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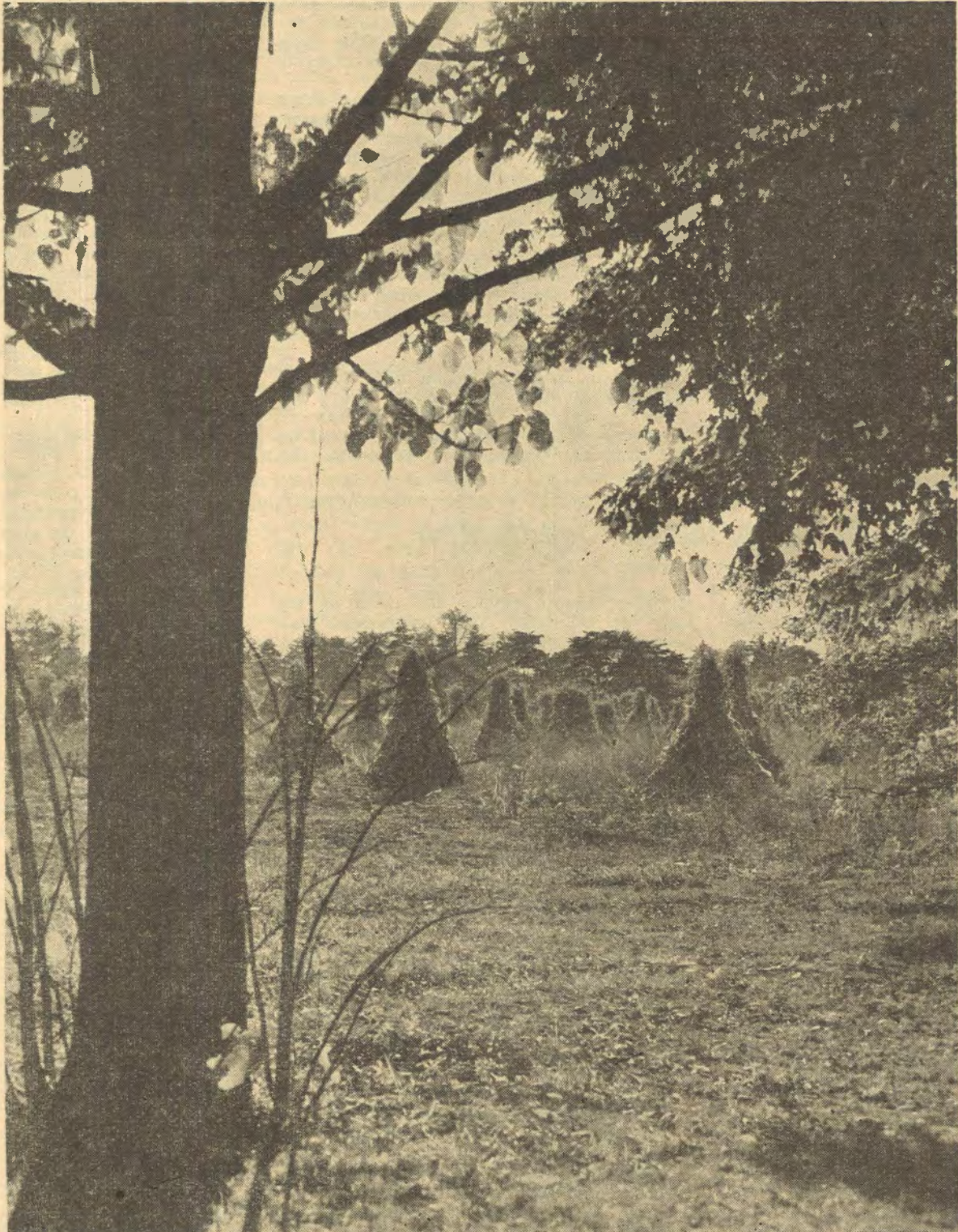
# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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## The Denominational Paper

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

Our beloved and versatile President of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. J. D. Grey, has written a very able and timely article on "These Are Basic," referring to the District Association, the State Convention, and the Baptist College, introducing his thesis with this paragraph:

"The District Association, the State Convention, and the Baptist College are basic in our Baptist denominational life. What is done at the local and state level by our churches through these three answers the question, 'Whither bound, Southern Baptists?' Our solidarity, advance and witness depend very largely upon them."

And how true! But, President Grey will agree, I believe, that equally basic, and, in several instances actually taking precedence in point of chronology, is the Denominational Paper. I rise, therefore, to fraternally and earnestly amend President Grey's motion by adding, "And also, the Denominational Paper."

### For Example

When Luther Rice came back to America and began his crusade to arouse our Baptist people to the importance of Missions, and the necessity of establishing Baptist Colleges in which to train preachers and missionaries, he found himself in need of a channel of communication and propaganda. Immediately, he urged the importance of establishing Baptist papers in the states where there were enough Baptists to form a community.

Jesse Mercer saw the wisdom of this proposal, went to Philadelphia and purchased *The Columbian Star*, in 1820, brought the paper to Georgia and gave it to the Baptists, and thus established the first Baptist

State Paper in 1821, *The Christian Index*. The next year the Georgia Baptist Convention was organized, and in 1833 Mercer University was founded. Adiel Sherwood, one of the prime movers to establish a Baptist school, said, "Mr. Mercer provided the essential factor in uniting Georgia Baptists for effective kingdom service when he gave us *'The Christian Index.'*"

### Essential to Baptist Progress

I submit that the Denominational Paper is now and has been from the earliest days of Southern Baptist life an essential factor in Baptist progress. Every agency, local, state, and south-wide, must rely upon the Denominational Paper for its contact with the local church. Once our people are informed, they will respond to the basic plans through which we advance all the interests of our beloved denomination.

Mr. Gladstone was fond of saying, "One example is worth a thousand arguments," and I believe that the Denominational Paper has demonstrated that it is absolutely essential to sustained progress in our co-operative Baptist life and work. It supports everything the District Association, State Convention, Mission Boards, Benevolent Institutions, and Education is trying to accomplish. It informs, enlists, indoctrinates and inspires the individual yonder in the local church. It undergirds evangelism, stewardship, and every other phase of our total effort.

Therefore, I beg that we add the Denominational Paper to President Grey's essential factors in the onward march of Southern Baptists, and I believe he will be the first one amongst us to accept the amendment.

## Ouachita Needs A Million Dollars Now

By J. W. BUCKNER

Great schools become so because of the interest of their people. Often they continue great largely because of the interest on the money these people have given. Jesus told us that a man's heart would be where his treasure was placed. So, if a people put their cash into a school in such a manner that it continues to bear fruit financially for that school, their hearts will always be there.

Ouachita could very well use a million dollars now in building, paying current bills, expanding facilities and in many other very good ways. However, when that million was spent, with it would go the interest of those who gave it. Anyway, why does a college have to spend every dime it gets? You tell me; I have often wondered.

Suppose we give Ouachita a million dollars from a thousand churches and over 200,000 members, putting that million in endowment so that it will stay only in endowment and draw interest every year for a thousand years and more. Those who give the money and those who fill their shoes in Baptist work will continue their interest in Ouachita forever or until Jesus comes. People do place their hearts where their money is. Jesus was not mistaken when He said so. It is inevitable and also wise and good.

There is a college in an adjoining state into whose endowment fund the Baptists have just finished placing over \$1,000,000. This school has double the enrolment of Ouachita with a physical plant and a con-

stituency almost exactly the same as we have at Ouachita. This endowment has been secured over a period of years and definitely according to plan, good, long-range planning. The administration feels secure and the constituency feels secure and the students are proud of the school.

Moreover, the endowment is now drawing four and one half per cent interest. We know that as times get worse money is more valuable and interest is higher. So, in bad times this million dollars we should give Ouachita will more nearly support the school, may definitely save it in a time of serious depression.

Our people have the money, some of them a little and some a great deal and they will give the money up to and exceeding a million if we challenge them and keep our aims high and our policies sure. When we secure the million, the second million will be much easier to finagle into our camp, our endowment camp. Perhaps there are many people over our lovely state waiting now for an opportunity to invest their surplus funds in something sure. Let us make Ouachita that sure thing.

This is the sum of what I began to try to say. Today Ouachita needs a million dollars in endowment. If today or tomorrow she gets the million, the next day or the day after another million will come dragging along. In the meantime all Baptists will be becoming more and more proud of the finest, loveliest, and most dependable college in Arkansas.

## Christian Consecration

A Devotion by the Editor

"And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day to the Lord."

David had set himself to the task of building what he called "a house for the Lord." The plans were drawn, material were collected, technicians and workmen were engaged, and contributions secured for the construction of the temple of God.

We find the King addressing a large assembly of people whom he has called together for a special announcement and appeal. He informs the people about the building project and announces his own personal gifts to the project.

Upon the basis of the needs for completing the undertaking and his own personal contribution, the King appeals to the people for their voluntary consecration to the task which lies ahead.

This appeal of David is applicable to Christian people today. For the lack of consecration is the greatest hindrance to the progress of God's cause, whether it be the building of a temple of worship, the building of a program of service, or the building of a great missionary program.

Christian consecration is a personal matter between oneself and his Lord. It is only the warmth and inspiration of the heart throbs of the Master that can keep a person always willing to consecrate himself to the Lord. A young lady, on being asked what was the greatest difficulty in the way of her leading a Christian life, replied, "myself." No doubt her experience is that of many Christians, though few would be so frank to admit it.

There is a noticeable readiness, even a eagerness, in a thorough-going Christian consecration. The consecrated Christian is not particularly concerned about the kind of service to be rendered, whether it is to his liking or not; he is ready for service.

One of the most suggestive emblems I have ever observed is the seal of the American Missionary Union. There is an altar; there is a plow; there is an ox. And underneath, this legend is written, "Ready for either." Ready for the plow to drag the long and weary furrow; ready for the altar, if thou wouldst lay me there in sacrifice.

"And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day to the Lord? Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the King's work, offered willingly, and gave for the service of the house of God . . ." I Chronicles 29:5, 6.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### The Lukewarm Church

In Revelation 3:15, 16, Jesus sends this message to the church at Laodicea:

"I know thy works, thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth."

#### Like Windshield Wiper

This lukewarmness is marked by the absence of zeal and enthusiasm. There is no venturesome spirit, consequently there are no great thrills or overflowing joys, no high peaks of experience nor any deep depression. Life is monotonously level, suffering no great jolts or shocks, there are no flights of the imagination, and no burning desires. Lukewarmness is an insipid, tasteless sort of thing that adds no flavor to life, nor any zest for living, it asks only to be let alone. It is a sort of "pulpiness that makes no resistance—a lazy acquiescence" without any practical results.

This lukewarmness means a low spiritual temperature, a low spiritual vitality. It is an anemic sort of thing, sterile and non-productive.

To be lukewarm is to have no compelling convictions, no fixed loyalties, no definite objective. The lukewarm are not dependable in a crisis, they must be discounted in any plans which involve stability and sureness. When the pinch comes they flinch and drop out.

A preacher once remarked that he had noticed when the motor of his car was pulling hard the windshield wiper stopped. And he continued, "There are a lot of lukewarm Christians like that, when the church has a hard pull to make they stop completely." "They are mildly Christian but not much. No one can accuse them of opposition," but no one ever saw them excited about undertaking a great work for God.

#### Give Him Fragments

The lukewarm Christians are not characterized by a sacrificial spirit. They don't propose to give up anything which they consider essential to their comfort or convenience to do the service of the Lord. If they can accommodate the Lord without going too far out of their own way they don't mind much. But don't expect them to sacrifice their time that can be used to their own personal advantage; don't count on them sacrificing their personal pleasures to serve the Lord; don't depend on them digging deep into their income for Him.

Oh, they are perfectly willing, in a condescending way, to give Him the fragments of their time, crumbs that fall from the table of their busy schedule, the small change in their pockets after their personal needs are met. But beyond that they can't see their way clear to do more.

If the standards of the church must be maintained, let the burden fall on others; if the organizations must be manned, let

others fill the positions of responsibility; if the budget must be increased, let others pay the bills. It is no concern of theirs that a great group of consecrated Christian people are giving and living and working and sacrificing to hold up, in a way worthy of their Master and Lord, His truth and holiness in the community. Let others do what they will, but those who are lukewarm toward the interests of Christ's kingdom must look after their own interests first. They can't afford to become all hot and bothered about the church program, or about enlisting the people of the community in church and Sunday School attendance, or leading the lost to Christ. Everybody knows where the church is and they will come if they want to.

#### Smug Complacency

The lukewarm, in their smug complacency, consider it no affair of theirs that boys and girls and men and women for whom Christ died are losing their morals and their characters. But Christ commands to go into all the world and preach the gospel, to go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in—well, all that is important only as it gives color and background to Christian teaching. For, if the heathen want to worship their idols, why disturb them, they are satisfied with their worship. And here at home, there have always been those who were irreligious, sinful, and depraved, so why get all stirred up about trying to save them.

The very needs that called Christianity into being are considered no affair of theirs; the sins that curse, the evils that mar and blight, the wickedness that defeats all virtue, these are no concern of the lukewarm. The fact that people are lost and dying without God does not stir a responsive chord, the fact that the gospel will lead people to God for salvation does not stir them to activity, the fact that they themselves have the benefits of the gospel because someone else became concerned about them enough to teach them and pray for them and to sacrifice for them, does not arouse in them any response.

The lukewarm stand aloof from the swirling currents of spiritual life and activity. They content themselves with the still and stagnant safety of the eddies and coves that make no pull upon them, and no demands upon their energies. They risk nothing for Christ who risked everything for them. They are conservative, they must see the end from the beginning; they are restrained, inhibiting every impulse to shout for joy; the fire of the soul is only smoldering, they keep it that way lest their hearts should thaw and melt and be fused with others in a great enthusiastic undertaking for God.

#### It Makes Me Sick

They want no landslides in the landscape of their spiritual lives, they want no earth-

quakes in their world of spiritual interests, they want no flashes of lightning in their spiritual firmament, they want no shadows across their path of salvation. They may want varied, interesting, and thrilling experiences in other realms of life, but in their religion they do not want the unending and monotonous sameness disturbed.

It was the lukewarm church that puzzled Jesus most. "It makes me sick," He said. "You just won't get excited about anything, you take everything for granted. You call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say." "This is my body," said Jesus, "I gave my all for you, and yet you toss me a few fragments in return."

Jesus said, I offered you the opportunities of sacrifice, the privilege of throwing your life away for me, and you ask for comfort. But there are no thrills in comfort. Comfort as you conceive it neutralizes the thrills of life. I offered you the hardships of adventure and you ask for ease. But there is no adventure in ease, ease as you conceive it kills the spirit of adventure. I offered you a task that would challenge and use your greatest and best powers, and you ask for idleness. But there is no challenge in idleness, idleness dwarfs your powers. I offered you a partnership in building the Kingdom of God on earth, and you ask only for a part in the kingdoms of the world, maintaining stoutly that you will be satisfied with that.

You have completely reversed the values of life. You think you are rich because you have a large store of worldly goods and no longer have to struggle for a living. But that is just your trouble, your riches have robbed you of a worthy objective for which to strive, your abundance has cooled your ardor, your competence has lessened your energy, your comfort and ease have left you soft and flabby, you have looked so intently at that which is near at hand that you're near sighted, you have developed an eye trouble that magnifies the lesser values of material things near at hand, but that causes you to see the greater values of the Kingdom of God as shrunken and diminutive.

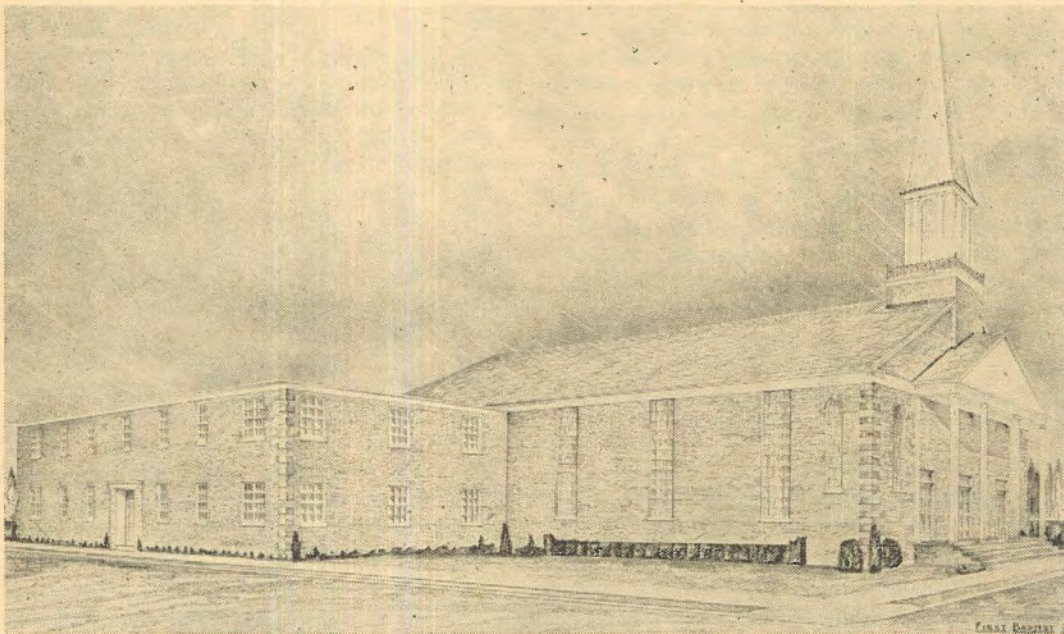
#### A Promise

Now Jesus makes an appeal to this lukewarm church: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man will hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me." What a blessed experience of communion He offers—and to anyone who will open the door of the church to Him, even one member can admit Jesus into the life of the church. Could He be making the same appeal to our churches today?

Now He flings out the challenge, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne." This is offered not to him who lolls in slippers and cushioned ease, not to him who has lost the fire of ardor and the spark of inspiration. It is offered to spirits that are venturesome, and to lives that are zealous, to men and to women who are not afraid of hardships, who are willing to throw themselves into the swirling current of the on-rushing stream of God's redeeming grace.

# Kingdom Progress

## First Church, Smackover, Builds



Contract has been let by the First Church, Smackover, to the C. and B. Construction Company, Hot Springs, for the construction of a new educational building and sanctuary.

The new building will be heated by a central heating system and will be completely air conditioned. It will be tied on to the present educational building, and will match the present structure in material and construction.

The church voted in a business meeting on Wednesday night, July 18, to adopt an over-all building program which will provide the new sanctuary and educational

building with administrative offices, library, kitchen, and banquet room. The new educational building, together with the present one, which was constructed in 1941, will provide for approximately 750 in Sunday School, and it is designed for a completely departmentized school with assembly rooms and class rooms for each department.

The sanctuary will be of masonry construction and colonial design. The educational building will be constructed first so that space in it may provide a temporary place for worship while the new sanctuary is under construction.

The contract calls for an outlay of \$160,000.

### Paul McMillan Joins Staff First Church, Searcy

First Church, Searcy, W. R. Vestal, pastor, reports that Paul McMillan has been added to the church staff as associate pastor, and assumed his duties October 1.

Mr. McMillan is a brother to Bob, who is pastor of First Church, Judsonia. He is a native of Waterloo, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan are graduates of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. He is a former pastor of First Church, Springdale.

### Deacons Ordained

First Church, Pocahontas, D. C. Bandy, pastor, ordained the following deacons, Sunday afternoon, September 30: W. H. Martin, Arlo Tyer, Charles Baker, Max Poe, and William Earl Trammel.

Pastor Bandy served as chairman of the ordaining council, and Missionary H. W. Johnston served as clerk. Pastor Bandy also led the examination and Dr. L. B. Golden, Corning, delivered the ordination sermon. M. C. Bennett offered the ordination prayer.

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Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse. (Malachi 3:10).

### Baptist Hour Heard

#### By One Million Laymen

In connection with the observance of Layman's Day in all Southern Baptist Churches on Sunday, October 14, the nation-wide Baptist Hour will have a special broadcast for its 260 stations. Charles Wellborn's message, "Men For the Moment," will be prepared especially for laymen.

Lawson Cooke, secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood, has said that his organization will have a million men listening to their radios for the special program. Mr. Cooke will offer the opening prayer on the broadcast.

Mr. Wellborn will discuss world conditions and problems today, and will tell how consecrated Christian business men can help improve things. His message will end with a challenge to laymen, and a prayer that God will give us such men.

Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission has expressed the hope that the total audience for this special broadcast will exceed five million.

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Power, charm and beauty are to be found in the principles of Christian morality, but no moral code is complete without the inclusion of generosity and tolerance.

## Little Rock Pastor



Preston Taylor

Preston Taylor, former pastor at Chidester, has succeeded P. C. Church in the pastorate of Trinity Church, Little Rock.

Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Ouachita College, and is now a student in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

### McAtee Goes to Immanuel Fort Smith

Pastor D. C. McAtee, for the past four years and two months pastor of Second Church, Pine Bluff, assumed his duties as the pastor of Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, Sunday, October 7.

Pastor McAtee is a native of Brownstown in Sevier County. He is a graduate of Nashville High School, of Ouachita College, and the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

During his ministry with Second Church, Pine Bluff, 408 persons were received into the fellowship of the church. The Sunday School enrolment increased from 351 in 1947 to 574 in 1951; Training Union increased during the same period from 123 to 221. The annual budget of the church increased from \$13,112.84 in 1947 to \$23,574.20 in 1951. Gifts to the Cooperative Program increased from \$1,300 to \$6,240. Second Church also gave \$1,066 to the Million Dollar Ouachita Campaign.

Mrs. McAtee is the former Clyta Agee of Texarkana. She attended Texarkana Junior College and holds a degree in Library Science from Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas. She also attended the seminary in Fort Worth.

The McAtees have one daughter, Marilyn Ann, age four.

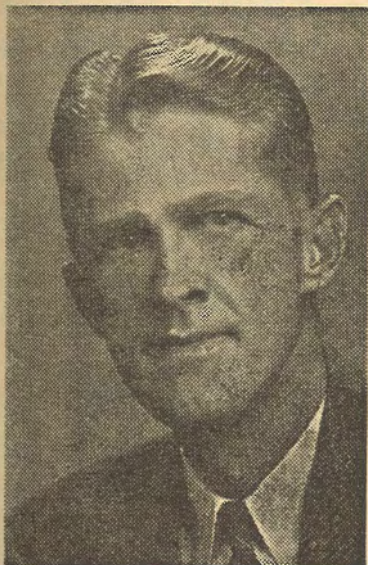
### Prosperity Church Prospers

The Prosperity Church, Carey Association, reports 19 additions to the church during the associational year; 15 received on profession of faith and baptism, and four by letter and statement.

N. B. Short served the church as supply pastor during June, July, and August. He is now a student at the Fort Worth Seminary.

Walter Parks, a student at Ouachita College, has been called to the pastorate for full time.

## Birkhead Goes to Crossett



Jim Birkhead

Mr. Jim Birkhead has accepted the position of minister of education and music with First Church, Crossett. He goes to Crossett from a like position with First Church, West Memphis.

Prior to going to West Memphis, Mr. Birkhead served as minister of music and education with First Church, Malvern, and First Church, Hope.

J. W. Buckner is pastor of the church.

### Stewardship Revival

Pastor J. W. Buckner, First Church, Crossett, assisted Pastor J. Elmer Morgan, First Church, Cullendale, in a stewardship revival, September 16-23. Pastor Buckner says, "This revival was characterized by splendid cooperation and an unusually fine response."

### Denney In Revival At Curtis

Pastor Otis E. Denney, Highland Park Church, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, assisted Pastor A. W. Upchurch Jr., and the Curtis Church in revival services September 16-23. There were six additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and three by letter.

Pastor Upchurch says, "Our entire membership has been greatly blessed by Pastor Denney's preaching."

### Jasper and Boxley Churches Show Progress

Pastor Wayne D. Gunther did his own preaching in a revival meeting at First Church, Jasper, from July 8 to 22. There were three additions to the church for baptism and nine by letter and statement, making a total of 12 additions to the church since May 1, when Mr. Gunther assumed the pastorate of First Church.

Mr. Gunther is also pastor of the Walnut Grove Church, Boxley. He preached in revival services at the Walnut Grove Church, August 6-25. There were seven additions to the church on profession of faith.

Pastor Gunther reports that capacity crowds attended these services and further remarks, "There seems to be a great spiritual awakening both at First Church and at Walnut Grove, and the Lord is blessing these fine people in a marvelous way."

### Park Memorial, Houston, Texas In Progressive Program

Pastor James T. Draper, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Keeling, Little Rock, has been with Park Memorial Church, Houston, Texas, since May 1.

During this five month period 107 persons have been received into the fellowship of the church. The Park Memorial Church has a membership of 2,750, annual budget of \$80,000, and is planning a building program for the future.

Pastor Draper was one of a large number of pastors throughout the South to engage in a simultaneous crusade in Washington and Oregon, September 9-19. This crusade was sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

### Third Anniversary, Tyler Street Church, Little Rock

September 9 marked the third anniversary of Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, and was designated as Church Loyalty Sunday. The occasion also marked the third anniversary of Pastor Felix J. Williams.

During the three year history of the church 216 members have been received into the fellowship of the church.

The present church building was erected in 1949 and the construction of an education building is scheduled to begin within the next few months.

Special programs in all the services of the day featured the anniversary. The Sunday School and Training Union joined in the celebration which received special emphasis in the morning worship service. The pastor's subject for the service was, "A Closer Walk With God." There were eight additions to the church in the morning service.

### First Church, Fordyce Receives 177

First Church, Fordyce, has received 177 new members during the associational year just closed; 99 were received on profession of faith and baptism, 78 by letter.

During the six year ministry of Pastor J. T. Elliff with the Fordyce church, there have been a total of 634 members received into the fellowship of the church, 305 by baptism and 329 by letter.

### New Church Organized In Big Creek Association

When H. M. Dugger began his work as associational missionary in Big Creek Association, January 1, 1950, he found a large community with a school, a store, and a post office, but no religious services of any kind. He preached his first sermon in the school house in this community of Saddle on February 6, 1950. A young woman was saved. Preaching services were continued once each month and people continued to be saved.

In May 1950 the Mammoth Spring Church began to sponsor a mission at Saddle, with the pastor, J. H. Mayfield, doing the preaching each Sunday afternoon. When Mr. Mayfield resigned the pastorate and a new pastor came on the field, W. A. Moody, the work was continued and a revival meeting conducted. On Sunday afternoon, September 23, Pastor Moody and Missionary Dugger led in the organization of a church at Saddle with 32 charter members, all of whom had been saved and baptized through the missionary effort.

The Saddle Missionary Baptist Church voted to co-operate with Big Creek Association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Immediately following the organization of the church, two new members were received for baptism.

One of the charter members said, "This church is the first religious organization of any kind in the Saddle community for the past fifty years. In 1900 a Methodist church disbanded and there have been very few religious services held there since, except for funerals." It seems that Missionary Dugger is the first Baptist preacher to ever preach in that community.

### Immanuel, Pine Bluff Receives 26

Pastor Howard S. Kolb and the Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, had the services of Dr. Ira C. Cole, pastor of the Raleigh Baptist Church at Memphis, as evangelist and Mr. Ira Bledsoe of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, as song leader in revival services September 2 to 12.

There were 26 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and nine by letter and one by statement.

### Licensed to Preach

Morris Smith was licensed to preach by South Highland Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning, September 23. Mr. Smith is a student at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. Ray Branscum is pastor at South Highland.

### Books Received

#### ADORATION

Devotions for persons and group worship.  
Author, Virginia Ely Price \$2.00  
Publisher: Fleming H. Revell Co.  
SAND AND STARS

An absorbing story of missionary adventure in Peru.

Author: Ruth Stull Price \$2.50  
Publishers: Fleming H. Revell Co.

#### PREACHING FROM PROPHETIC BOOKS

How to apply their messages to human needs today.

Author: Andrew W. Blackwood, Price \$2.50  
Publisher: Abington-Cokesbury Press.

#### INTERPRETERS NEEDED

The eternal Gospel and our contemporary society.

Author: Edward H. Pruden Price \$2.00  
Publisher: Judson Press.



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## BAPTIST HOUR

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By Religious News Service

## Priest Fined for Interfering With Baptists' Mail

Father J. Alfred Roy, parish priest of Ste. Germaine Boule, Que., was fined \$100 on a charge of interfering with mail addressed to Regular Baptists over a five-month period.

In addition, Gervaise Begin, 16, who worked part-time in the post office where the mail was stopped, was given a suspended sentence for permitting another person to keep, relay and detain postal circulars.

In passing sentence, Magistrate Felix Allard said the charge was a technical one since the mail detained consisted of circulars in non-sealed envelopes. There was no criminal intent, he added.

Father Roy and the girl pleaded guilty to the charges. Miss Begin is the daughter of the former postmaster of Ste. Germaine Boule, William Begin, who has been dismissed for unsatisfactory work. Father Roy was reported to have admitted burning the Baptists' mail.

The charges arose when the Rev. Leslie G. Barnhart, pastor of the Regular Baptist church at LaSarre, Que., complained to the Post Office Department, Ottawa, that pamphlets sent to residents of Ste. Germaine Boule were not reaching their destination.

Defense Counsel Charles Barbès asked a suspended sentence for the pair and Magistrate Allard indicated he would consider the matter should the Justice Department prosecutor, J. J. Martel, of LaSarre, agree to it.

Mr. Martel said, however, that his instruction from Ottawa was to let the court use its own discretion.

## Malik Praises Work Of Missionaries

The work of American missionaries abroad is more important than diplomacy in expressing the desire of the American people for peace and plenty in the world, Dr. Charles Malik, minister of Lebanon to the United States, told a meeting of churchmen in Washington, D. C.

"Your missionaries constitute the finest act of American charity abroad," said Dr. Malik, who also represents Lebanon at the United Nations.

"The hospitals and schools you have built are the best evidence you have abroad to show your concern for the world."

Speaking in feeling terms about the worldwide struggle between Marxism and Christianity, Dr. Malik said that the Church's greatest task must be to continue supplying "servants of Christ abroad."

By preaching the gospel and getting men and nations closer together, he suggested, churches can bring to bear great indirect influences on the forces which are molding history.

He expressed the hope that American churches would encourage understanding of the movement for freedom which is sweeping Asiatic nations.

"No man who loves freedom can help but rejoice at this awakening," he said. "The people of Asia want the right to live as dignified human beings, with complete social and human equality."

Dr. Malik, a prominent Christian layman, is chairman of the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations. The meeting which he addressed concluded a three-day workshop on "The Church Around the World" sponsored by the Washington Federation of Churches.

## Baptists Warn of Threat To Freedoms

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs adopted a resolution warning against any abridgement of American freedoms whether by public officials or "self-styled private vigilantes."

"We urge our people vigorously to oppose those who would destroy those freedoms by organized heresy hunts and character assassination," the resolution said.

The committee, which comprises representatives of four major Baptist groups in the United States, also warned that the low level of public and private morality, if unchecked, is a grave threat to American democracy.

It urged Baptists to re-examine their own personal attitude toward government and "their own departures from simple honesty in everyday living."

In other resolutions, the committee urged ratification by the United States Senate of the Japanese peace treaty and the United Nations Genocide Convention, and expressed renewed concern over imminent plans for national universal military training.

The committee also deplored the persecution of Christian missionaries in China and attempts by the Peking Communist government to cut off the Chinese people from all contact with Christians abroad.

The Baptists called for "a never-ending cycle of prayer for the Chinese people."

## Italian Baptists Protest Ruling on New Churches

A recent ruling by the Italian Ministry of the Interior concerning the opening of places of worship was criticized in Rome by the Italian Baptist Church as a "new and arbitrary interpretation" of the law regarding non-Catholic cults in Italy.

Baptist officials said that according to the ministry's ruling the opening of any place of worship, however small, must be authorized by local police authorities.

A statement issued on behalf of the Baptist Church said it "protests against the devious interpretation and application of the above-mentioned law, and calls to the attention of all freedom-loving Italians the dangerous and progressing confessionalism of the Italian government which annuls the spirit and the letter of the Constitution."

The Baptist statement requested the Ministry of the Interior "promptly to abrogate its restrictive decision concerning evangelical cults" and to recall to all local authorities "the respect due to religious freedom in all its manifestations."

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I have lived to thank God that not all of my prayers have been answered.

—Jean Ingelow

# A Smile or Two

A Boy Scout found an envelope containing tickets. The envelope bore a name and address, and the boy, accompanied by his younger brother, went there at once.

On accepting the tickets, the rightful owner thanked the boy and offered him a dollar.

"Sorry, I'm a Scout," said the boy. "This is my good deed for the day."

The man was on the point of returning the bill to his wallet when the Scout went on: "But my little brother here isn't."

Susan Peters read her young son, Tim, a book about animals and then decided to test his new knowledge. She asked: "Tell me, Tim, about some things that are very dangerous to get near and have horns."

Tim immediately answered: "Automobiles."

—Quote.

That country fellow who is always visiting New York for the first time was there again recently, taking in the sights with a city friend. After watching the heavy traffic for a while, he said: "You've got a nice town here, but it looks to me like you folks was a whole lot behind in your haulin'."

—Quote.

Some folk think they are bearing their cross when they are only putting up with themselves.

—Defender.

Nobody is satisfied with his walk in life if he has to shovel it himself.

—Quote.

Mamma said, "Papa, should I take Junior to the zoo tomorrow?"

Absolutely not," said Papa. "If the zoo wants him, let them come and get him."

—Capper's Weekly

"My husband is an efficiency expert in a large office."

"What does an efficiency expert do?"

"Well, if we women did it, they'd call it nagging."

A New Mexico dude-ranch host was apologizing to his guests for what he called an unusual spell of wind that scalped a saddle shed, blew down numerous trees, and kept the dudes indoors. His guests looked skeptical. Everywhere they went, they said, people always claimed the weather was unusual.

"But this windy spell is unusual," insisted the leathery-faced rancher. "Why, you can see for yourselves it's blown down trees that never were blown down before!"

The jury had just brought in a verdict of acquittal in a murder trial.

The judge frowned, adjusted his robe, and snapped, "What possible reason can this jury have?"

The foreman responded, "Insanity, Your Honor."

The judge leaned forward. "All 12 of you?"

Bride: "I'm reading a mystery book."

Groom: "Why, that looks like our budget book."

Bride: "It is."

## News From Baptist Press

### Protestants Are Meeting Communist Challenge

Protestants are meeting the challenge of Communism better than any other Christian group, according to a report of the Committee on World Issues presented by Dr. M. Theron Rankin.

The report stated, "The very diversity of those who constitute the Protestant forces is in itself a testimony to freedom and liberty. Even with our lack of complete unity and co-ordination, we are in a more favorable position to combat Communism than if we were under the necessity of conforming to a pattern and being regimented by an oppressive ecclesiastical hierarchy."

Dr. Rankin, who is the Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, which has maintained a large number of missionaries in China, said concerning the Christian situation in China: "The communist control of the government of China in its bearing on the Christian church and missionary effort is bad. Moreover, on the human level, it does not give promise of being any better soon. The freedom of the church to do its distinctively Christian work has been greatly abridged at the point of declaring its gospel and the judgment of the gospel on the whole of life. It is abridged almost to the point of absolute prohibition with respect to vital contact with the world Christian fellowship. Almost all missionaries have been cut off from both the churches and the people. Most of them have left China. Almost all of the others are awaiting permission to leave. Even so, Christians are not without hope."

### Displaced Members Analyzed By "Baptist Program" Survey

The *Baptist Program*, monthly pastors' publication, recently conducted a survey to see what Southern Baptist pastors were thinking about the displaced member problem. Dr. Paul Wheeler, pastor, Park Street Church, Columbia, South Carolina, here analyzes the answers to the questionnaire. Dr. Wheeler is a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Convention.

#### 1. Causes stated for the large per cent of non-resident members:

- (1) Faulty evangelism.
- (2) Failure to enlist and indoctrinate new members.
- (3) Inactivity in the home church (before moving from the community).
- (4) Lack of a sense of loyalty to Christ and the local church.
- (5) Failure of churches to encourage non-resident members to move letters.
- (6) Worldliness and indifference.
- (7) Lack of proper parental training and influence.
- (8) Temporary residence.
- (9) Difficulty some members have in making adjustment in new church life.
- (10) Desire of home church to hold them.

#### 2. Solutions suggested:

- (1) Higher standard for church membership.
- (2) Enlist and indoctrinate all members.
- (3) Teach the members the requirement of the church covenant at this point.
- (4) Better co-operation by pastors.
- (5) Organization of new churches where needed.
- (6) Systematic plan of visitation of unaffiliated members.
- (7) Revision of church roll. Keep accurate records.

ate records.

- (8) Write non-resident members urging them to join where they live.

#### 3. Observations:

- (1) Most pastors are conscious of the seriousness of the problem.
- (2) The majority feel that something should be done about it.
- (3) Very few are taking any definite steps to solve the problem in addition to their regular church program.

#### 4. Recommendations:

- (1) Keep the seriousness of the problem before the pastors and churches by
  - (a) articles in *The Baptist Program*,
  - (b) in state papers, (c) tracts, (d) posters.
- (2) Definite steps that may be taken by churches: (a) more consistent effort to enlist and indoctrinate all members. (b) Impress upon members the duty of keeping the church covenant relative to this matter. (c) Write non-resident members suggesting that they join a Baptist church where they live. (d) Write pastors notifying them of members moving to their communities. (e) Consistent visitation of unaffiliated members of the church community. (f) Revision of church roll. Keep accurate records.
- (3) Consideration of the advisability of having a day or a month in the calendar of activities when all churches will be asked to make special efforts to solve the non-resident membership problem.

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### Reports Protestant Gains In Latin European Countries

By Religious News Service

Protestants have made gains in Latin European countries with the exceptions of Italy and Spain, Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, said in Princeton, New Jersey.

Dr. Mackay reported on a recent trip to five European countries in which he surveyed the problems faced by Protestants in carrying on their religious work. His trip was made under the auspices of the International Missionary Council, of which he is chairman.

In Belgium and France, Dr. Mackay said, Protestants enjoy full religious freedom and official protection. This same protection is given them in Portugal, but there they have "relative" freedom, he said. In Italy, he declared, although Protestants are constitutionally entitled to religious freedom, "they are merely tolerated." And in Spain, according to the theologian, "freedom is dead," and Protestants live under "intolerable" conditions.

"The Belgian government believes that religion, in all its recognized forms, is a good thing for the people," he said.

For this reason, Dr. Mackay explained, "it subsidizes not only the religious activity of the Roman Catholic Church, to which the larger proportion of Belgians belong, but also the religious activities of Protestants and Jews."

Dr. Mackay reported that there are some 80,000 Protestants in Belgium, while in the Belgian Congo there is a Protestant constituency of one and a half million, "the fruit of missionary activity."

Turning to France, Dr. Mackay described the country as "a lay state which is not hostile to religion, but which does not de-

sire to become subject again to any religious hierarchy."

"The French Republic of today is no longer the anti-clerical state which it was in the early years of the century," he said. As evidence of this trend, he cited the recent action of the French Government in subsidizing indirectly the country's Roman Catholic parochial schools.

Although there are only 700,000 Protestants in France, "their influence in French affairs has been, and continues to be, far out of proportion to their number," Dr. Mackay stated. He added that like Belgium Protestants they enjoy the utmost religious freedom.

Catholicism in France, he said, "is notably liberal in its spirit and point of view."

The 15,000 Protestants in Portugal "enjoy relative freedom and official protection," Dr. Mackay reported.

"Protestant Churches can even obtain permission to own property," he said. "Permission to open new places of worship is difficult to obtain, but not impossible. Meetings can be held in any hall without difficulty."

In Italy, Dr. Mackay said, "the picture changes and takes on a sombre hue." He reported that the 100,000 Protestants there "live under the severest restrictions in the exercise of their religious rights."

"It has become virtually impossible for Italian Protestants to secure permission to open new places of worship," he said. "Meetings held in places which have not been authorized by the authorities subject those who conduct them to fines and imprisonment."

In Spain, Dr. Mackay said, he found the situation "worse than I had imagined. Freedom was dead. The peace that prevailed was the peace of the sepulchre."

He said that the "overt persecution" which marked the early years of the Franco regime "has been transformed into a subtle, sadistic, inexorable policy of making the social and cultural life of Protestants as intolerable as possible."

"In the expression of their religious life," he said, "Spain's 20,000 Protestants are surrounded with the grim, confining barriers of the ghetto. They may worship in buildings which they possessed before 'the Glorious Movement,' as the present regime calls the new order in Spain. But no external sign can mark a Protestant place of worship."

"No publicity can be given to the services. No literature can be published by the congregation. No religious gatherings, however small, can take place in private homes. No authorization can be obtained for the organization of new congregations or the establishment of new places of worship."

"Protestants can have no recreational clubs for youth. They can conduct no parochial schools for their own children. They cannot circulate Bibles or religious literature through the mails. They cannot become officers in the Army because every officer is obliged to accept the Catholic faith."

"For like reasons they cannot become teachers or lawyers, because advancement in all the professions is contingent upon courses in Roman Catholic dogma and the abandonment of every Protestant connection. Most revolting of all is the fact that when any person, man or woman, who was baptized a Catholic becomes a Protestant, he or she finds it practically impossible to be civilly married by a judge."

(NOTE: And our government is financing the Fascist dictator of Spain. American taxpayers are called upon to subsidize the persecution of their co-believers in Spain.—EDITOR.)



## The Planning of a Leader

By BURTON A. MILEY

A leader is seldom a natural. He has to be developed. Therefore, any leader who plans to exercise worth in leadership must grow. A Sunday School superintendent that had recently been elected was speaking to his pastor and said, "I'll try for three months." The pastor immediately told him that if he were going to try it for three months only, please not take the post of responsibility. "You would not have time," said the pastor, "to learn the work in three months. You would not have time to get into the swing of affairs. You couldn't build a reservoir of experience within three months. If you want to make Sunday School superintendency your life's work for the Kingdom of God then go into it, otherwise, don't take my time." Fifteen years later finds that one a useful growing Christian still serving as Sunday School superintendent.

A leader is seldom a natural. He may have the native traits of leadership but those native traits will have to be developed. Development is imperative in leadership. When the leader stops growing then the people will stop following. In the planning of a leader this development comes by three avenues.

**The first avenue is that of observation.**

We learn much by observation. We learn that there are some things which work and some things which do not work. Occasionally, the church speaks about the pastor

being away too much. That church little realizes that every time her pastor is away he is a student of some other program. He is learning new methods and he returns to his church a better leader. He has had the opportunity to observe. We learn by observation.

**In the second place we learn by experience.**

Experience is a costly way of learning and many times a very discouraging way. Experience is bound to have some failures within it. These failures tend to discourage and to cause one to step aside, but the experience teaches us what works and what doesn't work. Development by experience is a marvelous thing. A record of long service in a particular place is certainly enviable, providing that worker has not grown stale and in a rut.

**A third avenue is that of study.**

There is no substitute for study in leadership. When I was a boy and had to go to the mill I learned that if you wanted to get anything out at the spout you had to put something in at the hopper. Those grains in the hopper were processed by the mill and either grits or meal came out at the spout. Study does that for us. It places grains within the hopper, and then as we process ideas they become to us valuable methods of procedure. They become material and resources that we can call up on a moment's notice. We learn by study.

## Nazism, Fascism, Communism Vs. Christianity

By W. W. MOORE JR.

Nazism, Fascism, and Communism are subject to their leaders and flourish for a time. Christianity deals with things eternal and of divine origin. Movements of men come and go. Dynasties, Kingdoms and Monarchies are subject to the vicissitudes of time, rest on sifting sands, and under stress will crumble and fall. Men through the centuries have pursued every lane of adventure to achieve success and fame; many have been caught in the avalanche of misguided men. Human termites are eating away with a doctrine to wreck the foundation of civilization.

Nero fiddled while Rome burned and he may have all the fire today to satisfy himself. Rome, who ruled the world with her close mesh of law, went to a premature grave. Alexander the Great left for no man worlds to conquer, and he met defeat with one enemy, death. Greece with her philosophers and poets became a rusty mold in the garbage can of history.

Germany with her militarism drove a hard bargain with her Nazism under Hitler as her lord rose high on the stage of the world, and stood on the pinnacle of power. While his resting place remains unknown, he left his nation an orphan upon the charitable peoples of the world. Italy with her Fascism under Mussolini ravished Ethiopia and stabbed France in the back. She is a faded flower and a bad actor on the stage of the world, for she went down in failure and disgrace. France with her drinking and reveling met her Waterloo at the Maginot line.

Judaism with her opposition to Christianity from Abraham to Calvary is today trembling like an aspen leaf and boiling in her own oil. China with her Confucianism, has sold herself for a mess of pottage. By enthroning Communism she has dug her own grave and will fry in her own fat. Japan with Shintoism, the rising sun, had her bones bleached on the isle of Hiroshima with the advent of the Atomic Bomb.

Stalin vaunting his power may realize it is only a dream and will ultimately share the same fate of Hitler and Mussolini.

The United Kingdom has climbed the ladder of fame and power through the Atomic Bomb. We laughed at a man who said "might makes right," but depending on this philosophy I'm afraid she will be caught in the same trap. Implements of destruction is not the answer. We spent more money in one year to fortify Europe than we paid missionaries since Judson went to Burma 100 years ago.

With the failure of the misguided people of the earth, putting their faith in would-be leaders, a terrific toll has been exacted from human life and a bankrupt world; only one institution has survived through the stress and storm of opposition. Christianity has stood steadfast and unmovable and comes to her own. For Christ said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against" His Church. He solved all the perplexing problems that He faced. He conquered every disease, He triumphed over death and the grave, and as He ascended back to heaven He assured His followers He would be back.

Every church should have leadership clinics and constantly be on the job to develop leaders. Deacons should have periods of study. Training classes for Sunday School officers, Training Union workers, for the musical forces and ushers should be held. Study is imperative.

A planned program is the answer to an unspoken "what can we do?" It is a dangerous thing to bring people together without having a plan of operation. I've known Sunday School parties to break up into wrong social expressions because no one had a plan. I've known Training Union socials to turn into a dance because the leaders didn't have a planned program. Unless the leader furnishes the plan, from whom can it be expected? The people positively will pursue planned programs. It is the leader's job to have the plans. Where there is no plan the leader perishes. Also the people perish. The leader is a planner, staying well ahead of all the work of his people. He knows what is yet to be done when an assigned task is completed.

A leader without plans is a machine without controls!

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## The Consciousness of The Presence of God

By G. H. O'DONNELL

The ancient Hebrew was thoroughly convinced of the fact of God. He believed that God was the Creator and the Preserver of all things. But to him the fact of God included the consciousness of the presence of God. God was not merely a fact—God was a force at work in the world. God was present everywhere. "Whither shall I flee from His presence? If I seek the highest heavens God is there. If I go to the lowest depths, God is there." The ancient Hebrew had a consciousness of the presence of God.

To the prophets and thinkers of the Old Testament man's life was founded upon the fact of God as a force and as a presence in the lives of men. "The Eternal God is thy dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Man was in the world because God had created man in His own image and had placed man in the world to live in the consciousness of the presence of God and by the aid of God. The man who believes that the Eternal God is his dwellingplace and who is persuaded that the everlasting arms of God are underneath him to hold him up, to guide, to protect, cannot be defeated. His life is founded upon the solid rock and he cannot be shaken.

It is an assurance that is much needed today. Many unfavorable forces are at work in our individual lives and in our national life. The influence of evil men and of destructive institutions is very strong and widespread. Our young people are constantly exposed to these forces that destroy. They are apt to come to take them for granted as a part of our legitimate activities. Let us get back to a consciousness of the presence of God. Let us have the unshakable faith that the Eternal God is our dwellingplace and that underneath are the everlasting arms. Only the man who builds his life on the fact of God can be victorious in the battle between right and wrong.

—The Baptist Observer—

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When father, mother and children learn the nature of their relation to each other, a family is born.

## This Is My Life Work

By E. STANLEY WILLIAMSON, Minister of Education,  
Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

The call to the Ministry of Religious Education is as important as any call that God extends to man, and I am thankful to God for His graciousness in giving me the privilege of serving Him in the capacity of Minister of Education in a local church. This is my life work and the possibilities and potentialities of the field in which I labor are unlimited. The realization of the highest achievement of which religious education is capable is dependent upon two factors: The philosophy of religious education which you and I have; and the way that philosophy is expressed in our spiritual everyday work.

### Spiritual Growth

This is my life work: **To grow spiritually.** As a leader of others in spiritual growth it is absolutely necessary that I grow spiritually myself. Not only is the principle of leadership by example involved, but also the practical necessity for my spiritual growth if I am to lead others who are maturing spiritually.

There are three primary experiences through which I may grow spiritually! I must daily study God's Word and talk to Him in prayer as an individual. At this time I take my innermost personal needs and problems and joys to Him in prayer. Through meditative concentration I may receive the message He has for me in His book. In the second place I may grow spiritually through daily family devotional life. As a result of this activity there develops a loving Christian fellowship in the home which makes possible a wonderful environment for the working of God's will in family life. I grow spiritually as I participate in corporate worship. As I wait upon God in His house of worship, inspiration and determination for daily living are mine.

### New Testament Objectives

This is my life work: **To lead my church to accept as its objectives those advocated by the New Testament.** The ministry of education in a local church, is not separate and distinct from the total ministry of the church, but it so impregnates everything the church does that it is impossible to dissect it out of its functional position. The purposes of a New Testament church are the objectives of the educational program of that church. The first objective of the educational ministry is to introduce the lost individual to Jesus Christ. Religious education can and must do the introducing, but a miracle on the part of God saves the lost individual when he puts his faith in the Son of God. The second objective is growth. Growth is desirable in two ways: The individual should grow spiritually as a result of the educational processes in the local church; and the number of individuals to receive this educational ministry will increase as an adequate and balanced program is maintained.

### Trained Leadership

This is my life work: **To train the leadership of the church to accomplish the objectives of the church.** Jesus has set a marvelous example as to the powerful dynamic which may be properly and effectively channeled through leadership training. He took twelve uneducated, and rough men, who by the normal course of events would

have been forgotten a few years after their death, and through His teaching and training them began a movement which conquered the then known world in little more than four centuries. Yet to many it seemed foolish that He invested by far the greater part of His three year earthly ministry in specialized training just for them.

Today, religious educators must choose the course which will pay the most spiritual dividends for the advancement of the Master's work. Shall the major appeal be a popular one to the masses, or shall the main effort be the less glamorous approach of leadership training for the few?

To insure a qualitative educational ministry it is imperative that the Superintendents of the departments in our Sunday Schools, our Training Union Department Directors, the leadership of our Brotherhoods and W. M. S. shall receive specific specialized training for their job opportunities. And this training must be on a continuous basis. The Minister of Education will either be a supervisor assisting his trained Superintendents and Directors at special places of need which only he can fill, or he will be carrying all of the load he can possibly shoulder asking them to help in whatever way they can in their untrained way.

A weekly teachers and officers meeting where those attending are constantly learning how to do their tasks better, plus a weekly training meeting where Superintendents and Directors are learning how to accomplish their work in a more effective manner will insure the quality and quantity and stability of the educational ministry in the local church.

### Maximum Effectiveness

This is my life work: **To help Religious Education attain its correct status and maximum effectiveness.** I may do this:

Through continuously improving my conception of the educational ministry and applying the new ideas in my work. As my work improves, the field in which I work will become more and more respected.

Through emphasizing the importance of the educational principle in church life others will come to see the absolute necessity for an adequate educational program and the far reaching results from its being correctly positioned in church life.

By a balanced emphasis on these two objectives: reaching more individuals; and leading the individual to grow spiritually.

Religious Education will receive its rightful recognition as its leaders maintain their interest in numerical achievement and with the same zeal assure a qualitative ministry throughout the church that leads men and women, boys and girls to become more Christlike.

By relying only on the highest level of motivation. One principle of learning is to begin with people where they are. Everyone who has accepted Christ as their Savior is capable and desirous of fellowship with God through worship. This is the highest level of motivation and it produces the surest and most lasting results. The classic example is Isaiah as he records his experience of worship in Isaiah 6:1-3. The result was a desire to serve which found expression in volunteering for whatever task God had for him. I do not care to compete with this source of motivation by try-

## FSA Continues to Make Grants To Church-Affiliated Institutions

While the Senate considers the advisability of making available a substantial gift, in effect, to various sectarian hospitals in the District of Columbia, and both Protestants and Catholics take a stance for or against such legislation, the Federal Security Administration continues to make grants to church-affiliated and secular institutions in substantial amounts for research on various health projects.

Various "new drugs" used in the treatment of tuberculosis will be evaluated under more than a dozen of some 100 grants awarded recently by the National Microbiological Institution of the National Institutes of Health, adjunct of the Federal Security Administration, it has been announced by Oscar R. Ewing, FSA chief.

Among the grants listed by the agency are sums for the National Jewish Hospital, Denver, Colorado; Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; Northwestern University, Chicago; University of Chicago; Tulane University, New Orleans; University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana; Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; Christ Hospital Institute of Medical Research, Cincinnati; and Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

These grants, which in toto amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars, are among a total of 102 such subsidies amounting to \$1,088,952 which have been awarded to non-federal medical scientists by the National Microbiological Institution with the approval of Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service, on the recommendation of the National Advisory Health Council.

—The Washington Religious Review

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## Baptists Who Spurned Gov't Funds Launch Hospital Addition

Work on the construction of an eight-story addition to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for which Baptists turned down government grants, was officially launched at ground-breaking ceremonies.

The addition, costing \$1,700,000, was started after Baptist leaders undertook to raise the additional money themselves. They rejected government funds as violating the principle of Church-State separation.

ing to think up a better way. In resorting to other forms of motivation people are wrongly trained to depend on man made devices to urge them to service rather than seeking God and serving Him because of loving fellowship with Him. Problems relative to volunteer service in our churches will become insignificant when the Pastor, Minister of Education, and Educational Workers have faith enough to trust in the worship experience to stimulate the desire to serve. If effort is slack, examine the worship program and determine why people are not being led into worship experiences with God. Worship and Work go hand in hand.

This is my life work, but I feel strongly that this should also be the life work of every one who enters this important field of ministering to the masses through religious education. When it is so, then the work of religious education will be given its rightful place in the churches and the denomination.

## Woman's Missionary Union

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### Narcotic Education Consultant Chosen

Mr. D. J. Blaylock has been chosen Narcotic Education Consultant and is at work following six weeks of intensive study at W. C. T. U. Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Blaylock is a Baptist, graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, an accomplished musician, and prior to entering this important field of education, he served as educational director. Having this background, he is anxious to serve through the churches as well as public schools, when his schedule permits. He may be contacted through Mrs. W. I. Stout, 1500 Summit, Little Rock.

Of his plans, Mr. Blaylock writes: "Our plan for the work in Arkansas is that of reaching and helping teachers. (This work is recognized by the State Department of Education.) We feel that narcotics education is most effective in the public school when it is correlated with health education, chemistry, biology, history, physiology, and psychology. We believe that the public school teacher is in a position to do this work better than anyone else can do it and it is our purpose to help him make it effective. Our program began with the summer schools in Northeastern Arkansas. We are going first to the counties which have not been contacted by the former consultants."

Women of the following denominations co-operate in employing Mr. Blaylock as consult-



D. J. Blaylock

ant: Methodist, Baptist, Missionary Baptist, Presbyterian, U. S. A.; Southern Presbyterian, Associate Reformed Presbyterian, Christian, Nazarene, and Seven Day Adventist. Last year Baptist women gave a total of \$1,129.76. A larger budget is needed this year. Kindly send contributions for this work to Miss Nancy Cooper, State W. M. U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Mrs. Blaylock, also a musician and specially trained in this work, works with her husband.

### Miss Manley and Miss Short to Attend District Meetings

The annual W. M. U. District meetings for 1951 are scheduled for October 23-November 2. They have been planned to present inspiration and information through the messages of missionary guests and state workers. Miss Kathleen Manley, missionary-nurse to Nigeria, native of Tennessee, will be in all districts except Northwest. Miss Jaxie Short of Oklahoma, recently returned from China, will be guest speaker there. State plans and promotional activities will be presented by Miss Doris DeVault, State Young People's Secretary, and Miss Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union.

Check the following schedule for dates and places of meetings. Attendance will mean much to every Baptist woman in Arkansas. Make it a "must!"

District	Place	Date
Northwest	First Church, Rogers	October 23
West Central	First, Fort Smith	October 24
Southwest	Beech Street, Texarkana	October 25
Southeast	First, Crossett	October 26
Central	First, Conway	October 30
East Central	First, Forrest City	October 31
Northeast	Walnut Street, Jonesboro	November 1
North Central	Calvary, Batesville	November 2

### News From The Field

Many churches throughout the Southland are planning a whole-hearted observance of Layman's Day, on Sunday, October 14. Some churches are turning everything but the pulpit over to the laymen on that day; (even to the keeping of the nursery!). Laymen are teaching all Sunday School classes, and are leading throughout in the Training Union. In the congregational services, the laymen are filling the choir, and doing everything but the preaching. The slogan for Layman's Day is, you know, "The Pastor in the Pulpit, and the Laymen in the Pews."

Layman's Day is observed not only for the purpose of honoring the laymen, but also to point the laymen to their God-given responsibilities and opportunities in the work of God's Kingdom and His church.

Layman's Day focusses the attention of the church upon the work and worth of the laymen; and at the same time focusses the thinking of the laymen upon the work and worth of their church and denomination.

Observe Layman's Day in your church!

### Great Brotherhood Meeting At Fayetteville

A large group of the men of First Church, Fayetteville, gathered in their beautiful new educational building for a Brotherhood meeting on the evening of September 20. The Brotherhood is reorganizing for the new year, and is setting up a program of work designed to put the power of consecrated manhood into everything the church is doing.

Dr. Walter L. Johnson is pastor of the church, and Parker Rushing is the very efficient Brotherhood President.

First Church, Fayetteville, is one of the key churches in Arkansas. Serving the area of our great State University, the church is endeavoring in every way to measure up to its responsibilities and opportunities, there and everywhere. They believe the Bible, and they teach it and preach it in all its purity.

We thank God for the influence of First Church, Fayetteville, and for Dr. Johnson, the consecrated and capable pastor—an influence which is counting mightily for Christ and His program now, and shall continue to count wonderfully through the years ahead, not only in Fayetteville, but around the world.

### A Visit to Ward

The Brotherhood Secretary had a delightful visit with the newly-organized Brotherhood at Ward, where Ernest Baker is the pastor. It was a spiritual experience to have fellowship with a group of men whose concept of Brotherhood work is that of real opportunity to serve the Lord.

Ward is a small town. But the opportunities for service there are real, and as great for the individual Christian as can be found anywhere.

A wonderful truth about Christian service is that whether a person lives in a small town or in a big town, in the city or in the open country, the fields are white unto harvest all about him. Opportunities for service are unlimited in every direction. And God's blessings are upon those who do His will anywhere—everywhere!

We are praying for the Brotherhood at Ward; and part of our prayer is that Brotherhoods everywhere shall catch the spirit of genuine service—joyful service to their Lord through their church and denomination.

That's Brotherhood!

### Brotherhood Night Will Be Observed on November 19

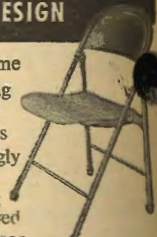
The Brotherhood Department takes pleasure in announcing the Brotherhood Night program for Monday evening, November 19, which is the eve of the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Brotherhood Night will be observed at First Church, Little Rock, the host church to the Convention.

Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, will be the main speaker. A great program is being prepared for Brotherhood Night.

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### Last Call - To Sunday School Convention

Arkansas' annual State Sunday School Convention will meet with the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, October 15-16. The theme of the convention is, "All the Word for All the World." Dr. Edgar Williamson, State Sunday School Secretary, has planned a truly magnificent program and the program personalities are among the best that can be secured.



In the matter of entertainment, bed Monday night, and breakfast Tuesday morning will be provided in homes free of charge to those registering for the convention. Those desiring such entertainment should write Rev. James Fitzgerald, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Jonesboro, for reservations.

#### Coming Events

October 15-16 — State Sunday School Convention, Jonesboro

October 29—State Associational Training Union Planning Meeting, Little Rock

December 10—Training Union "M" Night

December 30—Student Night at Christmas

"When you find a Training Union that is weak, it is not the Training Union that is weak, but the church that is weak in its training program."

#### Big Creek Associational Hymn Sing

Big Creek Association held its regular Hymn Sing Sunday afternoon, September 30, at Gum Spring Church. There were 102 people attending representing five churches, three choir directors, three organists, one preacher, two Sunday School superintendents, and one Training Union director. Mr. Elmer Kelton was in charge of the program.

The Association completed two years of successful Fifth Sunday afternoon Hymn Sings. They have been very interesting and helpful to all who attended.

### Group Training Schools For Sunday School Workers

The idea of having Group Training Schools for Sunday School workers is gaining wide and favorable reaction throughout the state of Arkansas. Many associations already have the groups arranged and the course of study selected. They also have the faculty enlisted and publicity prepared. October is the suggested month to have this group training school. However, some of our associations have been unable to get it on the calendar for October and are planning the schools for the early part of November.

One example of such a school is to be found in Pulaski County association. Frank Shamburger is Associational superintendent, and chairman of this group. Pulaski County has been divided into sixteen groups. Each group has from four to seven churches that are invited to participate in the training classes. The pastors are being enlisted to serve on the faculty. Books on administration are being generally used. This will give an opportunity to each one of the 69 churches in the association to have a part in this simultaneous effort.

The victory in training in October will get the year's program off to a great start. We are expecting great results.

### Associational Training School Greene County Association

Associate State Sunday School superintendent, George H. Hink, conducted an associational training school for the Green County Association, September 24-28. The training school was held in East Side Church, Paragould, Jeff Rousseau, pastor.

"Building a Standard Sunday School," by Arthur Flake, was taught. Six churches participated in the school: East Side, Paragould; Friendship, Newhope, First, Paragould; Stanford, and Shady Grove.

Total attendance reached 74 and 38 awards were given. A cradle roll and extension department were organized and staffed for East Side Church.

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## "Christ for the Crisis"

B. S. U. Convention

The theme for the B. S. U. convention held at Ferncliff, September 28-30, was "Christ for the Crisis." Visiting speakers included Mr. Bob Denny, Associate Southwide Student Secretary; Dr. Jack McGorman, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary; and Dr. David Moore, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia.

The program was under direction of Dr. Dale Cowling, State B. S. U. Secretary. The program opened Friday night with a banquet at Second Church, Little Rock, with the nurses at the Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, acting as hostesses. Skits were featured from all the colleges represented. The program was climaxed by inspirational message by Dr. Denny. Following the banquet the students went in cars and buses to Ferncliff for the remainder of the weekend program.

Saturday morning reports of B. S. U. work in the various schools were received. Informal discussions in the afternoon were led by Dr. McGorman for the men, and Dr. Denny for the women. Saturday night the Ouachita Choir rendered a short concert of sacred music.

### Pulaski County Hymn Sing

The Quarterly Hymn Sing was held Sunday afternoon, September 30, at First Church, Little Rock. More than 200 people were in attendance representing 25 churches. M. O. Kelley presided, led the opening group of songs, and outlined a program of work for the new church year. He then presented Mrs. Joe F. Simmons; who directed the further activities. Congregational singing was enjoyed by the group with Mrs. Wilbur H. Beck at the organ. Responsive Scripture reading preceded the singing of "Heavenly Light" (Wilhousky), by the First Church choir, under the direction of John Walker, and "In the Night Christ Came Walking" by the Second Church choir, directed by George H. Miller.

The second half of the program consisted of a rehearsal by the combined group of choirs from all of the churches in preparation for the Thanksgiving music which is to be sung for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention on the evening of Wednesday, November 21, at First Church. Two special rehearsals for this service will be held on November 12 and 19 at First Church at 7:30 p. m.

Announcement was made by the State Music Director that the Baptist Choral Club of Greater Little Rock would sing for the State Training Union Convention in the Robinson Memorial Auditorium, on Friday eve-

Officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Tommy Parnell, Ouachita College; first vice president, Boyd Mills, University of Arkansas; second vice president, Max Gregory, Arkansas State College; third vice president, Johnny Hagan, Ouachita; secretary, Gail Orton, Arkansas Baptist Hospital; treasurer, Don Valentine, Arkansas Tech; promotional chairman, Cecil Roland, University of Arkansas; music chairman, Jane Bassett, Arkansas Tech; publicity chairman, Doris Presson, Arkansas Baptist Hospital; editor, Ken Lilly, University; Y. W. A. representative, Anita Taylor, Baptist Hospital; Training Union representative, Betty Brown, State Teacher's College; Sunday School representative, Bobby Allen, Southern Baptist College; Missions and extension, Martha Moreland, Ouachita; Brotherhood, Milton May, University; faculty advisor, Theodore Garrison, Arkansas Tech; pastor advisor, W. E. Speed, First Church, Russellville.

The closing session of the convention was held Sunday morning. Following the service of song and personal testimonies, the closing message was delivered by Dr. McGorman.

ning, March 14, 1952. The following music is to be used:

- "Let All Things Now Living"—Welsh Melody
- "The Beatitudes"—H. R. Evans
- "Let Thy Holy Presence Come Upon Us"—Teschnikoff
- "Hallelujah Chorus" (Messiah)—Handel

### Reported Your Bible School

Vacation Bible schools that were held last summer are still being reported. According to our reports up to September 17, 306 of these reports have been received. We feel that we have heard from approximately 60 per cent of the Vacation Bible schools, and that there are yet 40 per cent, or approximately 200 that have not been reported.

Please check and see if your school has been reported. Keep the reports coming. Address Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

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## Separation of Church and State Brought Political-Social Liberty to Chile

By IONE GRAY

Complete separation of church and state has brought a climate of political and social freedom in Chile, Dr. Robert Cecil Moore, Southern Baptist missionary to the country, told the Foreign Mission Board headquarters staff on a visit to Richmond, Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Moore have been missionaries to Chile since 1919.

This freedom of religion came to Chile in 1925 following a bloodless revolution and the rewriting of the constitution. Evangelicals are free to hold street services, to broadcast over the radio, to establish schools, and to publish literature as they choose.

"Our mission forces try to cooperate in every possible way in social and educational advance," Dr. Moore said. He told of serving with a Roman Catholic bishop on a committee to study the question of alcoholism at the request of the governor of the Province of Cautin.

Though all the countries of South America are progressing, Dr. Moore said Chile has made as much or more progress than the others. Quoting from an authoritative source, he said that illiteracy has decreased from 50 per cent to 18 per cent since 1920, when a compulsory education law was passed.

Night schools are held for adults. Some of the farm owners have small schools for adults. Evangelicals co-operate fully in this

effort to educate the people, he continued. The First Baptist Church, Temuco, Chile, where Dr. Moore was pastor 16 years, held classes for three years.

"There are not enough teachers," he explained. "The educational system lacks idealism and there is not the same incentive for teaching as there is in the States."

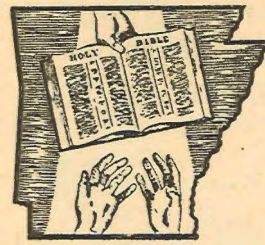
Dr. Moore said the country is politically mature and that the last three national elections have been fair and democratic. Although there are communists in the country, he said the system has been outlawed and that they have gone underground. This has resulted in decreased strength. "Chile has a robust regard for law," he explained.

Dr. Moore reported that the Baptist Convention of Chile has 5,200 members, 55 churches, 23 missionaries, and 18 ordained national pastors.

Dr. Moore serves as manager of the five Baptist book stores in Chile and manager of publications for the convention. Mrs. Moore is editor of the Woman's Missionary Union literature.

They have six children, all born in Chile. The two oldest daughters are married and living in Chile. The other four children are in the States.

Dr. and Mrs. Moore may be addressed at 2914 Central Avenue, Tampa, Florida.



## Department of MISSIONS

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### Simultaneous Crusade Dates For 1952

In planning the church and associational activities for 1952, please keep in mind the dates for the sectional simultaneous evangelistic crusade. The dates are listed below:

North East Arkansas, March 9-23

South East Arkansas, April 6-13

North West Arkansas, April 6-13

South West Arkansas, April 13-27

### Evangelistic Organization

A permanent evangelistic organization should be maintained in each association. An associational chairman and organizer should be elected in the annual meeting of the association.

### Church Evangelistic Council

It is not giving too much emphasis to organization to stress the importance of each pastor having a council to work with him in planning and promoting evangelism in the church and community. The heads of the various church organizations should compose the council. The evangelistic plans for the entire year should be outlined. The council should

meet regularly with the pastor to carry through with the plans.

### Goals for 1952

Arkansas Baptists have not been accustomed to setting goals of definite number for baptism. It may be a good idea to do so. The association may want to project real evangelistic programs with definite goals to be won. Then the churches may desire to set up definite goals they expect to win. But, whether definite numbers are set or not, certainly, the objectives for the state, associations, and churches, should be to win more people to Christ in 1952 than ever before.

### Evangelistic Conference

The State Wide Evangelistic Conference will be held with the Baring Cross Church in North Little Rock, January 14-16. Among the speakers will be: Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans; Dr. C. E. Matthews, Dallas; Dr. Joe Burton, Nashville, and Mr. Howard Butt, Jr., Corpus Christi.

### White River Associational Hymn Sing

White River Association held its regular Hymn Sing Sunday afternoon, September 30, at Whiteville Church. There were 147 people present representing 11 churches.

The next Hymn Sing will be held in the Flippin Church, December 30, with Seth Lonon as the director.

### I Don't Drink!

"Everybody's doing it? No, not yet. Because I'm somebody, don't forget. Anybody with courage to stop and think. Is certainly somebody; I don't drink. Many a somebody who didn't think. Became a nobody because of drink. Anyone can follow what crowds do— I'm trying to be a somebody— How about you?"

—South Side Bulletin.

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If we're not hopeless, the situation isn't either.

### Raise or Raze?

By EVA EVERETT

There are twin brothers, who sound exactly alike and resemble each other so closely in appearance that they often be mistaken one for the other by the careless and unobserving. Yet how vastly different is their functions in life!

Raise works to build up, construct, and has many other nice synonymous duties, while his ruthless twin, Raze, tears down, destroys, and demolishes.

As an illustration of the importance little things play in the scheme of existence: Their only difference can be found in three small letters of the alphabet; i, s, and z.

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### What Is a Church?

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# Tentative Program

## Arkansas Baptist State Convention

### Little Rock, November 20-22, 1951

President—T. H. Jordan

Song Leader—W. E. Ward

#### First Day

##### Development of Baptist Work

- 10:00 Call to Order
- 10:00 Worship—J. I. Cossey
- 10:15 Enrolment
- 10:20 Welcome—C. H. Moses
- 10:30 Response—Walter Hill
- 10:40 President's Address
- 11:05 Introduction of New Pastors and Visitors
- 11:15 Announcements
- 11:20 Sermon—Lloyd A. Sparkman; Alternate, J. T. Elliff
- 12:00 Recess

#### First Day—Afternoon

- 1:30 Worship—W. M. Pratt
- 1:45 Miscellaneous
- 2:00 Arkansas Baptist—D. B. Westmoreland, B. H. Duncan
- 2:25 Retirement Plans—John Dodge
- 2:50 Song—Prayer
- 2:55 Religious Education—Othar Smith, Edgar Williamson
- 3:25 W. M. U.—Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Miss Nancy Cooper
- 3:45 Hospitals—Russell H. Clubb
- 4:10 Sermon—K. O. White
- 4:50 Recess

#### First Day—Evening

- 7:00 Worship—Hugh Cantrell
- 7:15 Brotherhood—Raymond Lindsey, Nelson Tull
- 7:45 Christian and Ministerial Education—Stanley Jordan
- 8:00 S. B. C.—Charles E. Lawrence, H. E. Williams
- 8:30 O. B. C.—W. O. Vaught Jr., Dean H. A. Haswell
- 9:30 Recess

#### Second Day—Missions

- 9:00 Worship—H. L. Lipford
- 9:15 Reading Journal
- 9:25 Announcements—Miscellaneous
- 9:40 Organize
- 10:00 Executive Board Report—B. L. Bridges
- 10:20 State Budget for 1952—James Harris
- 10:40 Cooperative Program
- 11:30 Song
- 11:35 Report on Home Missions—Jesse Reed
- 11:45 Sermon on Missions—J. B. Lawrence
- 12:20 Adjourn

#### Second Day—Afternoon

- 1:30 Worship—Dale McCoy
- 1:45 Orphanage—W. E. Perry, H. C. Seefeldt
- 2:15 Stewardship—J. W. Buckner
- 2:40 Nominating Committee—E. E. Griever
- 3:00 American Bible Society—T. T. Holloway
- 3:10 Honor Club—E. P. J. Garrott
- 3:20 Radio Commission—Dr. S. F. Lowe
- 3:30 Song
- 3:45 Report on Foreign Missions—Walter Johnson
- 3:50 Sermon: Missions—W. R. White
- 4:30 Recess

#### Second Day—Evening

- 7:00 Worship—W. A. Moody
- 7:15 Obituaries—Theo T. James
- 7:30 Chaplains—A. Carpenter
- 7:50 Song—Prayer
- 7:55 Central College Liquidating Agency—W. H. Hicks
- 8:10 State Missions—Percy Herring
- 9:00 Adjourn

#### Third Day

- 9:00 Worship—F. E. Goodbar
- 9:15 Reading Journal
- 9:30 Resolutions—David O. Moore
- 9:40 Baptist Foundation—C. Z. Holland
- 9:55 Braille Evangel
- 10:00 Seminaries—Rel Gray
- 10:20 Address
- 10:50 Social Service, Prohibition, Christian Home Life—W. W. Grafton
- 11:15 Song
- 11:20 Sermon—J. Harold Smith
- 12:00 Adjourn

## Judges Inject Strange Defense in Dixon Ruling

By LEWIS A. MYERS

In this particular column we are discussing but one angle of the Dixon ruling recently given by the Supreme Court of the state. This nationally known case carries great importance in the religious life of the people of the Southwest. Here centuries of Catholic predominance has resulted in open violation of constitutional guarantees, and religious minorities have been cowed, brow-beaten, stoned, threatened, their property confiscated, expelled from their own premises, denied equal rights, and suffered almost everything short of death even up to the time of the institution of the Dixon suit three years ago.

It is therefore more than passively strange that the Supreme Court should have pressed into its ruling a personal defense of the authorities of the Catholic diocese. We quote the ruling as it was given by the Associated Press.

"It is apparent that it is the archbishop to whom the people of New Mexico are indebted for the cessation of sectarian religious training in public schools where members of Roman Catholic orders taught, and not the public officials charged with such duty."

Such a statement is, it appears, wholly unwarranted and entirely untrue to the facts in the practice of the Archbishop. As stated above the Catholic leadership in the Southwest, particularly in New Mexico, never let up in the persecution of non-Catholic elements, and it has only been at the instance of the courts that relief has been gained by the minorities and this in the most recent years.

Of course the reference is to the fact that the Archbishop ruled that no religiously garbed teachers, meaning those within the Catholic order, would be allowed to teach in the public schools for the current session, but mind you, this ruling came after the District Court had handed down a decision against a series of long practiced, flagrant violations of Religious Liberty and after an appeal had already been taken to the Supreme Court. To attempt to steal the show at this juncture is a mighty poor act, and for the High Court to be a party to such an explanation does not beget the faith that traditionally adheres to men of eminence, elected to this high office.

On all the rulings we have little cause to object, but the extraneous opinions, the matter mentioned above and the question of total separation of church and state, we feel are not in keeping with the court's impartiality and dignity.

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Including Missions	1628	594	14
El Dorado, First	1042	255	
Including Mission	1127	297	
Little Rock, First	1009	406	12
Little Rock, Second	866	109	3
Fayetteville, First	711	249	13
El Dorado, Immanuel	666	295	4
Including Mission	708	344	5
Camden, First	636	169	5
Including Mission	931	285	
El Dorado, Second	594	269	2
Texarkana, Beech St.	592	274	2
Benton, First	588	120	
Including Mission	662	178	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	556	181	
Magnolia, Central	547	206	7
Including Mission	609	216	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	543	189	6
Paragould, First	530	239	2
Including Missions	696	340	
Crossett, First	522	272	7
McGehee, First	522	199	1
Including Mission	649		
Fordyce, First	502	205	1
Little Rock, Tabernacle	493	201	
Warren, First	492	127	
Hope, First	482	108	
Little Rock, Gaines St.	479	269	1
Forrest City, First	478	193	
Malvern, First	477	152	3
Little Rock, So. Highland	545	200	
Springdale, First	451	250	2
Including Mission	560		
Siloam Springs, First	449	292	4
El Dorado, West Side	437	179	3
Cullendale, First	431	171	2
Fort Smith, Calvary	409	209	1
Conway, First	403	177	7
Texarkana, Calvary	387	143	2
Searcy, First	373	125	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	367	88	
Rogers, First	359	154	5
Including Mission	419		
Fort Smith, South Side	343	120	7
Hamburg, First	337	121	3
Monticello, First	335	117	
Norphlet, First	308	205	
Mena, First	303	95	
Wilson, First	301	121	5
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	297	67	
Bentonville, First	295	57	4
Pine Bluff, Second	276	119	2
Fort Smith, Temple	274	195	
Wynee	273	79	
No. Little Rock, First	262	94	
Fort Smith, Trinity	252	80	1
Gentry, First	244	166	2
Jacksonville, First	241	116	
Including Missions	286		
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	238	125	2
DeQueen, First	237	66	
Hot Springs, Piney	225	161	
Alma, First	225	90	
Levy	222	107	
Little Rock, Calvary	219	71	1
Eudora, First	217	46	
Gurdon, Beech St.	213	119	4
Batesville, First	212	92	2
No. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	207	92	6
Star City, First	205	65	
Augusta, First	185	75	1
Including Mission	210		
Hot Springs,			
Harvey's Chapel	175	106	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	158	102	
No Little Rock, Friendship	156	130	
Springdale, Caudle Ave	152	131	
Amity	151	96	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	149	79	
Nettleton, First	148	108	1
Rose City, Calvary	138	78	
Warren, Immanuel	130	101	
El Dorado, Galilee	122	87	
Curtis	113	87	
Little Rock, West Side	96	53	1
Rt. Jacksonville,			
Davis Chapel	92	80	
Scott, Toltec	87	66	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	86	48	5
Little Rock, Bethel	78	42	
No. Little Rock, Grace	69	40	4
Little Rock, Markham St.	51	27	
No. Little Rock, Cedar Hts.	45	47	4

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When one considers the perils that menace us, he does not have to travel far to find their source. We have lost the discipline of the ruling convictions of conscience that kept the feet of our fathers on the rock that could not be moved.—Norman W. Cox.

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A blind boy was once asked the meaning of forgiveness. After thinking a few minutes, he replied: "It is the odor which the trampled flower gives out to bless the foot that crushes it."

# Receiving God's Promises

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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

One of the most interesting things about the inspired scriptures is the way it describes the faults and frailties of its favorite characters. The failures of God's chosen men are revealed to us throughout sacred history. The study of Jacob's life is first unusual. We see him first as the pampered child of Rebekah. For many years following he appears to us as a schemer, a shrewd bargainer. His very name meant supplanter, or trickster, and how well he lived up to it, as we see him tricking his brother out of his birthright and his father out of the parental blessing.

But a more pathetic picture lends itself to us as we see him fleeing for his life, a fugitive from his brother's wrath. Night overtook him and he was obliged to build himself a bed of stones or to recline upon the ground with whatever insects or reptiles that might come his way.

Jacob had been taught "about" God, but as he slept upon his stony bed he had a personal experience with Him. God introduced Himself to Jacob and gave him some great and precious promises.

1. "The land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;"

2. "Thy descendants shall be as the dust of the earth" (innumerable).

3. "In thee and thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

4. "Behold I am with thee, whithersoever thou goest."

5. "And will keep thee."

6. "And will bring thee again into this land . . ."

7. "I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

We recognize at once that God is renewing the Abrahamic covenant with Abraham's grandson. That the Hebrew nation which was begun in Abraham would be perpetuated through Jacob's children, rather than Esau.

## Grace, Not Ease Develops Character

We hate to think of our children being thrown out into the world to endure the hardships, and to face the temptations of life, but that has been the making of many people. We parents are too prone to protect our children from the hardships and experiences in life that tend to develop them into sturdy characters; that enables them to stand on their own feet. Jacob's departure from indulgent parents, his

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Genesis 28:1-22

thrust out into the world was, no doubt, for his own good. He never became personally acquainted with God till he left the protecting care of his rich parents. When he found himself alone in the darkness of night, and in the loneliness of the mountains, he found God and there he was willing to listen to what the Lord had to say. Many another youth has not known God, nor was willing to hear God, nor ready to make a vow to God, till he found himself alone in the world or in serious trouble.

The Lord did not turn young Jacob around and return him to his life of ease; but He promised to go with Jacob wherever he went and to bring him safely home again. Where Jacob was going, he needed God. In time he found his Uncle Laban, where he sought refuge, to be quite as shrewd as himself. Remember how Laban forced Jacob to marry both his daughters, and schemed Jacob out of 14 years of labor. He changed Jacob's salary ten times in twenty years. In spite of that God kept His promise and blessed Jacob till he was a rich man.

God uses circumstances frequently to direct the course of life for His servants, and so it was with Jacob. It was circumstances that drove him away from home, but it was also circumstances that drove him home again. When he grew tired of Laban's fickleness he decided to go home. There was just one thing to mar the prospect of a happy homecoming—Jacob wondered how Esau felt about him after twenty years!

The journey was begun, and presently Jacob sent messengers to Esau to tell him his brother was coming home, but he had done well in Haran and was now a man of means, and he hoped to find grace in his brother's sight. He evidently wanted Esau to know that he was not coming home to claim the family inheritance. The messengers returned to inform Jacob that his brother was coming to meet him—with 400 men! A good sized army.

## Jacob Claims a Promise

Jacob lost no time getting to his knees and reminding God of His promises to protect him, and to bring him home again, and to make his descendants innumerable (Genesis 32). Then Jacob prepared a gift for Esau, several hundred head of sheep, goats, camels, and oxen. Those he sent on ahead while he divided his

family into four groups with Rachel and Joseph in the rear. But Jacob went over Ford Jab-bok and prayed all night. It was on that night that he wrestled with a messenger of God till light was breaking in the East, and refused to let him go till he had given Jacob a blessing. There his name was changed to Israel, "a prince with God."

What a pleasant surprise was his next day when he met Esau and found his brother to be a gracious host. He implored Jacob to come on home and live by him. They would even travel together. Jacob made many excuses and finally succeeded in getting rid of his brother who seemed entirely too friendly. He would be right on directly. But as soon as Esau was out of sight, Jacob turned in the opposite direction and traveled as hard as he could to get away from Esau.

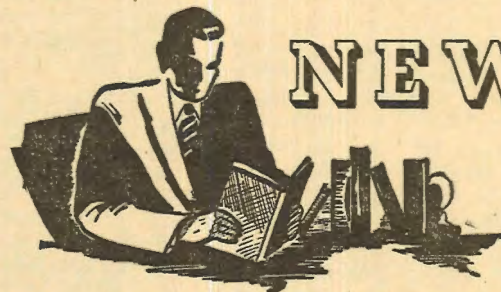
Jacob had known two outstanding experiences with God, but he never reached the state of sinless perfection. He could still falsify to his brother; he still could not trust Esau. After this experience he settled under the shadow of Schechem, a wicked city, and stayed there till his

children got into trouble, then in fear and remorse he moved on toward Beth-el the place he first met God. And there he built an altar. Through Jacob's experience, the name of Beth-el has become synonymous with the place of one's salvation. All of us need to go back to Beth-el occasionally, in our minds if we cannot in person, and review and renew our vows to God, who loved us and saved us.

## He Who Promised Is Faithful

As we review the seven promises the Lord made to Jacob, we know from a close study of his life that God kept those promises. Not because Jacob was worthy, he was a very imperfect person. God knew Jacob's weaknesses and limitations before He chose him, but he was chosen for a place of service because he was one whom God could use. Neither does the Lord choose servants today upon their merits, or necessarily because of great abilities. More humble people are chosen for service because they are willing to give their all upon the altar. The person of great ability is of no use to God unless that person is consecrated to God.

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## What They Are Saying

Pastor Johnson, Calvary Church, Batesville says: "We have already adopted our new budget and it calls for \$176 more than you prayed for our church to give for missions in 1952." We cannot call the name of this pastor because we are not authorized to do so, but we will tell you who it is if you need to know. Call us if you need to know. He writes as follows: "The amount earmarked for the Cooperative Program for the ensuing year is \$12.50 per week. This is an increase of \$2.50 per week over the amount in the budget for this present year. That will mean the church will give \$650 instead of \$520 then I will lead the church next fall to give an extra amount, \$350 which will be the \$1,000 you asked for."

"As pastor I am having to raise \$5,830.00 by November 15 to pay off a note at the bank that my predecessor left behind him. Then we have to face the fact that he had reduced the amount in the budget to almost half for the Cooperative Program, and that the Arkansas Baptist was taken out of the budget, and the retirement was discontinued.—my what some pastors do in leading a church. It makes it so hard for the man that follows them."

## Worthy Objectives

Someone said "Bite off more than you can chew and then chew it; map out more than you can do and then do it; hitch your wagon to a star and there you are." A worthy objective and a far-flung goal are inspirations to people who want to undertake great things for God and who expect great things from God. Moderator E. W. Taylor of Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association responded and said the association had voted the following objectives: Baptisms, 150; total additions, 250; group study courses to reach every church; two revivals in every church; every church giving throughout the Cooperative Program; 100 new or renewal subscriptions to the Arkansas Baptist; 100 new tithees; every church reporting a baptism.

## J. H. Hughes Goes to Heaven

J. H. Hughes of Paragould passed to his heavenly reward and was buried September 16. Dr. H. E. Williams, pastor of the Walcott Church, conducted the funeral at the Walcott Church, and burial was in Center Hill cemetery near Paragould. Brother Hughes has been a Baptist leader in Northeast Arkansas for about 25 years. He was pastor, first and last, of many rural churches in Greene and Clay counties. A few years ago he retired from the active pastorate. Brother Hughes was not only one of the best men that the Lord had, but he was a solid preacher of the Gospel and a dependable leader in the work of the churches. He had been moderator of his association and many people looked to him for counsel and advice.

Need a stimulant? Try sun, wind, weather.

## You Can Build and Missionize At the Same Time

Occasionally some pastor tells us that they cannot increase the mission offering because they are building. Brethren, we believe you will find that you are wrong about it. In the first place it isn't right for Christ's great world mission cause to suffer in order to build at home. In the second place God puts His blessings upon a church that emphasizes missions. In the third place more churches find it easier to build and to carry on the home work when they give a liberal and an increased support to missions than they do otherwise. Not only does the Lord approve of it, but thinking men believe that the Lord will signally honor a church that believes in missions and that honors the Lord's mission cause by a liberal contribution for missions. Even men in the secular world believe that. One of the largest loans that we know of that has been granted to a church for building purposes was granted on the strength of the large amount of money that this church is giving to missions. It was reported to the First Baptist Church in Little Rock, that a loan of \$200,000 would be granted to be used in erecting an educational building, and that one deciding factor in the minds of the lending agency was the fact that the First Baptist Church, for sometime, had been giving \$30,000 per year for the Cooperative Mission Program. This \$30,000 represents approximately, sometimes more, sometimes less, than one-third of its total budget. Men in the secular world believe that the church ought to take missions seriously and give accordingly. What a testimony! This loan totaled two-thirds of the cost of the building, and that percentage is unusual.

Brethren, do not say that you cannot increase your mission contributions because you are in a building program. There are buildings to be erected in the Foreign Mission fields and in the Home Mission fields and in the State Mission work. Please, please make some kind of an increase in your mission contributions.

## Dr. Dillard Prays With Us And for Us

"And I am offering another prayer that is: That the Lord and the brethren in Arkansas will hear and answer those three prayers of their great good secretary thereby encouraging his heart and advancing the cause of the dear Master and Savior of us all."

J. E. Dillard  
Secretary Emeritus  
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## Dr. Sawyer Is On the Radio

Dr. B. B. Sawyer, formerly pastor of Immanuel Church in Fort Smith, has announced that he will be heard daily over the radio station KWHN at 8:30 A. M. beginning October 1. This is a belated announcement and maybe you have already heard him broadcast. Dr. Sawyer submitted his resignation to the Immanuel Church June 17 to become effective September 17. Dr. Sawyer is a great preacher.

## Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, Dedicates

On page eight of the Arkansas Baptist September 27, you saw a picture of the new Pulaski Heights Church located in Pulaski Heights, Little Rock. In a recent issue of the paper you also saw a picture of Pastor Hicks. The church, under the leadership of Pastor Hicks, has made note worthy progress during the last five years. Pastor Hicks is in his tenth year with the church and there has been steady progress all the way through. Now all of this is climaxed by the completion and dedication of one of the finest and best church buildings that we know about. The auditorium is spacious and beautiful. It is large enough to accommodate the increasing crowds that attend the services. It is one of the cleanest and most beautiful buildings that we have. The interior is immaculately white and all the appointments are extremely ornate and symmetrically arranged. You sit down in this beautiful auditorium and it is restful to your soul. Pastor Hicks, his pastoral planning and leadership, extends wisdom and prudence in the designs and appointments of the building. For a long time Pulaski Heights Church has needed new and larger quarters, but it always seemed rather difficult for the church to get together in its plans and needs. They are following the leadership of their level headed, gracious, religious pastor and the Lord is giving them one victory after another. We thank the Lord for this growing church.

## Home-Going of Virgil Logan

By SIDNEY OXENDINE, Dardanelle

On September 6, Virgil Oliver Logan, pastor of Belleville Church, Russellville Association, was stricken suddenly and died in a Russellville hospital. Pastor Logan possessed a keen intellect, was an excellent worker, and is greatly missed in the associational work. He was only 47 years of age; had been in the ministry for 20 years.

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