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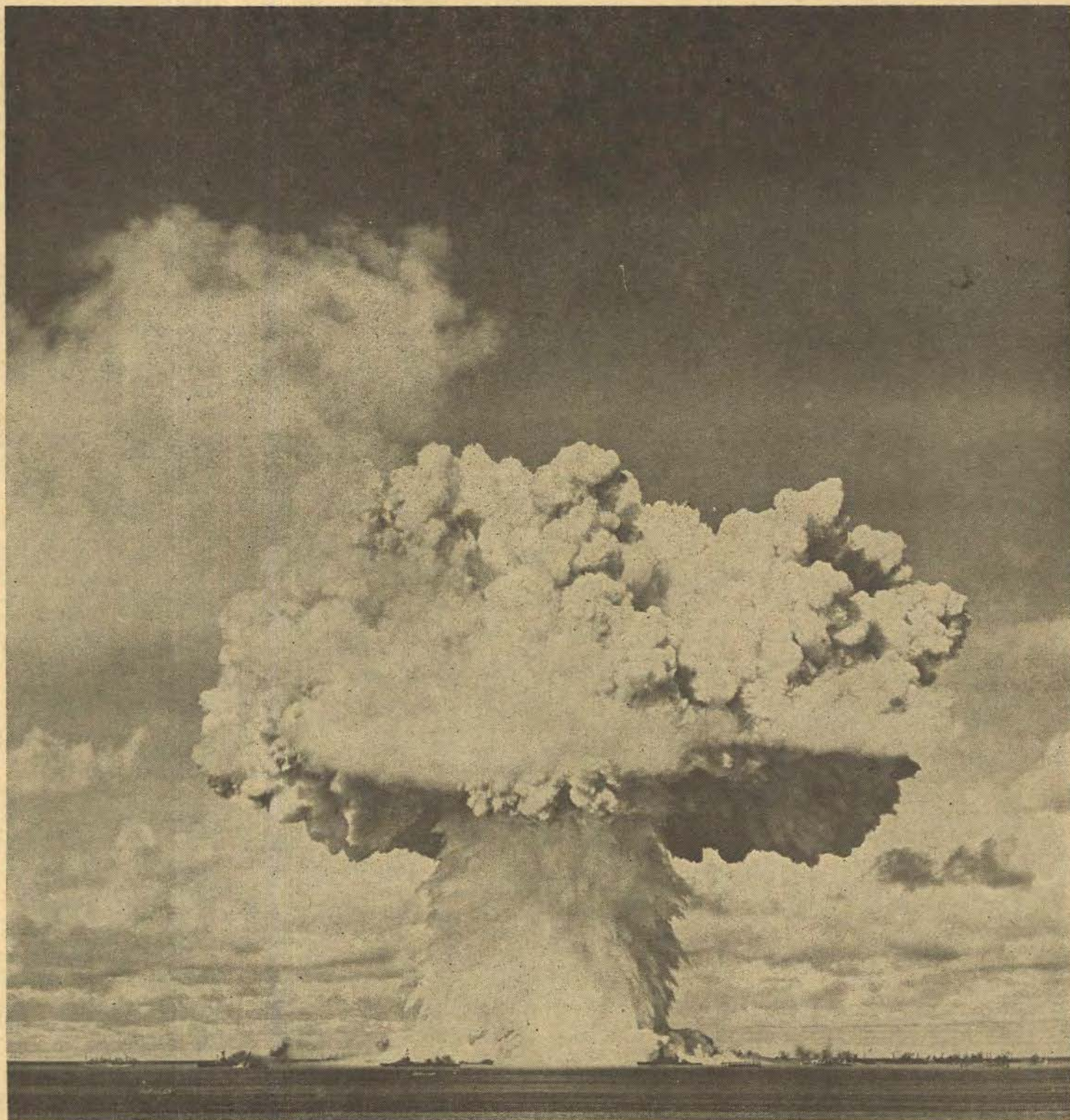
# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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—H. Armstrong Roberts

## There Is A Power Back Of The Atom

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# Which Are You, Church 'Leader' or 'Servant'?

By W. BARRY GARRETT, Editor  
Arizona Baptist Beacon

(Please study carefully Matthew 23:1-12, both in King James and modern speech translation if possible.)

It was startling the other day when I read in Williams' translation of the New Testament, "And you must not be called 'leaders,' for you have only one Leader, and that is Christ." I had read that passage (Matt. 23:1-12) dozens of times before, had even preached on it, but this time it struck me like a flash, "You must not be called 'leaders.'"

Why, that is what everyone in the state calls us Convention employees. We are denominational "leaders," or at least that is what we thought. How humiliating suddenly to realize that our position is that of "servants."

You know we would get straightened out on a lot of things if we would keep our sights constantly on Jesus and let Him teach us.

## "Greatest" is Servant

This matter of being a church "leader" or a denominational "leader" is foreign to the New Testament and is an outgrowth of two things. First is the unwillingness of each person in the whole group to assume the full share of his responsibility, and, second is the selfish human motive for position and power on the part of individuals within the group. Both the example and specific instruction of Jesus teaches us that "he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

The road to ruin for a church or denominational worker is the way of pride and power. Power and pride lead to ecclesiastical overlordship and dictatorship. Humility and service lead to brotherhood, co-operation, and advance in the Lord's work. The road to success for a church or denominational worker is the way of service.

Are you a pastor? Are you a deacon? Are you a church worker in any capacity? Are you a denominational employee? You are not a "leader;" you are a "servant." You are not to tell the church or churches what to do, and they have no obligation to follow your program as such. They are to follow Christ and His program, and you are to help them do it.

Especially is this true in our denominational life. We have associations and Conventions to help the churches and to do what the churches want done. The association or Convention does not have a program for itself, but its program is to project the missionary program of the churches. Therefore, your denominational workers are not your leaders;" they are your servants.

## Convention Is Not Governing Power

This idea should affect both the attitude of the church toward the denomination and the attitude of the denominational worker toward the churches. Too many think of the Convention as some super organization to which the churches should look, for this reason free, democratic Baptist people often resent approaches made to them for more mission money or on behalf of other missionary enterprises.

Occasionally a denominational worker may overstep his position as a "servant," and he tries to take a little too much authority for

himself. We are happy that this doesn't happen often in our Baptist ranks. But when it does happen our Baptist churches have a way of quickly putting a man back in his place.

Now, just what is the point of this discussion? Brethren, it is this. Your denominational employees are your servants, and we take our greatest delight in serving the churches and in helping them in every possible way open to us. We are not your overlords, and we are not parasites on the denominational body. You have employed us to work for you and we are doing our best to do our job well.

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." (II Cor. 4:5)

"For brethren, ye have been called into liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." (Gal. 5:13)

—Arizona Baptist Beacon

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## Religious Organizations Show Little Interest In Social Security

Bureau of Internal Revenue officials report that there has been no rush by churches and religious organizations to bring their employees under the coverage of the Social Security system for old-age pensions.

Churches and religious organizations, unlike ordinary business firms, must apply for coverage, submitting certificates signed by two-thirds of their employees who desire to be within the system. This arrangement, adopted by Congress in an effort to satisfy all the divergent wishes of the various church groups, is likely to cause administrative difficulties and lead to a hit-or-miss coverage of church employees, Social Security officials claim. Many churches and church groups, for example, have but one or two employees, leading to a multiplicity of certificates. In some cases, no doubt, church pastors or boards are not sufficiently familiar with requirements of the law, and may neglect to file the necessary certificates, without intending to miss coverage for their employees.

In other cases, national church conventions have gone on record in favor of coverage. For example, the American Lutheran Church at its convention in Columbus, Ohio, authorized its employees to apply. Such an action, however, relates only to employees in its national office and the church's university and press. It apparently does not affect employees of subordinate organizations within the church, or of individual churches.

Field offices of the Bureau of Internal Revenue have copies of the new withholding statement for 1951, showing rates, etc., for both Social Security and the new income tax levies. Certificates indicating the desire for Social Security coverage are to be filed with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, not with Social Security offices.

—The Washington Religious News

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The best teaching a teacher does is made possible through visitation.

—A. V. Washburn

# Spiritual Imperatives

A Devotion by the Editor

"I must be about my Father's business."

Life has its imperatives, without which our existence here would be drab, monotonous, and uneventful. "I must" is responsible for the exploits of the race, it is the imperative of heroism, it is the driving power of achievement, the propeller of the energies of human life. "I must" is the adventurer of life, the explorer of the world, the builder of the institutions of life, the leader and organizer of human society.

Life without this imperative is anemic, sick, bilious, and needs a cathartic. To have no inner urge, to feel no inner compulsion, to burn with no fervent desire, to experience no irresistible necessity, is to be the victim of a deadly inertia that leaves life stagnant and poison.

Jesus, the Son of God, said, "I must." He was the greatest adventurer the world has ever known. Are we surprised that the Son of God, the creator of the universe, the author of life and the possessor of all wealth, should be driven by an irresistible imperative in the adventures of life? Why should He have to do anything? Was He not free? Who was there to give Him orders which He must obey?

We may easily misinterpret freedom and liberty. Freedom is not escape from the responsibilities and the necessities of life, it is the opportunity to act upon the imperatives of life. This is the explanation of God's redeeming grace. Human sin became a barrier to the divine imperative, it limited God's freedom of action among men, it prevented God's adventures in the life of the race He had created.

Therefore, God "must" provide for the forgiveness of man's sin, He "must" provide a remedy for the cleansing of man's heart, He "must" provide a method by which He can pursue His adventures in human life.

Jesus was the embodiment of that divine imperative and we hear Him saying repeatedly, "I must." He also planted this imperative in the hearts of His followers. No one can claim to know the Lord Jesus in His redeeming power unless he knows the spiritual imperatives which motivated the life of Jesus. We may easily trace certain imperatives and measure our own spiritual lives by them.

There is first the imperative of God's house; there is also the imperative of God's service; and there is further the imperative of Christian sacrifice.

"And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 2:49.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### The Power Back Of The Atom

On the cover page you will see a picture of an atom bomb explosion. We had read an account of the atomic bomb explosion which described the billowing clouds of smoke as resembling a huge mushroom. That was an accurate description as you will note from the picture on the front page.

The whole world has had the jitters ever since the explosion of the first atom bomb. It is the most destructive power yet released by human hands. The dread consequences of an atomic war has sent cold shivers up and down the spine of the whole world. The world is afraid, it is frightened, and well it may be, unless and until man submits his own sinful and pugilistic nature to the cleansing power of the grace of God.

Man has learned how to take the elements of nature and use them both to good and evil purposes. But the human race has not yet learned how to control its own evil nature and it is this evil nature in man that makes the atomic bomb a fearsome thing.

#### A Greater Power

Men need to lay hold upon another power—a power that is back of the atom, a power that is original and absolute, infinite and inexhaustible. And that is the redeeming power of God through Jesus Christ, His Son, and our Savior. Until men lay hold upon that power and make it dominant in their individual lives, in the life of their communities, and in the life of the nation and the world, the atomic bomb and latterly the hydrogen bomb, will constitute an imminent threat to the entire world.

Arkansas Baptists in Convention assembled this week are representative of many groups of people who know by actual experience that infinite power which transcends and which precedes the atom. And it is out of this experience that our Baptist people of Arkansas are gathered in Little Rock this week to promote a program which is designed to make that redeeming power of God known to the countless millions of earth's peoples throughout the world.

More money has been spent to spread the Gospel to a lost world than was spent to develop the atomic bomb. More people have been engaged in this work of evangelism and missions and benevolence than were ever or ever shall be engaged in the production of atomic energy. More energy has been exerted in Christian service than has been exerted in the manufacture of atomic bombs. And the miracle of spiritual regeneration and the new birth by which one becomes a born son of God is greater by every consideration or calculation than the miracle of an atomic explosion.

The atomic blast burns and destroys and kills; the Gospel of the grace of God heals and gives life. The atomic explosion takes away hope and instills fear; the gospel of Christ banishes fear and gives hope. The atomic bomb is a constant menace to civilization and to the world; the gospel of Christ is a constant promise of the better life in this world and life eternal in the world to come.

### Universal Military Training Being Promoted Again

The advocates of Universal Military Training are at it again. They are taking advantage of the present world situation and the war psychology to propagandize Universal Military Training. Should our national Congress enact a bill calling for Universal Military Training, it would be one more step toward militarizing our nation. Such militarization is proven by history to be no guaranteed protection for the nation. Italy, Germany, and Japan, are the most recent examples of the ultimate fall of nations when the whole potential man power of the nation is trained militarily.

#### Military Psychology

Universal Military Training will inevitably create and foster a military psychology. It would require no more than ten to fifteen years to make this military psychology dominant in the national life. And history has proven that when the military psychology becomes dominant in the national life the nation itself is doomed. Granting that the nation could survive the military psychology and live on indefinitely, yet that

military psychology would negate and kill the finer qualities of national life and it is the death of such qualities, civilian qualities, that mean the death of the nation.

Obviously there are powerful forces collaborating and joining in the propaganda for Universal Military Training. The military itself is clamoring for U.M.T. It is difficult to believe that the military men of our nation are convinced that such a program of military training is necessary to the defense of our nation and to the fulfillment of our obligations elsewhere in the world. The fact is that Universal Military Training will maintain extensive and expensive military establishments in the nation. These establishments would in turn maintain the rank of an almost incalculable list of officer personnel. At the same time our military men must know that to train the seventeen-year-old boys of our nation for one year in military camps will not provide the necessary military strength which our nation aspires to and which is demanded by the world situation.

Doubtless manufacturers of military equipment and armaments would add a powerful

#### The World's Hope

There is still hope for the world so long as people assemble in such gatherings as Arkansas Baptists are engaging in this week. So long as there are churches in which the gospel is preached in its purity and power; so long as there are hearts in which God lives and lives through which He works out His purposes of redeeming grace among men, there is still hope for the world; so long as there are great programs of evangelism and missions such as that sponsored and promoted by the Southern Baptist Convention, in which program Arkansas Baptists have a part, there is still hope for the world.

We may have our problems and our difficulties. There may arise discouraging situations and circumstances. The tasks before us may be entirely too great for our limited and inadequate human powers. But let us not forget that we have access to a power that is greater than all the destructive forces in the world and that we have access to resources that are greater than all the needs in the world. Why, therefore, should we be hesitant and fearful and timid in the face of the problems and the difficulties and in the face of the challenges and opportunities which we encounter?

May the tremendous truth of the superiority of God's power and resources and their accessibility and availability dominate the consciousness of every individual messenger to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. And may this truth also be woven into every program, every project, every undertaking, of our Baptist people of Arkansas. If we can lay hold upon this truth with sufficient courage and faith, our problems will be solved, our needs will be met, and our program of service in the Lord's Kingdom will be empowered by an energy that precedes, supercedes, and exceeds atomic energy in whatever form it may be released.

voice in the propaganda for Universal Military Training. This program of military training would keep their profits high on government contracts.

There is another group of people in the government itself, those who advocate more and more government power and authority over the individual citizen, who would support the program of Universal Military Training.

#### Moral Dangers

The draft is the only practical method of keeping the nation's military strength up to the standard required by our defense needs and our obligations elsewhere in the world. If our nation needs three million men under arms, then no one has the right to object. But for our nation to undertake to regiment every youth of the nation regardless of the needs of the military services is to exercise a dictatorial control over the American youth which is foreign to American life and principle. Our government would not only be sinning against the 'teen age boys of the nation by the inauguration of Universal Military Training but it would be sinning against

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# Kingdom Progress

## Baptist Float In County Fair Parade



First Church, Lonoke, entered a float in the County Fair Parade of October 20. The float was mounted on a trailer eight feet wide by thirty-four feet long. On each side of the car was printed in large letters, "Your Church First." Four groups of people representing different phases of the church program are presented in the accompanying picture of the float: a group of Intermediates with their

sponsor represent the Training Union program of the church; a group of Primary's with their teacher representing the teaching program of the church; the choir and music director who sang over a public address system, the pastor W. M. Pratt quoting a passage of scripture following each stanza; a fourth group seated as if in church represents the worship service of the church.

### New Hope, Caroline Has Splendid Year

Under the leadership of Roy G. Adams, the New Hope Church in Caroline Association has made splendid progress during the past year. The church has gone from half time to a full time program. It has placed the **Arkansas Baptist** in the church budget, has held two revival meetings within the year with a result that nine members have been received into the church fellowship by baptism and letter. New Hope Church has adopted the unified budget system of church finances and has strengthened all the organizations of the church. Plans are now underway for re-decorating the church building.

### Church Re-organized

Shady Grove Church in Greene County Association, Amos Greer, missionary, re-organized with 13 members Sunday, October 15. The message was brought by Jeff Rousseau. The organizing council was composed of members from First Church, East Side Church, and Walcott Church, all of these being located in Paragould.

### First Church, Strong In Good Meeting

First Church, Strong, R. O. Ekrut, pastor, had Lonnie Lassater of West Side Church, El Dorado, in an eight day revival meeting. As a result of the meeting there were six additions, four of these by baptism and two by letter. Pastor Ekrut, who led the singing and directed the personal work, comments that "our church is in a much better condition spiritually because of the revival."

### Defreece to Bald Knob

Pastor V. E. Defreece has accepted the call to become pastor of the Central Church of Bald Knob and assumed his new duties on Sunday, November 5.

Pastor Defreece has been serving the Immanuel Church of Newport for the past 18 months. While in Newport he originated a radio program, "The Faith of Our Fathers Broadcast," over radio station KBNBY in Newport each Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. He will continue this broadcast for the immediate future.

The Bald Knob Church has recently completed a beautiful new \$40,000 church building.

### Three Creeks Church Receives 13 Additions

Dr. Carl A. Clark, associational missionary of the Liberty Association, recently preached in a revival meeting at the Three Creeks Church, J. B. Ritchie, pastor. There were 13 baptisms and two additions by letter.

### Best Loved Sermons

In this issue there appears an ad of the latest book of selected sermons by none other than Sam Jones. Reference is also made to the Sam Jones Biography by Dr. Walt Holcomb.

The introduction to **Best Loved Sermons of Sam Jones** is by Dr. Robert G. Lee of Bellvue Baptist Church, Memphis.

The sermons in this new book have been referred to as those which were the best sermons he loved to preach and those which the congregation loved the best. The book is on sale at all Southern Baptist Book Stores.

## Brotherhood Secretary Convention Speaker



George W. Schroeder

George W. Schroeder, Associate Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, will speak to the Brotherhood report at the evening session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, on Thursday, November 9.

Mr. Schroeder has done an outstanding job of Brotherhood promotion throughout the South, and is a favorite speaker among Baptist men.

We trust that all the messengers to the Convention will hear Mr. Schroeder, along with a representative group of men from over the state.

Remember that there will be no Brotherhood Night this year because of the general election on November 7.

### 64 Year Old Man Saved In County Line Meeting

County Line Church had the services of Missionary H. M. Dugger, Big Creek Association, in a revival meeting October 15-29. There were five additions to the church by baptism and two others awaiting baptism. All of these converts were over 20 years of age.

The testimony of a 64 year old man who gave his life to the Lord during the meeting was: "I have served the Devil a long time and made him a good servant. Now I want to make my Lord just as good a servant as I did the Devil."

The County Line Church was revived a year ago with only three of the former members. The membership now stands between 30 and 40.

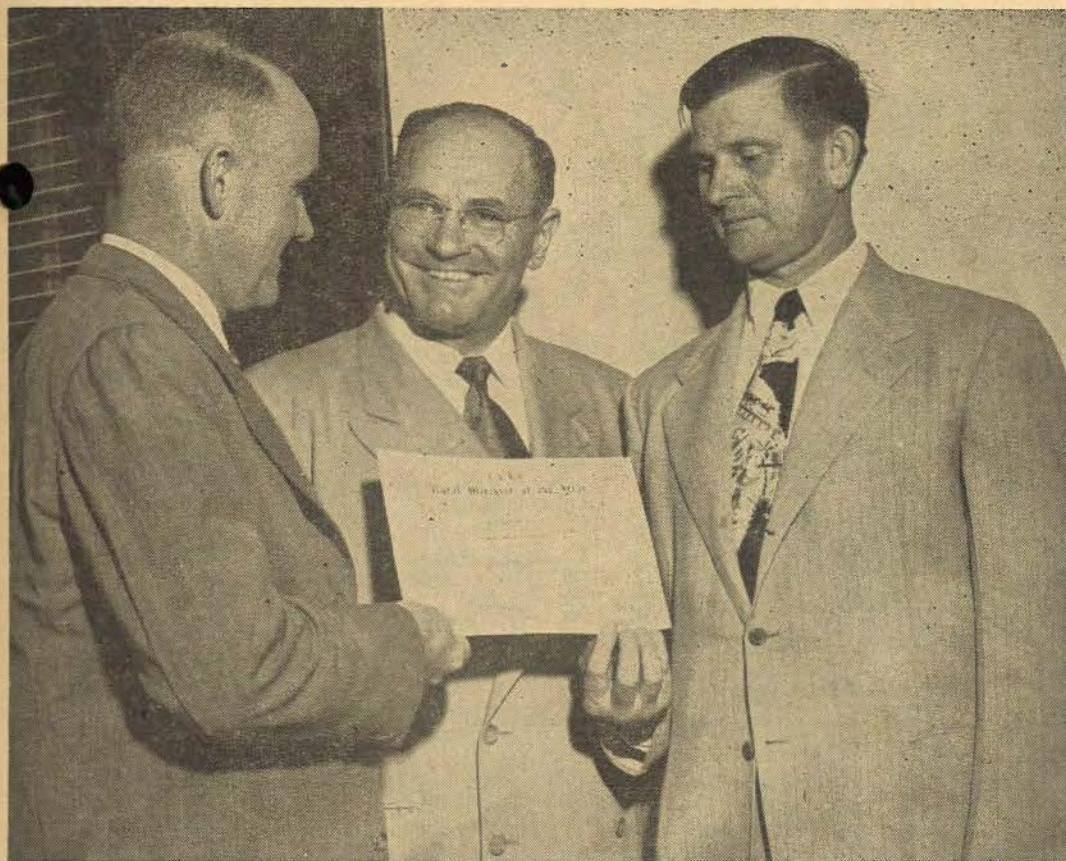
### Minister, Deacons Ordained

Raymond E. Liner was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the West Side Church, Little Rock, Sunday afternoon, October 29. At the same time C. E. Rattestat and A. E. Kerr were ordained to the office of deaconship.

Mr. Liner is pastor of Calvary Church, Vanndale.

The ordaining council was composed of T. P. Gladden, pastor of the West Side Church, who served as moderator and conducted the examination of the candidates. Felix Williams presented the Bible. B. H. Duncan delivered the sermon and W. Dawson King offered the ordaining prayer.

## Rural Ministers of the Year



Two Southern Baptists have been named rural ministers of the year by the Progressive Farmer. Here the editor of the magazine, Clarence Poe, presents the awards to Sam W. Scantlan, Oklahoma, and W. T. Red, South Carolina. —Baptist Press News.

### First Church, Clarksville Receives 200 Members

Pastor Walter L. Yelldell Jr. and the First Church, Clarksville, had the services of Pastor Don Hook of First Church, Paris, in revival services October 16 to 22. There were 17 additions to the church, 12 by profession of faith and baptism, three by letter, and two by statement. During the past year the Clarksville church has received 200 new members and the Sunday School has grown from an average attendance of 160 to 310.

### Ten Ouachita Students In Who's Who

Miss Frances Crawford, registrar of Ouachita College, has been notified by H. Pettus Randall, editor of Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, that ten Ouachita students, eight boys and two girls, have been selected as members of the group. They are: Roy and Troy Carroll, twins from Lonoke; Orvel Hooker, Caruthersville, Missouri; Bill Stone, Texarkana, Texas; Bill Vining; Eudora; Ben Elrod, Rison; Roy Adams, Arkadelphia; Tommy Tedford, Arkadelphia; Beth Moore, Tillar; and Shirley Crafton, Corning.

### Ouachita Receives U. N. Flag

In observance of United Nations day, October 24, the Ouachita Home Economics club made and presented to the college a United Nations flag. Mary Ethelyn Gibbs, senior from Winchester and club president, made the presentation to Dr. S. W. Eubanks during chapel.

This flag was one of the club's projects for the year 1950-51. Mrs. A. H. Thomas, head of the Home Economics Department, is sponsor.

### Free Book

A limited number of copies of the booklet, "The Romance of Relief," which was presented at the recent meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Cleveland, are available free of charge through the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office in New Orleans. The narrative booklet was written by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, and tells of the co-operative efforts of Baptists around the world in behalf of the needy.

Profusely illustrated with pictures, the booklet details the gifts from the various countries on behalf of the world program and shows scenes in Europe and Asia where Baptist relief goods have been distributed. Also included are pictures of the members of the Relief Committee from the various countries, the officers of the B. W. A., and the staff of the Relief Committee.

This booklet was the official report of the Relief Committee to the Congress when it met at Cleveland. It will be sent free of charge to any individual or church as long as the supply lasts. Write, Southern Baptist D. P. Office, 2940 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. State how many copies you desire. W. M. U. groups and others could well use the information in this booklet as the basis for reports on world relief.

Baptists stand for the right of every church to govern itself, adopt its own articles of faith, make its own program, and devise ways and means for promoting the same. Baptist churches also have the right to work together carrying out work of common interest and importance.

—J. E. Dillard

## Universal Military Training

(Editorial Continued from Page Three)

the nation itself and the future generations; to subject teen age boys to the moral dangers, to the temptations which the military services not only permit but encourage and collaborate with, would be an unpardonable crime.

We take the testimony of the brewers, the liquor industry itself, to prove the co-operation of army officers in making beer and other liquor available at army camps. In the October 12 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* we quoted from the *Brewers' Journal* of March, 1947, saying, "Uncle Sam has been your sales manager and the best you ever had." This statement was made by Kenneth Laird, advertising man to the Wholesale Beer Association of Ohio, February 7, 1947. The *Brewers' Digest*, issue of May, 1941, said, "The finest things that could have happened to the brewing industry was the insistence by high ranking army officers to make beer available at army camps."

Other evils which are designed to destroy the character, the manhood, and all decent concepts of life of the boys in military camps, are made just as prevalent and powerful and insistent as is liquor.

The fathers and mothers of America should have some voice in this question of Universal Military Training. If our government won't listen to the fathers and mothers on this question then we may ask, will our government listen to the fathers and mothers, or to any other group of people within the nation, on any question? Has our government advanced so far that it will pay no attention to any voice from the people, that it takes things into its own hands with a determination to carry through its own plans, the plans of the military, without regard for the character of the homes of the nation or the character of the boys from those homes?

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### Liberty Association Has Great Year

Reports of the churches at the recent meeting of the Liberty Association which met with the Cullendale Church revealed a total membership of 15,862 in 41 churches and five missions. During the associational year 1,067 people were baptized into the fellowship of these churches. This represents 300 more persons than were baptized the year before and doubled the number baptized in 1947.

Total contributions amount to \$620,853. Of this amount \$132,702 went to mission causes, \$75,000 of this amount went to the Cooperative Program.

During the year 15 men were licensed to the gospel ministry by the churches of the association.

The Bible is no fetish and has no power to change life if it remains a closed book. It must be opened. It must be studied. It must be taught. As these things are done, immeasurable fruits of Bible teaching will be seen in individuals in our churches, and in our denomination.

—Gaye L. McGlothlen

# Seminary President, Ellis Fuller, Claimed By Death

By the Editor

Death claimed Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, fifty-nine year old president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, who was stricken with a heart attack the evening of October 27, while preaching in a San Diego, California, church.

Dr. and Mrs. Fuller began a tour of Baptist State Conventions two and a half weeks prior to his death. This tour included Arizona, New Mexico, and California. Dr. Fuller was a native of South Carolina and graduated in 1912 from the Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, with the A. B. degree. He was honored with the D. D. degree by his alma mater in 1924. In 1921 he received the Th. M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and remained in that institution for a year's graduate work.

Leaving the seminary Dr. Fuller returned to his native state to become pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Greenwood, South Carolina. From Greenwood he went to the pastorate of the Earl Street Church in Greenville, South Carolina. In 1925 Dr. Fuller became Superintendent of Evangelism under the Home Mission Board. He held this position until 1928 when he became pastor of the Historic Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia. He remained in this pastorate until 1942, when he became president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Dr. Fuller's services to the denomination, outside his pastorates and his position as Superintendent of Evangelism and as president of the Louisville Seminary, include the presidency of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, chairman of the Georgia Baptist Hospital Commission, president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention, and member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. Fuller is listed in the 1950-51 volume of Who's Who in America.



Dr. Ellis A. Fuller

During his eight years as head of the world's largest Theological Seminary, Dr. Fuller saw eighteen buildings and forty acres of land added to the seminary property, and the student enrolment increased from 520 to 951 with 42 others enrolled in the Seminary School of Church Music which he established six years ago.

The latest of the new buildings erected during Dr. Fuller's administration is Fuller Hall—the million dollar apartment dormitory named by the trustees in Dr. Fuller's honor last spring and now nearing completion.

Funeral services were held, Thursday, November 2, from the Chapel of the seminary at Louisville.

Dr. Fuller is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and three children, Ellis A. Fuller Jr., Sara Elizabeth, and Ida Lee.

## The 1950-51 Program At Ouachita College

By S. W. EUBANKS, President

The sixty-fifth annual program at Ouachita College is well on its way with 560 full-time students. A breakdown of the student group shows 330 boys and 230 girls; 145 freshmen, 145 ministerial students, and 55 religious education and mission students; 105 men are enrolled on the G.I. bill; 502 students are members of Baptist churches, 21 Methodists, 6 Presbyterians, and 16 non-church members. Sixty-three out-of-state students are registered, three of these are Japanese from Hawaii; 89 per cent of the student body is from the state of Arkansas, 11 per cent from Arkadelphia, and 11 per cent from out of state.

The 560 enrolment reflects a shortage of 140 students from a year ago. Figures show the decrease to be 25 per cent in men and 42 per cent in women. Several reasons may be given for the decrease in enrolment. However, the college has about all the students it can take care of with present facilities, housing space, and teaching staff.

We are now in the midst of the North Central Association examination. Several improvements to the program have been developed since the survey two years ago. The college has an efficient student counseling program, full and accurate records are kept in the personnel file of each student, and definite policies of admission and academic requirement for staying in school have been established. The curriculum has been studied and attempts made to adjust it more fully to the objectives of a Christian liberal arts college. Although there are improvements yet to be made and we have gone as far as finances will permit, we believe conditions at the college will be more favorable to the accrediting agency.

The new library is in efficient and full use by students and faculty. The library is one of the best improvements ever made to Ouachita College. The new science building is completed. Only a small use of the building can be made until the new equipment is secured and installed.

The social and spiritual life on the campus has improved greatly even over last year. The spiritual influence of both faculty and students is in keeping with our program of Christian education. The religious organizations are doing fine work and the daily Vesper services have a record attendance. The Little Theater auditorium is being used, as the Student Center will no longer accommodate the daily attendance at Vespers. The majority of the ministerial students have their regular churches or supply somewhere each weekend. Already this year a number of laymen students have surrendered to the ministry; others will do so before the school year is over.

Considering the many acute problems that church-related colleges especially are facing, we believe the Ouachita College program goes far to accomplish its objectives. With this truth in mind, we have confidence that Arkansas Baptists will supply the additional funds needed that the program may go on.

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The Christian's cross is the way of suffering and death and of spiritual renewal, and it is therefore highest in self-realization. If you wish to mean the most as a Christian to a sin-burdened world, travel the cross-way to victory.

—Jesse Northcutt

## The Ninth Beatitude

By TOWNLEY LORD, London  
President, Baptist World Alliance

Since the time of Ambrose the word "beatitude" has been used to describe the sayings of Jesus which indicate those spiritual qualities which mark the true citizen of the Kingdom of God. Matthew gives us eight, beginning "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven," and ending with "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake" (a beatitude which is elaborated in the verse which follows). Luke gives us only four beatitudes, but adds four corresponding woes. But there is also a ninth beatitude, not specifically mentioned in the Gospels, which occurs in Luke's account of a speech delivered by Paul (Acts 20:35). When the Apostle, on his third missionary journey, was bidding farewell to the elders at Miletus he recalled the three years he had spent among them at Ephesus, and concluded "In all things I gave you an example, how that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

—The Baptist Times

## Book Review

### The Social Kit No. 3

Jack B. and Edith Fellows; Cards, \$1; Binder, \$1.25

This is the third in the series of Social Game Kits, prepared especially for use by church groups.

The Social Kit No. 3 offers fresh, new, and interesting active games for young and old to play. They will pep up your church parties.

Adequately arranged, well outlined, each of the one hundred 4x6-inch cards gives the type of game, materials required, formation, and procedure for playing the game. The specially designed, purse-size, pocket-size, patented binder holds as many as one hundred cards—or as few as may be required for one social.

Dr. Fellows is professor of Religious Education Administration of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. Mrs. Edith Fellows, who collaborates with her husband on *The Social Kits* is instructor in children's work in the Seminary.

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One who bears a cross bears a burden for Christ—a burden possibly accompanied by scorn, rejection, and hatred. It is not the experience of one who develops a petty martyr spirit. Rather, it is that of one who genuinely suffers because of his fidelity to Christ.

# Today's Sacrifices - Tomorrow's Security

"If this pecan is planted and helped to grow into a tree, you will some day gather bushels of nuts from it." With that simple statement a mother, fifty years ago, answered the questions of her small son who was begging for some paper-shell pecans which she held in her hand.

Today that nut is a tree, more than seventy-five feet tall, with base three feet and more in diameter and a limb spread of fifty feet across. And annually it produces the bushels of nuts, many bushels!

## SUPPOSE HE'D EATEN THE NUT!

There were just three of those nuts, the first of the kind either mother or son had ever seen. Suppose that the mother had let the lad eat them! No tree would stand on the land where mother and son were standing. No nuts would now be falling to the ground from thousands of twigs. For the sake of temporary pleasure the future would have been robbed!

## WHO IS ROBBING WHOM OF WHAT?

We hear on every hand messages on Stewardship, and they are good and timely. Malachi 3:10 is ringing from thousands of pulpits and classrooms. The immediate concern, however, is to induce people to go into partnership with God and to accept all the duties connected with that relationship.

But there is a way to rob the future generations and we think too little about that. The farmer who ruins his lands for the sake of a few easily-made crops is unfair to his children; the man who lets his house fall into decay is unfair to his family; the merchant who does not replenish his stock and keep his shelves in the best condition is unfair to his customers. The husband and father who does not provide some form of insurance against tomorrow may bring disaster to his loved ones by a premature death.

## WHO THEN IS WISE?

He is the wise steward who lays by in store week by week upon the proportionate basis, the tithes as the starting point; and who also leaves some portion of his wealth where it will go on serving after he is dead. Surely then;

1. If everyone should give at least the tithe of his income to the Lord's work, he should leave at least one-tenth of his estate to do the Lord's work after he is dead.

2. If the Lord's work is important enough to require regular giving and service while one is living, it should have some service which is provided for by a memorial or trust fund set up to represent one after he has gone on to glory.

## WHY NOT LOOK AHEAD?

The Arkansas Baptist Foundation is ready to help anyone who may be interested to:

1. Provide extra income for a favored cause during the years ahead and thus make wise use of your property and income.

2. Create a memorial in honor of some loved one or friend, and thus invest in living stones, not lifeless marble.

3. Set aside today a fund that can grow into a great useful endowment for the future and thus project your ministry beyond the grave!

If one spends his all today - who will gather tomorrow?

TODAY'S SACRIFICE - TOMORROW'S SAFETY!

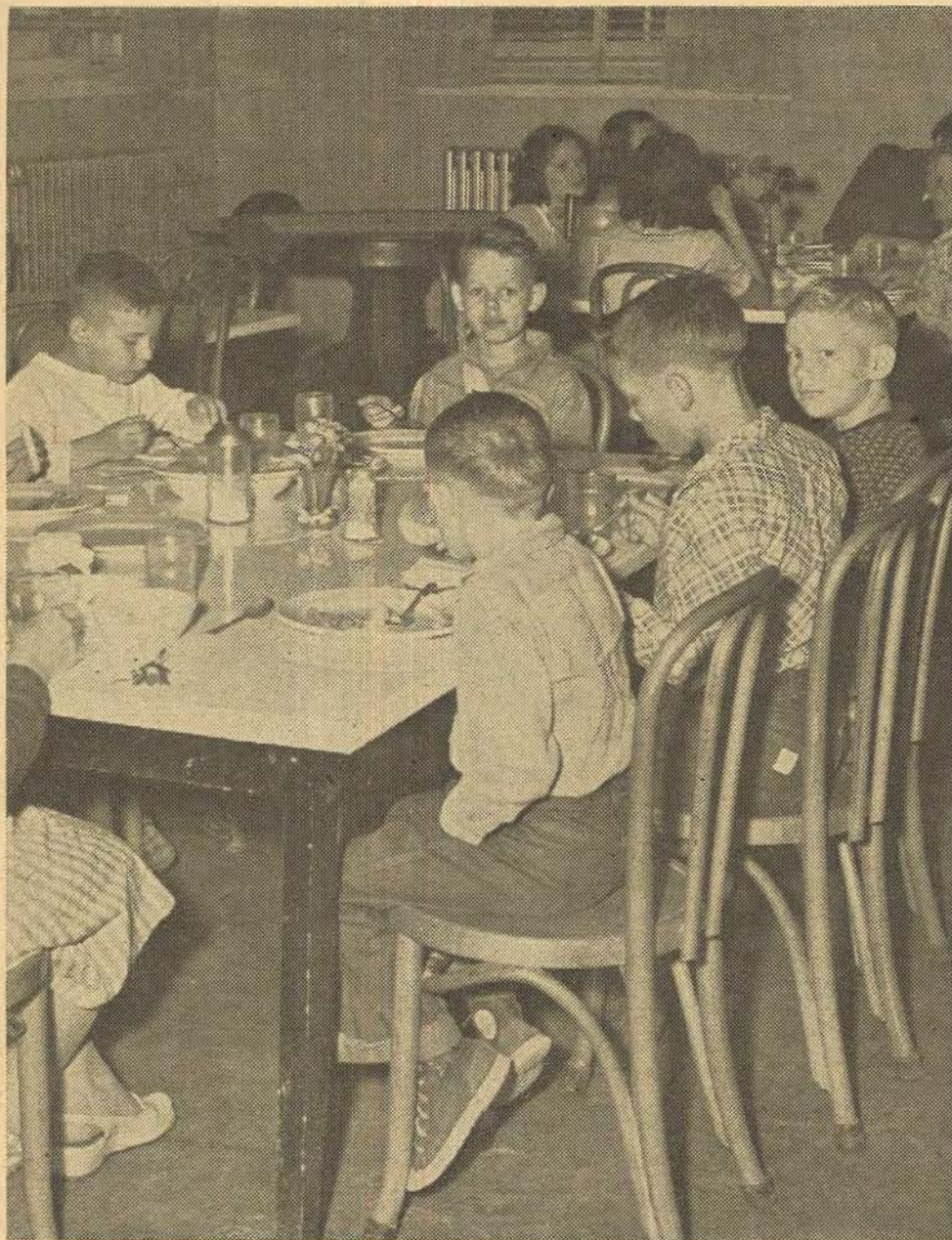
Let us tell you how to Live, though Buried!

## **ARKANSAS BAPTIST FOUNDATION**

403 West Capitol Avenue

Little Rock, Arkansas





# You Care... They Share!

Last year 114 children were provided with food and clothing, recreation and Christian training, though 68 is normal capacity at one time for the Orphanage.

We wish to express appreciation for the large number of Associations that demonstrated their interest by including an offering for the Orphanage in their meetings.

**BANNER ASSOCIATION.** Liberty Association led the State in support of the Home last year, in the amount of their offering. They visited the Orphanage last Sunday. Representatives from each church in the Association were present. We recommend this type of Program, and cordially invite all to visit us.

### SPECIAL NOTE

See your Arkansas Baptist, issue of October 26, for Truck Schedule. Many Associations will want to provide their own truck, which will be appreciated.

Please remember . . . we can use any number of cattle, pigs, and chickens, as well as feed.

You Can Help Fill His Daddy's Shoes . . .

# Give One Day's Pay

## As Your Annual Thanksgiving Offering

YOU CAN HELP FILL HIS DADDY'S SHOES



**GIVE ONE DAY'S PAY**

Pastor—

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MY CHURCH IS \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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

# OUR REPORT...

## OF OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR BAPTIST SERVICE

### Highlights of the Year:

1. Southern moved into first place among the junior colleges of Southern Baptist life. She actually enrolled more different full-time students in the past twelve months than any other Baptist college in the junior college field in the South.

2. Southern moved into first place among the Christian colleges in Arkansas by her unusual growth. No other denominational college in Arkansas enrolled as many as Southern.

3. Southern made unusual progress in spiritual service during the year. Over 150 professions of faith, rededications, and volunteers for special Christian ser-

vice occurred on the campus alone last year. Some of these were men who came to Southern to study vocational training courses and felt the call of God for His service.

4. Southern served the churches and mission points excellently in this area. Of the 120 preachers in Southern during the past year, practically all of them preached regularly in a church or a mission point. This means that thousands and thousands of sermons were preached in regular and special services. As a result of this work nearly 2,000 people were won to the Lord and His churches. Where else could you find a greater service?

Arkansas Baptists contributed about \$20,000 for this work. We wish to thank our fellow Baptists for this aid given that we might give greater service to the Lord. Being Baptists ourselves, we feel that our great Convention gives to no more worthy cause than that of the work of the Lord in Southern College. Thank you!!!

### WHEN YOU HELPED SOUTHERN YOU HELPED US TO GET A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR LIFE



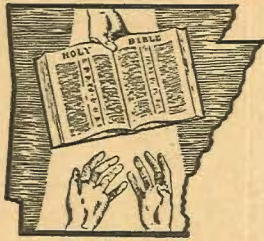
Above you will note five fine young people who are students in Southern. Each one of these students is working for part or all of their expenses in Southern. Two of them are widow's children and are volunteers for the ministry and mission fields. Neither of them would be in college were it not for Southern.

Southern needs the \$20,000 in the proposed 1951 budget badly. Expenses have climbed steadily during the past months. War conditions will lower enrolment while expenses rise. Thank you for helping tomorrow.

Southern asks for only one thing—the opportunity to serve the Lord in her unique capacity as the “Campus of Christian Purpose” in this vast area of over 2,000,000 souls, of which over 1,000,000 are lost.

# Southern Baptist College

H. E. Williams, D.D., President  
WALNUT RIDGE, ARKANSAS



## Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

### Great Year In Evangelism

We have just closed the greatest year Arkansas Baptists have ever experienced in evangelism. The increase in the number of people won to Christ is due largely to the great Simultaneous Crusade last April. It is a good thing that we did put forth a special effort in the spring, for political campaigns, war scare, and other things seemed to hinder the summer and fall revivals. So, had it not been for the Crusade, our baptisms for 1950 would likely have been below the 1949 record.

According to the reports received from the associational clerks, the total number of baptisms for the year just closed was 16,166. It is possible that the actual number of baptisms is higher, for some churches did not make any report to the annual associational meeting. Hence, the number of their baptisms may not be included in the above number.

It is interesting to look back over the record of baptisms for the past ten years. The low year was in 1943. But from that year on the number of baptisms has increased each year.

The baptisms for those years are as follows:

Year	Baptisms
1941	8,923
1942	7,935
1943	7,537
1944	8,183
1945	9,536
1946	9,941
1947	11,476
1948	13,763
1949	14,733
1950	16,166

What will the 1951 record be? Are we willing to drop back in the number of people won to Christ? No, we must not. But it will take earnest praying, compassionate preaching, and thorough planning if we continue to show an increase in baptisms. Of course, we ought to indoctrinate those already won, but we must continue our emphasis on evangelism.

#### Article on Mission Program Commended

In this column two weeks ago, a few words of caution were given about an associational mission program. The article stated that there is danger of the missionary becoming a promotional man in directing the associational organizations and thus will not have time for actual mission work. We urged the associations not to

place the responsibility of all the organizations on the missionary.

One of the missionaries writes as follows: "Let me say that I sure do appreciate the fine article you have in this week's *Arkansas Baptist*. . . . Yes, brother, the danger today is to make a "promoter" out of our missionaries. I have avoided it and will continue to do so. Wish I could recite to you some of our experiences in the remote places where we met the lost face to face."

A pastor writes as follows: "Just want to express my approval of your timely article the past week in the *Arkansas Baptist* cautioning the associations about setting up their program of missionary work. Our association is suffering right at this point and a number of our pastors do not sense the situation and are hindering us from doing the very thing we need to do."

The quotations above indicate the interest of both missionaries and pastors in a program of real mission endeavor. Every association should have a definite mission program. Why shouldn't that program be so definite as to name the communities where revivals will be held, Vacation Bible Schools conducted, missions established and churches organized? If some church has about died, why couldn't the associational board grant the missionary the privilege of giving three months of his entire time in getting the church back on its feet? Is it right for the larger churches to keep the missionaries busy in study courses when some small churches are dying and other communities need the gospel?

It is encouraging to hear that many associations are outlining a definite mission program. One association has approved of the missionary giving his entire time to one community until a church is organized and well established. Another association, which composes three counties, has authorized the missionary to give one week each month to each of the counties.

Do you have a definite program in your association? Do you know where new work will be established? Write us about your program.

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God's will for you is good, and God's way for you is best.—Baptist New Mexican.

## Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

MRS. F. E. GOODBAR  
President

MISS NANCY COOPER  
Executive Secretary and Treasurer

MISS DORIS DEVAULT  
Young People's Secretary

### R. A. Focus Week, November 12-18

During the week of November 12-18, the eyes of the church will be focused on Royal Ambassadors in observance of Focus Week. Special suggestions for activities have been mailed to each organization in the state, and other plans have appeared in *Ambassador Life* and the *Arkansas Baptist*. Magnify Kingdom work as you recognize the boyhood of your church! Are your plans perfected?

#### An Urgent Need

An urgent need—i. e. report of officers who will serve each W. M. U. in the state during the year 1950-51. **Guide Books** and **Year Books** needed by every organization in planning work for the year are ready for distribution and will be sent to each W. M. S. when report of new officers is received by the state office. Free copies of each of the above publications will be sent for the President and Young People's Director and free copy of the **Guide Book**, only, for our counselors of all young people's organizations.

Further, program material for the Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be mailed early in November for use the week of December 4-8, 1950. It must be sent to current leaders, and will be sent only to those organizations from whom a report of officers has been received. Check today and be sure officers of your W. M. U. have been mailed to state headquarters.

#### Calendar of Activities for November

1. **Mission Study:** Use current foreign mission series in every organization. Order books from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol Ave., Little Rock. (Request teaching helps for teachers.)

#### 2. Stewardship:

- (1) Distribute envelopes for Lottie Moon Offering
- (2) Co-operate in Every-Member Canvass
- (3) Love offering for Baptist Bottoms Orphanage
- (4) Urge new tithers to sign Stewardship Covenant cards available from state W.M.U. headquarters without charge.

3. **Community Missions:** Witnessing through sharing:  
a. Baskets of fruit to shut-ins, presenting also a pro-

gram of cheer and devotion.  
b. Food to the needy. Tuck in tracts and let recipients know it is done because of God's great love.

4. **Young People's Work:** Observance of R. A. Focus Week, November 12-18.
5. **Special Activities:** Arkansas Baptist State Convention, November 8-10, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock
6. **Magazines:** Stress individual subscriptions. Send same to Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

#### From Our Ambassadors

"We live in a new house in a compound with eleven other American families. There are nine children and we are thoroughly enjoying living here. We find the Japanese language rather difficult, but we are somewhat fascinated by it. We are compelled to learn it for our own day by day use. On Friday night we have a Bible class with eighteen Tokyo University students. This class meets in our home. On Sunday Loyce will be working in one of the churches in town teaching a class of children. We are looking forward to the day when language will not be a barrier." Mrs. Loyce Nelson, 352 2-Chome, Nishi-Okubo Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

"The two rocking chairs are here at the Temple waiting to be taken to the encampment. They should be good sturdy rockers that will last a long time because they are made out of the same wood that they make baseball bats out of here. And they are very comfortable, I know, because I have sat in them. I know our campers will find great joy sitting in them on that long porch where they can look at that lovely scenery in Yumuri Valley.

"I wish you could see the new seminary building for it is lovely. The scene from there is so lovely and at night it looks like fairyland. Last week we had a two-days meeting of the Cuban Mission Board, and Miss Garnett and I spent the night out there and we slept in one of the dormitory rooms; the beds are almost as comfortable as my nice Beautyrest mattress which Arkansas women gave me—but not quite! I really like my own bed better." Mildred Matthews, Zulueta 502, Havana, Cuba.

# Religious Education Department

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR

EDGAR WILLIAMSON                      DALE COWLING  
*Sunday School Superintendent*      *Student Union Secretary*  
 RALPH W. DAVIS                      MRS. B. W. NININGER  
*Training Union Director*              *Church Music Director*  
 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock

## Twenty-four Associations In Planning Meeting

Twenty-four associations were represented at the State Planning Meeting for Associational Training Union Officers which was held at First Church, Little Rock, October 30. The Southern Baptist Training Union promotional program for 1951 was launched at this meeting.

"M Night" was thoroughly discussed at the planning meeting. All present indicated that plans were being made for "M Night" to be observed in their associations on Monday night, December 4. "M Night" is Mobilization Night. Every association is urged to have a Training Union Mass Meeting on that night, or near that date, for the purpose of launching the 1951 Training Union program.

### Coming Soon!

A poster, announcing Arkansas Church Development Week, January 29-February 2, will be sent to all churches in Arkansas within the next week or two. Make your plans to attend the Central Training Union Leadership School which will be nearest to you. Six schools will be held in the following places:

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

The 1951 Training Union Calendar of Activities is now available and may be secured by writing the State Training Union Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

### Greene County Association Hymn-Sing

The first regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Greene County Association was held on October 29 at 2:30 in the afternoon. C. E. Robertson, the newly elected associational music director, was in charge of the program. Eighty-five people were in attendance representing nine churches. Miss Dian Payne was the accompanist and was elected the associational pianist.

In addition to the congregational singing there were three special numbers rendered, two solos, and one duet. The next Hymn-sing for this association will be held at First Church, Paragould, on Sunday, December 31.

## Vacation Bible Schools

As of October 31, the total number of Vacation Bible Schools reported through this office was 351. A number of reports, we feel sure, are still outstanding. If a school was conducted in your church, but has not been reported, it is highly important that this office have this information at an early date if the school is to be included in the final state and Southwide summary of schools held in 1950. A complete and final report will be made by this office to the Southwide Department of Vacation Bible School work before the end of December.

Pastors, Sunday School superintendents, Vacation Bible School Principals, and other interested Sunday School workers, should make an immediate check to see if the local church school has been reported. Associational Sunday School superintendents and Vacation Bible School leaders will want to check with each church in the association to see that a report has been made to the State Sunday School Department. Do you need report blanks? A postal card request addressed to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, will bring these to you immediately.

### Big Creek Association Hymn-Sing

One hundred ninety three people gathered at the County Line Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, October 29, at 2:30, for the regular quarterly Hymn-sing of Big Creek Association. In the absence of Ed Mayfield, associational music director, the program was in charge of Oscar E. Ellis. Twelve churches were represented in the attendance. Two preachers, four Sunday School superintendents and four choir directors, were present. Mrs. Lloyd Horton the associational pianist, was the accompanist, assisted by Mrs. L. E. Love.

In addition to the congregational singing which was enjoyed by the largest crowd of people ever to attend these affairs, special numbers were rendered by the Mt. Pleasant, County Line, and Enterprise Churches.

The next quarterly Hymn-sing for this association will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 31, with the Mt. Zion Church, Union, Arkansas.

## Vacation Bible School Report

City	Church	Enrol-ment	Ave. Con-vertions
<b>Bartholomew:</b>			
Monticello	North Side	88	61 5
Fountain Hill	Fountain Hill	92	66 0
<b>Benton Co.:</b>			
Siloam Springs	Robinson, Mission	22	20 0
Rogers	First	158	122 6
<b>Black River:</b>			
Horse Shoe	Baptist	62	47 0
Jackson Port	Baptist	62	48 1
Newport Airbase	Newport Airbase	84	52 0
<b>Boone-Carroll:</b>			
Harrison	Hopewell	66	43 0
Batavia	First	88	57 0
Valley Springs	Valley Springs	42	37 3
<b>Delta:</b>			
McGehee	Chickasaw, Mission	56	45 0
McGehee	Trippe Jct., Mission	44	34 0
Watson	First Missy. Baptist	96	— 0
<b>Greene County:</b>			
Rector	Mounds	50	31 0
<b>Harmony:</b>			
Pine Bluff	Hardin	93	68 0
<b>Hope:</b>			
Texarkana	Shiloh	63	50 0
<b>Little Red River:</b>			
Hiram	Hiram Mission	29	20 0
<b>Little River:</b>			
Columbus	Columbus Baptist	27	26 0
Washington	Washington Baptist	52	49 0
<b>Mississippi:</b>			
Osceola	New Bethel	54	40 0
<b>Pulaski:</b>			
Hensley	East End	104	89 0
<b>Rocky Bayou:</b>			
Melbourne	Melbourne	101	90 0
<b>Stone-Searcy:</b>			
Leslie	New Hopewell	38	— 0
<b>Trinity:</b>			
Marked Tree	First	102	89 0
<b>Washington-Madison:</b>			
Fayetteville	St. James (colored)	76	62 9
<b>Woodruff:</b>			
Howell	Pleasant Grove	78	58 0

### White River Association Hymn-Sing

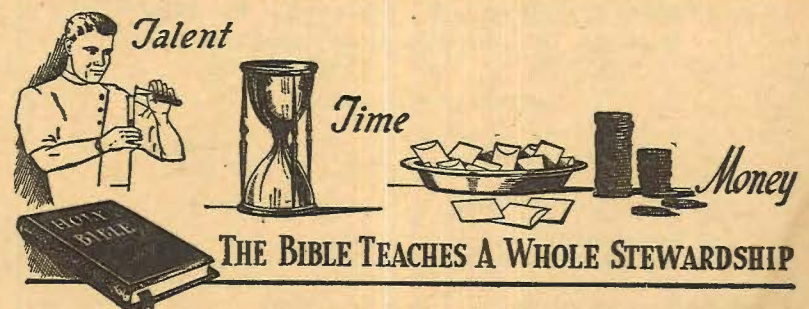
One hundred twenty-eight people gathered for the regular quarterly Hymn-Sing of White River Association on Sunday afternoon, October 29, at 2 o'clock, in the Flippin Church. Eight churches were represented in the attendance and seven pastors were present. Seth Lonon, the Associational Music Director, was in charge of the program and introduced the State Music Director who was the guest conductor for the afternoon. Mrs. Kenneth Trammel, Mountain Home, was the accompanist.

The theme of the Hymn-Sing, "The Love of God," was based on

John 3:16. Three groups of congregational song were included on the program which developed the three points in the sermon; the meaning of the love of God, the extent of the love of God, and the result of the love of God. Byron King, the host pastor, brought the devotional, leading the group in responsive scripture reading of Psalm 84.

The special numbers included a selection by the Youth Choir of Mountain Home Church under direction of Mrs. Trammell, and a solo by Joy May Sanders of the Flippin Church.

The next Hymn-Sing for this group will be held on December 31, at the First Baptist Church, in Mountain Home.



## The Inter-Agency Council

By JEROME O. WILLIAMS

The Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention met at Ridgecrest, August 9-10. This Council is made up of representatives from the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Brotherhood, and Sunday School Board.

The members of the Council rejoice in the privilege of working together, and face problems for solution with courage and fidelity.

The Council completed work on the booklet *You and Your Church*, and the leaflet "A Correlated Church Study Course." These are to be published and distributed to all pastors of the churches in the Convention as soon as possible. It also considered other matters which are before the Council and made plans for future activities.

The members of the Inter-Agency Council place great value on the work of a church council in each church for the purpose of arranging a calendar of activities for the church. Attention was called to the fact that churches are now in process of completing the organization with officers and

committees for service during another year, and that this is a good time to form the church council and to begin to use it in the work of the church.

The new officers for the Inter-Agency Council for another year are: Dr. Courts Redford, Chairman; George Shroeder, Vice-Chairman; Miss Alma Hunt; Secretary; J. N. Barnette, Assistant Secretary.

Plans were made for another meeting in December of this year. The agenda will be prepared by the officers and subjects discussed by the members of the Council or by advisors from the denomination on request.

The members of the Inter-Agency are taking their work seriously and desire to serve the denomination in a most efficient and effective manner in the year ahead.

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Learn to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.—Baptist Bulletin.

Learn to laugh—a laugh is better than medicine.—Baptist Bulletin.

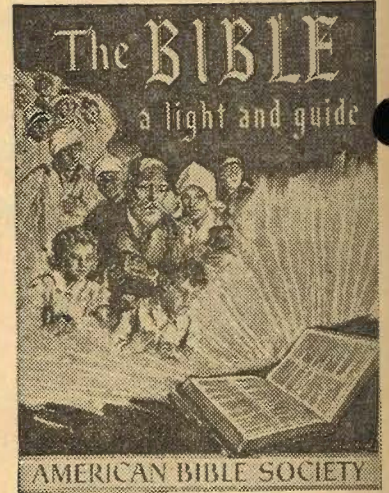
## American Bible Society Offers Material For Worldwide Bible Reading

"The Bible — A Light and Guide" is the 1950 theme of the Worldwide Bible Reading, Thanksgiving to Christmas, sponsored by the American Bible Society.

Bookmarks listing the Bible passages suggested for each day from Thanksgiving to Christmas; an attractive poster in colors; and other special materials for the churches are available from the Society without charge. Samples have been mailed to pastors; supplies are sent to them in quantities they request.

Individuals and organizations within the churches are requested to ask their pastors for the supplies they will need. If samples failed to reach the pastor, materials can be secured by writing to Worldwide Bible Reading, American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

In other nations the Worldwide Bible Reading program is sponsored by the various foreign agencies of the American Bible Society. Last year 34 countries participated and more than 12 million bookmarks listing the Bible passages for daily reading were distributed.



Increasing requests for materials each year, from pastors and other church leaders, indicate that the Worldwide Bible Reading program is serving the two-fold purpose for which it was planned: (1) To enlist many new people in Bible reading. (2) To emphasize daily reading and to give an opportunity to enroll new persons in the year-round program of daily Bible reading sponsored by the various church organizations.

While at the State Convention, Nov. 7-9 . . .

### Visit The BAPTIST BOOK STORE'S SPECIAL EXHIBIT

at Immanuel Baptist Church

Special displays will feature visual aids, church supplies, a choice selection of books, Bibles, and other items

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a Little Rock address to remember

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BAPTIST BOOK STORE  
303-5 W. Capitol Little Rock

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—George W. Truett

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Baylor University is dedicated to a continuation of this unsurpassed service in training Christian leaders for the nation and the world.

Winter Quarter Opens November 27, 1950

# BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

W. R. WHITE, President

WACO, TEXAS

## Local Church Autonomy Threatened

By LEON MACON, Editor  
The Alabama Baptist

A distinctive of Baptists is that the local church is an autonomous body. This simply means that determines its course by a local majority. In 1946 the Centropolis Baptist Church, of that city in Kansas, took a problem of theirs to the courts. The preacher was charged with changing the customs and affiliations of the church.

The church belonged to the American (Northern) Baptist Convention. By a clear majority they voted to withdraw and to use other literature. The case was carried to the Supreme Court of that state and the following decision was handed down: "No Baptist Church could withdraw from a Convention without the unanimous vote of its members."

This simply means that one person could object to a Baptist church withdrawing from an association or Convention and thus rule by a minority. No Baptist church has ever endorsed minority rule, but the Northern Baptists have succeeded in getting a court decision which threatens to nullify the age-old practice of majority rule and local autonomy in Baptist churches.

Another case has come up in Kansas City, Kansas, in the Argentine Baptist Church. Pastor Fehsenfeld and other members of that church have been turned out of it and refused the privilege of ever entering it, by a court's decision. Their crime was objecting to Santa Claus in a Christmas service. Also in a regular business meeting the church voted to discontinue the Board of Deaconesses and to use the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Again, the Northern leaders stepped in and took this case to court. The pastor and fourteen defendants were charged with changing the traditional customs, tenets, doctrines, beliefs and usages of the Argentine Baptist Church. A district judge (a Catholic) upheld the plaintiffs. The defendants were further charged, that they could in no manner interfere with its work or enter onto the church property.

This is the beginning of a dangerous thing for Baptists everywhere. It simply means that a court has decided that Baptists

cannot run their affairs or dispose of their affiliations and property without a 100 per cent vote of its membership. To Baptists this is absurd. However, the courts have established precedents which by-law states that Baptists cannot be autonomous bodies, owning property and entering into voluntary organizations or withdrawing from voluntary organizations without a 100 per cent vote.

If a Baptist church in Alabama voted by a majority vote to withdraw from our State Convention and the minority took it to court, the judge could use these Kansas decisions to make a similar decision in Alabama. Certainly the courts have overlooked the Baptists' firm belief and practice of a local church being independent and working with other Baptist churches on a voluntary basis.

There is much more to these cases than space permits here. However, a non-profit corporation to be known as Baptists, Inc., is in the making. Its purpose is to seek to get these decisions reversed and to protect our long cherished principles as Baptists.

We get our information from Dr. N. J. Westmoreland, executive secretary of the State Convention of Kansas. For further information, write him.

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"Are there not those who gaze so much at 'the stars' that they forget what is at their feet? They are interested in the 'far away' but not in the 'near-by.' They get excited over the African across the Atlantic, but they wouldn't cross the tracks to help a Negro over here." To be truly consistent we should not neglect either.

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When the master musician had finished, there was silence, save for the halting words of the owner, pale and deeply moved. "I have no right to it. It belongs to you. Keep it. Go out into the world and let it be heard."

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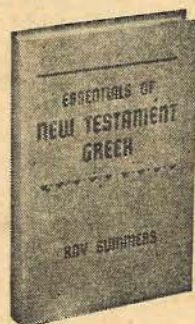
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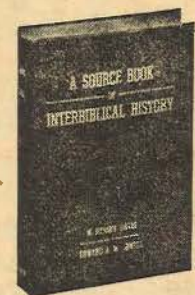


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Sunday, October 29, 1950

	S.S.	T.U.	Addl.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1410	413	5
Including Missions	1628	555	
Fort Smith, First	1060	372	6
Including Missions	1268	477	
Little Rock, First	995	358	6
El Dorado, First	926	222	2
Including Missions	981	244	
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	951	381	13
Including Missions	1097	486	
Little Rock, Second	801	184	4
Pine Bluff, South Side	712	259	5
Including Missions	774	314	
Magnolia, Central	676	276	4
Including Missions	826	332	7
Pine Bluff, First	647	177	
Fayetteville, First	646	255	3
El Dorado, Immanuel	623	269	2
Including Mission	676	311	
Camden, First	592	217	3
Including Missions	879	452	
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	578	155	1
Crossett, First	583	249	2
Fexarkana, Beech Street	570	268	2
Benton, First	554	137	
El Dorado, Second	540	251	11
Fordyce, First	529	256	2
Paragould, First	525	232	5
Including Missions	764	411	
Little Rock, Gaines Street	492	318	7
Hope, First	464	121	
Forrest City, First	459	181	3
Including Mission	520	245	
Conway, First	455	107	4
Paris, First	451	192	
Including Mission	493		
McGehee, First	449	197	1
Including Missions	568	287	
Russellville, First	427	166	3
Including Mission	489	192	
Malvern, First	426	110	1
Cullendale, First	421	234	
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	416	142	
Springdale, First	411	239	
Including Missions	508		
Little Rock, South Highland	405	130	5
Stuttgart, First	398	231	
Including Missions	451	263	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	393	146	12
Siloam Springs, First	388	228	
Smackover, First	377	157	
El Dorado, West Side	363	151	
Searcy, First	362	135	
West Memphis, First	357	164	5
Including Missions	395	192	
Rogers, First	351	129	2
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	338	85	2
Norphlet, First	334	228	
Van Buren, First	325	166	
Including Mission	359		
Pine Bluff, Second	321	145	7
Hamburg, First	317	169	
No. Little Rock, First	294	104	
Including Mission	308		
Gentry, First	285	186	
Mena, First	282	121	2
DeQueen, First	281	98	
Monticello, First	281	110	3
Bentonville, First	264	86	
Wynne	254	68	1
Little Rock, Hebron	244	123	8
Hot Springs, Piney	217	174	1

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# Christian Fellowship

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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Fellowship means a friendly association with others; a comradeship; sometimes it means an organized group with common interests. For example, members of the Masonic lodge have a peculiar fellowship for other Masons; they have things in common that non-Masons know nothing about. All born-again Christians should have Christian fellowship with one another. They have the same Father and the same Savior and are led by the same Spirit. But Christian fellowship is one thing and church fellowship is something else. We of this generation are not responsible for the multiplied denominations which exist in the Name of Christ. Since one cannot possibly belong to all, then one must make a choice among the denominations. It is too bad that all Christians cannot interpret the scriptures alike, but since there are such wide diversities of interpretation, is it not better that only those of like faith work together? When two cannot agree is it not better that they work separately rather than to be at variance with each other all the time?

## Church Fellowship vs. Christian Fellowship

Baptists are frowned upon by members of other denominations because we distinguish between church fellowship and Christian fellowship. We simply believe that if a person believes in the Methodist or the Presbyterian doctrines, or some other faith, that he should belong to the group of his choice; he has no business in a Baptist church. There are those who feel that Baptists are self righteous and bigoted, but if Baptists seem narrowminded it is because they try to adhere strictly to what they believe the Bible to teach concerning some things that others have become careless about.

There are many today who are trying to unionize the churches and form one great religious group, and there is now a fresh ecumenical church campaign being launched in Arkansas by the organized "Church Women" of the state. These self appointed unionizers claim no definite convictions, they urge all Christians to join hands, forget all differences, and become one great ecumenical church. It may be a beautiful theory, but no man nor group of men have been able to make it work. First of all, the unionizers cannot agree among themselves. For many decades there have been many divisions among each of the Protestant groups: Southern Methodists, Episcopal Methodists,

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Acts 11:11-18; Philippians 2:1-5

Northern Methodists; Cumberland Presbyterians, Reformed Presbyterians, and on and on.

## Unity Necessary to Fellowship

In the Protestant world, Baptists are considered to be extreme, fanatical, and exceedingly narrowminded because we cling to our convictions; yet the broadminded people, who wish the narrowminded Baptists to change their customs, are no more willing to abandon their pet theories and line up with Baptists, than Baptists are to unite with others in church affiliation. They deeply desire Baptists to join in with the ecumenical movement—on their terms—always.

Failure to establish the great union church seems to be laid at the feet of narrowminded Baptists; yet Baptists' refusal to affiliate with councils and unions and inter-denominational groups does not hinder those who wish to so align themselves! It would seem reasonable for the Protestant church unionizers to break down the barriers that have prevented the Protestant churches from becoming one, before they lay any blame at the feet of Baptists. Once they have succeeded in getting their own groups into one grand union, then they might have something to invite the Baptists to "join." Until that day Baptists shall stand alone on the word of God.

Whatever else church fellowship means it demands that its membership be like-minded; a group without convictions, a group without any doctrine, a group without a well defined purpose, would be reduced to the status of a club or lodge.

## No Supermen with God

The Jews in the days of Jesus were a bigoted, self righteous nation of people. They thought of themselves as supermen, the chosen race, the only people whom God knew, recognized, or cared to deal with. In today's lesson, the Apostle Peter had to have a special revelation from God before he would go and preach the gospel to a Gentile. He introduced himself to Cornelius with the words that it was unlawful for him, a Jew, to enter the home of a Gentile or to have anything at all to do with him. They were not social equals by the mere fact that Peter belonged to a superior race. But within a matter of minutes, Peter

learned that God was no respecter of persons. The Gentiles were saved and their salvation was evidenced by the same Spirit and the same power that the Jews had known.

## Same Belief Basis of Fellowship

The Jews and Gentiles of the first century were able to fellowship each other on the basis of their common belief. Paul, Barnabas, Peter, and all the other ministers, preached the same gospel to all peoples. They baptized both Jew and Gentile in the same manner. Christ was the foundation of their fellowship; Christ was the center and circumference of their fellowship; they enjoyed a spiritual partnership because and only because they believed and practiced the same doctrines.

In writing to the Philippian Church, Paul used Jesus as the example as he gave to us the basis for an ideal fellowship: "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made of Himself no reputation, took upon Himself the form of a servant . . . humbled Himself . . . and became obedient unto the death of the cross."

Humility seems to be the first requisite of church fellowship. The rich, the poverty stricken, the black and the white are on the same level at the foot of the cross. In a large church are members of a wide social range, but in the church they are brothers in Christ; whatever their social standing in the world, however far apart they may live daily, in the church they are one, they stand on common ground. For even Jesus, though equal with God, sought no repu-

tation because of His standing. He was humble. Paul said again, that Christian brethren should "esteem others better than self."

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ," if obeyed forces out selfishness and other petty sins that so often beset us in church work.

## Example of Jesus

Service is another requisite of church fellowship. Jesus took upon Himself "the form of a servant." Think of all the things a servant is expected to do and be! Hard menial labor with little recompense of reward is the lot of a servant; a servant is taken for granted; theirs is a thankless task. If Jesus humbled Himself to that extent for us, how diligent we should be to give Him our best.

Obedience was another quality of Jesus that is so often mentioned in the scriptures. And this same quality is one that is missing in the great majority of professed Christians. How many ills of the world would be healed if the great masses of church members were obedient to revealed truth!

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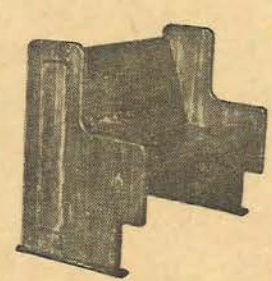
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## A Great Year

In general it is difficult for anyone to mutually excel himself and it is true with an organization. Yet, Arkansas Baptists for a number of years have been privileged to say that "This is our greatest year." We can say that now! 1950 is being our greatest year.

### In Evangelism

The simultaneous evangelistic effort was a great success and during that campaign last April many hundreds of souls were saved. There was something about the united effort that made it appear to win souls. We think it was largely the united prayer effort that the Baptists of the South made in preparation for the campaign, and in the actual doing of it. In a multiplied number of cases, souls that had been indifferent and some that were even hard yielded immediately to the approach and the appeal and prayer of our workers. Many times the incident was characterized by a deeply troubled conscience and a profound confession of sin on the part of the lost person whose soul was being sought by the Lord. Consequently, many people were saved which otherwise might never have found their spiritual deliverance.

The persistent praying in our churches had a reflex action upon the faith and zeal of our people and invoked direct blessings from the Lord. Consequently, our churches were spiritually invigorated and their zeal and activities were greatly increased. Figures show that the churches had many additions. There was one peril in it all. Some churches and workers seem to have "let down" after the spring revival. This should not have been so. No victory, however blessed or great, can justify a cessation of efforts in any realm and it is especially true in the religious life.

"Let no man think that sudden, in a moment

All is accomplished and work is done;  
Though with thine earliest dawn thou  
shouldest begin it  
Scarcely were it ended with thy setting sun."

"Ne'er think the victory won,  
Nor let thine armor down;  
The work of faith will not be done  
Till thou obtain the crown."

Let us not slacken our pace in the great work of evangelizing and soul winning.

### In Baptisms

It is a great year, therefore, in baptisms. It seems that the churches have almost doubled their number of annual baptisms in the last six years; 1943 was the lowest year that we have had in a long time. The number of reported baptisms that year was 7,536. The churches are baptizing more than 16,000 in 1950. Additions by letter do not always represent an increase in the kingdom of God, but baptisms do represent new converts and they are actually additions to the family of God, if so be that their baptisms are the

result of genuine conversions. While it is true that baptism saves no soul, yet a baptism says that another soul professes to have been saved.

### In Finances

It is our greatest year in financing the Kingdom work through the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program is 25 years old. While some of our people hold in their hearts a very precious feeling toward an individual Baptist enterprise and, therefore, are disposed to show preference toward such enterprise, yet every thinking Baptist knows that the Cooperative Program is best, the fairest, the safest, and most dependable form of financing God's Kingdom work as Baptists carry it on. More and more our people are coming to understand this fact and to believe it, and practice it. Our gifts can satisfy the needs in our Baptist work if our people will tithe and give a fair share of this tithe to the work through the Cooperative Program. At this writing it appears that we may reach the amount of \$660,000 during the fiscal year. This is by far the largest amount that we have collected for the Cooperative Program in any one year in our history. Last year the total undesignated receipts amounted to \$598,036.19. This year should give us more than a \$60,000 increase.

We are not reaching the budgetary goal, but a \$60,000 increase in one year is something that should encourage us.

### More Than We Asked

**Richwoods Church near Arkadelphia**, a rural church with Bill Hickem, pastor, says they will go beyond the amount we asked them for. Besides this they have increased the pastor's salary \$10 per week which is \$250 per year. Brother Hickem is a Ouachita College graduate and has been a zealous preacher and leader all along the way. Thank you Brother Hickem.

**Providence Church**, a small church in Washington-Madison Association, says "The goal that our church has set for next year is considerably higher than the amount you requested." Walter Jesser is the pastor and he has a missionary heart and is leading the church in a fine way.

### Corrections

Brethren, when we publish the quarterly report, if you notice an error in it please call our attention to it immediately and we shall help to make the correction. Several of us have to do with posting the books and making up the quarterly report. It is easy to make an error. It is especially easy to get the right church in the wrong association. There are many churches of the same name. Sometimes a contribution is credited to "Mount Zion Church," for instance, in one association when it should be the "Mount Zion" in another association. Do not let the matter escape our attention when there is an error.

## Echoes From Bond Holders

Hattiesburg, Miss.  
October 30, 1950

"... Just a few lines to thank you and the Convention for the check for \$65 (the eighth) that came recently. I think you Baptists are wonderful to make good this money."

Sincerely yours,  
O. M. J.

Nashville, Tennessee  
October 30, 1950

"We received the check with your form letter of October 16. Let us again thank you for your determination to pay off the obligation."

Cordially yours,  
G. T. P.  
Treasurer

St. Louis, Missouri  
October 22, 1950

"Received the check from Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Thank you. I am sorry to write that F. H. passed away on March 29, 1950. I am his widow, the lone survivor... I will be very grateful if you will take care of whatever is due me. Thank you.

Yours truly,  
L. H.

Nashville, Tennessee  
October 20, 1950

"I am not writing to ask when another payment will be made, but to acknowledge receipt of your eighth payment, for which we want to thank you and commend you on the splendid record you good people have made through the years, at times, I am sure, under rather trying circumstances."

"We are impressed by the integrity and forth-right, moral attitude, as demonstrated by this exemplary action on the part of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention."

"Thanking you again, I am,  
Yours very truly,"

Louie Phillips, President  
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The foregoing excerpts of letters received since we made the eighth payment on our outstanding "old" debts are only a few of the statements coming from our creditors whom we are paying. Brethren, let's push our HONOR DEBT payments to the limit. We thank the Lord that Arkansas Baptists want to and are doing the Christian thing in this matter.

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### Little Red River Association

We missed Little Red River Association. The chairman of the Executive Board, W. R. Vestal, represented the state work and the Cooperative Program. The brethren write us that his message was of the highest type and delivered with power. The churches are well manned and are moving forward.

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