central	174	\$114.92	\$ 880
East Central	203	135.43	590
West Central	232	110.00	550
North Central	91	52.60	150
Northwest	114	50.25	450
Northeast	245	118.84	750
Southwest	224	125.08	810
Southeast	290	161.00	1,020
TOTAL	1,573	\$868.12	\$5,200

The offering will be divided: \$50.25 for special evangelistic work in Hong Kong and \$817.87 to provide screens for the hospital at Joinkrama, Africa, where Miss Manley serves.

Laws For The New Nation

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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

We now find Israel delivered from Egyptian bondage, and safe in the wilderness country between Egypt and the Jordan River. It is an infant nation; uninformed; inexperienced; without a constitution, magna charta, and all that sort of thing. For several hundred years the nation had been in bondage; in the midst of evil surroundings; idolatry was rampant in Egypt. They worshiped the cow and no doubt had many other idol gods. Some think that each of the ten plagues God sent on them had a religious significance; that He sent frogs to devour them, because they worshiped the frog; that the Nile River was turned to blood, because they worshiped the Nile, and so on. We can be certain of one thing, they were idolatrous and were a bad influence on the Israelites; that a great multitude of them went out with Israel into the wilderness and caused much trouble later.

First Written Law

So, as Israel had no Bible, no written laws, no standard of moral or civil righteousness, we can readily see the need of civil and moral laws; their need for divine guidance. The first experience they had with law was the ten commandments, which God wrote out for them personally on a tablet of stone. Later He gave them many oral commandments through Moses, who recorded them and they have been preserved till this day. Some claim there are more than two hundred commandments recorded in the Old Testament. Those laws were not only good for Israel, but have become the basis for national law and moral standards of living throughout the world, and down through the ages. The world failed once for lack of law, civil government, order, and organization: the generations from Adam to Noah.

Perhaps all principles of right and wrong, concerning our relationship to both God and man, are embodied in the ten commandments; but in this lesson we have ten supplementary laws, or a sort of interpretation of the principles of right and wrong contained in the original commandments. They also have a practical application for us today. Let's analyze them.

1. "Thou shalt not raise a false report."

In plain old Arkansas language, Thou shalt not gossip; start a

false tale, nor propagate one someone else has begun. "Nor be an unrighteous witness with the wicked." In Proverbs 6:16, hundreds of years after Moses lived, Solomon listed the same things among the "Seven Things God Hates," a lying tongue, a false witness, and a tale bearer. Still centuries later, James tells us in the New Testament what a detriment the tongue can be when it is not held under strict control.

2. (A) "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Do not be influenced by the crowd. The Christian should have deep and abiding convictions — and the courage to stand for those convictions. Stand for right, if you have to stand ALONE; others have done it. Know what you believe, and WHY.

(B) "Nor speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment."

"Nor speak for a cause, to influence others, to turn away judgment." There are many things a Christian should not get mixed up with. There are times to take a stand, but there are times to keep silent also, and one can easily make a "speech" about something that will cause regret later.

3. "Neither shalt thou countenance (sanction) a poor man in his cause." Some people like to think of themselves as always fostering the "underdog." Just because one is down, that he justly deserves one's support. That is not necessarily true. The Lord indicates here that it is as bad to show partiality to one person as to another. We should not cater to the rich and influential, Jesus didn't. We bow only to the Lord of heaven. But if the poor is at fault, he too must take his medicine.

Verse 6 gives us the opposite view however; "Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of the poor in his cause." Just be fair and honest with all people, whatever their status in life.

4. If thy neighbor's animal goes astray, "thou shalt surely bring him back again." In simple words: "Be a good neighbor." In their immaturity, Israel had to be spoken to as children; "Do this or that," specifically, else they felt no obligation to do this or that. We have the same commandment in the New Testament: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, for all law is fulfilled in one word: LOVE." We don't need a chart, nor a list to tell us what to do, or not to

do, to those whom we love; we will do our best for them at all times. There is no need for law, where love abounds.

5. "Keep thou far from a false matter: the innocent and righteous slay not."

Shun the first appearance of evil; don't be a busy-body. What a wonderful world we would have if all knew how to mind well their own business and leave other people's alone. Nobody has time for both. On several occasions we have seen a group of church members gang up on a preacher, a pastor, or another church member, like a pack of hungry wolves and figuratively speaking devour some person they wanted to rid themselves of. The Lord said to keep far from that sort of matter. There are right ways to remove a pastor, and there are wrong methods that are sometimes used.

6. Don't take a bribe.

The most despicable people on earth are those who can be bought. Some preachers preach so as to "hold their jobs." We are seeing political figures in our nation now being brought to justice for having been bought off, and for selling influence in Washington. Both God and men hate a perjured witness and bribe takers.

7. Be kind to strangers.

You might be a stranger sometime, in need, not knowing where nor to whom to turn.

8. Take Time to Rest, Verses 10-12.

Six years the Lord gave Israel

to work, but the seventh year all were to rest. Six days He gave them to make a living, the seventh day was for rest and worship. Mankind has defied God's law of rest and worship, and the world is paying for it today in spiritual decay and physical weakness, heart ailments, nervous diseases, insanity, and what have you. Israel stole God's time, the Sabbatical years, and made up for it in Babylonian captivity.

9. Remember the Helpless, Verses 5, 11, 12.

Whether it be the poor, the stranger, or the beasts of the field, all life is by the creative act of God, and it isn't His will for any creature to go hungry, nor to be oppressed or abused. He never intended for an old dumb mule to be overworked, overburdened, (verse 5) nor underfed, much less for people to be treated like animals.

10. "Make no mention of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth."

A good way to avoid evil is to slay the first evil thought; never allow it to find its way "out of thy mouth." And it was important to Israel that they not familiarize themselves with the names of spurious gods, nor let their children hear those names spoken.

"And in all things that I have said unto thee be circumspect;" act with wisdom; heed them, for they will help you in your every day Christian living.

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Dr. J. R. Grant

We are somewhat shocked at the home going of Dr. J. R. Grant. We did not know that his health was in any peril, but we are not promised any warning on things of that sort. It comes, however, more or less as a shock as well as a sorrow.

Many times we have taken off our hat to Dr. J. R. Grant. He did such a magnificent work at Ouachita College during the years when it was difficult indeed to do anything. He took charge of the college during the depression and revenue from any source whatsoever was scant indeed. He managed to pull the college through its trying circumstances.

But the chief thing that Dr. Grant did was to put a student body in Ouachita College. He had a way with the young people that went to his school. His cordial spirit and his sense of humor and disposition won for him a large place not only in the thinking of the young people, but in the lives of many business men and preachers. He was a useful man indeed.

Dr. Grant will be sorely missed among us. We share the sorrow with his family.

Ussery and Calvary

Calvary Church in Texarkana, C. C. Ussery, pastor, will give a minimum of \$3,000 through the Cooperative Program in 1952. This is a young church and it is making real progress under the leadership of this aggressive noble young pastor.

Vaught and Immanuel

Immanuel Church in Little Rock, W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor, increased their Cooperative Program contributions this year from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Now for 1952 this great church purposes to give \$33,600 through the Cooperative Program. Pastor Vaught is leading his church to do more and more for the denomination at large and especially for missions. We thank God for this outlook.

White and First Church

First Church, Little Rock, K. Owen White, pastor, stepped out ahead of all our churches a few years ago by lifting its allocation for the Cooperative Program to \$30,000 per year. This year it made that amount a preferred item in its budget. This great church, under the leadership of its outstanding pastor, will increase its Cooperative Program Contribution to \$31,000 in 1952.

McKay, Cowling, and Second Church

For 1951, Second Church, Little Rock, under the leadership of its beloved pastor, M. Ray McKay, greatly increased its contribution for the Cooperative Program. Its leadership is now proposing another substantial increase for 1952. Dr. Dale Cowling is the supply pastor during the absence of Pastor McKay who is on a Foreign Mission tour in the far East. Our churches in Little Rock are stepping out more and more for missions.

Rev. B. L. Bridges
General Secretary-Treasurer
Dear Brother in Christ:

I do thank God for the opportunity to send this word to you in answer to that request, and it is this: We agreed and voted on the proposed amount at our regular business meeting of the eleventh and we do hereby notify you that the \$220 will be sent for the work for which it is intended.

We give God the glory for this privilege which He alone has made possible through His goodness to us as His children. From what I gather from the various members of the church this is the first time in the history of this church (though it is a young one) that they have met the entire amount suggested by the Cooperative group.

So we say, leave nothing undone in '51, pay what's due in '52, and then greater blessings we'll see in '53, and there'll be a lot more in '54. Well, that's the kind of a Lord we know and serve. Praise God.

John McGill, Pastor,
First Church, Batavia

Dear Brother Bridges:

Your prayer for the Bethel Church, Little Rock, was \$220 for this year in Cooperative Program gifts. We have set up our budget on the percentage plan and I feel that our contribution this year will go over \$300.

Vernon Wickliffe, Pastor.

Lewis and Alexander

Bill Lewis is a ministerial student in Ouachita College. He is working hard to obtain his education. He is the pastor of a new church in Pulaski County. Under the leadership of Pastor Lewis, the Alexander Church is starting out giving for missions 12 per cent of its income. This is inspiring and is a worthy example for a small church just beginning. We predict that it will increase its percentage of gifts to missions as the years come and go until it will have a mission budget satisfactory to itself and to its people and to their friends.

Dr. B. L. Bridges
Baptist Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
Dear Dr. Bridges:

Although we are a small church of only six families, we feel it our duty to the Lord's great commission to help with the honor debt campaign. Pray for us at Oakwood. Herewith is our payment on the special campaign for the honor debt.

Yours in Christ,
Ezra B. Willard, Pastor.

... According to the report of the Foreign Mission Board, more than 94 cents of every dollar given to Foreign Missions reaches the foreign fields.

... The report of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, to their association for 1951 will include 395 baptisms, 1,037 total additions, and total gifts amounting to \$431,061.43. Dr. Robert G. Lee is the pastor.

Baptist Shoes

When you wear a Jarmon shoe you are wearing a Baptist shoe. W. Maxey Jarmon, head of the General Shoe Corporation, Nashville, Tennessee, has pushed his big shoe corporation in 18 years from a single plant to the fourth largest shoe corporation in America, according to a story in Time Magazine (August 13). Brother Jarmon is a leading Baptist layman, as was his father before him. He is a member of First Church in Nashville, and is a strong Baptist leader. We thought that if Baptists knew that, we would buy more Jarmon shoes.

Our Honesty

Dear Brother Bridges:

Yesterday, Brother Faber Tyler and I had occasion to talk with Louis V. Francoeur who is president of the Francoeur Company, investment security firm of Chicago. Mr. Francoeur was visiting in this community with friends and offered to consult with us concerning some of our problems. During the course of our conversation Mr. Francoeur mentioned that it had come to his attention quite some time ago that Arkansas Baptists were in the process of paying up all of their old debts. He said that he had been much impressed by our attitude and asked if we knew just how much it really meant to people in his type of business. According to him (and his firm is the second largest in Chicago) it is making quite an impression upon the financial world in general; and he is in a pretty good position to know.

—John V. Terry.

... George W. Schroeder has been elected Secretary of the Southwide Brotherhood.

—The Survey Bulletin.

Other Tourist Courts

Last week we gave the names of some hotels and tourists courts available for Convention messengers and visitors—places that we know about and can vouch for. Our attention has been called to the Colonial Tourist Courts, 3405 Roosevelt Road. This place is owned by a Methodist layman and managed by a member of Immanuel Baptist, W. B. Sanders. It is a good place to stay. There are evidently other good places to stay in Little Rock that we should be glad to mention if we knew about them. If they will give us information we shall be glad to post their names in the foyer of the First Baptist Church, where the Convention meets.

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Motive determines the power and direction of life. The Christian whose life is driven by the divine motive of love is powerful. Love is the only lasting motive for Christian service.

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"Every man is a missionary, now and forever, for good or for evil, whether he intends or designs it or not."

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