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ARKANSAS
Baptist

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Arkansas All Over . . .

Mena's 1st Church
Has Note-Burning

FIRST CHURCH, Mena, Dillard S. Miller, pastor, started the new year with a note-burning ceremony on the night of New Year's day as a feature of the mid-week prayer service. A large group turned out for a fellowship supper held in advance of the prayer meeting. The editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* had the privilege of attending as guest speaker.

The church had borrowed \$18,000 on June 11, 1956, for 5 years to build its beautiful brick parsonage. The note-burning followed the last payment on this note. Already the church is working on preliminary plans for a new auditorium. Pastor Miller will observe his second anniversary on June 1.

While paying off its note, the church reached an all time high on its giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, contributing \$1,495 to this world mission fund.

The Sunday School enrollment has grown to 586, and Training Union enrollment is 234. There have been 210 additions to the church, 41 by baptism, since Pastor Dillard has been serving the church.

The 1957 budget totaled \$33,235. Special gifts brought the total for all purposes to \$46,269.95. The church has approved a budget of \$34,865 for 1958. A total of \$5,781.75 was given last year through the Cooperative Program.

● DR. AND Mrs. E. Lamar Cole, Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico, may now be addressed at Calle Colomos 1776, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. Dr. Cole is a native of Huttig, Ark.

● OUACHITA COLLEGE football team faces an eight game schedule next fall, R. D. Rodgers, athletic director, announces.

The schedule: Sept. 27, Millsaps, here; Oct. 4, Arkansas State Teachers, there; Oct. 11, Austin College, here; Oct. 18, Arkansas A&M, there; Nov. 1, College of Ozarks, there; No. 8, Mississippi College, here; Nov. 15, Arkansas Tech, here; and Hendrix College, here.

Baptist Building
Closed on Saturdays

THE BAPTIST Building is now open only five days a week, being closed on Saturdays.

In eliminating the Saturday work schedule, the work hours have been lengthened for the other five days.

Offices still open at 8 a.m., but the lunch hour has been reduced to 45 minutes and the closing time extended to 4:45 p.m.

The monthly staff meetings still are held on Saturday morning following the first Sunday in each month.



PICTURED AT the note-burning ceremonies at 1st Church, Mena, are: left to right, front—Claud Johnston, J. G. Stewman, Homer Craig; back, Pastor Dillard S. Miller, S. E. Craig, Joe Fite, J. J. Beavers, Harvey Long, Monroe Drye, L. C. Sanderson, Ray Jones, B. G. Alexander, C. B. Connally, Guilford Forbes, and W. M. Hampton.

● TRINITY CHURCH, El Dorado, on Jan. 1 voted to increase Cooperative Program gifts from 15 per cent to 20 per cent.

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● THE Arkansas Baptist is indebted to Missionary Lowell Wright for a copy of minutes of the Newton County Association for the 1955, 1956, and 1957 sessions. The next session will be held Oct. 11, 1958, with the Walnut Grove Church, Ponca.

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● MISSIONARY WILLIAM E. WOODSON, Russellville, has presented us a copy of the minutes of the Dardanelle-Russellville Association for 1957.

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● A NEW church, Kelley Heights, Russellville, was constituted Dec. 29, with John Hurd as pastor.

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● ALL CHURCHES in Dardanelle-Russellville Association now have pastors. Jennings Partin, student of Arkansas Tech, is the new pastor at Rover, and Calvary Church, Russellville, recently called Allen Gabbie, Ouachita College student.

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● THE FOLLOWING churches of the Dardanelle-Russellville Association have the Arkansas Baptist in the budget: 1st Church, Danville and Moreland.

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● DILLARD S. MILLER, pastor of 1st Church, Mena, was in Oklahoma one week recently for religious emphasis services at the Broken Bow and Ida Bel High schools. He preached in each of the schools once each day, preaching to more than 1,200 students.

● DR. DON Edmondson has assumed his duties as church minister of music and youth director of Central Church, Magnolia. Dr. Edmondson, who attended Oklahoma University and the University of Tulsa, formerly was with Calvary Church, Tulsa. He is married and has three children. (CB)

KIND WORDS are the music of the world.

THE SIZE of God's family does not affect the preciousness of the individual soul.

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Selph On Program Of Brotherhood Meet

CAREY SELPH, native of Arkansas, Ouachita College's all-time athlete, former big league ball player, now an insurance man in Houston, will be one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the State Brotherhood Convention in South Highland Church, Little Rock, on Feb. 24 and 25. Mr. Selph was the first president of our State Brotherhood Convention,

MR. SELPH

and has a host of friends throughout Arkansas. He is an outstanding layman, active and effective in the work of his church and denomination; and will be heard with profit by all who attend the Convention.

● EAST SIDE Church, DeWitt, had a note-burning ceremony Jan. 19, after paying off the indebtedness on their new building. Former pastors were special guests. Centennial Association Missionary Graham Fowler led the dedicatory prayer and L. E. Ross preached the sermon. S. Allen Van Horn is pastor.

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● MISS RUTH Vanderburg, Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia, may now be addressed at Djalan Hagarmanah 41, Bandung, Indonesia. She is a native of Little Rock.

Revival Reports

W. R. VESTAL Jr., pastor of 1st Church, Manila, reported that the church had 45 professions of faith in a recent campaign with Evangelist Billy Walker. Two joined by letter, eight pledged to tithe and there were numerous rededications and pledges to establish family altars. "We commend Evangelist Billy Walker to all churches," Mr. Vestal said.

JESSE REED, state evangelist, held a revival meeting in the Rye Hill Church, Concord Association, Jan. 19-26. There was one profession of faith and one addition by baptism. Jim Chat-ham, Grand Avenue Church, directed the music. Walter Watts is the pastor.

DAVID LAND, pastor of the Cedarville Church, in Clear Creek Association held a revival in Barling Church, near Ft. Smith, Jan. 19-26. There were two additions by letter, seven by baptism, two other professions and 15 rededications. J. A. Robertson, Temple Church, directed the singing. Claude McDonald is interim pastor.

"HE BEST keeps from anger who remembers that God is always looking upon him."

Chinese UA Student Killed in Accident

SHING FAN Lee, Baptist student from Hong Kong, was killed recently in an automobile accident near Fayetteville. An engineering student of the University of Arkansas, Lee was very active in his own 1st Church of Fayetteville and in the Baptist Student Union at the University. He was caretaker of the new Baptist Student Center at the University. Shing Fan

LEE

was a member of the Arkansas BSU Choir and traveled with the choir in 1956 to Ridgecrest and in 1957 to Glorieta.

A son of the principal of a Baptist High School in Hong Kong, Lee bore a constant and faithful Christian witness. "Nothing has so moved the city of Fayetteville in the six years that I have been here as has the death of this lovable Christian young man," stated BSU Director Jamie Jones. At the funeral service, his pastor, Dr. Andrew Hall, told of Shing's leaving the choir in a service recently in order to sit with a non-Christian Chinese student in whom he was interested. Lee's two young brothers arrived in San Francisco two days before the accident. They will attend college in Texas.

The proposed library in the new student center will honor Lee. Friends of Shing Fan Lee interested in "continuing the task that he left unfinished" are asked to contact Mr. Jones, 944 W. Maple, Fayetteville.

● LIONEL NOWAK, distinguished American composer-pianist, was a campus visitor at Ouachita College on Feb. 10 at 1:20 p.m. He played a public concert.

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● E. L. WARD, pastor of Harmony Church, Liberty Association, has enrolled in Ouachita and moved to Arkadelphia. He will continue to serve the church as pastor.

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● MISS MURIEL EVANS, former elementary director for Snyder Memorial Church, Fayetteville, N. C., began her duties as elementary director of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, Feb. 1. She is a graduate of Ouachita and Southern Seminary. (CB)

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Church Adds Baptist

AFTER A one month free trial, the Ellis Chapel Church, Wynne, in Tri-County Association, has put the ARKANSAS BAPTIST in its budget. James P. Hildabrand is pastor.

JESUS IS not asking for a grave in which to lie but a life in which He can live and through which He can express Himself.

Cover Story

Petit Jean Retreat Site



PETIT JEAN State Park will be the site of the second leadership conference of the State Baptist Student Union, March 24-26.

The cover picture, furnished by the State Publicity Department, is of the picturesque falls, one of the favorite tourist attractions at the park.

Dr. Tom Logue, State BSU director, said about 35 leaders, campus pastors, BSU directors and presidents are expected at the three-day session.

Let It Be!

A FELLOW was criticizing Southern Baptists for their emphasis on simultaneous revivals. "You are so 'simultaneous' conscious the next thing you know, if one of you sneezes, you will all sneeze."

"That will be fine," I replied, "if we will just cough up more tithes and offerings for evangelism and missions!"

—C. E. Wilbanks.

Pastoral Changes

CHARLES HEARN, who was pastor of 1st Church, St. Joe, and Red Hill Church, near Marshall, has moved to Alabama.

VERNON WASSON, formerly of Illinois, now a student in Southern College, Walnut Ridge, is the new pastor of Tupelo Church. He is leading in a building program, which includes a new parsonage begun Jan. 20. As soon as the parsonage is finished he will be on the field. The church recently was recederated, and new pews have been ordered.

INSTALLATION SERVICES for James H. Fairchild, new pastor of 1st Church, Hot Springs, were held Feb. 2. A church-wide reception for the new pastor and his family was held in the church Tuesday, Feb. 4. (CB)

Editorials . . .

The Restored Masterpiece

THE NEWSPAPERS carried, sometime ago, the news of a rare art discovery. An obscure 15th century Flemish painting bought 31 years previously by the Detroit Institute of Art for \$18,000 has been identified as a priceless Jan Van Eyck masterpiece.

The discovery was made when the 525-year-old fresco called "St. Jerome in His Study" was sent to New York to be cleaned and restored.

There it was found that a major portion of the picture had been crudely painted over. When the over-painting was removed, the flowing lines of the great master Van Eyck were revealed.

Some idea of the significance of the find is indicated by the fact that the most recent sale of a Van Eyck painting had been to the Frick collection in New York two years previously for \$750,000, and there are only thirty or forty paintings by Van Eyck known to be in existence.

Ages ago the Great Artist dipped His brush into all of the colors of the spectrum and drawing it across the canvas of infinity He sketched in the heavens and the earth.

Upon the earth He fixed the bodies of water, the seas, the lakes, the rivers. The land He covered with carpets of grass, and with trees and shrubs.

Then the Great Artist filled in the sun, the moon, and the stars.

In the waters of the earth He placed fish, and He made the fowls of the air. Next He made the beasts of the fields in their great abundance and variety. And after He had all of this on His canvas, God, for He is the Great Artist, made man, the masterpiece of all creation.

And man, the God-like creature, was given to have dominion

*" . . . over the fish of the sea
and over the fowl of the air,
and over the cattle, and over
all the earth."*

At first God's panorama was a perfect masterpiece. But soon it was marred by the last creature in the world who would have been expected to mar it — man. Man had been given moral character so that he could know right from wrong. He had been given the power to decide. God had given him all the earth, except the fruit of one tree. But man wanted that too. Adam and Eve deliberately chose to disobey God. Sin, which is missing the mark, living in rebellion against God, choosing self-will instead of the will of God, came through the parents of the human race and passed upon us all.

God's masterpiece was tragically marred. But thanks to the power and the love of God, the masterpiece is not beyond repair. Hear His glorious assurance:

*" . . . since by man came death,
by man came also the resurrection
of the dead.
"For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be
made alive."*

1 Cor. 15:21-22

The Great Restorer of the masterpiece is the Lord Jesus Christ. And man is the key. When man is made what he ought to be, the remainder of the picture clears. —ELM

Personally Speaking . . .

The Farmer Who Failed

THERE USED to be a man at London of whom his neighbors frequently said: "You cannot talk with him five minutes without hearing something from him about cattle."



MR. McDONALD have about what we set our hearts on.

Another man, of another generation, was quite a success as a farmer. He knew how to choose the right seed and how to select choice stock for the building of herds.

He knew soil — how to prepare it for the planting and how to cultivate it. He knew how to build up the fertility of the soil through cover crops and fertilizer, no doubt.

He knew how to prune his vines and his trees, how to cull his flocks, how to breed his cattle and livestock.

He knew how to sell his crops to his best advantage, and he knew the right time to drive his cattle to market.

Outwardly, he was quite a success. No doubt people came from miles around to see his place and to marvel at what he had been able to do with his acreage.

The farmer was willing to admit that he was quite a success.

He had been able so long to get whatever he wanted just by writing a check that it must have been quite a shock to him one day to learn that he was lacking a security his prosperous farm could not provide and which he could not buy with his money.

With his barns full and still more from an abundant harvest to be stored, he reasoned with himself one day as to what to do. And he said:

"This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

"And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.'"

Suddenly something happened. He probably felt an unbearable pain start in his chest and run out to his left arm. What a shock as he realized he was going out to meet God before the night was over and that all he had accumulated would be left behind!

Jesus concludes the farmer's tragic story (Luke 12:16-20) with these somber words: "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Erwin L. McDonald

Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

PRAYER FOR RUSSIA

IN LAST week's edition of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST you had an article entitled Crossroads (Baptist Crosscurrents, —Editor), I believe, and asking people to pray for communists. I am 68 and for 46 years I've embraced Christianity . . . I do pray for enemies of the cross. Didn't Jesus? Didn't Stephen? Didn't Paul . . . —Mrs. Stella King, Springdale.

DEDICATED BOOK

Dear Brother McDonald:

Just a brief note this morning to say thanks to you for devoting space in the January 23 issue of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST to my new book YOU CAN SPEAK FOR GOD . . .

Needless to say, it has been my prayer that as the book made its way from my desk to the printer and from the printer into the hands of our men that it will be instrumental in causing more and more of our men to give a more effective witness for our Lord. To that end it was published and to that end we have dedicated it. —George W. Schroeder, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

By Boat to Africa

ONE OF the big highlights of the month for my wife and me is when the ships from the States come into port bringing "boat mail" from home. The periodical that I am always the most anxious to get is the Arkansas Baptist. The last four copies have been exceptionally good. I think the covers with the full-size pictures are the best yet. The new emphasis on state news is very much appreciated by those of us who are away from the "Land of Opportunity." It is always of great interest to know where our former fellow pastors and friends are now serving the Lord.

The coverage of the state convention was very good. The news of the wonderful progress of Ouachita thrills our hearts. Could we have more coverage of events from our alma mater? Maybe a column each week on happenings at OBC.

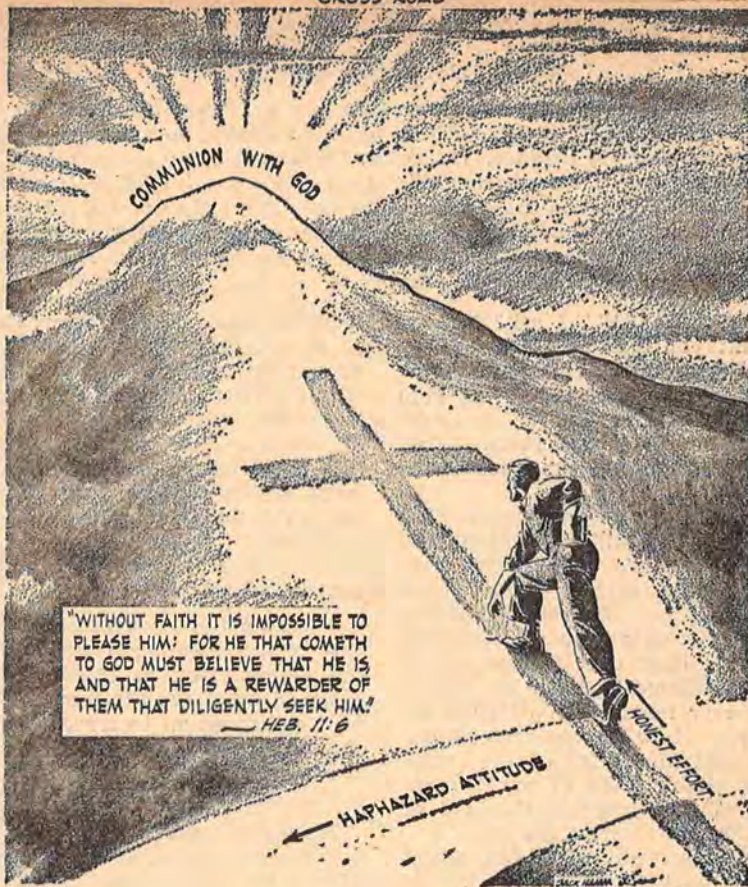
In other words I am trying to say that I deeply appreciate the exceptionally fine job that you are doing as editor. In my books Arkansas Baptist ranks first among state papers. —James E. Hampton, Baptist Missionary, Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa.

Christ and His Church

A LETTER came to me a day or so ago from one of the "elect" ladies of North Carolina asking me to explain to her the meaning of our Lord's statement in Matthew 18:18 about "binding" and "loosing." The same statement is repeated in several New Testament passages. In replying to her I reminded her of an article that I wrote recently on what I called Original Christianity. I insisted in that article that the Christian Church in the New Testament was an organism rather than an organization. As such the church is spoken of over and over as "the body" of Christ and he is also spoken of as "the head of the body, which is the church" (I Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 4:15-16 and other passages). As his body with himself as its head, he meant his church should establish the principles of life for the world about it. This church was to incarnate those principles in itself, set the example for life's modus operandi, and in so doing whatever is bound on earth should be bound in heaven and vice versa. In becoming a mere organization as it did, the church lost its opportunity to be and to do what its Founder had planned for it and assigned to it. Nor can it ever become the regulating factor in the world's life that was planned for it until it shall again become an organism with the living Christ as its Head. Much is being said today about revival and I am most heartily backing this movement, but the above thesis contains in it the revival that we need. Certainly these are my convictions. How shall we proceed to bring it to pass? —W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, N. C.

WICHITA, Kans. —(BP)— Paul Allison, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Columbia, Mo., will be assistant executive secretary of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists. He moves to Wichita Feb. 24.

CROSS ROAD



Elder Statesman Writes

What of Southern Baptists' Future?

WHAT IS the future of Southern Baptists?

"Assuredly it is not extinction," asserted a Southern Baptist "elder statesman" in the Jan. 20 issue of **Christianity Today**.

"There may be a crack somewhere in the Southern Baptist 'cathedral,'" said Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, "but it is obvious that their ecclesiastical edifice is rising rather rapidly and securely."

Dawson, veteran Baptist minister and a vice president of Protestants and Other Americans United, cited his denomination's historical gains and told of expansion plans.

His article in the international religious journal stated, "A marked change within my lifetime has occurred in the Southern Baptist attitudes toward social application of the Gospel."

"I am not implying that these Baptists have in any wise lessened their stress on the primacy of the individual and the absolute necessity of individual regeneration," he said.

"But gradually my brethren have come to see that the Gospel must relate to all of life."

Lawson took issue with "prophets of doom" who "are predicting that Southern Baptists will eventually crack up on the rock of ecumenicity."

He continued: "The notion is based on the failure of Southerners to join up with the National Council of Churches, the World Council and kindred organizations. . . . I do not concede that Southern Baptists will perish by staying outside these folds."

Dawson said the "direct potential threat to the future of Southern Baptists' ongoing is internal unity."

But he saw no cause for any current alarm and ended the article by stating:

"From where I sit it looks to me that there may be an unimaginable number of disputants among Southern Baptists, but on essential beliefs and policies they all unite in sticking together in the final showdown."

"FIVE MINUTES spent in the companionship of Christ every morning. Aye, two minutes if it is face to face and heart to heart—will change the whole day, will make every thought and feeling different, will enable you to do things for His sake that you would not have done for your own sake or for another's sake." —Henry Drummond.

THE NEW cars are so streamlined a pedestrian can't tell whether he's been run over or backed into.

As A Servant

By Luiz de Assiz Sobrinho

(Editor's Note: The following devotional by a 17-year-old Brazilian was sent to the ARKANSAS BAPTIST by A. R. Major, now pastor of Lakeview Church, Cave Springs. He wrote: "While browsing through some old sermon material I came across this. Luiz was a youth of high ideals. He was killed in a cave-in about three years ago. After the funeral, his father, a Baptist pastor, found this among the papers in the boy's Bible. It was his part on the Training Union program for the coming Sunday. It may have a message for some American youth.")

"WHOSE SERVANT, I ask? We are all servants of God, all have been saved to serve. None of us can shrink from the responsibility of serving Him who is Lord and Master. We are slaves and brought with a good price. What was the price? It was the blood of redemption.

We are young men and women that seek to obey the will of God. Where will we discover His will? In the marvelous book, the extra-ordinary book that is the Bible. The sacred text is not a religious code with articles, paragraphs and lines that foresee all, or whatever problems that the servant of God will ever have; with detailed instructions on how to overcome them. But the good knowledge of the scriptures will enable each of us to know and to put into practice the will of God in troubles and difficulties.

What do you want me to do, Lord? This ought to be the question of the

young Christian as he opens the Bible. It is not only for intellectual delight or spiritual comfort that we read these words without equal, but it is also to know the will of Him that redeemed us. All our Bible reading ought to result in an act, an attitude or a concrete action on our part. It is not enough to know the theory of the sacred letter. "This DO and thou shalt live," was the answer that Jesus gave the inquisitive lawyer.

If we do not have personal application of these words; if we do not obey the orders given in these pages; and if we do not leave the presence of God with a disposition to serve better, with more zeal and readiness; then of little or no good is the time we have spent in reading the Bible."

(Translated from the Portuguese, and preserving as much of the original sentence structure as possible.)

God's Mercy in Action

ON A cold night in Atlanta, Ga., a tall usher stood in the vestibule of a church to welcome the strangers. A hard-faced man came in. He didn't remove his cap, but kept it pulled over one eye. In response to the usher's offer to find him a seat in the church, the little man snapped, "Mister, I don't go into church. Sermons and songs are not for me. I just came in out of the cold to get warm. If I am bothering you here, I will get out."

But the usher told the little man about two thieves and Christ on the cross. After he told the story, he said to the stranger: "I am that last thief. I did time in Indiana State Penitentiary. While I was there, Christ came one day, removed my sins and gave me a new heart. Now I am a respected member of this church."

With rasping voice and sibilant tones, the little man snapped back: "And, mister, do you know who I am? I am that other thief. I have lived without Christ and I will die without Him." He hurriedly left the church, and lost himself in the night.

So the story of three crosses is not over. As always, men still take off from a cross. Some from the left of Jesus and some from the right.—AND BE YE SAVED, by C. Gordon Bayless.

TODAY IS the second chance which God gives us to right the wrongs, correct mistakes, and readjust the differences that marred our yesterdays.

Missionaries to Appear At WMU Convention

SEVERAL FOREIGN missionaries and leaders in the SBC mission program will appear on the program of Woman's Missionary Union Auxillary to SBC at the annual session May 19-20 in Houston, Tex.

Featured speakers will include: Mrs. Billie Davis, Costa Rica; Miss Alma Rohm, Nigeria; Mrs. Bruce Conrad, missionary to the Indians in Oklahoma; Señora Umbelina Landera, president of WMC of Cuba.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, WMU; SBC President Brooks Hays; Dr. Alexander Haraszti, Hungary, and Mrs. Dewey Moore, Rome.

Missionary Rex Ray Dies

REX RAY, 72, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, died Jan. 31 at Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Tex., of leukemia with complications. Mr. Ray was appointed a missionary to China in 1919. There he did evangelistic and educational work in the city of Wuchow and surrounding areas until 1944. After a time in the States, he worked as superintendent of the Tai Kam Baptist leper colony until Communist rule made it necessary for him to leave China. He transferred in 1951 to Korea, where he did outstanding evangelistic and relief work. He retired from overseas service in 1955.



FIRST RA REGISTRANT — First to register for the Second Southern Baptist Convention Royal Ambassador Congress next August is John Scales, left, of Trinity Church, Oklahoma City. John is Oklahoma state ambassador-in-chief. With John is Bob Banks, state RA secretary for Oklahoma. The Congress meets in Ft. Worth Aug. 12-14 and total attendance goal is 8,858.

Ordinations

HARMONY CHURCH, El Dorado, ordained George Lewis, David Capps, Ben Merritt, Clarence Lewis and Milas Reynolds as deacons Jan. 19. Pastor E. L. Ward served as moderator; W. F. Couch, associational missionary, led the examination, and Jack Livingston preached the ordination sermon.

FOUR WERE ordained as deacons by Southside Church, Pine Bluff, Jan. 5. They were Carl Tillman, William C. McRae, L. D. Davis, and Lester Price. Norman Huggs and John Hayden were added to the church's active deacons. (CB)

TEXARKANA'S BEECH Street Church ordained E. J. Biagioli and Harry Smart as deacons Jan. 26.

Books for you to study during March

TRAINING UNION VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE WEEK

For Adults

GOD CALLS ME
by J. Winston Pearce — 60c

For Young People

CHRIST IN MY CAREER
by Allen W. Graves — 60c

For Intermediates

IS THIS MY LIFE
by Ruby Treadway
Pupil's Book, 35c
Teacher's Book, 35c

For Juniors

WHEN I GROW UP
by Harry G. Albright
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RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Communist Youth Fear Baptists

LONDON, ENGLAND —(BWA)— Cyril Osborne, a member of the British Parliament, has returned from Russia with reports of a very odd complaint against Baptists in that land.

He cites an article in "Komsonolskaja Pravda," organ of the Communist youth organization, which stamps the Baptists of Russia "as particularly dangerous, for among them the laymen are also evangelists."

"Every Russian Baptist tries to win at least one adherent to his faith," the paper complains.

English-Speaking Church Is Organized in Tokyo

THE TOKYO Baptist Church was organized Jan. 5 for English-speaking people in Japan. Now made up mainly of military personnel, the church hopes to enlist the civilian population to ensure stability during troop shifts. There are an estimated 10,000 civilian Americans in Tokyo.

Since services began the first Sunday in October there has been an average attendance of 75 and an average monthly offering of \$500.

"GETTING TO Know You" might well become the theme song of many fellowship periods planned for the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference at Toronto, Canada, June 27-July 2.

Small discussion groups, bringing together young people of many nations, will be a feature of the morning program. Recreation, music, film and drama festivals are slated for the afternoons.

THE BAPTIST Union of Sweden has sent to Dr. Dag Hammerskjold, secretary general of the United Nations, two letters asking that the international organization give itself wholeheartedly to the establishment of peace in the world and for elimination of tension between races.

THE HUNGARIAN Government has granted the Lutheran Church additional financial support for this year in return for a pledge to recognize the "divinely ordained supreme authority" of the state, according to a joint communique published recently.

BAPTIST WOMEN in South Korea have given \$129 for the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Missionary John A. Abernathy of the Southern Baptist Convention forwarded the offering from Seoul, Korea, to the treasurer's office of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville.

Baptist Crosscurrents

Why Won't the Pastors Come Without Being Called?

He will if he knows that you need him—just as your family doctor would come without being called if he knew that you had been struck by a hit-and-run driver and were lying unconscious on the highway. But it often happens that your minister does not know that you need him, and just as your doctor cannot help you with your bodily pains if he does not realize that you have them, so your minister cannot assist you with your spiritual needs if he is unaware that you are facing them. You would call your doctor if you wanted to see him. Call your minister in the same way.

At What Time Should I Call Him?

As soon as you feel the need of him. If you wait to think the matter over, you may lose your courage and lose the chance to take a significant step forward. Of course, you will not call him in the middle of the night if your problem is chronic and nothing will be lost by waiting until morning; and if your minister keeps regular hours for study and the preparation of his sermons, you will not interrupt him without good reason. But err on the side of calling rather than refraining from calling. At any time of day or night—if you feel you need your minister, call him.

What Problems Should I Take To My Minister?

Anything that troubles you. It is not that ministers are able to solve all of your dilemmas, but if they cannot help you themselves, they will know to whom to send you—perhaps a social service worker, a psychiatrist, a doctor, a marriage counsellor, or a vocational guidance expert. Religious uncertainties, ethical decisions, emotional disturbances, social relationships, illness, the need for hospitalization, the imminence of death—take any of them to your minister. He is concerned about anything which is important to you.

What About Weddings and Funerals?

By all means call your minister! Call him yourself, and call him early. A Christian wedding is far less a social event than a religious ceremony, and it is of the utmost importance that you consult your minister at the earliest possible moment. So, too, at the time of death in your family. The disposition of the dead body is of much less consequence to the Christian than the welfare of the immortal soul, and untold anguish can often be lifted from the bereaved family if its members have a trusted spiritual counsellor at their side in the first moments of their loss. The most grievous mistakes in funeral arrangements are often made in the first hour or two after the loved one's death. So let your minister be the first person you call when a loved one has died.

Should I Call My Minister About Other People?

You certainly should! Of course, you will not call him merely to pass on malicious gossip, and you will not trouble him with matters which are of no concern to him. But when new people move into your neighborhood or members of the church move away; when someone in the parish is facing illness, hospitalization, death or other special hardships; when neighbors or friends seem ready to become members of the church or enroll their children in church school; when you discover unused talents among the church's members which might find profitable employment in the church's ministry—call your minister.

—James O. Duncan in CAPITOL BAPTIST

From the South

Dr. Bridges Shares Experiences Of Visit to Baptist Missions

WE ARE in Huancayo today (January 26). It is a city of 60,000 people including suburbs. More about it later.

We were not so much in love with Panama. This was our first stop after leaving our gracious hosts, the Ernest Baileys in Miami. The mechanical operation of the Panama Canal was interesting, but the people were not so attractive. One incident, however, was worth the trip. The famous explorer and author whom they call "Jungle Jim" told us a story of his teen-age boy who had been attending a Baptist camp. He had been touched by the songs and testimonies in the services. In a final service they were planning, this author's son was preparing to attend. His father called him aside for a lecture in which he proceeded to tell the youth that they were not Baptists and that he ought to go to his own church, which as we all know is very cold and unrealistic.

The boy listened for awhile and then remonstrated, "But, Father, Brother Bebee put Jesus into my heart."

Dr. Bebee is the Baptist pastor in the Balboa Baptist Church. This author closed the story by saying, "I had no answer to the boy's tender claim. That was the end of the argument."

That, too, is the test of our missionary operations. If we are not putting Jesus into the hearts of the people our work is vain. This fact is why I believe in missions, and this is why I did not want my church to decrease its gifts to missions. This is why the work of the Baptist Foundation is gathering money for missions and Christian education.

We were in Quito, Ecuador, and, while there, with the Garreth Joiners in their prayer meeting. The church members testified of the love of God in their hearts. Mrs. Bridges and I also spoke. But the best of all, was the talk by a member, Mrs. Carcelen, who is one of our most brilliant Baptist women. Did you read her article in a recent issue of the *Royal Service*? We were also shown through a very large Catholic Cathedral with altars of gold and at the same time saw many of the poor, ragged people begging for something to eat.

You should know that the Joiners are doing a great work in Quito. Maxey Jarman, Nashville, Tenn., proposes to build a new church house in Quito as soon as the time is right.

We stood on a hill near the mountain which the Indians say is the center of the world. A monument marks the line of the geographical equator. We made our pictures there with Mrs. Bridges in one hemisphere and me in the other.

After the visit to Quito we flew to Lima, Peru, where the Ledford's are performing so efficiently for our

Lord. Lowell Ledford is a Fort Smith man and Mrs. Ledford is the wonderful Christian daughter of Brother and Mrs. Stephens of Little Rock. Under the leadership of the Ledford's the Baptists are keeping their chins up. They have some most valuable property and they are having professions of faith as the days come and go. These busy missionaries deserve our loyal support. If you want to turn over to the Baptist Foundation some gift for Foreign Missions, we can manage it for you. One Baptist gave \$500; the interest on it goes to Foreign Missions.

Yes, as I write this report we are in Huancayo. This city is on top of the Andes Mountains, or rather a little east of the great Continental Divide. To get there we traveled on the highest railroad in the world. The railroad was built many years ago by a Philadelphia engineer by the name of Mr. Meiggs. It begins at a Pacific Ocean port, Calliao, and runs through Lima and Oroya to Huancayo. The highest elevation of the road is nearly 16,000 feet. Some passengers had to use the oxygen tent as we approached the summit. It was without doubt the most beautiful country I've ever seen.

In Huancayo the Indians of the countryside and nearby village gathered in the main street and set up their markets — not on the curb but on the street. All traffic was stopped for the day. Although it is Sunday they sold their wares the live-long day. Fruits, vegetables, drygoods, shoes, etc. It has been an illustration of an unfortunate race of people determined to make the present and the future just like the past. Women were barefoot; children were carried on the backs of the mothers and perfectly content in their all-day filth. The women were doing the trading while the men stalked around, some drinking, etc.

As I watched the scene (there were thousands of these poor people) I thought of Jesus who saw the multitude as sheep having no shepherd and was moved with compassion. About all I could do today about it was to pity and to pray. Oh, the need of missions! God help us.

In the afternoon we were driven to see some very sensitive instruments that record the cosmic rays and report to Washington, D. C., every day. The machine had registered the recent earthquake in Peru. Uncle Sam found that this was the best known place to establish this station and then when Peru was able to take it over the authorities turned it over to this South American country which makes a daily "courtesy" report to Washington. This is reported to be the "magnetic equator". While the "geographic equator" is constant, the "magnetic equator" is variable. If I were a youth I would




study electronics—and the Bible.

Tuesday we fly to Cuzco to see the ruins of the Inca civilization — B. L. Bridges

NEW BERN, N. C. —(BP)— Atlantic Baptist Association has voted to assume operation of Kafer Memorial Hospital here. The hospital will be known as Eastern North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

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Church Extension Plans Top SBC News In 1957

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The biggest Southern Baptist Convention news of 1957, according to Baptist editors, was continued development of the denomination's program to establish 30,000 new churches and missions in the next seven years.

The most important development in the "30,000 movement" was the appointment of C. C. Warren, pastor of 1st Church, Charlotte, N. C., as director of the church extension program.

It was Warren who, as Convention president, urged the Convention to embark on the "30,000 movement" in 1956. He made his plea in his president's address to the Convention that year in Kansas City, Mo.

Baptist editors which form the Baptist Press, news service of the Convention, voted for the "top 10" stories of the year in the denomination in an annual Baptist Press Poll.

The developments of the "30,000 movement" rated 12 of 22 first-place votes.

Baptist editors rated as the second most important story the creation of Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

The race issue, as it affected Southern Baptists, rated third.

Response to the Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists rated fourth. The Forward Program is a comprehensive plan to aid churches in their stewardship budget campaigns.

More than 2,500 churches ordered Forward Program materials last year, the first year the program was available to churches.

Other stories ranked in the top 10 were: The first national conference of Southern Baptist Men in Oklahoma City, fifth; election of Brooks Hays as the first Southern Baptist layman president in more than a decade, 6th; the "Big Cities" program of the Home Mission Board, 7th; giving of record amounts of money through the Cooperative Program, 8th; the dancing issue involving Baptist colleges in North Carolina, 9th; and progress of the management survey of the SBC, 10th.

Editors' consensus of the most important religious news of 1957 not directly involving the SBC was the extended Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade in New York City.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— Reports on "M" Night reveal that the attendance goal of 450,000 was reached. R. Maines Rawls, director of associational work in the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, said 1,019 associations reported attendance of 450,622, churches represented, 18,711, and 13,827 pastors presented.

THERE IS nothing truly great in a man but his character. — Will Maxwell Everts.

MAKE 1958 A YEAR OF SHARING

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The world is big, the world is our field. This means a big field and a big field means big giving. Let us keep in mind two things as we look ahead,

First, be sure that every church budget includes the Cooperative Program on the basis of a definite percentage.

Second, be sure that every member in every church shares in world missions through the Cooperative Program every week.

Let us match the need of the world and the love of God with the dedication of our lives.

Brooks Hays
President

WE SHARE BECAUSE WE CARE

I AM JUST A FACE

But I express many emotions
Sometimes gladness — Sometimes
Sadness — Sometimes sorrow.

Have you ever studied the expression of faces?

Watch the faces of persons as they enter a bus or train or street car or in a place where people mingle.

A face wearing a frown probably means puzzlement or indecision or a problem to be solved.

A face wearing a worried expression may mean trouble at home or at the office or debts with no money to pay and no way to turn for relief.

A face with an expression of sadness may mean the death of a relative or dear friend or some serious sickness or sorrow near at hand.

A face with a silly or befuddled expression may mean too many drinks and should sober up.

A face wearing a smile indicates that happy days are here again and life is something to be proud of.

You can make others happy if you will brighten your face with a smile. Try it.

—Charles A. Forse

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)—Robert S. Cook, director of adult work, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, recently received the doctor-of-religious-education degree from the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary.

CHURCHES DON'T need members half as much as they need the old bunch made over.—Billy Sunday.

Baptist Board Meets In Annual Session

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— The annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board was held here Jan. 29-29 with 46 of the 49 state and local members present.

Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, announced adoption of the following recommendations of the Board:

Construction to begin immediately of an operations building for more adequate storing and shipping of periodicals and merchandise.

Election of Miss Jean Hall, of Jacksonville, Fla., as manager of the Baptist Book Store, Savannah, Ga., effective Feb. 1.

Establishment of a Church Administration Department.

To make request of the Southern Baptist Convention to change the date of Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School.

Change the name of the Survey, Statistics, and Information Department to Research and Statistics Department.

Publication of Sunday School Extension Department Quarterly, beginning first quarter, 1959; and a Training Union Quarterly for the Deaf, beginning with the fourth quarter, 1958.

Adoption of an operating budget for the last half of 1958.

Construction of new buildings at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly.

THE BOOKSHELF

"THERE ARE three kinds of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who have no idea what has happened."

This is a slight sampling of **A Treasury of Stories—Illustrations—Epigrams—Quotations for Ministers and Teachers**, by Herbert V. Prochnow, published by W. A. Wilde Co., 1957, at \$2. A topical index adds greatly to the value of this excellent little book.

WHAT CHRISTIAN worker does not desire to be more effective in making a visit to home or hospital, in distributing tracts, telling a story, directing plays and games for church groups? Timely tips on all of these activities are provided in **Christian Worker's Handbook**, by Dorothy M. Strauss, published by W. A. Wilde Co., 1957, at \$2.

EGYPT IN BIBLICAL PROPHECY, by Wilbur M. Smith, published by W. A. Wilde Co., 1957, at \$3.50. As its title suggests, this book deals with prophecies of the scriptures about the land of Egypt. It claims to be "the first extensive examination of the subject that has appeared in the English language."

Dr. Smith is professor of English Bible at Fuller Theological Seminary.

ERNEST K. Emurian relates many interesting things about the songs "America," "America the Beautiful," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "The Star-Spangled Banner," in his book, **Stories of the National Songs**, published 1957 by W. A. Wilde Co., at \$2.

THE PROBLEM of having the Christian life "more abundantly" is dealt with by Reginald E. O. White, of Grange Baptist Church, Birkenhead, England, in **Into the Same Image**, published 1957 by Broadman Press. A book of expository studies, it is designed for devotional use. One of the avowed aims of the author is "to help the reader understand his New Testament."

THE SIGNIFICANT trends, meanings, and interpretations of the history of the United States from its European beginnings through the Korean War is the scope of **American Civilization**, by Wesley M. Gewehr and published by McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1957, at \$6.75.

It is written primarily for use as a textbook for college students. An appendix contains two essays of particular significance to students of today—"Civil Rights and the Constitution," and "The Negro and the Constitution."

PORTLAND, Ore. —(BP)— John R. Canning, president of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, has been called as the convention's Sunday school secretary. He is pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Springfield, Ore.

Lottie Moon Cooperative Gifts Set Record

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The highest Cooperative Program month in history and first receipts from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering brought total receipts at the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office here for January to \$3,272,494.

Treasurer Porter Routh said this compared with a total of \$2,772,083 for January, 1957 — an increase of 18 per cent or \$500,410.

January Cooperative Program receipts amounted to \$1,475,664 compared with \$1,312,664 the preceding January, a gain of 12.42 per cent. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts, which help sustain the Convention's Foreign Mission Board, came to \$1,623,802.

Lottie Moon receipts were the major share of January designated offerings which reached \$1,796,829 compared with \$1,459,419 a year ago. This was a 23.12 per cent increase.

Arkansas contributed \$43,239 through the Cooperative Program and \$53,073 through designated offerings during January — a total of \$96,312.

Mrs. Clyde J. Dotson Dies

MRS. CLYDE J. Dotson, 35, Southern Baptist missionary, died in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, Jan. 24, following a brief illness. The former Ebbie Kilgo, native of Cullman County, Alabama, she and Mr. Dotson were married last May while he was in the States on furlough. Mr. Dotson has been a missionary in Southern Rhodesia since 1930. Mrs. Dotson was appointed for mission service in July, 1957. Mr. Dotson's address is: P. O. Box 154, Umtali, Southern Rhodesia.

Overton Moves to Carlsbad, New Mexico

JAMES A. OVERTON has resigned as pastor of Elliott Church to accept a call to Cavern Baptist Church, Carlsbad, N. M., effective Feb. 20. During his ministry at Elliott the church paid off an indebtedness of \$5,000 remodeled its educational building, acquired 1½ blocks of property for future building, and received 50 new members.

A graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary, Mr. Overton's pastorates have included 2nd Church, Arkadelphia; 1st Church, England; 1st Church, Mena; and 1st Church, Bentonville. He was district missionary for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for 2½ years.

The Overton address in Carlsbad will be 207 Russell street, and we have been directed to have an Arkansas Baptist dropped off there each week.

AT THE first session of the 85th Congress there were 54 Baptists in the House of Representatives and 13 in the Senate. Methodists led both houses with 85 in the House and 18 in the Senate. Roman Catholics were second in the House with 73 members, but Baptists were second in the Senate.

Trustees Stick To Ban Of Dances On Campus

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. —(BP)— Wake Forest College trustees have refused for a second time to authorize supervised social dancing on the campus.

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OPERATING ON the theory that literacy is a most effective means of evangelism, Baylor University is offering a number of special courses in its Literacy Studies.

The announcement from the Baptist institution in Texas also pointed out that Baylor, and indeed the entire SBC, is interested in doing its part to decrease the national stigma of having 10 million adults who are functional illiterates.

The scope of the need is emphasized, the college reminded, by the fact that three out of five people in the world cannot read.

Preference in the Baylor program is given: (1) to students from abroad who expect to return to their homelands to serve as officers in literacy programs and (2) to American students who desire to serve in literacy programs in the United States or abroad in programs sponsored by governments, missions, foundations or other organizations.

Pamphlet Outlines Way To Have Mission School

"EVERY CHURCH Can Have a School of Missions" is the title of a new pamphlet prepared by the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board.

The leaflet urges churches to have a school of missions even without missionaries.

These schools are now being promoted because the boards are unable to supply enough missionaries for all of the association-wide programs desired, it was pointed out.

The pamphlet offers suggestions for program of the church.

A RECORD high 7,058,427 members of Methodist church (Sunday) schools, a net gain of 106,292 during 1957, has been reported by the Methodist Board of Education.

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DR. I. L. YEARBY, Arkansas' secretary of evangelism, discusses Southern Baptist evangelism goals with Leonard Sanderson, center, SBC evangelism department, and Dr. Julius Hopkins, secretary of evangelism in North Carolina, at a recent meeting of evangelism superintendents in Nashville.

Joys of Rural Pastorate

By CARL A. CLARK

Professor, Pastoral Ministry and Rural Church Work, Southwestern Seminary

SIZE IS not the measure of success or satisfaction in the pastorate. I realize many ministers have come to the point of feeling that if they are not preaching to a large church with a large congregation, they are not particularly successful and they do not gain the genuine sense of accomplishment that gives them an adequate degree of satisfaction.

A pastor's success and sense of satisfaction should come primarily from a feeling that he is in the absolute center of God's will for his life, regardless of the size or situation of his church. Nevertheless, he finds himself in circumstances sometimes encouraging, sometimes discouraging.

PASTOR OF FRIENDS

One of the real joys of pastoring in rural areas is the privilege of preaching to friends. Those who pastor many of our larger churches face the difficulty of trying to preach to people who are almost total strangers. He cannot possibly know the people in his congregation, because there are so many of them and because there are so many new ones each service. Thus, he cannot prepare messages which he feels are vital to the needs of the people, except as he does so in broad generalizations.

On the other hand, one who preaches to a small congregation is preaching to friends. He knows the people. He knows their specific needs, their de-

sires, their problems.

At the same time the preacher is a pastor of friends, he is not constantly visiting in the homes of strangers where he spends most of his time getting acquainted. He has the privilege of becoming well acquainted with the people, knowing their home life, their business problems, their social and economic needs.

JACKSON, Miss. —(BP)— Arthur L. Nelson, secretary-treasurer of Townsend Piano Co. here, has accepted the position of business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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- It will encourage missionaries and build meeting houses.
- It will minister the Word of God in 30 foreign languages.
- It will answer the call of dozens of new mission fields.
- It will spell out the Home Mission Board: A-D-V-A-N-C-E
- It will mean salvation to 20,000 people who hear the gospel
- It will enrich sacrificial givers whose higher stewardship swells THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS!

Program materials are found in March issues of Royal Service, The Window of Y.W.A., Tell, and Sunbeam Activities. Supplementary materials have been mailed to presidents, chairmen of Business Woman's Circles and Pre-School Age Circles, and counselors and leaders of youth organizations. If you have not received yours, please write the WMU state office immediately.

BROTHERHOOD

Nelson Tull, Secretary

State Convention—Feb. 24-25

THE STATE Brotherhood Convention will convene on Monday afternoon, Feb. 24, and continue through Tuesday morning, Feb. 25. The meeting will be held at the South Highland Church, Little Rock. Thel Smith, state Brotherhood president, will preside.



MR. TULL

A well-rounded and comprehensive program has been prepared under the theme "Conquering and to Conquer". Among the speakers will be Carey Selph, former president of the State Brotherhood Convention, now living in Houston, Tex.; G. A. Ratterree, Brotherhood secretary of Florida; and Dr. A. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention. The convention will set forth three types of emphases: a Brotherhood emphasis, a personal emphasis; and a church and denominational emphasis. Men are expected to attend the convention from every part of Arkansas.

REGIONAL BROTHERHOOD MEETS

Monday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m., at 1st Church, Hardy, the Spring River Regional Convention (Big Creek and Rocky Bayou Associations). The speaker: Vernon Yarborough. Nelson Tull will preside.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., at 1st Church, Atkins, the Arkansas River Regional Convention (Dardanelle-Russellville and Conway-Perry Associations). The speaker: Roy Hilton. The president, Bob Parker, will preside.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m., at 1st Church, Forrest City, the Crowley's Ridge Regional Convention (Arkansas Valley, Tri-County, and Woodruff Associations). The speaker: John Gearling. Nelson Tull will preside.

Rare Gift of God

THE STORY goes that an American woman in India was having some wiring done by a native electrician who kept coming back to her for instructions. She finally told him in exasperation, "You know what I want. Why don't you just use your common sense and go ahead?"

Bowing gravely, the man said, "Madam, common sense is a rare gift of God, and I have only a technical education."—The Union Signal

WHEN PERFECTION IS ATTAINED

I DO not strive to be perfect, but strive to be like Jesus. If one could attain perfection in one's self he would become his own savior, which is impossible.

It is ours in this life to climb toward perfection, which is in God alone. That perfection will be gained when "We shall all be changed," I Cor. 15:67. "And this vile body shall be fashioned like His glorious body," Phil. 3:21.

"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." Ps. 17:15—W. B. O'Neal, Rt. 1, Jacksonville.

MACON, Ga. —(BP)— Mercer University plans to erect a new, \$145,000 science building to replace the old science building damaged earlier in an explosion.

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The festival selections are selected with the entire church year in mind. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter selections are included so that music may be used in the seasonal programs of the church. The books suggested will be used extensively in the Graded Choir Workshop conducted by Mrs. Boyter.

FESTIVAL SELECTIONS:

Union Hymnal: May The Words of My Mouth, p. 452; Who Taught The Bird, p.282; Hear Our Prayer, p. 181.

Songs For Little People: Christmas Song, p. 56; The Father's Care, p. 11x.

Songs With Happy Thoughts: Little Indian Talks to God, p. 30.

A Child's Book of Songs: Christmas Carol, p. 99; Easter Carol, p. 97; Praise the Lord; p 105x.

Hymnal For Boys and Girls: Glad That I Live Am I, p. 122.

Concord Hymnal: Each Little Flower That Opens, p. 88.

Songs and Play for Children: When I Am Happiest, p. 1x.

New Songs and Carols for Children: The Easter Bells, p. 30.

OCTAVO No. 86086 — God Bless The Little Things.

HYMNS: Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart; This Is My Father's World.

MANUSCRIPT COPIES: Under The Stars; This Is How You Touch Me x; May The Grace of Christ Our Savior.

x—Teach to four selected voices. Use the same voices for all four selections.

NOTE: The festival choirs will be listed on the festival program. Directors should register their choirs before February 15. There is no fee. Send name of choir, director, and approximate number of singers to Church Music Department, 312 Baptist Building, Little Rock, before Feb. 15.

BSU

Tom Logue, Secretary

Freshmen in February

THE BAPTIST Student Union of the University of Arkansas designated the first week in February as "Freshmen Week."



DR. LOGUE

Freshmen week is an annual event at the university and is designated to enlist more freshmen in the activities of the Baptist Student Union and to give freshmen officers first hand experience with the organization of BSU. The Freshmen Council is headed by President Jim Maloch, Osceola. The other freshmen officers are: promotional chairman, Joyce Gardenhire, Fayetteville; enlistment chairman, Pat Russell, Mobile, Ala.; social chairman, Anita Ratcliff, Gentry; devotional chairman, Dan Dipert, Damascus; secretary, Wanda Whitney, Manila; music chairman, Jeannie Alley, Mountain Home; extension chairman, Nancy Philley, Eudora; Student Center chairman, Nancy Garner, Rison; stewardship chairman, Emily Owen, Crossett; publicity chairman, Peggy Peterson, Fayetteville; Sunday School representative, Sammy Hynds, Gentry; Training Union representative, O. W. Barnett, Sherrill; Brotherhood representative, Lyman Shoemaker, Osceola; Y. W. A. representative, Nancy Holt, Manila.

TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

January Busy

TRAINING UNION workers in Arkansas, with the assistance of several out-of-state workers, had a busy January. In Hope Association, C. E. McGlothlin, associational director, 852 people were enrolled in two schools held in Texarkana and Stamps. Thirty-four churches participated with an average attendance of 558.



MR. DAVIS

R. V. Haygood, associate in the department, conducted conferences with associational Training Union officers in Buckner, Ouachita, Delta, and Bartholomew Associations, and spent a day helping leaders of Little River Association enlist associational officers. Brother Haygood will lead at least 12 associations to be standard this year.

Three members of the department — Davis, Haygood, and Tolleson — attended the three-day conference on adult work at the Sunday School Board during January.

Some Future Dates

1) Over 400 people have agreed to be on the program at eight district conventions in March; 2) Dr. Chester Swor will be the main speaker at the first State Youth Convention April 25 at 2nd Church, Little Rock; 3) The entire force from the Sunday School Board will lead in eight workshops (nursery through general officers) in Little Rock Sept. 30.

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Intense: The way Arabs like to live.
Show Boat: Any sports car.
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Gold Digger: A woman after all.
Traffic: A lot of cars moving fast until your car joins them.
Middle Age: The interlude between the time you are on the way up and on the way out.—Sanatorium Outlook.

RECENTLY WE dictated a letter of congratulations to a friend in which we stated: "This certainly is a crowning achievement." Our secretary dropped one of the "n's" with this result: "This certainly is a crowing achievement."

BUTCHER: "The farmer who brought this rooster in said he was the laziest one in the world."

ASSISTANT: "Did he say just how lazy he was?"

BUTCHER: "Yes, he said the rooster had never crowed in his life. He just waited for another one to crow then he nodded his head."

SOMEONE SAID to his senator: "I like your straightforward way of not taking a stand!"—Vance Havner

"WHY DID you tip that girl so much when she gave you your coat?"

"Look at the coat she gave me!"

TRANSLATION

AN ANONYMOUS author has offered the following translations for parents:

"I'm all dressed" . . . he has his undershirt on.

"I'm all dressed except my shoes" . . . he does not have his undershirt on.

"I'm just tying my shoelaces" . . . he's looking for his shoes.

"I don't know why, he just hit me" . . . he hit his brother.

"He didn't hit him, just sorta' pushed him" . . . he hit his brother.

"I didn't do anything" . . . he hit his brother.

"M-o-m-m-y!" . . . his brother hit him.

"It's awfully cold in here" . . . he doesn't feel like going to sleep.

"It's awfully warm in here" . . . he doesn't feel like going to sleep.

"There's a lot of bears in here" . . . he doesn't feel like going to sleep.

"All the other kids are going" . . . some kid is going somewhere.—Charity and Children

TRAFFIC IS getting tougher. A weary commuter wired his boss: "Will not be at office today. Am not home yesterday yet."—Sanatorium Outlook.



Nature's Powder Puffs

HAVE YOU, by chance, come upon a winter bird roosting in a corner of your garage, head tucked under its wing, its feathers standing out to make it look like a powder puff? If you have, don't worry about it. This is Nature's way of protecting her birds from the cold.

The fluffy coat of feathers of chickadees, wrens, kinglets, sparrows, and other cold-weather birds is not only light in weight, but airtight and waterproof. Layers of air spaces amid the

feathers, giving the powder-puff appearance, insulate the bird from heat in the summer and from cold in the winter.

Strangely, the size of a bird has no effect upon its warmth, for within the tiny body there is a perfect heat unit. Miraculously, the very small heart of a bird beats double time, maintaining a constant body temperature.

The great need of birds in winter is food. Food is their fuel. It helps to keep the heat unit in order and the bird warm. Our Bible raises a question: "Who provideth for the raven his food? When his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat" (Job 38:41).

There are times when we can help these little cold-weather, powder-puff creatures. When winter wind stalk the land and snow and icy blizzards are upon them, with ponds and streams frozen solid, we can share some of our blessings of food and shelter.

If you want to hear a delighted chatter among your winter feathered friends, give them bread crusts, bits of suet, raisins, and sunflower seeds. It will be a happy occasion you'll never forget.

THE TEEN AGE

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Sunday School Lesson . . .

The Church Preaches
the WordBy DR. J. F. QUEEN
(Southern Baptist College)

February 16

Rom. 10:14-17; I Cor. 1:18-31;

Eph. 3:7-19

PREACHING HAS been central through the ages to promote God's kingdom. Prayer, godly living, and fellowship in a church are indispensable if the preaching is to have the desired effect. Preaching can not be separated from teaching. A person must be taught as Philip did the eunuch but he must be persuaded to believe the good

news and accept it. That is preaching. The affect of a church on preaching is shown in two Biblical observations. One is when Peter preached on the day of Pentecost and 3,000 souls were saved. Before his sermon 120 people prayed for 10 days. The other occasion was when Paul preached at Mars Hill. Prayer meetings were not had in Athens before and while he preached. Only a few believed. Some one searching to find the secret of Spurgeon's great preaching found it when he saw a group of godly men in the basement of the church praying for their pastor while he preached.



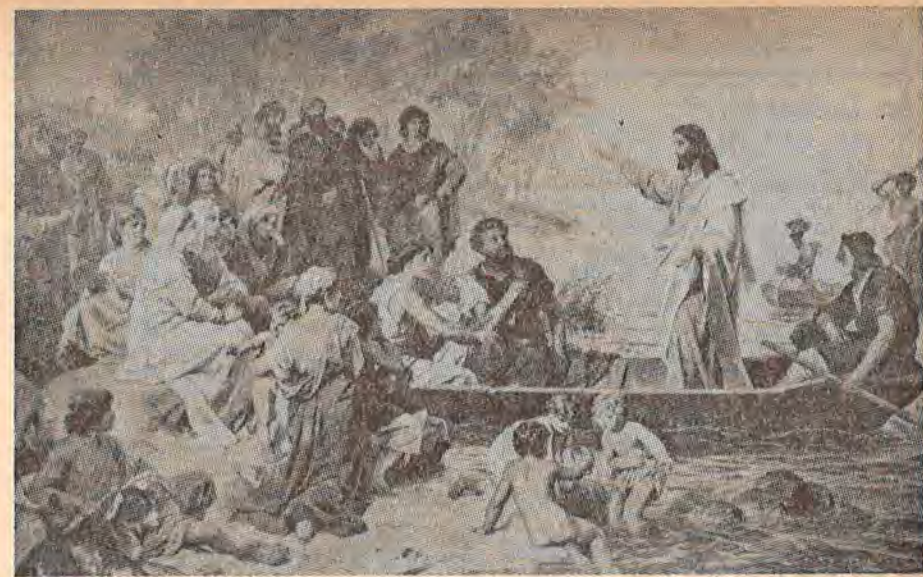
DR. QUEEN

Rom. 10:14-17. There is as much responsibility on the church as the preacher in preaching the gospel. The good news of salvation is for all peoples of the world. Salvation through Christ comes when a lost soul realizes he is lost, then calls upon the name of the Lord. Christ had a plan before He ascended that would make it possible for people everywhere to be saved. That plan was to go and make disciples of all nations. But Paul said, "How are men to call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?" Churches are called to send the gospel by the same Holy Spirit that calls the preacher to preach.

Paul said, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." A New Testament church should feel the same way concerning the white harvest fields. In I Cor. 1:18-31, we find two views entirely different concerning the preaching of the cross. One view is by the saved and one by the lost. The saved said it was the power of God, but the lost said it was foolishness. Pity should be had for the lost because they are "dead in trespasses and in sin" therefore they do not have spiritual ears to hear and it is impossi-

ble for them to think otherwise than to consider the plan of salvation foolishness. To preach that Christ became sin for us and paid a debt on the cross for every one who would believe a debt that a sinner could not pay if he worked a million years on earth for it, is unreasonable to a lost soul. It was a stumblingblock to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks.

But the Holy Spirit can take the message preached with wisdom and power and backed by a praying and spirit-filled church and cause both the Jews and the Greeks to be convicted of their sins, repent, believe and be saved. It is "because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."



Jesus Preaches From a Boat

—(Wilde's Bible Pictures)

God does not call men to be preachers because they "are wise men after the flesh," mighty and noble in the flesh but he calls preachers and churches who have the experience of what the gospel does for the soul. Some that He calls may be wise, mighty, and noble concerning the flesh but that is not the cause of His calling them. The preacher and the church should keep humble in taking the plan of salvation to the lost "that no flesh should glory in His presence." "He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." A burning desire to see men saved should characterize the preacher and church if many are saved.

A young preacher asked John Wesley how to get crowds to attend his church. Wesley said, "Get on fire and people will come out to see you burn!"

The church must be on fire as well as the preacher if the gospel of Christ has its greatest effect. The story of redemption makes people wise divinely, holy, and righteous. Civilization has blossomed in the wake of the spread of the gospel.

In Eph. 3:7-19, we are able to see Paul in his humility and call as a minister of the gospel. He did not

count himself worthy of being a minister but the gift of God added to him made him an able ambassador to the Gentiles. He described the gospel as the unsearchable riches of Christ. The depth of its saving power was fathomless. It would save to the uttermost all who would believe.

The gospel had to be unfolded as to man's understanding. Man could always be saved by trusting God's plan although they did not understand the mystery of salvation. We do not understand the mystery of Christ's return at the end of the world but we trust it. The cross of Christ and the operation of the Holy Spirit were hidden in God yet they both were effective before the crucifixion and the coming of the Holy Spirit in His fullness on the day of Pentecost.

Now the church which is the manifold wisdom of God must possess the same spirit and understanding that the preacher has. If the church has the full sweep of the divine wisdom of God as well as the preacher, eternity will record constantly the names of the redeemed in the book of life in heaven. Men in their own power can not bring this to pass but when the faith of Christ becomes a part of their lives as members of a church they have power dynamic power, and boldness in presenting or sending the saving message to the lost.

Paul begged the church at Ephesus to consider his tribulations and sufferings as an honor to them and not to lose heart over them. Therefore he prays for the church to have spiritual strength and to be enlarged in love that they "may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." When this point is reached both pastor and church are ready to "be filled with the entire fullness of God."

S. A. Whitlow, General Secretary; 100 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark., Ralph Douglas, Associate

Jesus Defined Church's Mission

JESUS INSTITUTED his church for a special mission. When he commissioned it to "Go . . . teach . . . baptize . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" he placed the responsibility of evangelizing the world primarily on his church. The church can function for the Lord only where it exists. Thus, it is to keep reaching out until the last man has had an opportunity to know the Lord and it is to continue until the last disciple observes the things which Jesus has commanded.

The task is so vast and far-reaching that no single church could accomplish the mission unless it could join hands with other sister churches. This is where our denominational agencies and institutions come in. These agencies fulfill their purpose only as they help the churches do what they otherwise would not be able to accomplish separately. This, it seems to me, must ever be kept clear in our thinking lest we drift into the pattern of having the churches serve the ends of the denominational agencies.

Our denominational agencies have come into being out of a felt need. They have been conceived by a noble purpose and designed to serve noble ends. To the end that they serve these high ideals they must be preserved and employed. However, with the multiplying of institutions and agencies and with the eagerness that accompanies this growth there is a possibility that we might be spinning our wheels in places and failing to strengthen the churches in their calling of winning the lost and teaching the saved.

Many of us recognize the multiplying number of meetings and time consuming number of engagements. Thus, when all of these engagements are kept it becomes increasingly difficult to find time to do the primary. God has called the churches into existence for a redemptive purpose. We must exercise care that they do not get away from this purpose. We must also exercise care that our good should not defeat the best.

Then, it seems wise that we should give careful study to the place of our agencies in the overall purpose of the churches. When duplications and useless activity impede our progress in achieving God's purpose, common honesty calls for corrections. Many of our Baptist leaders — both in denominational work and in the pastorate — recognize the need for careful study and wise action to make more effective our efforts in the work of redemption. This is no easy task, but some of us think it should be done. What do you think? —SAW

Forward Program Results



DR. DOUGLAS conducted last year. We will show the records of others in later issues of the **Arkansas Baptist**.

SHERWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, SHERWOOD

Charles Ragland, Pastor

This is a semi-rural church with a total of 119 resident members. Last year the budget was \$6,000.00. The membership was not asked to sign pledge cards.

The church adopted a budget for 1957 of \$6,760, an increase of 12 per cent, using the Forward Program of Church Finance. The membership pledged \$9,360, an increase of 56 per cent over 1956. But the significant thing about this campaign was that 110 people out of 119 resident members signed pledge cards. Remember that the year before they did not ask the people to subscribe to the budget.

BEECH ST. BAPTIST CHURCH GURDON

Harold Hightower, Pastor

This church is located in a town where the 1st Church is affiliated with the Landmark Association. Last year (1956) the budget was \$23,340.00. One hundred thirty-seven people pledged approximately \$12,000. Using the Forward Program of Church Finance, a budget of \$31,722 for 1957 was adopt-

ed. Two hundred seventy-seven individuals subscribed \$32,500, an increase of 170 per cent over 1956.

In 1956, 137 made pledges and this year 277 signed pledge cards.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DEQUEEN

Fred Savage, Jr., Pastor

This is a county-seat town in Southwest Arkansas. Last year the people gave for all causes \$27,586.14. One hundred forty-seven pledgers subscribed \$20,529.08 of a \$28,000 budget.

The Forward Program of Church Finance helped the church to adapt a budget of \$35,000. Two hundred ninety-one people pledged \$30,384.52, or \$9,855.44 more than they pledged last year. This was an increase of 48 per cent.

Here's a summary of the three churches:

	1956	1957	Increase
Amount Pledged for Year	\$32,529.08	\$72,244.52	122%
Number of Pledges	284	678	139%
Number of Tithers	117	358	206%

Sure, the program produces more money. But, more than that, it helps people to take a look at themselves and then gives them an opportunity to grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The money increased 122 per cent, the tithers increased 206 per cent. —RD

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