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"I am the way, the truth and the life . . . and the truth shall make you free."

★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

A condensed summary of trends and events taken from publications and original sources each week by Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Facts of Interest

The 109 leading magazines carried \$382,479,893 in advertising in 1946.

Life expectancy has increased 25 years in the past century, to reach 65. The life expectancy increased only 15 years in the 20 centuries previous to 1847.

Race Relations Sunday is February 9. Racial minorities in the United States include 13,000,000 Negroes, 3,500,000 persons of Mexican descent, 364,000 American Indians, 126,947 of Japanese descent, 45,563 Filipinos, 2,405 Hindus, 1,711 Koreans. The January 1947 Survey Graphic is devoted entirely to the problem of segregation. The 128-page volume can be ordered from 112 East 19th St., New York.

The Arkansas Legislature has passed unanimously a measure repealing the separation of State and Federal primaries designed to keep Negroes from voting for State and County nominees.

Motor travel set a new record in 1947 with a total of 170 billion miles. This was 200,000,000 more miles than the previous record made on the country's highways outside of cities.

For the first time in 10 months, retail food prices dropped one per cent between November 15 and December 15.

And there were 5,836,344,052 cigars made in the United States and Cuba in 1946, an 18 per cent increase over 1945.

In the World of Religion

A book of the Psalms recently sold in New York for \$151,000, the highest price ever paid for a single book in the United States. It was the Bay Psalm Book, published in 1640 at Cambridge, Mass., the first book published in any of the English colonies in America. The previous high price was \$106,000 paid for a copy of the Gutenberg Bible.

The United Lutheran Church recently sponsored a "pray-for-the-press week."

In a recent survey by *The Presbyterian*, 80 per cent of those polled indicated they thought salaries should be on the basis of need, rather than size of church. The survey did not indicate whether those who favored the plan were those receiving the largest or the smallest salaries.

The World Council of Churches will seek to develop a world-wide program of evangelism at a conference in Geneva February 8-20. Dr. Elmer G. Homrighausen, Princeton, will be the only American representative.

The Protestant Film Commission will sponsor the production of seven 16-mm motion pictures, according to Paul F. Heard, executive secretary, "to stimulate the average church-goer to more creative Christian living, to promote Christian education by portraying the basic values of religion in an atomic era and emphasizing the moral values which play a part in family life."

Episcopalians report an increase of 15,186 communicants during 1946.

Baptist Highlights

Death came during the week to Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, in London. Of the five presidents elected by the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Truett was the only one who lived to serve. Of the seven vice presidents elected in Atlanta, four have died.

Death also came during the week to Dr. Rufus Weaver, Washington, D. C. Dr. Weaver was secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Board at one time. He was a staunch advocate of religious liberty.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has reached \$1,204,017.75.

After 20 years of service, Dr. Thomas J. Watts has retired as secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board. Walter R. Alexander has been elected secretary.

After conferring with Dr. W. O. Lewis, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Louie Newton reports definitely that the Baptist World Alliance will be in Copenhagen. Dr. Rushbrooke wrote Dr. Newton the day before his fatal stroke that moving the Alliance meeting from Copenhagen would be a great blow to European Baptists. It is hoped that shipping conditions will ease to allow a limited number of American Baptists to attend. A number have already made air reservation. The roundtrip fare from New York to Copenhagen is \$836.46, including tax. The American Airlines flight goes all the way to Copenhagen.

Parable of Talents

Rev. E. N. Bigelow, of the First Presbyterian Church of Bluffton, Ohio, was preaching on the Parable of the Talents.

The stewards were each given a talent to use for their Master. The first steward increased his to 10, another doubled his, while one buried his money and could show no profit.

At this point, Mr. Bigelow nodded to his ushers, who began to distribute \$10 bills to the 84 people in the congregation.

As the \$10 talents were passed out, Mr. Bigelow told his parishioners to put their talents to work and to return in five months with the increase.

The pastor said he hoped to raise \$8,000 in this manner for renovation of the church.

Since none of the 84 worshippers refused the \$10, Mr. Bigelow hopes that nobody will follow the example of the unprofitable steward.

The place of worship should be beautiful, inside and outside, inviting and inspiring people to worship.—Herman F. Burns in the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

COUNTERFEIT RELIGION

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan

"Thou hast not lied unto men but unto God."

Counterfeit money so closely resembles genuine money that it is accepted without suspicion by the credulous and those unskilled in the detection of the fraud. But the skilled banker recognizes counterfeit bills on sight, because he knows the genuine bills.

Counterfeit is a cheat in any department of life and in any relationship of human society. But its greatest fraud is in religion, because religion deals with the greatest values of life, eternal values.

Those who practice counterfeiting are themselves the chief victims of their own deceit, for while attempting to deceive others they are defrauding themselves.

Those who practice counterfeit in religion want credit for being what they are unwilling to be. Ananias wanted credit for being more generous than he actually was. He wanted the praise and esteem of the Christian community equal to that accorded others, but he hoped to win it upon the basis of false pretense.

There came an awful moment of revelation, when the deceiver discovered that his counterfeit, so carefully guarded within his own heart, was known to God.

What will happen when all the deceptions, vanities, and counterfeit poses stare at us in the light of God's presence? Well, Ananias fell dead! No man can endure the sight of his own deceptions and frauds revealed in the light of God, if they must come to light, he must die.

"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? . . . Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou has not lied unto men but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words, knelt down, and gave up the ghost." Acts 5:3-5.

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Among chaplains recently discharged from military service who are available for pastorates are the following from the Southwest: Prentis W. Chunn, Jr., 5124 Ennis Street Houston 4, Tex.; and Elvin A. Burgess, Bastrop, La.

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Christ

Our Assurance Along the Way

By S. A. WHITLOW, Pastor
First Church, Hope

The men who live beyond their day are the ones who are able to make the greatest contribution to the men of their day. If one is not lured by the perfect, he seldom does much to correct the imperfect. No sacrifice is too great to be made; no obstacle too difficult to be overcome; no path too rough to be traversed, if men are challenged by an ideal of vast proportion.

This kind of idealism accounts for the voice of the centuries crowning Abraham as the "father of the faithful." For he went out, not knowing where it was, but believing that God has a promised land that could be possessed. It was while the enemy stood at the gates of the city that Isaiah saw the time when the instruments of war would be carved into the implements of usefulness. It was while tyranny was in the heyday of its glory that Woodrow Wilson dreamed of a "world safe for democracy." It was in the midst of a crooked generation that was soon to nail him to a felon's tree that Jesus visualized a rule of righteousness and prayed, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth."

Tribulation Is Ours

But this sort of idealism does not mean that one has his head in the air without having his feet on the ground. Jesus painted no glowing pictures in order to gain a following. But rather He told people bluntly what they would be in for if they elected to follow Him. With a love of reality that would brook no evasion, He first faced the facts for Himself and then insisted that His disciples do the same. Here in the closing hours of His earthly life He drives home the cold fact into the hearts of His disciples, "In the world ye shall have tribulation."

This tribulation is due in part to the nature of Christianity. The spirit of Christianity runs counterwise to the spirit of the world. Robert J. McCracken has said, "No one has ever entered the kingdom of Heaven without tribulation; not perhaps the tribulation of fire and persecution, but the tribulation of a humble and contrite heart, of the flesh subjugated in the interest of the spirit, of a life poured forth like spilt wine in the service of others."

There is explosive thought and dynamic action in Christianity, and the more nearly one walks in the way, the more often will he be subjected to persecution. This is best seen in the life of Jesus. Again quoting McCracken, "He was so outspoken and inflammatory in His language, so uncompromising and unconventional in His behavior, that He was excommunicated, stoned, hunted from place to place in Palestine, and finally nailed to a gibbet as Public Enemy Number One." Jesus then reminds us, "If the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love its own; but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." Christianity is never an escape from, but an invitation to suffering.

Another reason why we may expect tribulation is because we are IN THE WORLD. "Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble." The temptations, the disappointments, the heartaches, the sor-

rows . . . death—as Christians we may expect to share in the common lot of man's experience. Our faith was never offered to us as a shield from this.

"Be of Good Cheer"

While Jesus was deeply concerned with the fact that we look life squarely in the face, He was equally as interested that we meet life with the right attitude. "Be of good cheer," He says. Our experiences in life are important. How one reacts to events is dependent upon what is within that one. Then how tremendously significant the injunction of Jesus, "Be of good cheer."

These words were often on the lips of Jesus. To the one sick of the palsy He said, "Son be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven thee." So the woman who had suffered a dreaded disease for 12 long years, and who in her desperation reached to touch but the hem of his garment, he said, "Daughter, be of good cheer; thy faith hath made thee whole." When the disciples were being tossed about on the turbulent sea, He said to them, "Be of good cheer, it is I; be not afraid." To Paul when his very life was at stake He whispered, "Be of good cheer." And now to the disciples just before His departure, and in the midst of their sorrow, He says, "Be of good cheer."

The Christian has his days of depression. In all honesty we must admit, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;" But the spirit of radiant optimism is the basic Christian attitude toward life.

Christ Is Our Assurance

But someone may say, This talk about "good

This is the third in a series of four messages on "Christ—Our All," being heard this month on eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

cheer" leaves me suspended in thin air. And well might that be the reply but for the next words of Jesus, "I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD." His victory is our assurance along the Way.

Jesus was saying in effect: I have suffered every form of temptation; I know the pangs of bitter disappointment; I have experienced the loneliness of desertion, when earthly friends and it seemed all of Heaven had turned their backs upon me; I have drunk of the cup of sorrow; I have walked through the valley of the shadow of death;—but in all of these I HAVE OVERCOME.

Andrew W. Blackwood relates this story: One morning during World War I a widow in England was watering her roses with her tears when a lad came with a telegram saying that her only son had been killed in France. Turning to the lad, who was waiting for a return message, she said, "There is no answer." And yet there is an answer, written not in words but in a sinless life and supremely on the cross. The best of human beings, the only One who has lived without sin, suffered more than any mortal can ever know. "My God, my God, Why?" "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

And now He appears to His disciples to say, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace, In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world."

Across the Editor's Desk

Copenhagen—1947

All reports the past week say definitely that the Baptist World Alliance will meet this summer in Copenhagen, Denmark — Providence permitting. The date is July 29 to August 3. Many difficulties stand in the way for American Baptists in the securing of shipping accommodations; but leaders point out that our European Baptist brethren have suffered many privations during the war and post-war years, and it would be far from fitting for American Baptists, comparatively in luxury, to seek cancellation of the meeting. Make your plans now, for next month may be too late to get a reservation.

Central College

Daily papers have carried stories in recent weeks that Central College trustees are endeavoring to secure the hospital area of Camp Robinson, near Little Rock, as a site for the college. The State Convention last November voted that the institution be moved from Conway to Little Rock.

The area under consideration reportedly is already improved with buildings and equipment to an extent permitting the college to

open, after few additional preparations, with accommodations for 1200 to 1500 students. It is only about six miles from the heart of Little Rock.

We shall look forward to official announcements from college and government authorities about the availability of this site. We hope the optimistic note of the newspaper stories becomes reality.

Ouachita College

Dr. Otto Whittington is a blessed soul. We cannot be around him without catching some of the great spirit that leads him onward in Kingdom service. He is now devoting his every moment to the Ouachita Campaign, and what a blessing his ability and his sincerity is proving to be to this campaign.

Reports indicate that success of the campaign is in sight. Most of the sought-for money has been pledged. Much money has already been paid. The Ouachita campus with its new buildings is evidencing results of the drive. Now is the time for all Arkansas Baptists—individuals, churches and institutions—to rally whole heartedly behind this enlargement program. Wouldn't it be wonderful to go over the top this year?

NOTES OF ADVANCE

First Church, Warren, celebrated the third anniversary of the pastorate of Paul Aiken February 2. Words of appreciation along with appropriate gifts, were given by representatives from the congregation. Some of the visible results revealed during the past three years include 232 additions to the church, \$108,660.31 contributed for all causes, \$51,000 added to the building fund, gifts to the Cooperative Program increased from \$1300 to \$3600, and the church budget increased from \$10,000 to \$26,000.50. The church plans to send the pastor to the Baptist World Alliance.

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The General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention has sent to the paper office a resolution expressing appreciation of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Campbell, who recently left the pastorate of First Church, Columbia, to accept work with First Church, Little Rock. The resolution says: "By his forceful preaching, efficient administration, and consecrated living, Dr. Campbell has led First Church, Columbia, in a phenomenal growth these six years, thus setting a worthy example for others to follow. By his wise counsel, spiritual earnestness, and patient steadfastness, he has projected his ideals and visions into the work of our State Convention, inspiring and challenging the adoption of an ever increasing and enlarging program. We commend Dr. and Mrs. Campbell most heartily to First Church, Little Rock, and to all Arkansas Baptists."

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President Ellis A. Fuller did the preaching for the annual student revival at Southern Seminary, Louisville, February 18-21. "The Real Issues in Preaching" was the theme of the series. Subjects were "The Salvation of a Sinner," "The Security of a Saint," "The Gain of Giving," and "The Power of Prayer."

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Pastor Bruce H. Price, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, writes concerning Rev. L. B. Snider, who has been elected to the superintendency of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage: "The announcement of the coming of Mr. Snider to the Orphanage is being well received by the denomination. I have known Bro. Snider since Seminary days at Louisville, Ky., in 1928, and I believe he is a worthy successor to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pugh who have served the home for a quarter of a century. Bro. Snider is prepared by experience and training to render the best of Christian service to Arkansas Baptists and orphan children. May we support him in his efforts."

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Arkansas gave \$46,658.15 to Southwide causes in January, according to the monthly report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of the total

amount, \$13,483.88 was given through the Cooperative Program and \$33,174.27 for designated causes. Southwide total was \$991,295.80.

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There were 12 candidates for baptism, eight additions by letter, and 11 other professions of faith to the White Settlement Church, Fort Worth, Tex., during a one week revival conducted by Pastor A. L. McDaniel, First Church, Mt. Ida. In addition, there were more than 30 definite rededications and two persons surrendered for special religious service. The White Settlement Church has received 562 members in 22 months, 234 of these for baptism. David C. Bandy is pastor.

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First Church, Brinkley, observed the third anniversary of the pastorate of Reese S. Howard February 2. During the three years there have been 188 additions to the church, more than half of which have been upon profession of faith and baptism. The church has built and paid cash for a dormitory at Siloam Springs. Improvements in the comfort of the church include addition of window fans, an electric water cooler, and extensive repairs to the heating system. Gifts to all causes have totaled \$34,126.41. A building fund has more than \$4,000, and it is expected that an additional educational building will be started this year.

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Batavia Church, Boone-Carroll Association, was organized February 2 with 14 charter members. The new church has purchased the house used by the Presbyterians which has been torn down and is being rebuilt. Seth Markley is superintendent of the Sunday School, and Miss Helen Boswell is secretary-treasurer. G. E. Lafferty is missionary of Boone-Carroll Association.

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One hundred people attended the first quarterly rally of the Benton County Association of WMU held at Pea Ridge Church in January. Words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. W. H. Mount, local WMU president; the devotional was given by Mrs. J. B. Maxwell, Bentonville; Mrs. Maude Brown spoke on "The One Foundation;" conferences were held with Mrs. M. R. Shalze, Mrs. A. L. Leake, and Mrs. W. T. Patterson, leading; and the afternoon was spent in reports and inspirational talks by Mrs. C. H. Ray and Mrs. J. E. Reed. Mrs. A. T. Agee was in charge of the program.

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Pastor J. G. Cothran, First Church, Arkadelphia, began a series of messages on "The Home and the Christian Family" February 2. The following subjects are being discussed: "Laying a Safe Foundation for the Family," "Wise Courtships and Safe Marriages," "The Romance of Parenthood," "Choosing a Sweetheart," "The Husband's Responsibility in Making the Home," "The Wife's Place in the Family Life," "The Son in the Home," "The Daughter and her Place in Building the Home," "How Shall You Face the Problems of Today?" "Present Day Problems and Perils of the Home," and "The Fine Art of Living, Loving, and Working Together."

Van Buren Dedicates Organ, Chimes, Bible

A new Hammond electric organ, a set of chimes, and a large Morocco bound pulpit Bible were dedicated at inspiring services at First Church, Van Buren, January 26. The congregation filled the main auditorium and the annex assembly room.

The Hammond organ was installed in November. Soon afterward Mr. and Mrs. Percy Boatright gave a set of chimes as a memorial to their son, Lieutenant Jack Boatright, who was killed in World War II. The pulpit Bible is a gift from Mrs. Myrtle Ward Hicks in memory of her mother, Julie Peters Ward, who died in December 1945 and her father, William James Ward, who died in December 1942.

Pastor T. H. Jordan closed the dedicatory service with these words:

"We dedicate this pulpit Bible, this organ, and these chimes to the holy service of our blessed Saviour, so that all who come to worship with heavy hearts may have their burdens lifted; that all who mourn may be comforted; that all who are weary and heavy laden may find rest; that all who are bound down with cares may come and cast all their cares upon Him who careth for them; that all who are filled with doubts may have their doubts dispelled; that all who are disheartened may be encouraged; that the friendless may come to know Jesus Christ, man's greatest Friend; that the homeless may come to find perfect shelter in the Rock of Ages; that all who are interested may be instructed in the way of the Lord more perfectly; that the fallen may be lifted up; that all the lost who come within these four walls may find Jesus Christ precious to their never dying souls. We dedicate them in the name of Him who loved us and died for us to be used for His praises, honor, and glory."

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The American Baptist Publication Society plans to feature Dr. John R. Sampey in an article in its Adult Class quarterly commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Uniform Lesson Committee, according to Miles W. Smith, editor of Adult Publications. Doctor Sampey was for many years chairman of the committee.

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At a little Indian Presbyterian church at Vamori, in the middle of the Arizona desert, a full-blooded Papago Indian has been ordained to the ministry. He is Joaquin Lopez, and he's the first Papago protestant minister. His religious life dates back more than 20 years when he started raising the social standards of his tribe, and once he built 20 miles of road by hand to bring Christianity to isolated tribesmen.

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PASTORAL CHANGES

H. D. Palmer from Black River Association
to Cain Creek Baptist Association,
Missouri.

Harrison Pike to Pisgah Church.

GOD'S PEOPLE MUST GO

Deepest Sympathy

The prayers and the heartfelt sympathies of the Baptist men of Arkansas and the Southland are with Mr. Lawson Cooke, whose devoted wife passed away recently. Mr. Cooke is the faithful and able secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

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At the present writing your State Brotherhood Secretary is engaged in a brotherhood revival at the Union Baptist Church in Liberty Association, where Bro. W. O. Miller is pastor. The men of the church are getting under the revival load in a fine way, and prospects are bright.

Union Baptist Church is one of the great full-time rural churches of our state.

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The First Baptist Church of El Dorado is working toward the establishment of mission Sunday Schools in those sections of the city that are without Baptist Sunday School facilities.

We thank God for churches everywhere which have a clear vision of a (local) field white unto harvest, and which are willing to reach out in every direction as far as possible with a personal ministry.


A local mission program will bring the blessings of God upon any church. It will enable the church to minister faithfully and fully to the local community. It will engender a true missionary spirit in the hearts of the members of the church. It will provide necessary outlets for the missionary urge which the Lord has planted in the heart of every Christian. It will help to start new churches in new areas.

We believe that Baptist people are getting a vision of the need of more Baptist churches in more places.

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Bro. Ernest Baker, pastor of First Church, Des Arc, is a man with a shepherd's heart. Bro. Baker is doing as much pastoral visitation as almost any pastor

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anywhere; and the visits which he is making among the people of Des Arc are being reflected in the spirit of his church, and in the response to the invitation to accept Christ as personal Saviour.

Happy indeed is that pastor who recognizes the opportunities and the blessings which constant going brings to his own life and to his church.

Happy also is the layman whose spiritual eyes are open to the value of going out in the local field to minister in the spirit of Christ to those in spiritual need. There is no question but that God wants every Christian to be a missionary where he lives. And being a missionary where one lives will keep one always busy in the greatest work of all.

There can never be enough organizational jobs in a church to put everybody to work. We must look in another direction entirely if we expect to keep church members busy. Many churches, especially large churches, are unable to find jobs for more than a small fraction of the membership. The result is that much of the membership is idle and backslidden. "No man hath hired me" is the tragic wail of the majority of our church members.

The plain fact is that the Lord has never intended for His people to be idle. There is plenty of work for all, but not alone in our organization. The work which the Lord expects us to do is to go as far as we can, in every direction, with a personal ministry to those in spiritual need.

We believe that the time is ripe for some church to take the lead in organizing its whole program around the command of Christ to go. And we believe also, that such a church, bringing all of its activities within the expressed will of the Saviour, will be able to demonstrate the blessings and power of the Risen Lord in a marvelous way!

The GOING of God's people will get the job done!

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WMU Members Will Join Southwide Forces in Great Soul-Winning Plans

News comes that Southern Baptists are engaging in a period of Southwide evangelistic emphasis during the months of April, May and June of this year. This movement is being led by C. E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism of the Home Mission Board and the Radio Commission under the direction of Dr. S. F. Lowe. The Baptist Hour is to spearhead the movement. All WMU members throughout our state will want to join in this great effort and give themselves whole-heartedly to soul-winning and support their churches and pastors in an all-out evangelistic effort during that period.

A tract "Southern Baptists Unite in Southwide Evangelistic Effort" is for free distribution from the Baptist Hour, Atlanta, Ga. Every WMS should order this tract at once and become familiar with the movement and the plan for carrying it forward.

January, February and March have been designated as "Preparation Months." If your missionary society is following the suggested calendar of activities for community missions found in the WMU Guide Book you are already making this preparation.

It is suggested that every missionary society observe a Day of Prayer for community missions which will be a time for commitment of self; a time for gaining a new vision of the lost and responsibility to those without Christ in the community; a time for making prayer plans both individual and united; that a survey be made to find the lost and unenlisted in the community, which is to be followed by a month of intensive visitation. This preparation period is essential before there can be a successful soul-winning effort. Let us not neglect this part.

"The call is for one million Baptists praying daily for a heaven-sent revival which will bless our Lord and this needy old world." Each one of us will want to be one of that million.

Baptist Honor Club—Tithers

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention's goal for new memberships in the Baptist Honor Club for the year is 25,000. Woman's Missionary Union's goal is one-

third the State goal, or 8,000 memberships. Will you be one of these and enlist another? If 25,000 memberships are secured and paid from January through December of 1947, Arkansas Baptists will have paid 100 per cent on the dollar of all their old debts. Women have always done their share. We must not fail now.

Woman's Missionary Union has another objective, that of enlisting 18,000 new tithers among the women and young people in the state and the careful recording of all former tithers. We have such a wonderful opportunity to be good stewards of our Lord in this present age.

Opportunities are entrusted to us as stewards of His. Taking advantage of these mean the enrichment of our lives. "Zaccheus sought to see Jesus, who He was," and his life was enriched beyond measure. "Try and see" . . . if the Lord will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out unnumbered blessings.

Be a member of the Honor Club and find a new one!

Tithe and secure a new one!

Free Pageant Available

"The Call of the Cross" is the title of a new pageant by Catherine Bryan and published by the Foreign Mission Board. It presents the Cross as a call to service, and the acceptance of the Cross, not as a measure of our suffering, but of how much we care. It offers anew to the heart—through the eye as well as the ear—the home and foreign missionary message of the Cross. Free copies are available from the Department of Literature and Exhibits, Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.

Program Material Mailed

Packages containing the program material for observance of the House Mission Season of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering have been sent to all WMU organizations. If you fail to receive your package within a reasonable length of time, write your State WMU office and a duplicate package will be sent. Order additional offering envelopes needed and begin now to make adequate preparation for the week's program, March 3-7.

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Dr. Warren Angell, Shawnee, Okla., Will Direct Youth Choir Festival April 4

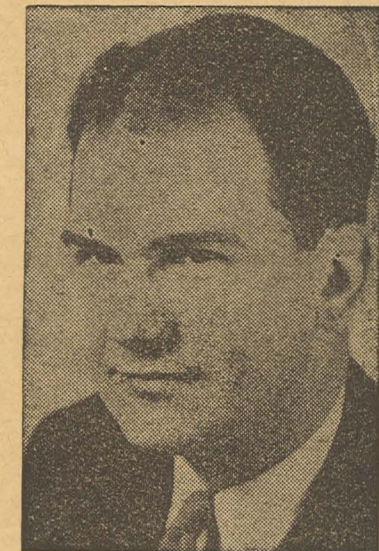
Dr. Warren Angell, dean of the College of Fine Arts at Oklahoma Baptist University, has accepted the invitation to be present and to direct the Youth Choir Festival which is to be held at Ouachita College, Friday, April 4.

This choral event is sponsored by the Religious Education Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Mrs. B. W. Nininger is state director of church music. Groups of singers of high school age from the Baptist churches all over the state will assemble for this festival. Each will sing one number of its own choice for adjudication by a committee of three choral specialists; all groups will join together for a program in the evening under Dr. Angell's direction.

Dr. Angell holds a Doctorate of Music Education from Columbia University, New York and has done outstanding work in the field of choral music. He was a member of Fred Waring's Glee Club for three years. In addition to his duties as head of the College of Fine Arts at Oklahoma Baptist University, he is minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., which has a church-wide program of choir training for every age-group.

Choral groups of six and more may register for the Festival; these may be girls' sextette, octette, boys' double quartette, mixed ensemble or choir of either soprano, alto and baritone or soprano, alto, tenor and bass. The affair will not be a contest in any sense of the word, but each group will be given constructive comment on their rendition from the adjudicators.

Choice of music for this part of the work is in the hands of the individual leaders. Music for the Festival program on Friday includes "Love Divine" (Prichard), "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" (Cain): "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (Cain) and "Benediction" (Lutkin). In addition there will be one number with which the group is not familiar to be studied during the rehearsal periods both morning and afternoon as a sight-reading project.



Dr. Angell

The full and complete schedule for rehearsals and all other necessary information concerning the Festival will be forwarded to choirs which register in the office of the music director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark.

State Winners—1947

Better Speakers' Tournament

First, second, and third place winners in the state Better Speakers' Tournament which was conducted at the State Training Union Convention at Pine Bluff, are as follows:

First place, Miss Jeanetta Moyer First Church, Little Rock, Pulaski County Association; second place, Miss Margaret Warren, First

Church, Arkadelphia, Red River Association; third place, Meredith Wilfong, Bethabara Church, Lake City, Mount Zion Association.

Intermediate Sword Drill

First place, Mr. Max Lee, Village Church, Liberty Association; second place, Miss Annette Carter, Second Church, Little Rock, Pulaski County Association; third place, Miss Theo Mae James, First Church, McGehee, Delta Association.

Junior Memory Drill

According to the rules for the Junior Memory Drill, all who completed the State Memory Drill contest with a perfect score were considered winners. The following twelve juniors were winners in this state drill:

Joanne Tedlock, Calvary Church, Blytheville, Mississippi County Association; Barbara Conrad, McGehee Church, Delta Association; Majorie Witherington, First Church, Camden, Liberty Association; Martha Anthony, Bear-den Church, Carey Association; Bill Fox, Calvary Church, Fort Smith, Concord Association; Marilyn Wright, Mt. Ida Church, Caddo River Association; Carey Veazey Selph, Mt. Ida Church, Caddo River Association; Carol Gates, First Church, Paragould, Greene County Association; Virginia Burris, First Church, Stuttgart, Centennial Association; Jerry Carter, First Church, Stuttgart, Centennial Association; Louise Barnett, First Church, Stuttgart, Centennial Association; Charles Steuder, First Church, Stuttgart, Centennial Association.

Study Course Awards, January, 1947

During January 1947, 1,002 study course awards were issued to the people of Arkansas as compared with 777 for January, 1946, and 429 for January, 1945. During 1946 there were 14,341 awards issued in Arkansas, and the goal this year is 15,000.

Figures to Inspire

February 9, 1947

Church	Adns.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia, First	4	31	228
Benton, First	3	508	119
Camden, First	—	505	126
Conway, First	1	427	98
Cullendale, First	—	270	81
El Dorado Churches:			
First	6	769	231

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Immanuel	—	257	1
Including Mission	—	283	1
Second	2	402	1
West Side	1	245	—
Fordyce, First	—	277	1
Fort Smith, First	2	907	3
Hot Springs Churches:			
Park Place	40	583	1
Second	2	434	1
Including Mission	—	484	—
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	1	414	1
Bellevue	—	43	—
Bidle	—	26	—
Calvary	—	129	—
Immanuel	2	903	2
Including Mission	7	1239	4
Jacksonville	6	169	—
Plainview	—	98	—
Shady Grove	—	37	—
South Highland	—	265	—
Woodlawn	—	91	—
Malvern, First	2	288	—
McGehee, First	—	409	10
Including Mission	—	449	—
Mena, First	—	268	—
Monticello, First	5	263	—
Norphlet, First	2	223	—
Paris, First	—	361	15
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	8	677	16
Including Mission	—	745	20
Matthews Memorial	—	93	6
Second	—	210	6
Springdale, First	—	278	13
Including Mission	—	336	—
Warren Churches:			
First	—	385	5
Immanuel	—	110	5
West Memphis, First	3	417	17

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The Good Shepherd Presents Himself as the Only Saviour

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Various metaphors are employed in God's Word to interpret the character and mission of Jesus. He is spoken of as "bread" and as "truth" and as "light." In today's lesson, however, Jesus presents Himself as the Good Shepherd and through the parable of the sheepfold interprets for us His saving concern for all the peoples of the world.

False Messiahs

Beginning with Verse 7, Jesus repeats the allegory found in the opening verses of the chapter "with more detail and with more directness of application" (Robertson).

He begins by declaring Himself to be the door of the sheep and warns His disciples against the claims of false messiahs — self-appointed leaders who make havoc of the flock. "Jesus, therefore, said unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them."

Jesus is the only valid door of access to the spiritual fold. There is no way of entrance into the kingdom of God except through Him (John 14:6).

Numerous imposters had appeared already and had made no little havoc among the "sheep." Others would appear: "There shall arrive false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead us astray, if possible, even the elect" (Matt. 24:23f).

There is no end to these false prophets: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves" (Matt. 7:15). These "wolves" grow fabulously rich by foisting their spiritual nostrums upon credulous sheep. Fortunate indeed are those who know the Shepherd's voice.

One cannot afford to accept the promises of every so-called spiritual leader. The content of religious thought must be examined

Sunday School Lesson

For February 23

John 10:7-18

so as to see if it corresponds to the teaching and life of Jesus.

The Only Way

In Verse 9, Jesus says "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and shall find pasture."

Here Jesus declares unequivocally that He is the only way and this is exactly as it must be if we are to accept Jesus as God's Son who came to earth for the salvation of the world. Jesus tells us that He was sent to the earth by the Father (John 5:23) and that through the hearing of His Word and faith in His person and mission man has eternal life "and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life" (John 5:24).

These claims of Jesus may be called narrow and intolerant and they are—as narrow and intolerant as truth.

Liberal dogmatists of today will not like these words of Jesus any more than the religious dogmatists of Jesus' day. But Peter tells us that "in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Acts 4:12), and Paul says that His name "is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things of heaven and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:10f).

The Good Shepherd

In Verses 11 and 14, Jesus portrays Himself as the "Good Shepherd" and justifies His statement in two respects.

First, He is the Good Shepherd because He lays down His life for His sheep (v. 11). He that is

an hireling does not do this. When the hireling beholds the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. Because he is an hireling he does not care for the sheep.

The Good Shepherd gives His life as a ransom for many. He places no value upon His own comfort and safety but risks everything on the altar of devotion to His flock.

In Verse 14, Jesus interprets the Good Shepherd as one who knows His sheep by name. They know His voice because they have experienced mental knowledge of Him as their own Shepherd. There is, therefore, in fellowship with Christ a mutually reciprocal knowledge and in this relationship lies the secret of the disciples' love and loyalty.

Jesus goes on to tell how a similar relationship exists between Him the Father: "I am the Good Shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father."

The Good Shepherd desires for His sheep the abundant life. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Jesus wants His children to enjoy the overplus of life.

One Flock—One Shepherd

One flock — one shepherd. In Verse 16, Jesus says, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd."

The world mission of Christ for all nations is the concept that lay

in the heart of the Father in the sending of His Son into the world. He gave Him for the whole human race—unto all who would receive Him as Saviour and Lord. Christ's mission embraced the whole world. He died for every man but man can receive the blessings of the atonement only in proportion as he yields himself to Christ as Saviour and Lord.

There may be many folds of the one flock (Robertson). The word "flock" is merely a metaphor for the Kingdom which is made up of the children of the Kingdom as they come from all climes and nations.

In Jesus Christ we find the one and only Great Shepherd of the sheep, and He is our Lord.

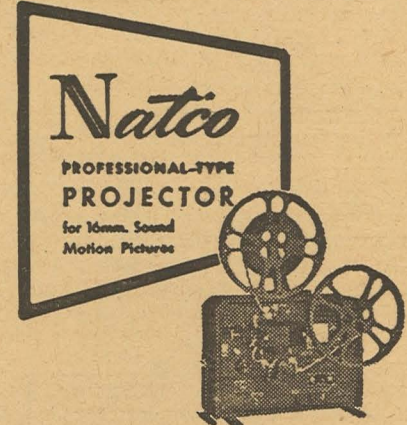
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Rev. M. L. Voyles is 86 years old. He is one of the most lovable characters in creation. He is one of the most godly men we have ever known. He lives at 1621 Battery Street, Little Rock. He is retired.

Brother Voyles has been one of our outstanding preachers. He was a great preacher when he was employed by the State Board. He conducted from eighteen to twenty-two revivals annually. These revivals were two weeks in length in nearly every instance. It has been said of him that he knows as much of the Bible from memory as anybody on earth. He is a real "Prince in Israel," and a mighty prophet in the kingdom of God.

If you knew Brother Voyles once upon a time, you will be glad to know that he is reasonably well.

Senator Arthur Capper has introduced a bill in Congress to submit a Constitutional amendment to the states calling for a uniform divorce law. It would bar hasty and child marriages, and permit divorce only for adultery, cruel and inhuman treatment, abandonment or non-support for one year, habitual drunkenness, incurable insanity or conviction for an infamous crime. Divorced persons would have to wait a full year for a decree to become final.

A two-year study of 413 textbooks used by highschools and colleges in the U. S. revealed that "the evangelical aspects of Protestantism are sometimes caricatured." Very little was given on the differences or likenesses of religious groups, or on the common concern of church groups with ethical or humanitarian developments. The study was made by the American Council on Education.

\$5.00 and \$ 6.00

We want to call attention to a strange item. The incident seems awfully lamentable. Here it is: we have just received a remittance from a church which sends \$5 for the Cooperative Program and \$6 for Ministerial Retirement. This particular church is giving more for the benefit of retired ministers than it is giving for the missionary efforts for the entire world. And, in addition to this, some money must come out of the \$5 to be used in paying the Convention's two per cent on the Retirement Plan. We are not minimizing the value and importance of the retirement program, but we are complaining that the great flow of material support for missions is considered by some churches to be less importance than the annuities that are to be given to our retired men. We must magnify the Cooperative Program more and more.

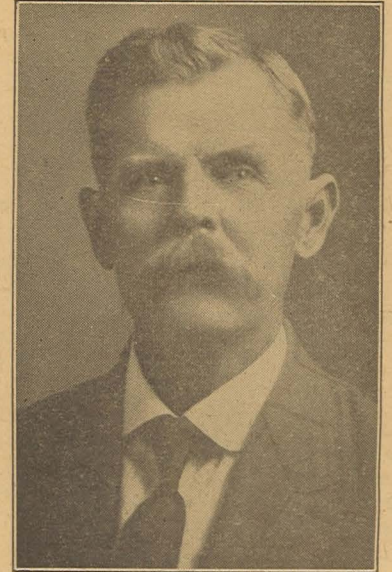
Dr. Wood in Retirement

Rev. Carroll D. Wood, of Dermott, has retired from the pastorate and is moving to the town of his boyhood days, Monticello.

Not all of our people know Brother Wood, because he spent several of his recent years in Louisiana. Most recently however he has been pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dermott. He has had a very splendid ministry. He was at one time pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. He is one of the most talented and gifted men that we have known. He was endowed with a charming voice and has been one of our finest soloists. He is an alumnus of both Ouachita College and the Southern Baptist Seminary. He has always been a scholar. He has been one of our very best preachers. Mrs. Wood has also been one of the most charming women and one of the most talented musicians.

Brother Wood will be happy to supply your pulpit when you need a good preacher. He will also be available for revival work. He is not retiring from the ministry; he is only retiring from the pastorate.

EIGHTY-SIX YEARS OLD



Rev. J. D. Faulkner is more than 86 years old. He has been preaching 66 years, and more. His service as a preacher has been given to Northeast Arkansas. He lives near Paragould. He has preached to many churches in that section of the state.

Brother Faulkner began his ministry early in life. His has been a lengthy and blessed life of service, and his service has given marvelous satisfaction. We can never know this side of heaven what his life and service have meant to the people to whom he has ministered.

Brother Faulkner, although 86 years of age marvelously retains his physical and mental and spiritual strength. He walks any where he wishes and a reasonable distance does not make him weary. He can discuss at length theological questions and there is never any mental variation or wandering. He is able in prayer, and is one of the most marvelous men we know. It is a benediction to any one to be associated with him for a while.

Last year Mrs. Faulkner crossed the river and Brother Faulkner lives with one of his sons, who is superintendent of the Sunday School in his home church.

QUARTERLY RECEIPTS FOR OUACHITA CAMPAIGN

Ouachita College Campaign Receipts October 6, 1946 to January 6, 1947, inclusive ----- \$54,537.17

Cash Disbursements

Remitted to Ouachita College Dormitory Building Committee -----	57,500.00	
Ouachita Campaign Expenses -----	4,314.60	61,814.60
Ouachita College Campaign Fund Balance January 6, 1947		619.11
Balance on hand January 6, 1947 (\$619.11) includes \$607.50 designated "Endowment."		