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# BAPTIST OFFICIAL STATE PAPER

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-H. Armstrong Roberts.

He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

# Dr. Walter Gilmore, Southern Baptist Treasurer and Publicist, Dies Suddenly

By PORTER ROUTH

Southern Baptists have suffered a great loss in the sudden death of Dr. Walter M. Gilmore, treasurer and publicity director for the Southern Baptist Convention, in Nashville on Thursday, December 19.

Dr. Gilmore was at his office as usual on Thursday. He made his customary stop on the way home at a neighborhood bakery, and suddenly felt sick. He was taken home, and died in a few minutes.

The veteran Baptist leader was born in Moore County, North Carolina, January 10, 1869. He was graduated from Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Seminary, and was ordained in 1892. He served pastorates in Brunswick, Marshallville, Eastman, and Atlanta in Georgia before returning to his native state in 1911 as pastor at Louisburg. He was pastor at Sanford from 1918 until 1923, when he was elected stewardship and mission secretary in North Carolina.

In July 1930, Dr. Gilmore was elected publicity director of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Since 1933. he has served as treasurer of the Executive Committee and the Southern Baptist Convention, and as recording secretary of the Executive Committee.

In connection with his work with the Executive Committee, Dr. Gilmore had been editor of the "Baptist Program," and the "Bulletin Service." He has served as an associate editor of the "Quarterly Review," survey blication distributed by the Baptist Sunday hool Board. He has been active in the life of the First Baptist Church in Nashville in both the Sunday School and Training Union.

Funeral services were held in Nashville Saturday afternoon with Dr. W. F. Powell, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. Austin Crouch, Dr. Duke



Dr. Gilmore

McCall, and Dr. J. E. Dillard assisting. Further services were held Monday afternoon at Dunn, N. C., where Dr. Gilmore was buried. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Estelle Gilmore, and a son, Walter.

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The Baptist Brotherhood of West Batesville Church has adopted a resolution expressing appreciation of Pastor S. A. Wiles, who is resigning to accept the position of associational missionary in Central Association. It says: "We are conscious of a genuine loss. Bro. Wiles has worked tirelessly and the cause of Christ has been advanced by his coming to us. We are happy to bear testimony to his able ministry and wholehearted consecration."

# THE NEW YEAR

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan

"When the fullness of the time was come."

A new year has just dawned. This year holds for us untold blessings, privileges, opportunities and graces. These are not conditioned upon God's willingness to give but upon our preparedness to receive. Therefore the richness and productiveness of the year just beginning, so far as our lives are concerned, depend upon us.

Our preparedness depends, in some measure, upon what we have done with the past years. The present is the complement of the past. If the past has been well lived, we stand on the threshold of the new year ready for whatever it holds in store for us. If we have wasted our time in the past, we are less prepared for the opportunities of the new year.

However, what we make of the new year will not depend wholly upon what we have done with the past years, because God is giving us a new chance. So what we do with the new year depends upon the firm resolves of the

It is possible for us to appraise the failures and successes of the past, and upon the basis of this appraisal we may begin the new year with greater courage and strength and faith. Such an appraisal might well encourage us to greater undertakings during the year ahead. If we have known God in past experiences, if we have felt His presence and experienced His grace, we may be sure of His continued blessings in response to our faith and prayers.

"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Gal. 4:4, 5.

Trinity Church, Lake Charles, La., where E. Butler Abington is pastor, oversubscribed its \$44,154 budget on Victory Day, December 8. After a month of teaching, preaching, and praying about tithing and stewardship, 779 members of the church signed financial agreement cards for 1947 for approximately \$60,-000. Three hundred eighty five tithers pledged \$43,125.57. Gerald Nelson, of First Church, Oak Cliff, Dallas, Tex., has accepted the call of Trinity Church to serve as music and educational director.

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# Across the Editor's Desk

The Home and The Church

# DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

By T. L. HOLCOMB

Executive Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board

The work of the Sunday School Board is primarily a ministry to the home and the church. These two institutions, home and church, are both divine in their origin, and each is essential to the perpetuity of society. They are mutually dependent. Neither can perform its full service to any individual without the other.

The global war has given these two Godordained institutions the severest test on the widest basis in the entire history of Christianity. Even in America where we were spared from the actual destruction and conflagration of marching armies and falling bombs, millions of people were for economic reason and patriotic demands transferred from one section of the country to another.

Thousands of our most active church members were away in the service. Automobile and other transportation facilities were limited. It was not possible to extend the hospitality in the home or church that otherwise would have been given.

These abnormal conditions have not passed. The housing situation is still most acute. Several thousand churches are ready to build or enlarge but materials are not available.

In the light of these conditions, the Sunday School Board is happy to present "Home Life," a Christian family magazine, the first issue to appear in January. We believe that this new magazine, edited by Dr. Joe W. Burton, will meet a need and render a service to our people that will prove very significant in the years to come.

It is our purpose and will be our constant effort to make "Home Life" one of the very best magazines of its kind published by any denomination in the world. Vital issues are involved: churches must depend upon the home; society cannot survive if the home fails; civilization is at stake.

We make bold, therefore, to urge our churches to provide this magazine for all families in the resident membership. "Home Life" should be included in the regular literature order for each quarter. The fact that this is a monthly publication provides a natural and logical opportunity for every church to visit all members who cannot or do not attend Sunday School.

It is impossible even to estimate the value of this monthly magazine with its rich contents, plus a personal visit to the home. This is our challenge.

# The New Year

A New Year dawns, and with it comes new opportunities. As the old calendar falls from the wall, we shove with it into the trash barrel the mistakes and misdeeds of yesteryear. We hang in its place a new calendar, bristling with 12 new months, 52 new weeks, 365 new days. And in this promise of future possibilities we build our hopes for better living and more ambitious accomplishments.

We tend, these days, to forget the traditional resolutions that characterized each January 1 in the days of our childhood. But in the place of this set of self-made rules, let us substitute a new attitude—a motivating force for all our deeds. Why not start by asking "Who's in trouble that I may help?," "To whom do I owe a letter?," "How long since I've telephoned a friend?" In short, "To whom can I be of service?" And while looking for ways to serve others, likely as not our own faults will be automatically corrected.

In 1947, let's think of the world as a unit, with the United States simply a part of that "one world." And let us think of ourselves simply as parts of the great world population, seeking to contribute to that world's harmony and peace rather than working so much for "me, myself and I" that we actually work against our fellowman. Unselfishness is the world's need, and that aim must start with each of us. Jesus' word for it was "love," and it still remains the only panacea for the world's ills.

# **Baptist Radio**

The State Convention's Radio Commission has announced a series of 15-minute gospel broadcasts for 11 Arkansas stations every Sunday in 1947. Details are printed on page seven of this issue. All indications are that the new series, carefully planned now a year ahead, will serve a vital ministry to the state's thousands who never attend church services.

Several things about the new series are of interest. It will be heard on all participating stations on Sundays, rather than on varied weekdays as heretofore. It will be heard every Sunday in 1947, making possible the "building" of an audience. The use of the same speaker on four consecutive programs also will build for interest appeal and allow directed preaching on vital themes. Use of the same musical group throughout the year will help further "hold" an audience.

Check the the list of stations carrying this broadcast, and listen to it. Tell your friends and neighbors. Let us reach a maximum audience with this gospel message broadcast into the homes of all the people. The new series starts this coming Sunday, January 5.

# Ready for Service

The newly organized Baptist church at Concord, Calif., had just moved into a new building, but could not find anyone to install the baptistry.

On the first Sunday of a revival a contractor, Frank Ashlock, was converted and joined the church.

During the week, Mr. Ashlock installed the baptistry.

On the following Sunday, Mr. Ashlock and his family were baptized.

# ARKANSAS BAPTIST GAINS

Baptisms		<b>1945</b> 9,539	<b>1946</b> 9,94	1		Gain 402	
Present Membership		181,060	185,12	8		4,068	
Sunday School Enrollment		113,356	123,97	4		10,618	
Training Union Enrollment		33,278	39,50	7		6,229	
WMU Membership	-	17,506	19,31	0		1,804	
Total Property Value	_\$8	3,307,796	\$ 9,603,32	4	\$1	,295,528	
Total Pastors' Salaries	_\$	795,554	\$ 878,19	8	\$	82,644	
Total Local Work	_\$2	2,713,034	\$ 3,235,17	3	\$	522,139	
 Total Local Missions and Associational Missions	_\$	70,380	\$ 3 104,61	4	\$	34,234	
Cooperative Program	_\$	302,131	\$ 346,21	6	\$	44,085	
Total to All Missions	_\$	601,070	\$ 823,41	7	\$	222,347	
Grand Total Gifts	_\$3	3,314,104	\$ 34,058,59	0	\$	744,486	

The above figures, for the associational year October 1, 1945, to September 20, 1946, are released by Taylor Stanfill, recording secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

First Church, Joiner, held the first services in its new building on December 22. Work is now beginning on a new home for the pastor.

Evangelist T. O. Voyles, Route 1, Box 149, Benton, will have open dates for revival meetings and supply work after January 15. He has equipment for open air meetings and will go to any church regardless of size or will hold independent meetings.

First Church, Norphlet, Loyal Prior, pastor, had Dr. Otto Whitington, director of the Ouachita College Campaign, as speaker for the evening service December 15. An offering totalling \$1,612.75 was taken for the college.

First Church, Greenwood, won three laurels at the Concord Associational Training Union Rally held at Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, in December. First, the church won the attendance banner; second, Miss Jackie Winford won the Better Speakers contest; and third, Pastor George Hink was elected associational Training Union director.

J. W. Shields, pastor of three churches in Big Creek Association, reports that Mt. Zion had an average attendance of 65 in November and gave \$4.75 to Cooperative Program and \$3.75 to associational missions. Gum Springs Church averaged 40 in attendance at Sunday School in November, gave \$4.87 to Cooperative Program and \$1.87 to associational missions. Shady Grove Church averaged 25 in attendance, gave \$1.87 to Cooperative Program and \$1.87 to associational missions.

First Church, West Helena, counted about 30 decisions in a recent revival in which Pastor C. H. Franks, Columbia Church, Falls Church, Va., did the preaching. Singer Frank Adams, First Church, Little Rock, directed the music. D. D. Smothers is pastor.

Despite the fact that First Church, Little Rock, has been pastorless for three months, there have been 80 additions, 27 for baptism. The pulpit has been filled by the following denominational leaders: E. D. Head, Roland Q. Leavell, J. W. Marshall, John Caylor, Alfred Carpenter, M. F. Swilley, Jr., and A. B. White. The amount of the church's income

# PASTORAL CHANGES

G. H. Ussery from position as associational missionary to Perryville Church.

S. A. Wiles from West Batesville Church to Central Association as missionary.

Robert W. Johnson to First Church, Cara-

Bob McPherson to New Bethel Church, Dumas, and Yorktown Church.

W. T. Craton to Shady Grove Church, Pulaski County Association.

Dan Berry to Dayton Church, Buckner Association

L. I. Gilliam from Dayton and Ione Churches, Buckner Association, to Rye Hill Church, Concord Association.

to be given to missions and outside causes during 1947 has been increased to 39 per cent of the total budget.

Ninth and "O" Streets Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., had 150 additions, 110 for baptism, in revival services with Dr. Slater A. Murphy, pastor Highland Heights Church, Memphis, doing the preaching. M. D. Morton is pastor.

Calvary Church, Muskogee, Okla., Ford F. Gauntt, pastor, stands third in that state in receiving Sunday School awards. In proportion to membership the church is first. Pastor Gauntt formerly served in Arkansas.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was speaker in a memorial service for victims of the Winecoff Hotel fire, held in the Atlanta City Auditorium, December 15.

The Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association has adopted a resolution expressing appreciation to Mrs. Ruth Nininger, state music secretary, and Miss Jean Prince, student in the Training School at Louisville, who conducted an associational school of music re-cently. The resolution says: "Not only did Mrs. Nininger give us valuable training and instruction in her chosen field of service, but she gave us a new vision of the part music plays in all phases of church activity. In many instances a determination to initiate a churchwide music program was brought about, and an effort will be made to magnify music in all of our associational work. It is hoped that a quarterly "hymn-sing" will come as a result of the enthusiasm generated in this school."

# McLelland Declines

Rev. J. F. McLelland, who was elected early in December by the State Convention Executive Board to serve as superintendent of rural missions for Arkansas, has declined the position. It is judged that the State Missions Committee of the Executive Board will begin immediately seeking someone else for the position as head of the ambitious new state mission program of the denomination. The next meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee of the Executive Board will be held January 16.

West Side Church, El Dorado, had 28 additions, 18 for baptism, in revival services in which Pastor C. A. Johnson was assisted by Missionary Ottis Denny, Hope Association, and Singer Frank Adams, Little Rock. There was special organized visitation from house to house every day and prayer meetings for the lost each evening.

Dr. H. H. Hargrove, pastor of Coggin Avenue Church, Brownwood, Tex., preached in a revival at Howard Payne College. There were aproximately 200 decisions with 18 professions of faith.

Des Arc Church has had six baptismal services since Pastor Ernest Baker came on the field in September. There are decisions at almost every service of the church. Fourteen people were baptized the first three Sundays of December.

First Church, Paris, Tex., celebrated the first anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. L. Boyd Reavis in December. All previous records were broken with 1125 people attending the Sunday School on anniversary Sunday. During the year, 475 persons have been added to the church, 101 of these for baptism. More than \$60,000 was received in offerings.

Rev. J. O. Young, has gone to the pastorate of First Church, Piggott, after serving First Church, Augusta, for three years and eight months. The church experienced steady growth under his leadership and there were more than 80 additions during the past year.

# R. O. Barker, Well-Known Pastor, Named State Sunday School Superintendent

By EDGAR WILLIAMSON

We are happy to announce that, beginning January 1, Rev. R. O. Barker will serve in the Religious Education Department as State Associational Sunday School Superintendent. Brother Barker will give his entire time to promoting all phases of our Sunday School work. He will work directly with and through the associational Sunday School organizations.

Brother Barker is well prepared and equipped for this type of work. He is a graduate of the Southwestern Theological Seminary. He has pastored several of our Arkansas churches. While pastor of the First Church, North Little Rock, he served as associational moderator, was a member of the Executive Board and served as chairman of the board of trustees for the State Hospital. He has made several tours with the department director in the interest of Sunday School work. He has served in several enlargement campaigns, both in and out of the state, and while pastor of the First Church, North Little Rock, led that Sunday School to receive the award for an advanced standard Sunday School.

Anyone desiring to contact Brother Barker may write him at 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.



Superintendent Barker

# A New Year's Message . . .

# THINGS WORTH KEEPING

A little boy was preparing for his afternoon nap while his mother was cleaning out his play room. The boy had difficulty in getting ready for bed because he was pleading for every piece of string, bottle, block and broken toy. But his mother said that only a few things were worth keeping, the remainder must be thrown away.

In the realm of the spirit there are times when we must cast aside some things because we become too entangled and enmeshed with worthless things and neglect the more important, to our own detriment.

#### A World Made New

New Year's is the natural time to balance the books of life, to take a look at ourselves, to make new resolutions, to cast off all bad habits, to start afresh. Take a look at your habits, a look at yourself to see if you are getting into slovenly thinking and habits and actions. The radio tells us many times a day how very necessary it is to check up on our tires, batteries, and spark plugs; and that ought to suggest to us that it is also essential that we check up on our ideas, our habits, our attitudes to see that they also are in good condition these days. Keep in mind Susan Coolidge's lines: "Every day is a fresh beginning, Every morn is the world made new; You who are weary of sorrow and sinning; Here is a wonderful hope for you, A hope for me and a hope for you."

So, by tradition, every year is the world made new. Every New Year's, it is our national habit to take an inventory of ourselves, our homes, our churches, our businesses, our attitudes, so that we may make a new beginning with the New Year.

As we are thinking of making a new start we find that we have neglected some of the more important things for mere trivialities. We must keep some things central in our lives and let all else fall into its place of relative importance to the things of supreme value.

May we center our meditation upon things worth keeping. To determine what those few things are that are of supreme value and that one must keep at all costs, requires a keen sense of discernment.

#### The Kingdom of God

What one keeps will be determined by one's background, ideals, motives, and desires. The norm of real values is set by heavenly standards. Therefore if we are to keep those things that are of supreme importance according to the divine evalution, may we earnestly consider the following: To give the preeminence in our lives to the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It was He who said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." The first interest of your heart should be to know Him as your personal Saviour. Then to follow the leading of your divine Lord, who is deeply concerned about your best interests.

Man is prone to place his primary emphasis upon things rather than upon God. Christ gives us a picture of this man in the twelfth chapter of Luke in the parable of the rich fool, who pulled down his barns and built greater to hoard his stuff, saying, "Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat drink, and be merry." He treasured material things more than everything else and finally lost all. That man who

Arkansas Baptist Hour Address

By T. K. Rucker

First Church, Malvern

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trades his soul off for the world will lose both his soul and the world.

#### The Word of God

Again we would mention that which is worth keeping, the word once delivered unto the Saints, the inspired word of God. It is the means of our salvation. Quoting the apostle Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." It is the best shield a Christian has against sin. This fact is clearly stated in Psalm 119: 11, "thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." It is the only wise and safe guide to our faith and practice in the things of God. Paul in writing to the young preacher Timothy in the third chapter verses 16 and 17 wrote, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

#### The Lord's Day

Another thing of supreme importance that is worth keeping is "The Lord's Day." When we cease keeping the Lord's Day holy, it is a revelation. It is a revelation that that individual, home, community or nation does not hold in reverence the Holy God of Heaven. The loss of resepct for the Lord's Day reveals a spiritual degeneration in that life. The loss of respect for the Lord's Day reginning of the end. That one who looks lightly upon God's day will look lightly upon God.

The Lord sets forth only three things that should be done on the first day of the week. All that men do that does not fall under one of these three heads are man-made, and therefore are a sin and strike a severe blow at God and the stability of one's spiritual life. The permissible things are: the worship of God in His house with His people, the rest of body and mind from man's labor, and acts of mercy.

### Sanctity of the Home

We consider worth keeping with the greatest of diligence during the coming year the sanctity of the Home. Oh what tragedy has and is coming to the homes of our fair land because of the moral breakdown at this point. The heart of companions, the blight upon the lives of children, the moral collapse of society, the undermining of the church, the reproach upon the name of Christ and His cause and the wrecking of one's life.

One eventful morning Elizabeth Barrett Browning suddenly left her beloved husband's side, ran out of the breakfast room, and in a few minutes entered Robert Browning's work-room where he was settled for his morning's writing stint. She slipped up behind her husband and jabbed a roll of manuscript into his wide pocket, saying to him, "Please read this poem and see if you don't like it, tear it up and burn it."

Then, blushing with girlish modesty, she fled back upstairs while Robert Browning sat down to read it. As he read that poem which his wife had written, his face flushed with warm happiness. The blood began to course through his veins like a millrace or a stream in the spring floods. He arose from his chair, went to the window, watched two birds nesting in a tree above his study, and walked around the room with a great surge of love in his heart and a feeling that he had discovered one of the greatest love poems that had ever been written by a woman. He could hardly believe what he had just read; those exquisite lines were so stately, sincere, and impelling, so tender and yet so almost and audaciously self-revealing.

In one of those beautiful sonnets from the Portuguese, immortal as among the most beautiful love poems ever written by a woman to her lover, are these lines: "The face of all the world is changed, I think since first I heard the footsteps of thy soul."

This experience should be true of every one of us because we have met a great personality in life. The majority of honest, sincere husbands could say that if they would: that the face of all the world has changed since first they heard the footsteps of the soul of the woman they loved. And honest, everyday American wives could say the same thing.

#### Worth of the Soul

Another treasure that we must keep uppermost in our minds is the worth of a soul. Germany forgot it and sacrificed her youth and nation. The individual was worthless except as it glorified the state. They reversed the divine order and when they did, they sacrificed the youth and the nation upon the pier of worldly ambition, greed, and conquest. Jesus reminds us at this point of the worth of a soul when He said, "What is it profited a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

### The New Testament Church

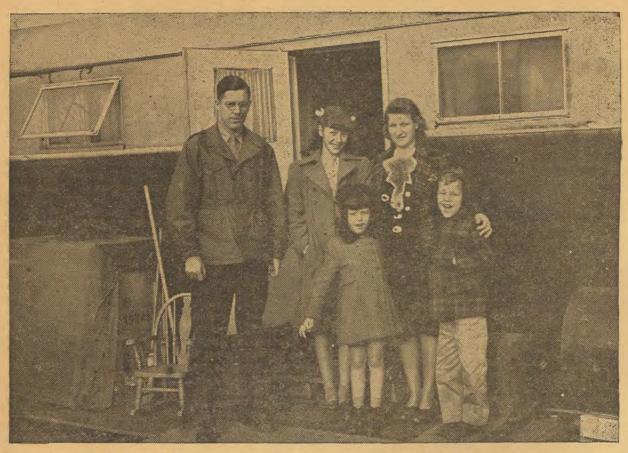
And finally would I call your attention to that which we must keep, and that is the New Testament Church fulfilling its divine mission of teaching, healing and evangelizing the peoples of the world.

#### How Keep These?

Some things we keep because of their intrinsic value, others we keep because of sentiment attached to them, and still others we keep because they are useful. These six things of supreme value just mentioned meet not one but all three tests of why we should keep anything.

Some things we keep by placing them in a safe place of deposit, others are kept by obedience to divine law. We will keep these values of surpassing importance by possessing an unwavering faith in our God and His divine purposes for them. By our moral char-

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Rev. and Mrs. Claude J. Williams and their three children shown at the door of their trailer-home, in the rear of a filling station at 3701 Lexington Road in Louisville. Rev. Williams is a student at Southern Seminary.

# Would You Want Your Pastor to Live in a TRAILER?

No! You want your pastor to have adequate living quarters that he may be at his best for the great work to which God has called him.

But here is somebody's pastor living in a trailer — and at a most vital time in his ministry — his Seminary days.

This family is one of many like it at Southern Seminary. No less than 285 student families are at this time living off campus because there is no room for them at the Seminary! Many of them are living in trailers or in squalid attic or basement apartments, at great inconvenience, expense, and, frequently, at the peril of their health.

Now that Southern Baptists know the need, we believe many will want to have a part in solving our No. 1 problem — that of providing living quarters for our large student body. Where could you expect to receive greater returns on spiritual investments?

Mail your check today to: Apartment Building Fund, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Attention: Ellis A. Fuller, President, Louisville 6, Kentucky.

# Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

LOUISVILLE, KY. . . . DR. ELLIS A. FULLER, PRESIDENT

# Baptist Radio Message Will Be Heard On 11 Stations Every Sunday of 1947

The message of Arkansas Baptists will be heard on 11 Arkansas stations every Sunday in 1947 in an enlarged ministry by the Radio Commission of the State Convention, B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs pastor and chairman of the radio work, announced.

Chairman Duncan announced that the weekly program will be of quarter-hour length, and continuity will feature a message by some outstanding pastor and music by a special mixed group known as the Arkansas Baptist Quartette. Each of 13 speakers to be heard during the year will bring messages on four consecutive programs, the purpose being that each speaker thus will be able to lead his listeners into a series of thoughts on a general theme.

Music throughout the year will be by the special quartette, under direction of C. E. Mc-Means, music professor at North Little Rock High School and choir director at Second Church in Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. McMeans and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Buice are the quartette's personnel, and Mrs. Henry C. Harris presides at the organ to accompany the singers and furnish background music.

Other speakers announced for the series, in addition to Mr. Pierce, are Pastor S. A. Whitlow, Hope; Pastor Minor E. Cole, Forrest

City; Pastor Douglass White, DeWitt; Pastor Wilford Lee, Crossett, and Pastor C. Z. Holland, Jonesboro. Program for the last half year will be announced later.

The Commission feels exceedingly fortunate in being able to schedule Sunday on all stations carrying the program. This is a decided improvement over the former schedules which were scattered throughout the week. Check the schedule below, and make a regular habit of hearing the program each week over the station serving your areas. All times are for Sunday, beginning January 5.

KFFA, Helena—7:45 a. m.
KLCN, Blytheville—8:00 a. m.
KCLA, Pine Bluff—8:30 a. m.
KHOZ, Harrison—8:30 a. m.
KTFS, Texarkana—8:45 a. m.
KARK, Little Rock—10:30 a. m.
KELD, El Dorado—12:15 p. m.
KWFC, Hot Springs—1:30 p. m.
KFPW, Fort Smith—1:45 p. m.
KGHI, Little Rock—2:45 p. m.
KUOA, Siloam Springs—4:15 p. m.

Programs originate in the studios of KARK in the Radio Center Building, Little Rock. All broadcasts are by transcription.

# SPEAKER



Pastor A. B. Pierce of First Church, Pine Bluff, will be opening speaker on the new series, and will bring messages each Sunday in January on the second chapter of Ephesians, "the alpha and omega of God's redemptive plan." His series promises to be evangelistic to the unsaved and spiritual nourishment to the saved.

# Things Worth Keeping

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acter expressing itself in daily living that we may be able to say with the apostle Paul, "For me to live is Christ" or a more free translation is, "For me to live is for Christ to live over again." Oh, that we might so live that the world would take knowledge of us that we had been with Jesus.

We can keep these treasures of supreme value by keeping our motives pure and upon the highest level. Our motives furnish the driving power for our actions. The highest motives find their origin in love. The kind of love that will go to Gethsemanae, to Calvary, or get in the ditch and help the victim if you do get dirty or if you are late to your appointment. Such love expresses itself in human interest, understanding, a fellow feeling and the utmost effort to share with the less fortunate

We must be a good steward if we are to keep the treasures of divine trust. The life that I now live is a trust. My time, 24 hours of each day, belongs to God. My talents are a gift of God, my possessions too are a trust from the Lord. As a trustee over these things I must give an account of my stewardship one day. I must keep these things as He committed them to me and in my day of accounting be able to show an increase in His Kingdom because of the wise use of that which He committed to me.

#### Being Found Faithful

Henry Ford tells this story which he picked up in Kentucky. A farmer gave each of his several sons a jackknife, to see what he would do with it. To a son who used his knife wisely, he gave a calf. If the calf was used wisely, the son received a horse. If he took proper care of the horse, the father gave that son a farm with implements and stock.

This farmer simply wanted to know what use his sons would make of what he gave them. He knew that a farm could be wasted and dissipated as easily as a horse, a calf, or a knife, and he would let the knife first indicate what a son might possibly do with the farm. He was a wise father. And so our heavenly Father requires in us that we be found faithful to His trust to us.

I beg you each and all now without further delay to commit yourselves to Him and to the supremely worthful things and keep them at all costs. Happiness and security are yours. Peace and pardon are found in keeping them. Man's deepest longings can never be satisfied outside of the divinely ordained means to provide them.

May I repeat again in closing the six things worth keeping: Give preeminence in our lives to the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; the Word once delivered to the Saints; the Lord's Day; the sanctity of the home; the worth of a soul; and the New Testament Church. Such things of lasting value will not be found in the rubbish heap of the world's junk yard of material things, but in knowing Jesus Christ as Saviour and living in conformity to His divine and sovereign will.

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First Church, Poteau, Okla., where Arkansan Jim Kincannon, Jr., is pastor has recently installed chimes and a loud speaker system which may be heard for four miles. Pastor Kincannon, believing that the three year old nursery children should be taught to worship rather than play on Sunday mornings, has arranged for a loud speaker in their room and the three year old children line up their chairs and listen. They hear all the music and the sermon, and Pastor Kincannon reports that it is wonderful the way they react to it. The cost is less than \$75.

# Booneville Booms Mount Magazine For Assembly Site

The Booneville Chamber of Commerce has named a special committee to invite Southern Baptists to locate a new Southwide Assembly on Mount Magazine, 14 miles east of Booneville and approximately 110 miles west of Little Rock on the Rock Island Railroad.

Action of the Booneville Chamber comes following announcement from the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., that a second assembly, similar to the one at Ridgecrest, would be located west of the Mississippi River. It is understood that Pastor W. W. Grafton of Booneville and Rev. Taylor Stanfill of Little Rock have led in promotion of the Mount Magazine site.

Recent newspaper accounts state unofficially that a special committee of the Southwide Executive Committee has tentatively selected Paisano, Tex., for the new Southwide Assembly, but they also plan to recommend that if the Texas site is selected a third assembly be established somewhere in the Ozarks. The Booneville site is felt sure to gain favorable consideration.

John Hampton, president of the Chamber of Commerce, named a committee of five to investigate the Mount Magazine site anl carry that proposal to the Southern Baptist Committee. Committee members are Loyd Fulmer, chairman, Rev. W. W. Grafton, Dr. J. D. Riley, H. G. Moore, and H. B. Griffey.

The Mount Magazine site is one of the greatest potential recreational areas in the mid-west. The mountain is said to be the highest peak anywhere in the Mississippi valley, and recent government developments, including two lakes on the site of the mountain and one at the foot, add much to its natural beauty. The mountain lies between Highways 10 and 22 and is on the Rock Island Railroad.

# 5#4 Song of the Month

By RUTH NININGER Lead On, O King Eternal

ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF - HENRY SMART

Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home;
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle-song.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;
For not with sword's loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
We journey in it's light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

Facing the New Year, all Christians could well make the message of this song their own realizing that only as we follow the leadership of the King of Kings, will life be abundant and glorious.

It is natural that this hymn has an unusual appeal to young people—for it was written by a young minister upon his graduation from the Andover Theological Seminary and was sung during the graduation exercises by the entire group of zealous Christian preachers, each grateful for the prospect of "fields of conquest" after long "days of preparation."

Characterized by a noticeable martial air but without a militaristic note such as is found in "Onward, Christian Soldiers," this hymn sets forth the same great truth of the futility of "sword's loud clashing" and expresses sublime courage and glorious optimism as youth faces the future. How typical of the present day!

The hymn as a whole sings a very hearty belief that the forces of enlightenment, justice, and good-will are moving forward and that there is a steady advance of God's Kingdom on earth. It sings a whole-hearted committal of mind, soul and body to the guidance of Jesus Christ. The words have the poetic flow and fervor of a true hymn.

It is interesting to note that this tune was originally composed by Henry Smart for the great poem, "From Greenland's Icy Mountain." It has a daring melody and forward movement eminently fitted for such marching words. It has quickness and vigor enough to make instant appeal to youth, and with them—a rare combination—genuine dignity and melodic surety.

In order to render this hymn in the finest manner, the congregation should be led to sing the first stanza with boldness and resolve. The second stanza should grow softer and softer through "and holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace," continuing thoughtfully and quietly as in the spirit of "deeds of love and mercy." The third stanza is full of glowing pictures, calling for marked movement, brilliance and increasing volume of tone, with the ringing utterance of such phrases as "gladness breaks like morning," "Thy cross is lifted," and "the crown awaits the conquest."

Let this be our theme-song for the New Year! "Lead on, O King Eternal."

# El Dorado Emphasis On Youth Successful

By SAM C. REEVES, Pastor First Church, El Dorado

Our church has recently conducted one or the most successful youth weeks in the history of this church. We used a team of five young people from Mississippi College, composed of three young men and two young women. These young people won the hearts and respect of our young people in a way I have not seen evidenced at any other time or place in my ministry. During the week there were 28 additions with 14 coming for baptism. There were two definite decisions for full time Christian service.

Our church has had 14 fine young people in the past two years to decide for definite Christian service. The War Memorial set up for our church in memory of our dead in World War II provides for a loan fund to worthy young people in our church desiring aid in the matter of preparing themselves for definite Christian service.

This youth week and revival saw big crowds of our young people and adults at the church early each morning before school hours and late at night after the preaching service for conferences on Christian life problems.

I can recommend this team to the brethren in Arkansas. It is my opinion that all of our Baptist schools, even our own Ouachita have similar groups of fine young Christian people who can do a great service for the young people in our churches. We will be wise to use them. Our team was composed of Charles A. Ray, Jack Glaze, Wayne Coleman, Miss Annelle Horne, and Miss Jean Furr.

Mrs. Viola P. Walters, 69, North Little Rock, who had been a faithful member of Baptist churches for more than half a century, died at Baptist State Hospital, December 16.

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# Preacher-Scientist Coming to Arkansas

Dr. Harry Rimmer, widely known as one of the great preacher-scientists of the world, will be in Little Rock January 19-26 for a series of addresses at Immanuel Church. Reports from over the state indicate that many churches will be represented by large groups motoring to Little Rock to hear one or more of the messages.

Dr. Rimmer, now president of the Research Science Bureau of New York, has done more



than perhaps any other individual to refute the old idea that science and the scriptures disagree. One of his books, "The Harmony of Science and Scripture," answers directly the atheistic contention. Others among his more than 20 published books are "The Theory of Science and the Fact of Scripture," "The Prayer Perfect," and "The Internal Evidence of Inspiration."

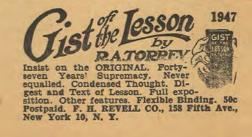
For many years he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Duluth, Minn. He has conducted five field expeditions in archeology, and is a fellow in the American Geographic Society. His lectures have been welcomed in colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Pastor W. O. Vaught at Immanuel Church said that the public is invited to the services. He will speak at both Sunday preaching hours on Sundays, January 19 and 26, and each night, Monday through Friday, January 20-24, at 7:30 p. m. He also will be heard in many Little Rock civic clubs during the week.

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# **Baptist Layman Wins Palmer Contest** For Best Plan Fostering Golden Rule

Prof. Frank E. Burkhalter, outstanding Baptist layman of Waco, Texas, and for many years professor of journalism at Baylor University, has been announced as winner of the \$1000 first prize in a contest sponsored by the Palmer Foundation on methods of fostering the principle of the Golden Rule.

Mr. Burkhalter, under whose tutelage the Arkansas Baptist editor earned his journalism degree at Baylor, first learned of the contest from an APO edition of the Arkansas Baptist while he was teaching last year in an armysponsored university at Biarritz, France.

The Palmer Foundation contest was conducted by C. E. Palmer, Southwest Arkansas newspaper publisher and philanthropist, to best set out a plan for work of the new Foundation dedicated to promotion of the Golden Rule and world peace.

#### The Winning Plan

In his plan, Burkhalter outlines a program for promoting the work of the Palmer Foundation through the schools, utilization of the nation's press and radio, presentation of screen dramas and other motion picture films, awarding of literary prizes, publication of school readers similar to the McGuffey readers, and the presentation of prizes in various

Burkhalter introduced his plan by saying:

"Educating the people of America in the principles of the Golden Rule is an undertaking as stupendous as it is commendable. Its accomplishment will require a careful approach to the problem from every available avenue. This varied approach is the more necessary in a democracy, such as the United States, than in a totalitarian nation since we cannot devise and enforce such a program. The American people must be left free to accept or reject such education of this type as is offered them, no matter who the sponsors

"No single agency can possibly reach all the people. Nor could all of the people be enlisted in a favorable response, granted that all of them could be reached through one channel. Consequently, the foundation must consider the possibility of using as opportunity affords, not only the public schools, which probably afford the most fertile single field of operation, but the home, the church, the press, the radio, and the motion picture as supplementary agencies of education and enlist-. The primary planks in a platform for making the world over again, in order to prevent future wars, and to guarantee to all peoples everywhere the fundamental freedoms. security, and a reasonable plenty of material goods, include increased literacy for everybody and the elimination of prejudice, intolerance and hatred, and the suppression of greed."

### **Movement Commended**

Movements such as the Palmer Foundation can lay the foundation for still greater achievements, Burkhalter said in commending Mr. Palmer for setting up the organization. "Probably from the inspiration of what this will accomplish other funds will be forthcoming to expand this particular effort, and eventually America could give the world a splendid example of the application of the principle of the Golden Rule to everyday life. If that could be done, it would put America in a position to wield a tremendous influence in behalf of good will among nations and thereby pave the way for permanent world

He said from his observations in Europe he believes it would be a tremendous task to change the thinking of all nations to embrace the principle of the Golden Rule in their national and international affairs, but that with much work such an objective might be realized.

"If we could get the leaders of all nations thoroughly committed to the Golden Rule and if they were willing for the nations to follow the principle of the Golden Rule instead of the principle of self-aggrandizement, it would be simple to bring about world peace." Burkhalter said. "I sincerely believe that if all professing Christians throughout the world would work through united prayer and concerted efforts we could have world peace."

#### Arkansan Places Second

Charles M. Reinoehl, emeritus professor of education at the University of Arkansas, will receive a second award of \$500.

Reinoehl's plan, aimed at establishing a predisposition to act and habit of acting in accord with the Golden Rule, is applied to school children. His program would be carried out through courses of study, scheduled periods of study, discussion periods, extracurricular activities including clubs, recreation projects visual education and community activities; and the employment of a system of evaluation with suitable recognition of prog-

"Our American schools offer many excellent opportunities for teaching children to think and act in accord with Golden Rule principles," Reinoehl says in his plan. "They are practiced in every classroom, laboratory, shop and gymnasium. Boys and girls are good Americans when they try to obey the laws of right living and the Golden Rule."

Pastor E. P. J. Garrott, First Church, Batesville, has been elected president of the Bates-

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ville Ministerial Alliance.

# Lipford Resigns From **Earle Church Pastorate**

Pastor H. L. Lipford has resigned from the work at First Church, Earle, on account of ill health, and he is reported to be responding well to treatment at Baptist Memorial Hos-

The Earle church granted Pastor Lipford a three months leave of absence in October, but in the realization of need for complete freedom from responsibility the pastor offered his resignation as of January 1. In accepting the resignation, "the church did a very beautiful thing in giving me three months full salary and nine months half salary," Pastor Lipford writes the editor. "The Earle church is one of the best churches in all the land."

The Lipfords, who have been at Earle nine years, have not yet decided as to location of their new home. "I think that without the responsibility of a church for a while, my health can be regained," Pastor Lipford said. \_\_\_000\_

# **New Orleans Seminary** Purchases New Campus

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has purchased a tract of 75 acres with view to moving the institution from its present crowded downtown quarters to a new campus in the residential section near Lake Ponchartrain.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the school which until last May was known as Baptist Bible Institute, announced that terms of the purchase have been signed and actual transfer is awaiting only routine legal details.

It was not announced how soon the seminary will be moved to the new location, but the new campus is seen as imperative with the rapid growth of the institution. \_\_000

New subscription lists received by the Arkansas Baptist include an every family list of 473 names from Second Church, El Dorado, on the monthly budget plan. Joiner Church, Mississippi County Association, sends an every family list of 62 names on the annual subscription plan. Mrs. F. H. Gill had much to do in helping to secure this list at Joiner.

# Midnight Fire Destroys Main Building On Southern Baptist College Campus

Fire, said by H. E. Williams, president, to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed the large two-story stone building, main structure, of the Southern Baptist College at Pocahontas last Thursday night. President Williams estimated the loss at \$70,000.

The fire, which started in the library, was discovered shortly after 11 p. m. by the dining room superintendent, who said she threw open the library door and saw oil flowing along the floor. The flames spread with such rapidity that the Fire Department, arriving shortly after, was unable to control it.

The building was erected about 1934 by the WPA as a community center for the city of Pocahontas. The city sold the building and site to the newly organized college about five years ago.

The loss includes the building, built at a cost of \$40,000, the equipment, library, dining room and printing shop. President Williams said insurance was \$10,000 on the building and \$1,500 on the printing equipment.

President Williams said classes would resume January 6 at the Walnut Ridge Airbase, where the college already had leased buildings with a view to expansion.

Whether the college building will be rebuilt on the site of the one that burned is somewhat doubtful. The president and board have been negotiating for property at the Walnut Ridge Airbase and while some buildings there have been leased, the arrangement is temporary as no permanent sales have yet been authorized by the government.

The Southern Baptist College, rated as a standard junior college, was established a little over five years ago by a group of North Arkansas Baptists. While it is fully recognized by the Baptist State Convention, it is not in the Cooperative Program of the Arkansas Baptists and receives its support mainly from individual donations.

# EIGHT DISTRICT BROTHERHOOD—ROYAL AMBASSADOR RALLIES

Monday, January 13—7 P. M. First Baptist Church Hope

Tuesday, January 14—7 P. M. First Baptist Church McGehee

Thursday, January 16—7 P. M. Baring Cross Baptist Church North Little Rock

Monday, January 20—7 P. M. First Baptist Church Van Buren Principal Speaker



MR. J. I. BISHOP Southwide R.A. Secretary

Tuesday, January 21—7 P. M.

First Baptist Church Rogers

Wednesday, January 22-7 P. M.

First Baptist Church Mountain Home

Thursday, January 23—7 P. M.
First Baptist Church
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Friday, January 24—7 P. M.
First Baptist Church
Tyronza

Before January 10, please notify the church in your district as to the number of men and boys they can expect from your church. Price of the supper is fifty cents. Pay when you eat, but be sure your name is in the pot.

# FIRST STATE ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONGRESS FOR INTERMEDIATE BOYS

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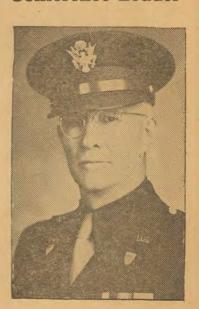
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BETTER HOME, and so the new magazine is now the periodical for the Extension department visitors to distribute.

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The Beginner, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate workers should see that every home represented in those classes and departments receives regularly a copy of HOME

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### 100,000 Daily Bible Readers in 1947

Mrs. J. E. Lambdin of the Baptist Sunday School Board, gives the following explanation of the plan for the 1947 Daily Bible Reading Crusade:

"The plan is simply this: we will print a pamphlet of readings each quarter and supply them to the offices. We will ask the pastors and Training Union directors to put on the crusade at the beginning of each quarter, going after all the members of the church to keep up the same readings that you follow in the Training Union, and give to each one a list of the references for the quarter. Each one will sign the commitment

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card which will be turned in to the local Training Union director. He will report the number enlisted to the state office. That is the whole plan in a nutshell. I think the pastor should lead out in the whole crusade. He should present it to the congregation, and ask the congregation to join in. The names of all church members by departments should be assigned to Training Union members for the visitation."

Singer Frank Adams, Little Rock, reports that 1946 was the greatest year he has experienced in evangelistic work. Recent revivals in which he has done the singing are West Side, El Dorado, C. A. Johnson, pastor, and Joyce City, Liberty Association. W. C. Moore, Muskogee, Okla., did the preaching in the Joyce City Church

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# Sunday School Calendar

January

#### Denominational Emphases

1. Co-operative Program.

2. Student Life-Enlistment Day, January 19.

3. Southwide Simultaneous Associational Sunday School Meetings, January 21.

#### Associational Work

- 1. Educational activity:
  - (1) Urge every church to conduct regular visitation.
  - (2) Teach doctrinal books in the churches.
- 2. Associational officers' meeting: to arrange teams to visit the churches in February.
- 3. Monthly Sunday School workers' meeting (Southwide Simultaneous Sunday School Planning Meeting - the regular meeting for the month).

#### In the Churches

- 1. Check standard ratings and apply for recognition.
- 2. Have Sunday School training course-general administration
- 3. Emphasize use of records.
- 4. Observe Student Life-Enlistment Day, January 19.
- 5. Lead all workers to attend the associational Sunday School meeting, January 21.
- 6. Promote the weekly officers and teachers' meeting.
- 7. Conduct regular visitation.

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# 1947 and Brotherhood Growth



The scene above is of the gathering of State Brotherhood Secretaries in their annual meeting at the office of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South in Memphis.

Going around the table in a counter-clockwise direction the men are: Street of Mississippi; Wiley of Tennessee; Latimer of the Southwide office; West of Missouri; Cook and Schroeder of the Southwide office; Sawyer of Illinois; Farmer of California; Holloway of the American Bible Association; Tapscott of Texas; Ashcraft of New Mexico; Newman of Louisiana; Cox of Alabama; and Tull of Arkansas. Cliff Holcomb, Secretary of the Florida Baptist Brotherhood was unable to be present.

The new year is set as the year of the greatest development of Brotherhood work throughout the South. Many of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention now have a Brotherhood department or have authorized the setting up of a Brotherhood department. Every state which adjoins Arkansas has a Brotherhood secretary except Oklahoma, and it is understood that Oklahoma is searching for a man to fill the office. From Florida to California Brotherhood work is making its sweep!

Churches everywhere are studying the possibilities involved in organizing their men for greater work and service. Pastors are sowing seeds which are germinating into Brotherhood organization. In many churches the laymen are approaching the pastor with the Brotherhood idea, and are being heartily received!

Any Baptist church is ready for Brotherhood organization when a few of its men are willing to unite to carry through a continuing program of Brotherhood work. A few interested men at work at the task can enlist other men, and build a great Brotherhood in any church!

### Four Emphases

The general Brotherhood program for the new year suggests four major emphases. They are:
Soul-winning.

The Proper Observance of the Lord's Day.

The Co-operative Program. Laymen's Revivals.

While these have been set forth in a previous article, it is well to repeat here that personal soulwinning is and must always be the very heart-and-core of Brotherhood work. Everything about Brotherhood must be built around the cross of Jesus. Every Brotherhood activity must stem from the command of the Lord to His people everywhere to "Go, and make disciples." etc.

It will be well also to emphasize here that our nation will never return to a proper observance of the Lord's Day until Christian men take the lead. An active Brotherhood can create powerful movement in any community towards a return to proper Lord's Day observance.

Men are the prime movers in nearly every program, including the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists which is greater in 1947 than ever before. More of our men must be informed about the Co-operative Program and enlisted in it if our denomination is to continue to grow and to prosper in its work.

Laymen's revivals are on the upswing throughout the South. Whether it is an effort to re-enlist the men of the church in the various activities of the church, or an effort to use the men of the church in a great evangelistic campaign, the Laymen's revival is proving its worth wherever it is tried.

### The Brotherhood Journal

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# Forty Years of Service in the Ministry Is Record of Pocahontas Bible Head

By Rev. T. T. WALKER Walnut Ridge

H. L. Waters, head of the Bible Department at Southern Baptist College, Pocahontas, observed his 40th anniversary in the ministry on December 10.

Brother Waters made an interesting address in chapel at Southern recounting many of his experiences, which evidenced the leadership of our Lord so definitely that faculty and students were deeply moved.

He was born in a log house near Fishook in Pike County, Illinois, 65 years ago and has lived in several states.

When a young man he went to Perry, Okla. Here he was converted in a Methodist meeting in 1904. After returning to Illinois he heard Rev. E. L. Wendell, a Baptist preacher, deliver a message on "Baptists, Who They are and What They Believe." From that hour Brother Waters has been a Baptist. About a year later he joined the Mt. Sterling Baptist Church. In the summer of 1906 he made the greatest decision of his life, surrendering to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

In September he entered La-Grange College, La Grange, Mo., a four-year school, where he received his degree in 1912. Brother Waters preached his first sermon

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Rev. Waters

on December 10, 1906, near Luray, Mo. His first pastorate was in Wilsontown, Mo., in 1919. Later in the same year, on November 24, he was ordained by First Church LaGrange.

He entered Southwestern Seminary in 1913, leaving in 1915; he received his degree on July 8, 1938.

Brother Waters has preached in 11 states and has done pastoral work in Missouri, Texas, Illinois, Arkansas, and Tennessee. Also he has been missionary of two associations in Illinois and missionary of the North Central District of Arkansas.

He had long felt the call to be of service to ministers as an instructor of Bible. While he was living near Jonesboro, President H. E. Williams, being led by the Holy Spirit, approached Brother Waters about the teaching position in the Bible Department of Southern Baptist College. President Williams later wrote Brother Waters telling him that it would be impossible to place him on the faculty because of the lack of funds. Brother Waters felt that God was leading in this so he came to the college and taught the first year without pay. He has since remained with the institution where his life of service has been of inestimable value to the hundreds of young preachers and others who have come under his tuition.

He is also pastor of the Fisher Baptist Church.



# Southern Baptists Campaign For Million Tithers in 1947

By WALTER M. CILMORE

(This article is thought to be the last item written for publication by Dr. Gilmore prior to his sudden death December 19.—Edtior.)

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville, in its regular semi-annual session December 11 with President John H. Buchanan, Birmingham, presiding.

All but two of the 30 members were present, which is a rather unusual record. In addition to these, the executive heads of the different agencies of the Convention and quite a number of others attending various committee meetings were present.

The budgets of the various Southern Baptist Convention agencies for 1947 were approved. The ratio of division of Cooperative Program funds was adopted by the last Southern Baptist Convention.

#### Receipts Up

The receipts of the Executive Committee as reported for the first eleven months of this year are \$9,721,132.94. By December 31, these receipts will exceed \$10,000,000. This is an increase over the 1945 receipts of more than \$4,500,000. However, \$3,886,740.78 of this amount went for World Relief: There was an increase of over \$600,000 during the first eleven months in the receipts to the Cooperative Program and an increase of \$285,000,962 to designations.

The goal adopted by the Miami Convention for 1947 for all Southwide causes was \$10,000,000, the first five million of this is to be distributed to the agencies to be used for their regular operating program, while the second five million is to be used for their capital needs.

#### **Baptist Foundation**

The Committee adopted the Charter and By-Laws of the Southern Baptist Foundation as amended, which was authorized by the last Southern Baptist Convention in Miami and this will be filed with the Secretary of State of Tennessee. Maxey Jarman, Nashville, president of General Corporation, is president of the organization, Lowry Eastland, Baton Rouge, vice-president, and Dr. Duke K. McCall, Nashville, secretary-treasurer. The committee is now ready to do business.

#### Million Tithers

Special emphasis was given to the campaign to enlist a million tithers this year. If this goal is reached the big financial goal of \$10,000,000 can be attained without any difficulty. An organization has been set up in each state for promoting this campaign and the different state conventions have adopted an aggregate goal of 1,233,600 tithers for this year.

#### Baptist World Alliance

Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and honorary associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, announced the following Committee on Arrangements for transportation of Southern Baptists to the approaching seventh Congress of the Baptist World Alliance to be held July 27-August 3 in Copenhagen, Denmark: Porter Routh, Nashville, Chairman; Mrs. Geo. R.

Martin, Norfolk; J. W. Marshall, Richmond; Roland Q. Leavell, New Orleans; Lawson Cooke, Memphis; A. L. Goodrich, Jackson, Miss.; Andrew Potter, Oklahoma City.

#### Conscientious Objectors

The Committee refused to take any action with reference to reimbursing the so called Peace Churches \$17,000 spent for taking care of forty-five conscientious objectors reported to be Southern Baptists. It also refused to take action in reference to a proposal to petition the Government to grant the conscientious objectors still in prison amnesty as a Christmas present. The Committee referred the matter of establishing a western or southwestern summer

assembly to the Sunday School Board. It also recommended, through its special committee, that the establishing of another theological seminary in the eastern part of our Convention territory be referred to the Southern Baptist Convention itself at its next session.

#### Adjourned Session

The Committee will hold an adjourned session here January 22 to consider the completed report of its Allocations Committee, Dr. Paul Caudill, Memphis, Chairman, with reference to the proposed over-all budgets of the different agencies for 1948, and other important unfinished business.



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# Stamps Pastor Speaks for Many

By Waif Hamilton Pastor, Stamps

I have been constantly hearing or reading various plans for memorials to the dead of our wars to be paid for by revenue derived from either liquor tax or some practice which is repugnant to many people. It has been quite a well worn method of disguising evil practices by tying in some form of revenue to be used for a worthy object as either a defensive mechanism or a disguised incentive for practices or businesses which could not be defended or supported by people with high standards of moral and Christian ethics, which are held by members an ministers of most Protestant and Baptist

Everyone is for erecting memorials to our war dead, but we should understand that the cause for which these men died was for something of much higher value than the mere privilege of promoting such businesses as selling liquor, etc., irrespective of morals of religious standards. There may be some ministers and church members who condone the practice of selling legalized liquor or gambling devices as sources of revenue for worthy causes, but it is a well known fact that most evangelical groups do not approve such things, irrespective of those objects of rev-

I was a chaplain in this war and I know there were many men that died on the battlefield, who were bitterly opposed to liquor and gambling and looked upon them as the tendency toward or the very embodiment of evil. It is my feeling that fathers and mothers who have given Christian boys to be maimed and to die on the battlefields of the wars would object when any memorial is being proposed in which the revenue to finance its erection is to be drawn from such sources.

I can not imagine parents looking at the name of their Christian son, who never gambled or drank in his life, upon the most beautiful memorial paid for by revenue from liquor or gambling, without their hearts melting within them, knowing if he were alive, he would condemn it both in word and practice. The war was not fought and the blood of young American manhood was not shed for a democracy that would legalize liquor for revenue, or a society that would condone debauchery of moral and Christian standards. We could have all of that under Hitler, Mussolini, or Hirohito. The things for which they fought, that were distinctively American were Christian in the meaning of the word which our Pilgrim Fathers breathed into the word, through their suffering in the birth of the religious freedom and democratic Christian principles of this nation.

There are plenty of memorials

# NEW BUILDING AT WEINER



Weiner Church, C. F. Barnett, pastor, is now holding services in a new building which was partly financed by the state mission board. Though not finished, it is expected that work on the building will continue until completion. The church has gone to full-time services and a Training Union has been organized. The new budget is an increase of six times over last year. There were 22 additions to the church in a fall revival in which Pastor Russell Duffer of Peach Orchard did the preaching.

in the form of hospitals and orphanages and other institutions which minister to humanity in such a fashion as to justify financing from sources born of appreciative hearts, and from people who are willing to give with a sacrificial spirit, memorializing the spirit of sacrifice which characterized the spirit of our war dead who laid down their lives for their country. Let's memorialize our dead in a fitting way, paid for by money from sources befitting our dead, especially those who held high standards of Christian morals and ethics.

I speak, not only as a minister, but also as a former chaplain with overseas duty.

# She Asked Santa "Remember Jesus"

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The "Santa Claus" editor of the El Dorado Daily News received thousands of letters from tots, all asking Saint Nick to fill their stockings on Christmas.

But one was different. Barely legible, the scribbled note read: "Dear Santa:

"You are a good man and must be awful rich to give kids all the things they ask for. My mummy reads me letters from the newspapers about little girls and boys wanting dolls and pistols, but I notice no one has yet to remember Jesus' birthday, so I am.

"I would ask you to be good to my daddy, but he is in heaven. The Japs killed him. When I grow big, I will ask Jesus and maybe folks won't fight again.

"So be good to Jesus this time.

"Mary Elizabeth Causon."

# Reversed

Temporance workers are telling a new story these days. It concerns Papa Hog, who wandered down to the brewery and found a big puddle of sour beer that had been poured out. When he staggered home, Mama Hog met him and quickly shunted him around the barn, out of sight of the baby pigs. With a furious grunt she exclaimed:

"You shameless thing! What do you mean making such a humanbeing of yourself before the children?"

#### Mistake

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When Dr. Charles W. Eliot of Harvard University celebrated his 90th birthday, friends held a special service in observance of the event. After it was over, Dr. Eliot confided to his wife, "You know, I couldn't hear a word of Peabody's prayer."

Mrs. Eliot replied with sunshiny humor: "He wasn't speaking to you, dear!"

# East Texas Baptist College

Marshall, Texas

New dormitory for young women makes possible the acceptance of sixty young women and fifty young men for the Spring Semester which begins January 27, 1947.

Reservations are now being accepted.

For information contact: H. D. BRUCE, PRESIDENT

# Visitor Lauds Spirit Of Pine Bluff Immanuel

By H. LEO EDDLEMAN, Pastor Parkland Church, Louisville, Ky.

It was my privilege to spend two delightful weeks, made possible by Immanuel Church and Pastor Paul Fox, in Pine Bluff in November.

In spite of the handicap imposed upon the church by virtue of the fact that Pastor Fox has been in process of recuperation from a serious automobile accident last December, the church program has remained intact and the membership has demonstrated its loyalty in a remarkable manner. The church is endowed with much good lay leadership and it was most inspiring to see the men taking hold of first one task and then another in a progressive spirit.

The young people's organizations were going strong, led chiefly by the ladies.

The growth of the church is evidenced by the fact that seating space is at a premium in almost any service. The Sunday morning crowd over-taxed the present building capacity while the evening crowds overflow into one or more wings on either side of the auditorium. The quality of the mature leadership as well as that of a host of younger men, is as high as can probably be found anywhere.

The fellowship within the church is most praiseworthy. The pastor's love and devotion to his people is extraordinary. He lives with his people during the day; he then stays up late and gets up early in order to be able to study. The people in turn support the program projected and, with a forward looking spirit, progress from one accomplishment to another.

The love that obtains between the pastor and the church leadership, particularly the deacons, is especially refreshing.



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# Lessons in John Begin With Study of Incarnate Christ

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Christmas has come and gone, but Christ remains forever! How fitting it is, therefore, that the first lesson of the new year has to do with the incarnate Christ. The greatest event of the centuries was His supernatural appearance among men as sinless Son of man and perfect Son of God.

For the greatest of all interpretations of the Incarnation we turn to the Gospel of John. "The test of time has given the palm to the Fourth Gospel over all the books of the world," said Dr. A. T. Robertson. "If Luke's Gospel is the most beautiful, John's Gospel is supreme in its height and depth and reach of thought. The picture of Christ here given is one that has captured the mind and heart of mankind."

#### His Absolute, Eternal Being

John's opening words, "In the beginning," brush aside all boundaries of time and space. In fact, as Wescott suggests, he gives wings to our thoughts and leads us back, even beyond the beginning of creation, of time to eternity. One thinks of the opening words of Genesis: "In the beginning God..."

Three times, in his opening sentence, John makes use of the imperfect form of the verb to be which conveys "no idea of origin of God, or for the Logos, simply continuous existance" (Robertson), In this graphic, unequivocal declaration of John we have the foundation for the message of the entire Book. "It sets aside the false notion that the Word became 'personal' first at the time of Creation or at the Incarnation. The absolute, eternal, immanent relations of the Persons of the Godhead furnish the basis for revelation. Because the Word was personally distinct from 'God,' He could make Him known" (West-

It is not John's intention here to offer argument to prove the existence of God. Neither is such an attempt in Genesis 1. It is simply assumed. "Either God exists and is Creator of the universe as scientists like Eddington and Sunday School Lesson For January 5

John 1:1-14, 29

Jeans assume or matter is eternal or it has come out of nothing" (Robertson).

What John is doing is simply this: He is identifying the person, Jesus Christ, whom he is about to introduce on the plane of human history, with the Logos. Now the term "Logos" is from an old word (Gr. lego) meaning in Homer to collect, lay by, to speak or express an opinion. The term was frequently used for reason as well as speech. It was used by Heraclitus to represent the principle which governs the universe. It was used by Marcus Aurelius to express the generative principle or creative force in nature.

Greek philosophy was familiar with the term. "The word being thus already in use and aiding thoughtful men in their efforts to conceive God's connection with the world. John takes it and uses it to denote the Revealer of the incomprehensible and invisible God. Irrespective of all speculations which had gathered around the term, John now proceeds to make known the true nature of the Logos" (Dods).

It is difficult for one to dwell for long on John's treatment of the Logos without thinking of Paul's words to the pagan philosophers in Athens as he surveyed the materialistic objects of their devotion and sensed their hunger for God: "What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this I set forth unto you" (Acts 17:23).

The eternal Christ "was" when time began to run its age-long course. His existence knows no barriers of time and circumstance. He, "the Word," already existed at that remote point of time in history when "God created the heaven and the earth." Even then "the Word was." Hence, The "being"

of the Word is thus carried beyond the limits of time.

#### His Relation to Creation

John not only declares Jesus Christ, the Word, to be absolute and eternal; he goes on to set forth the essential facts with reference to His relation to creation.

First, he points out how the act of creation was accomplished. It came about through the Word and by His presence: "All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made" (v. 3). Note that John presents creation as "a becoming" (Gr. ginomai) rather than as "being" (Gr. eimi)—the word used to interpret the existence of Jesus, creation had, in point of time, to "come into being," whereas Jesus already existed.

Jesus Christ, according to John was the intermediate agent through whom all things came into being. In Logos John offers an explanation of the creation of the universe. Like the author of Hebrews he declares that God's Son is the one "through whom he made the ages" (1:2). So does Paul assert that "in him were all things created" (Christ) and "the all things have been created through him and unto him" (Col. 1:16f.).

Again, John holds up the Logos as the power that creates and sustains life in the universe. The very principle or essence of life, unlimited and all-inclusive, resides in Him. He is its source, its sustaining power. Moreover, this incarnate Christ is responsible for more than the Life of men. He is also the Light of men. This keeps on shining—giving light—irrespective of the attitude of the unreceiving and unbelieving world. Nothing can stop Him—not even the perfidy of wilful, sinful man.

#### His Gift of Salvation

The miracle of Jesus, however, is best expressed in His role as Saviour. "But as many as received him," says John, "to them gave he the right to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (1:12f.).

First and last Jesus, the Logos, the Christ of God is man's perfect remedy for sin. He was the "Lamb

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of God that taketh away the sin of the world" (v. 29).

The ancient scapegoat bore away, symbolically, the sins of the nation; and sacrifices had been offered without number for individuals. But here was One who came for the express purpose of being the world's sin-bearer. He would become the reality of which all preceding sacrifices had been but a shadowy symbol.

Apart from John's picture of Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb of God, voluntarily pouring out His blood in His supreme act of selfgiving to God in behalf of sinful man, there can be no real understanding of the mission of Jesus, or the character of His adequacy as world Redeemer. His deliberate sacrifices of self became for us both the symbol and the pledge of forgiveness, the remission of sin. Never again would the children of God have need of the ancient temple sacrifice. In Christ a new Mediator had come. As the angel of annunciation proclaimed to Joseph, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for it is he that shall save his people from their sins."

It is in this role of the Lamb the role of Saviour, Redeemer, and Cleanser from sin—that Jesus Christ has eternal meaning for the world.

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# 1946, A Great Year

1946 was a great year in denominational work for Arkansas Baptists. In many respects it was the greatest year we have ever had. It was great in contributions. At this writing it is impossible for us to know the exact amount which the Executive Board has received. We shall make this announcement later. We do know that during the first ten months of the year, we received \$523,111.47 given for the causes that we promote with our funds. In addition to this, \$45,026.44 was sent in for the Ouachita Campaign which Dr. Whitington is promoting. So the Executive Board handled a total of \$569,037.91 during the first ten months of 1946.

This, of course, is by far the most money ever contributed in Arkansas in a year for denominational work. Of course this ought to be so; conditions warrant such an increase. 847 churches made contributions through our office during this period. That is fine cooperation.

The churches have also baptized more disciples than they have baptized in any year since 1940. There have been at least 10,000 baptisms during the year. Although the reports that have come to our office give a total of 9,941, we know that several churches did not report. This figure is some 2,000 lower than the number reported in 1940. Let us do better next year.

### 1947 Should Be Greater

We should make 1947 a greater year. We can do it. The Lord wants us to do it. Our state budget is larger, but it is not too large for a great host of Arkansas Baptists. We can reach it. We must do so.

# "A Great Door, And Effectual"

Paul told the Corinthian brethren that he intended to visit them on his trip through Macedonia, but that he intended to tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. "For," said he, "a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." This fact characterized not only Paul's situation and described his opportunities, but it has described many situations from his day even to the present time.

We believe the World War was of the Devil. But the Lord has marvelously used it, and the circumstances of it, to open doors for the gospel of His Son. Hitherto Japan has been worshiping its Emperor as its god, but it now appears that the Japanese people are being disillusioned and that they will no longer adhere to a "National" religion. So, Japan has no God. We must press the claims of our God and His Christ upon this people. They must have a god; yea, they will have one of some sort. All peoples have one. None will

# The Honor Club

We need many new members for the Baptist Honor Club. Each member contributes \$1.00 per month to be used in paying our old debts. Out of every twelve members in your church, there should be one for the membership in the Baptist Honor Club. If we can get a response from one out of every twelve of our church members we will walk out of this indebtedness in an incredibly short time and when we have our Centennial celebration in 1948 we will have this obligation all wiped out. Won't that be a glorious day?

Brethren, discuss the matter and make the appeal in every monthly Workers Conference and in every other meeting where it is possible to deepen the interest. We shall be glad to send leaflets and subscription blanks to any church leader who is appointed to solicit members in his church.

Only a few years ago we owed in principal amount more than \$1,200,000. Now \$290,000, approximately, is all we need to wipe out every dollar of the principal amount of this indebtedness. We were never satisfied with our compromise settlement. We did it only as a measure of expediency. It was absolutely necessary that we take some steps, at that time, which would protect our mission funds and enable us to carry on a current program. This we could not do when we were subjected to legal complaints all the time.

Our 35 per cent settlement made it possible for us to make a program of current operations with assurance that the money that we contributed for the current program could be used, and that the funds would not be troubled by any legal procedure. Our compromise settlement of the debts gave us ample security along this line. Then we helped the Southwide agencies pay the debts of the Southern Baptist Convention, and now we are on the home stretch in clearing away the last dollar of the principal amount of the indebtedness in Arkansas.

Reasonable response from our people in the churches, who are well able, will make us debt free by the time we celebrate our Centennial Anniversary in 1948.

be without one long at a time. Let us pray that Japan may find the one true God.

General McArthur recently made this challenging utterance, "Due to the vacuum which events have left in the spiritual phase of Japanese life, there now exists an opportunity without counterpart since the birth of Christ for the spread of Christianity among the peoples of the Far East. If this opportunity is fully availed of by the leaders of our Christian faith, a revolution of the spirit may be expected to ensue which will more favorably alter the cause of civilization than has any economic or political resolution accomplished in the history of the world. I know that you join me in the hope that we may rise to this opportunity and squarely meet its challenge."

# The Widow's Plan

We have sent application blanks and information pamphlets to every eligible preacher in Arkansas encouraging him to make application for membership in the Widow's Supplement Annuity Plan. If this Plan begins in Arkansas as of January 1, we must hasten to get our applications in so that they may be forwarded to the Dallas office. Send a check or money order for one month's dues as you send your application-in. Your check will not be cashed before January 5 regardless of when you send it, but your check and application should reach us as soon as possible. We are setting forth here some definite things for you to observe:

- 1. See that your application blank is filled out completely and properly signed.
  - 2. Send us two copies of this application.
- 3. Send us your check or money order for one month's dues. The amount is exactly half the amount of your Ministers Retirement monthly check.
- 4. Be sure that you have read the little pamphlet which amply sets forth the provisions of the Plan.

Remember that the Plan will not become operative unless we receive applications from two thirds of our eligible preachers. You are eligible if you are a married preacher and in the Ministers Retirement Plan.

Insurance men say that this is a good Plan for us preachers and we ought to join it. We published the proposed Plan so thoroughly last spring that we deem it unnecessary to repeat it at this time. Write us if you have any questions.

# Ouachita Campaign

This is a crucial hour in the program of the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign. This hour calls for the unprecedented, united action of Arkansas Baptists.

Let us remember that this is not simply a campaign put on by the Ouachita College Board of Trustees. This is a task for every Baptist church and every Baptist in Arkansas. Our Executive Board and our State Convention are wholeheartedly under this task. It must not fail; we cannot allow it to fail! The responsibility is yours, dear reader, and it is mine.

We need the tonic of this great task. Arkansas Baptists have been giving, but we have not been sacrificing anything. It will help us to make a sacrifice. It will help a church to empty its treasury once more. It will help a church to have a "high-powered collection" once more.

Every church, as we see it, should determine the maximum amount which it thinks it can pay, and write Dr. Whitington at once that he may count on it in this campaign. Then we ought to make an immediate contribution to it. The money is needed now. It is a statewide responsibility. Let us all accept it and go to work at it.