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—Louis C. Williams

A Familiar scene throughout the cotton belt

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These Are Basic

By J. D. GREY, *President*
Southern Baptist Convention

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.

Flowing from these three, streams of influence and power have blessed the work of our denomination in America for over two centuries. Such streams are still flowing, making articulate our Baptist message and making effective our Christian mission to the whole world.

Local Church Basic In All Progress

The District Association was the first general denominational organization. The oldest in the South, the Charleston Association, celebrates its bi-centennial this fall. By 1790 thirty-four associations had been organized in America. When it was demonstrated that the Association could function in its field without destroying the independence of the local church, it became popular among Baptists. By 1828 two hundred and nineteen had been organized; by 1836 three hundred and eighty-eight.

The Charleston Association serves as an illustrious example of effectiveness in denominational expansion. The mission work it began among the Indians in the Carolinas and Georgia laid the foundation of the present Baptist membership among the Indians in Oklahoma. When the United States Government moved these tribes to the then Indian Territory, Baptist missionaries moved with them. In the realm of Education also the Charleston Association set a glorious example that is still far-reaching. Out of its Educational Fund chartered in 1791 came Furman University. The Fund became the theological endowment of Furman and was the nucleus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It was given to the Seminary at its beginning in 1859. Also, Jesse Mercer, educated by this Fund, founded Mercer University. Through his influence and gifts, the first Baptist missionary went to Texas and began the work that led to Baylor University, out of which came the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The importance of the District Association even in our day cannot be over-emphasized. As the rising tide lifts all the boats in the harbor, so the tide of interest of the association lifts all our Baptist causes—State, Southwide, and world-wide. Spreading the base of our stewardship potential, enlisting more of our people with more of their money in all our Christly causes must begin at the local level, in the churches and associations.

Progress Demands Expansion

The State Convention began soon after the District Association. The oldest in the South (though using the name "Association") was organized in Virginia in 1771. Next followed South Carolina in 1821, Georgia in 1822, and Alabama in 1823. Nine State Conventions were active by the time the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845. The State Convention, though differing from the Association, gave

impetus to denominational solidarity and co-operation. Luther Rice played a large part in establishing many of them and in organizing our Baptist work. State Baptist papers, Schools, Orphanages, Hospitals, and Mission Programs were begun and are still carrying on mightily for Christ.

The work done by these State Conventions has, under God, grown to a significant stature. Today, more than ever, they summon every church with every number to vigorous, vital service for the Savior. They call for men and means to carry out our Christ-given mission in the state, in the homeland, and to the "utmost part of the earth."

Baptist Schools Essential To Baptist Progress

What Southern Baptists believe and do in the next generation very largely depends upon our Baptist schools today. These schools have given us our leaders. We have supported them; they have blessed us. We must keep it like that. Our Baptist colleges are under pressure today from two sides. On one side is State education; on the other, non-denominational, inter-denominational or anti-denominational education. Baptist leaders will come from Baptist schools. This axiom imposes a dual obligation. The school administrators must keep them Baptists in belief, practice, and control. With regret we recall that Baptists have lost some of their schools including Brown, Chicago University, and George Washington University. Our schools ought to give our future leaders our distinguishing doctrines, teaching the Bible, not as "a nice poetic piece," but as a virile message producing vital Christians. In doing this they lay claim to the whole-hearted support of all our Baptist people. This will include adequate financial support from the State Convention, the local church, and the individual members. It will include also a moral and personal support leading Baptist parents to send their children to Baptist schools. In this matter we are at the fountain-head of our Baptist life. What is done about our schools settles what our denomination will do twenty-five years hence.

Yes, these three are basic! Let our entire Southern Baptist Zion give them a new appraisal and a greater support.

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North Carolina Baptists Plan Advance

Plans for promoting an advance of Baptist work in North Carolina and the establishment of churches "in growing and strategic places" were mapped at a meeting of a committee of the general board of the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh.

M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the board, said after the meeting that "the committee is aware of the advance in North Carolina along many lines, with growing cities and roads penetrating every corner of the state."

"Plans were made," he said, "to acquaint Baptist people in the state with the need for a religious advance looking to the establishment of churches in growing and strategic places, and to the training of people within the churches."

—Religious News Service.

The All-Seeing Jesus

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

A Devotion by the Editor

"... all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

The first effect of the conscious presence of Jesus is to blight and blister and burn the sinful cankers of the soul. And the demons of sin writhe and twist and cry out in distress and despair in the presence of Him who sees through them and knows their evil works. Peter knew that the eyes of Jesus were upon him when he uttered his blasphemous denials.

No individual can stand in the presence of Jesus, conscious of His all seeing eyes and His knowledge and authority, without knowing himself to be a sinner. Peter declares, "I am a sinful man." Judas admits, "I have betrayed innocent blood." Thomas acknowledges the sinfulness of his doubts. Paul proclaims himself the chief of sinners. Spurgeon was forever humbled by his weaknesses. Truett was constantly confessing his sins.

The same authority which blights sin and curses the demons in one's heart blesses and stimulates the virtues of life. The same divine fire which burns also heals. The searching knowledge which makes one conscious of his sins also makes him conscious of the power of righteousness. The same grace which makes one smart under the blight of sin soothes the pains of an aching heart. The total effect is to give one peace, joy, and righteousness.

Those who are wedded to their sinful ways undertake to resist the authority of Jesus. He said, "Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." His presence torments them, His authority frightens them, His love condemns them, His grace saddens them, His justice incites them to anger. They resist Him, they condemn Him, they kill Him.

For those who confess their sins, and repent of their sins and trust Jesus and accept His grace, the reaction is just the opposite. They love His presence, they are afraid to be alone without Him, they want to feel the protection of His authority, they feel safe in the light of His countenance. His grace gives them a sense of wholesomeness and cleanness, His mercy gives them a sense of strength.

"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Hebrews 4:13

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From The Editor's Desk

Our Traditional Liberties Seriously Threatened

Destroy the open market, the free enterprise system; destroy the open forum, freedom of press and speech and assembly; destroy the open political arena, the right to criticize government and debate political issues; destroy open worship, the freedom of religion; and you destroy all liberty.

The open market is being more seriously threatened today than ever before in the history of our country. The government is taking a third of the national income in taxes; one-third of all industry in the country is owned by the government, and another third is controlled by the government, according to the most reliable sources of information. Fifteen or more million citizens of the nation are regularly receiving government checks. Initiative is being destroyed as individuals, political subdivisions, business and enterprise turn to Washington for federal checks. This whole parade, together with the bureaucratic inclinations of Washington, is surely threatening the open market in the United States.

The open forum is being challenged as never before in the history of our nation. It is being challenged by selfish groups,

by paid lobbyists and propagandists who by one method or another are able to slant the news of the world according to their own desires, or to play up the news of the world that suits their purposes, or play down the news of the world that does not suit them. We still have a free press in America, but it must be obvious to the thoughtful and discerning reader that the American public does not get all the facts and does not always get unbiased news in the public press.

Efforts are made by some groups to boycott publications which carry news unfavorable to them. The most recent and the most glaring example of the method of the boycott is the Roman Catholic hierarchy boycott of the *Reader's Digest* and *Newsweek*. It is a thoroughly established fact that many of the largest dailies in the country yielded to the threat of the Roman Catholic boycott and refused to carry reviews or announcements of Paul Blanshard's *American Freedom and Catholic Power*.

We still have the right and the privilege of debating political issues and of criticizing our government. Yet our President

brands all such debate as malicious destructionism. He brands critics of his administration as irresponsible citizens unworthy of serious consideration; and those who complain against the high taxes of today, he brands as profiteers and grafters. Our government has come to the place where it goes serenely on its prodigal way, heedless of the warnings, the pleas, and the prayers of the hosts of humble, hard-working, sacrificing people whose rights our officers take oath to uphold.

There are definite efforts being put forth today to bring state and church into closer relationship. There are long term plans to bring about the support of religion by the state and the control of the state by a dominant church. Public tax money is now going to church schools. Unless the flow of this money is halted and turned back, the stream will inevitably grow larger. The larger this stream grows, the greater the danger to the principle of a free church in a free state.

We have lost much ground in the total liberty of the American way of life. Whether we shall ever regain the ground which we have lost may be a moot question. But one thing is certain, if we follow the trend which is now robbing us of our liberty, we shall wake up one day to find that we possess only the hollow shell of what was once the greatest possession of the American people—their liberty.

Two Young Men Properly Placed

Dr. Duke K. McCall, as president of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. Porter Routh, as executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, are logical and wise choices.

We may well believe that these two men were chosen for their respective positions by divine guidance. Each of these men has a rich background of denominational service. Each has had the very best in home environment and early training, and each has had the best in educational opportunities. Duke McCall and Porter Routh have taken full advantage of their training and experience, and have measured up to the challenge of the high positions to which their denomination has called them. We believe that Southern Baptists are experiencing a confident satisfaction in the selection of these two men for these two important positions in the denominational life and organization.

Under the skillful administration of Duke K. McCall, the Southern Seminary will live up to the high standard of its past history and will write new pages of history as brilliant as any in its past. That institution will continue to grow and extend its ministry and achieve greater glory for the kingdom of our Lord and our Christ.

Porter Routh, who succeeds Duke McCall as executive secretary of the Executive Committee, will meet the challenge of that

high position with the same ability and high purpose with which he has filled other important positions in our denominational life. The Executive Committee of the Convention and all Southern Baptists will look forward to the years ahead with full confidence that the affairs of the Executive Committee and of the Convention will be administered with the same skill and efficiency which have characterized the office of executive secretary through the years.

We congratulate Southern Baptists, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Trustees of the Southern Seminary upon the selection of these two men for their respective positions. We pledge to them our full co-operation and our prayers that they may be led of the Holy Spirit in the discharge of their responsibilities.

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Your Future

The Associated Press recently carried a very interesting little story, based on information provided by Commerce Clearing House, an organization that is concerned with tax and business law.

According to the story, "If you are a 29-year-old average male, you can look forward to paying a minimum of \$34,700 in taxes by the time you are 65." This average 29-year-old earns \$4,300 a year, and has a mortgaged home and two children. Of that

\$34,700 tax bill almost half—\$15,684—will go for Federal income taxes. The rest will be levied in the form of real property taxes, social security, gasoline, state income, various excise and "luxury" taxes and so down the long list.

The \$34,700 figure, remember, is a minimum. No one can forecast the future with accuracy. If government goes on with the prodigal waste that has characterized it for a generation, the ultimate tax bill for the 29-year-old average man and every one else will be far higher. On top of that, more government-induced inflation will sharply reduce the purchasing power of what little money we have left after the tax collector gets through.

It is commonly argued that wars and the threat of more wars make these tremendous taxes inevitable. That's an easy alibi for the professional bureaucrats, but it won't hold water. The most thorough studies indicate that Federal spending for just the single current fiscal year could be cut by as much as \$10,000,000,000 without affecting the defense program in any way. Government is now the greatest squanderer of our money and resources and labor—and you pay for it whether you're 29, 59, or 99.

—Industrial News Service.

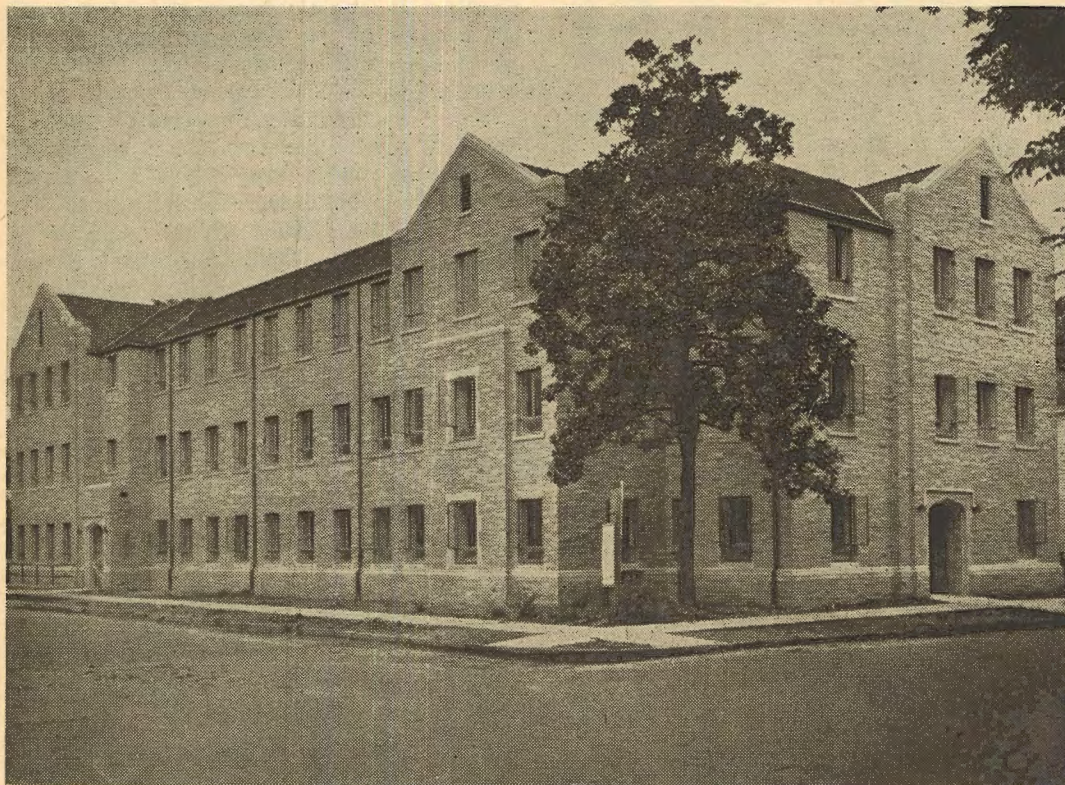
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Give your life to God. He can do more with it than you can.

—Dwight L. Moody.

Kingdom Progress

Open House At First Church, Little Rock



First Church, Little Rock, held open house in their new educational building Sunday afternoon, September 16.

The new structure is in keeping with the new auditorium in architecture and material. It is built of reinforced concrete and steel, and is finished on the outside with Tennessee Quartzite Sandstone, matching the exterior of the sanctuary, which was built ten years ago.

The new building is a three story structure with 75 classrooms and seven assembly rooms, all completely air-conditioned. It provides the following facilities for Sunday School work: five nurseries, two beginner

departments, three primary departments, three junior departments, two intermediate departments, one young people's department and one adult department.

The Sunday School enrolment of First Church now stands at 1,642; it has recently been reorganized, increasing the number of departments from 18 to 23. There are now five adult departments with 36 classes. In the reorganization the Sunday School was completely graded including the adult departments.

Dr. K. O. White is pastor of the church, and Mr. E. L. Markert is educational director.

Ouachita's Enrolment

Ouachita's enrolment has climbed to 512, it was announced this week by Miss Frances Crawford, registrar. Of this number 462 are regular students and 50 are special. Total enrolment last year was 560.

Of the students enrolled in Arkansas' senior Baptist college, 142 are ministerial students and 41 others are dedicated to some phase of full-time Christian work.

Fifty-eight of the 75 counties in Arkansas are represented in Ouachita's student body, plus 13 states other than Arkansas. Hawaii and Brazil are also counted in the enrolment.

Among the Missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. John Watson Shepard Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, announce the birth of John Watson III, on September 10, in Tokyo. Mrs. Shepard is the former Miss Jean Prince of Arkansas.

An Appeal for Help

Pastor George C. Irvin of the First Southern Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington, appeals to Baptists in Southern Baptist states to send him the names of friends who have located in Seattle. His address is, 19041 Third Avenue, N. W., Seattle 77, Washington.

Pastor Irvin and other pastors in the far west are very anxious to have the names of Southern Baptists who have moved to these western states, in order that they may contact them and if possible enlist them in the Southern Baptist churches in that area. Anyone who has a relative or friend in these far western states will do them a favor as well as the pastors and churches there by giving the names and addresses of such persons to some pastor of a Southern Baptist Church in that area.

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Every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:12).

Minister Ordained



Carl Faucett

The Old Austin Church, Caroline Association, met with First Church, Cabot, August 5, for the purpose of ordaining Carl Faucett to the gospel ministry. The ordaining council was composed of the following: Wilson Deese, pastor of First Church, Cabot, acted as moderator; Dave Kilpatrick, pastor at Austin, asked the questions; Vance Tucker served as clerk; Earl Lenderman offered the ordination prayer; Pastor Kilpatrick presented the Bible; Miss Sidney Ann Brewer rendered a solo; Pastor Deese delivered the ordination sermon and offered the benediction. Other members of the presbytery were, Joe Robins, Otha Jones, Dale Maeskill, Charles Templeton, and W. W. Bodie.

Mr. Faucett is a member of the Old Austin Church, and a senior student at Ouachita, where he is also a football star.

Licensed to Preach

Jack Dalton Mick was licensed to preach by First Church, Blytheville, on Wednesday evening, September 5. Mr. Mick is in charge of the Chapel Mission sponsored by the Blytheville church, and is also a student at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

Harmony Church Has Good Meeting

Pastor Floyd Simmons did his own preaching in a revival meeting at the Harmony Church, Pulaski County Association, August 19-September 3. Mrs. Mildred Brockington directed the music. There were ten additions to the church for baptism and six by letter.

1,650 Registered At Southwestern Seminary

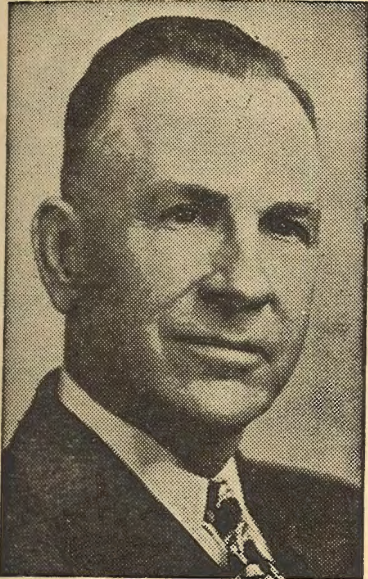
By RALPH D. CHURCHILL

The first week's registration for the semester shows a total of 1,650. This is an increase of 215 over the 1950 fall enrolment of 1,435.

These students come from 38 states, the District of Columbia, and five foreign countries.

Registration will continue through September 22.

Griever Goes to Hamburg



E. E. Griever

Pastor E. E. Griever, for more than 21 years the pastor of First Church, Harrison, has accepted the call of First Church, Hamburg, and is now on the field.

During his pastorate at Harrison, the church membership grew from 375 to 800 and the church budget increased from \$5,000 to \$30,000. During this ministry Pastor Griever received 1,570 members into the church fellowship, 800 of whom were received for baptism. He also witnessed more than a thousand professions of faith in meetings held outside his own pastorate.

Pastor Griever led the Harrison church in the establishment of the Eagles Heights Mission which was organized into a full time church two years ago. For the past five years the Harrison church sponsored a radio program each Sunday morning from 11 to 12 o'clock. Under Mr. Griever's leadership the Harrison Church has purchased the steel, brick, cement, and tile for the construction of a new education building, and has \$15,000 in the building fund.

First Church, Hamburg, has a membership of 800, and Pastor Griever comments, "The people are most gracious and have a wonderful spirit. One of the items here that thrills my soul is that they have \$6,000 in their annual church budget for the Cooperative Program, and with their fine missionary spirit I'm sure that will be increased regularly."

Jessieville Goes To Full Time Service

The Jessieville Church had a very successful revival recently, according to Pastor Tommy Tedford, now on the faculty of Ouachita College.

Pastor Ed Anderson of Amity preached for the two-week meeting which resulted in 12 additions to the church by baptism and two by letter.

In addition to the revival, a week's Bible school was held for the young people with record-breaking enrolment of 60.

Pastor Tedford has announced that the church at Jessieville plans to build a parsonage soon. The church was half-time, but now it is full-time and planning to build.

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It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. (I Corinthians 4:2).

Enters Christian Service

Mr. A. H. Meeks, a member of the South Side Church of Pine Bluff, has surrendered his life to full-time Christian service and has entered the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. He intends to prepare himself for service in the field of religious education and sacred music.

In addition to his school activities, Mr. Meeks has accepted part-time work as minister of music and education in the Azle Avenue Church in Fort Worth.

Deacons Ordained

Recently six deacons were ordained by Union Church, El Dorado, according to a report by Pastor R. C. Brinkley. Those ordained were, A. A. Ganaway, Fred Dumas Jr., J. C. Saulsbury, Belton Jerry, and Harold Jerry.

Pastor Brinkley conducted the examination, and Deacon Crawford Jerry, whose two sons were among those ordained, offered the ordination prayer, the charge was delivered by Pastor T. T. Walker of the Lawson Church.

New Mission Appointee Sails for Brazil

Miss Martha Hairston, a new appointee of the Foreign Mission Board, sailed for Brazil from New York on Thursday, September 6. Miss Hairston sailed in company with Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby, veteran missionaries to Brazil.

Miss Hairston is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hairston, Warren, and a sister of Mrs. Luther Dorsey, England. She is a graduate of Ouachita College, she also attended Tulane University, and has her master's degree from the W. M. U. Training School of Louisville, Kentucky. She will be assistant director of the training school located at Recife, Brazil.

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A Short, Short Story . . .

Years ago a young man knelt with his pastor and prayed as he committed himself to God to tithe. His first week's pay was \$10 and the tithe \$1. As he grew older he became more prosperous, his tithe was \$7.50 a week, then \$10. He moved to another city and soon his tithe was \$100 a week, then \$200, then \$500. He sent his friend a wire, "Come to see me." The pastor arrived at the man's beautiful home. They had a good time talking over old times. Finally, the man came to the point. "You remember that promise I made years ago to tithe. How can I get release?"

"Why do you want to be released?"

"It's like this," the man replied, "when I made the promise I only had to give a dollar, but now its \$500. I can't afford to give away money like that."

The old pastor looked at his friend. "I'm afraid we cannot get release from the promise but there is something we can do. We can kneel here and ask God to shrink up your income so you can afford to give a dollar."

—Baptist Bulletin.

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A determined soul will do more with a rusty wrench than loafer will accomplish with all the tools in the machine shop.

—Clipped.

Enters Seminary



Raymond Marks

Pastor Raymond Marks has resigned the pastorate of the Shorewood Hills Church in Central Association in order to enter Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Pastor Marks is a native of Arkansas and is a graduate of Ouachita College.

During his ministry at Shorewood Hills 184 persons were received into the church fellowship, 93 of whom were received for baptism, and 91 by letter. The educational building, which was begun just prior to Pastor Marks coming to the Shorewood Hills Church, was practically completed during his ministry there.

Fourth Anniversary Of Pastor Davis

The College Hill Church, Texarkana, celebrated the fourth anniversary of Pastor C. G. Davis on August 26. Among the many expressions of love and appreciation was the gift of a Gruen wrist watch for Pastor Davis and a gift of matched luggage for Mrs. Davis.

During the four years of Pastor Davis' ministry at College Hill, 417 persons have been added to the church membership. A Hammond organ with outside chimes has been installed. The interior of the church has been redecorated and the outside refinished. Additional furniture and equipment have been supplied.

The four years of Mr. Davis' ministry have witnessed an increase in the enrolment of all organizations and attendance on all services. Mission offerings have been increased, and a church bus has been provided for local mission work. The College Hill Church is planning an enlargement program and have a substantial amount of money in the building fund for that purpose.

The Arkansas Baptist goes into every home of the church membership.

Pastoral Change

Stanley Durham comes to Arkansas from Washington county, Alabama, where he served as associational missionary. He will be the pastor at Davis Chapel, Pulaski County Association.

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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice. (Romans 12:1).

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Christian Horizons

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By Religious News Service

Texas Baptists Set Up Loan Agency

A loan agency to give new Baptist churches a start was set up by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Meeting at First Church, Dallas, the executive board of the Convention voted to provide \$250,000 for loans to new small churches.

Also intent on carrying their campaign to win 250,000 new members for Texas churches in 1951, the board set aside Sunday, September 16, as a day of prayer and preaching and soul-winning.

They passed another resolution to ask each of four church organizations—Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union, Training Union and Men's Brotherhood—to sponsor a Friday-to-Sunday revival in Baptist churches of Texas.

The loan agency is being created for churches which are just starting and cannot put up sufficient collateral to get loans from the usual channels. Dr. A. B. White, pastor of East Grand Church and chairman of the committee to set up the loan agency, said at least 300 new Baptist churches are needed in the twenty-five largest Texas cities.

The drive for 250,000 new church members is advancing, said William Fleming of Fort Worth, president of the Convention. He cited the example of a Fort Worth layman who alone has brought in ninety-six new members.

Ten Commandments Mountain Dedicated

Ten Commandments Mountain, which contains the world's largest inscription of the decalogue and the world's largest replica of the Bible, was dedicated near Murphy, North Carolina, by the Church of God. The ceremonies were directed by Bishop M. A. Tomlinson, general overseer of the denomination.

Located at Fields-of-the-Wood Church of God Assembly Grounds 19 miles west of Murphy, the commandments are set in concrete letters 4 by 6 feet each, prefaced by concrete Roman numerals 7 by 14 feet, with a 24 by 34 foot replica of the Bible standing on a base 13 by 60 feet. The cost is estimated at around \$500,000.

The dedication program included speeches and a march to the top of the mountain. Attending were around 5,000 Church of God delegates. Churches of 15 states participated in raising funds to erect the display.

Dr. Jones on Fifth Church Union Tour

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary-evangelist, will launch his fifth Crusade for a United Church on September 16, which will take him to 33 cities throughout the country.

The announcement was made in Boston, at headquarters of the Association for a United Church, which began its activities in 1947.

First city on Dr. Jones' itinerary will be Middletown, Connecticut. Following a tour

of New England states, he will take the crusade to the middle and far west.

Dr. Jones will advocate a federal union of Churches, patterned after the federal union of states in the United States. Under this plan the denominations would retain their differences while being part of a United Church.

At the conclusion of the present crusade, which is scheduled to be carried on through December, Dr. Jones will have spoken on the federal union plan to more than 400 meetings in 180 cities across the country.

Attendance At Army Services Passes Million

Attendance at services conducted by U. S. Army chaplains passed the million mark in June, 1951, for the first time since World War II, Chaplain (Major General) Roy H. Parker, Army chief of chaplains, reported in Washington, D. C.

He said that 1,200 Army chaplains officiated at 20,227 religious services attended by 1,000,726 servicemen.

In addition, civilian clergymen officiated at 1,704 services in military installations which had no regular chaplain. These were attended by 111,793 servicemen.

"The increased attendance at services and at religious instructional classes," Chaplain Parker said, "is an indication of the interest of military personnel in spiritual matters and the increasing effectiveness of the chaplains' services."

American Chaplain Prisoner of Chinese

Chaplain (Major) Wayne H. Burdue, of Newton Falls, Ohio, has been taken prisoner by the Chinese Communists in Korea, the Department of the Army revealed. He is the first American chaplain known to be in enemy hands.

The Army was not informed officially of his status, but said that his wife, Mrs. De Ette Burdue, has received a letter in his own handwriting stating that he is in good health, but imploring her to send food packages.

The letter, dated February 11, was held nearly six months before transmission by the Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and Against American Aggression of Peking.

Chaplain Burdue was reported missing in action November 30, 1950, after the engineer combat battalion with which he was serving was trapped in far northern Korea by a sudden Chinese offensive. A graduate of Bethany, West Virginia, College, he served in several civilian pastorates for the Disciples of Christ denomination in Ohio.

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The average man lives 31 years longer than he did in 1800. The reason: He has to in order to get his taxes paid.

—Exchange

A Smile or Two

She was 5, and she had known few luxuries during her brief existence. So when she became possessed of a coat of rabbit fur, she wore it to kindergarten and refused to take it off. When the period for outdoor sandpile play arrived, she insisted the bunny wrap stay on. The teacher didn't argue, and soon she felt a tug at her sleeve. "Please, Miss Williams," whispered the perspiring little face, "I'm so hot—could I take off my shoes and socks?"

A Saturday morning golfer observed two small boys watching him and remarked: "You boys will never learn by watching me."

"We ain't interested in golf, Mister," said the small boys. "We're going fishing as soon as you dig up some more worms."

When H. G. Wells was attending a luncheon along with Conrado Massauger, the Cuban caricaturist, the latter was entertaining the others with gay nonsense. Speaking of his family Massauger said: "My people live in Havana. Eleven of my relatives are in jail there now."

Whereupon Mr. Wells, who was sitting on the other side of the table and had been taking no part in the conversation, pricked up his ears and said:

"Oh, I say! How does one go about this business of getting one's relatives in jail?"

—Quote

Eight-year-old boy: "Bet I kin give ya a head start and still win in any race."

Six-year-old boy after a moment's hesitation: "OK we'll slide down the bannister."

—Quote

On answering his doorbell a man found an old friend and a large dog standing on his porch.

"Come in! Come in!" he said.

His friend came in and sat down, while the dog put the man's cat to flight, knocked over a bridge lamp and several vases, and finally made himself comfortable in his best chair.

When the guest rose to leave, the host said with a touch of sarcasm in his voice, "Aren't you forgetting your dog?"

"Dog? I have no dog. I thought he was yours."

—Quote

Squire Tomkins is known as the sharpest bargainer and hardest shopper in town. The other day he tried his stuff on the new clerk in the hardware store.

"How long is this fire extinguisher guaranteed?" he asked.

"Fifty years," was the prompt reply.

"Can't use it," said the old squire. "I'll not live that long."

"But you can take it with you when you go," replied the resourceful clerk.

A man asked the proprietor of a small circus for a job and was offered that of lion tamer.

"It's really very easy," the proprietor explained. "The whole trick is in making the lions believe you're not afraid of them."

The man hesitated for a moment, and then said, "No, I don't think I could be that deceitful."

News From Baptist Press

A new executive secretary and a proposed \$14,500,000 capital needs program were the two principal achievements of the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, early in September.

Dr. Porter Routh, secretary of survey, statistics and information for the Baptist Sunday School Board, was elected executive secretary to succeed Dr. Duke K. McCall who has accepted the presidency of Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Routh accepted to assume office September 24. Dr. Austin Crouch, former executive secretary, was elected as interim secretary.

The capital needs portion of the Cooperative Program budget was completely reorganized on recommendation of a special Resurvey Committee, Dr. Henry W. Tiffany, Virginia, chairman. If the proposal is adopted by the Convention in Miami, Florida, next May 14-18, \$14,500,000 will be set aside in the next five years for purposes of improving old school and mission properties and adding new ones.

The plan follows an arrangement first adopted in 1946 that set a ceiling on the amount of Cooperative Program funds that can be spent for current operations. (For example, the total ten-million-dollar budget for 1952 is divided into three parts (1) current needs, the first \$4,500,000; (2) capital needs, the next \$2,500,000; and (3) the Advance Program with all receipts over \$7,000,000 to be divided 75 per cent to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the Home Mission Board. All funds in the second portion of the budget will apply toward the \$14,500,000 goal next year.)

Agencies sharing in the five-year program will be:

Foreign Mission Board	\$ 3,000,000
Home Mission Board	2,200,000
New Orleans Seminary	1,900,000
Southwestern Seminary	1,370,000
Southern Seminary	1,670,000
Southeastern Seminary	1,000,000
Golden Gate Seminary	1,000,000
American Seminary	210,000
Relief and Annuity Board	1,460,000
Radio Commission	60,000
Baptist Hospital	600,000
Baptist Brotherhood	30,000
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Members of the Resurvey Committee were Dr. Tiffany, chairman; George B. Fraser, Washington, D. C., president of the Executive Committee; Dr. Louie D. Newton, Georgia; Dr. J. W. Storer, Oklahoma; and Dr. W. Boyd Hunt, Houston, Texas.

The Executive Committee also adopted a resolution calling for stricter adherence to the Bible as the only rule for faith and practice. All editors, state secretaries and pastors present heartily and unanimously approved the action. The resolution is as follows:

"(1) We recognize the importance of the study of doctrines for all members of our churches and desire to encourage a continuing program of doctrinal instruction in the churches.

"(2) The Southern Baptist Convention at San Francisco voted to 'Authorize its Executive Committee to have prepared a list of suitable books and other materials for study' on doctrinal questions.

"A Fundamental Baptist belief is that the Bible is our rule of faith and practice.

Because of this belief we as Baptists have always been reluctant to designate any other book or group of books as continuing the interpretation of our faith. In keeping with this policy we urge our people to search the Scriptures in order to know what to believe and how to practice their Christian faith. Moreover, we commend to them the abundance of books and materials along doctrinal lines which have won a place of acceptance among us and which are listed in the Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention, and in the publications of our boards and institutions."

A plan was approved for carrying out the Simultaneous Stewardship Week in 1953. Worked out by Dr. Merrill D. Moore and the promotion committee, the plan brings together the efforts of the Training Union, the W. M. U., the Sunday School and Brotherhood. Date for the study course will be October 18-25, 1953.

A recommendation was adopted to ask the Convention to change the name of the Historical Society to Historical Commission. A new charter for the Historical Society was approved subject to adoption by the Convention.

The Committee re-elected Judge George B. Fraser, Washington, D. C., as president; H. W. Tiffany, Virginia, vice-president; Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion and Albert McClellan, director of publications. Oliver Shields, Missouri, was elected recording secretary.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Nashville, December 12-13.

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Imagine You Were the Pastor For a Week

By G. W. HOOTEN

You would be the servant of the public on twenty-four hour call. No five o'clock quitting time for you. Often the phone rings with bad news early in the morning and late at night. Your moods must be as changing as a chameleon. One moment you are standing beside an open grave trying to speak a word of comfort to a sorrowing loved one. An hour later you may be in the joyous festivity of a wedding party.

In the study you must know how to find work and present facts like a scholar. In committee meetings and conferences you must "take" most anything with a smile and be a man of practical affairs. In public gatherings you must be the representative of religion, and of your followers, with never a slip anywhere for one mistake could often ruin you and your church insofar as reputation is concerned. Twice or more on Sunday and often through the week, you will be expected to speak with force and clarity on fundamental themes of human life. You must acquire the bedside manner of a doctor. On the street, you must always be a "hail-fellow, well met." That is a pretty big order, isn't it?

Usually the pastor does the best he can with what he has. He makes mistakes and knows it better than anyone else. Furthermore, he wouldn't trade places with any other man on the face of the earth.

He doesn't want your sympathy. He wants your prayers and help. However weak he may be, it is through him that the inexhaustible riches of Christ become real to men.

"How shall they hear without a preacher?"

Legislation by Pressure

By H. H. McGINTY, Editor

The Word and Way

It is a comment upon the times that so many of the laws which are enacted in this country today are results of legislation by pressure.

The people elect their representatives and send them to the legislative bodies. Presumably they are men of common sense and sound judgment, capable of discerning between truth and falsehood, between the good and the bad.

Immediately these representatives are put under pressure by selfish groups employing expert propaganda methods. Their offices are flooded with letters, telegrams, and petitions. They are wined and dined at parties-for-a-purpose.

Unfortunately, many representatives allow themselves to become victimized by this sort of propaganda. They focus their eyes on the next election and train their ears to the winds in the effort to ascertain which side has the greatest number of votes. Frequently they mistake noise for numbers, and sacrifice principle for politics.

In the meantime, the masses of the common people who have no high-powered organization and no highly paid lobbyists are betrayed. Such situations have often led to anarchy and rebellion.

Can we not have more real statesmen and fewer cheap, time-serving politicians? Can we not produce legislators who have some character and principles of their own which are not for sale? Are we to conclude that when we put a man in public office we must prop him up on all sides lest some pressure group push him over?

In the meantime, the process continues unabated. Members of one group observe what another group obtains by pressure, so they conclude that they must use the same methods. This induces others to do the same thing, and the wheel goes 'round and 'round.

We deplore a situation in which it seems necessary, wherever an issue comes up, for the people to implore their legislators and other public officials to do their duty.

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A Loyal Layman

By W. A. BURCH

A policeman in a southern town, after becoming a Christian, was greatly troubled by the sights and sounds and sin among which he worked. For a long time he and his wife prayed, "Lord, take me out of police service. Give me some other work."

Still no answer came and no other work was opened for him. At last he said to his wife: "I think we have been making a great mistake. We have been praying that I be taken out of the force, and I am beginning to think that he put me there to work. Now I am just going to pray that he will help me serve him where I am."

This was the beginning of a life of marvelous usefulness. His influence over the men was so great that he was promoted to the head of the detectives. He was instrumental in the salvation of many criminals.

The place where God has put you is the place where you can do the best service for him.

—Baptist Bulletin.

Pulaski Heights Dedicates New Sanctuary



The Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock held the dedication service for their new building on Sunday afternoon, September 16. The service was in charge of Pastor W. Harold Hicks who led the responsive reading of the dedication ceremony. Pastor W. O. Vaught Jr., of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, offered the dedication prayer. Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis delivered the dedication sermon.

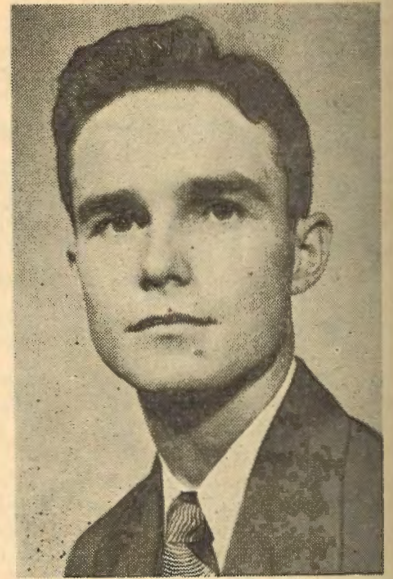
The new auditorium, seating 1,000 people, was filled to capacity. Besides the members of the Pulaski Heights Church, many friends from other Baptist churches of the city, and also friends from other denominations, were present.

The services on Sunday were the beginning of a series of services in the dedication program which continued each evening through Wednesday, September 19. The Monday evening service was designated "Home Coming Service," with Dr. L. M. Sipes, former pastor of the church and at present a professor in the Central Seminary of Kansas City, Kansas, as the fea-

tured speaker. The service Tuesday evening featured the "South-Wide Emphasis" in the church program, with Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, as the main speaker. The Wednesday evening service was given to the "State-Wide Emphasis," with Dr. B. L. Bridges, General Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, as the featured speaker.

In addition to the sanctuary, the new building provides additional educational facilities for Sunday School, Training Union, and other departmental organizations in the church. The total facilities provided by both the old and the new buildings include four nursery departments, two beginner departments, two primary departments, two intermediate departments, two young people's departments, three adult departments, and a library. The new structure also provides the office suite, choir room, and stage facilities. The approximate cost of the new building, including furnishings, is \$400,000.

Minister Ordained



Clarence A. Allison

On Sunday afternoon, August 13, Clarence A. Allison was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry by Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff. Mr. Allison, a graduate of Ouachita, has been called to the pastorate of the Gideon Church in Harmony Association. Pastor Howard S. Kolb, Immanuel Church, served as moderator of the ordaining council and Pastor Carl Overton, Star City, served as clerk.

Mr. Allison's college pastor, Dr. David Moore, Arkadelphia, delivered the ordination sermon. Other members of the council were: Hugh Owen, Sam D. Davis, D. C. McAtee, Paul Bates, W. B. Tatum, G. Nethercutt, A. A. Mayhugh, Sam Spivey, E. E. Sanders, Herbert West, J. V. Reynolds, Jesse Reynolds, Fred McBryde, Walter Farmer, and W. E. Bobo.

Trust Fund to Honor William L. Wallace

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stegall, Knoxville, Tennessee, have begun a William L. Wallace memorial trust fund. Mrs. Stegall is the sister of the missionary doctor who died in a communist prison in February after having served for 16 years as staff physician of the Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China.

The trust fund has been started with \$1,000 of insurance money which Dr. Wallace left Mrs. Stegall, a personal gift by the couple, and a small amount of money left from the missionary's own personal bank account.

It is the hope of Mr. and Mrs. Stegall that other people wishing to have some share in creating a memorial to Bill Wallace will add to this trust fund. They expect to make further contributions from time to time. Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Board, said that if the trust fund should eventually reach \$100,000 a medical missionary could be fully supported from the interest.

Pastor Hicks came to the Pulaski Heights Church in 1942. During his ministry the church has grown in membership and expanded its educational and financial program which are climaxed in this new sanctuary and educational building.

Accepts McGehee Missions



William West

Pastor William West has resigned the pastorate of the New Bethel Church to accept the pastorates of Chickasaw and Tripp Junction mission churches of First Church, McGehee, and assumed his new duties Sunday, September 2.

Before coming to the New Bethel Church, Mr. West was the pastor of the Halley Church.

He is a graduate of Arkansas A. and M. College, Monticello, and was a student at Ouachita College.

Pangburn Church In Building Program

Pastor W. B. O'Neal reports the remodeling of the present church building of the Pangburn Church and the construction of a Sunday School annex. The entire structure will be rock veneer, and when completed the auditorium will have a seating capacity of 200. Five Sunday School rooms will be provided.

Pastor O'Neal says, "More than half the money for this improvement has been raised and more is coming in. Baptist work is looking up in Pangburn." Pastor O'Neal has been with the Pangburn Church three years and plans to retire from the active pastorate this fall.



Listen to The

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: September 30

SPEAKER:
Charles Wellborn

ARKANSAS STATIONS

- KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
- KENA, Mena
- KDES, Paragould, 7:30 p. m.
- KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

Jeff Rousseau to Illinois

By VERNI CUPPLES

Jeff Rousseau has offered his resignation as pastor of the East Side Church, Paragould, becoming effective October 1, to accept the pastorate of East Benton Church, Benton, Illinois.

Mr. Rousseau is a native of Arkansas, a graduate of South West Baptist College at Bolivar, Missouri, and attended Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

He held pastorates in Missouri, Texas, and New Mexico during his student days, returning to Arkansas in 1945.

He has served as moderator of the Greene County Association since 1949, and is a member of the Baptist Temperance League of Arkansas, trustee of Southern Baptist College, and secretary of Board of Raven- den Springs Assembly.

Mr. Rousseau has been with the East Side Church for four and one-half years, since April, 1947. During this time there have been 431 persons received into the fellowship of the church, and the Sunday School has grown from an average attendance of 110 to 278.

During his pastorate the church has ordained six young ministers, and licensed three other young men to preach.

In May, 1947, under the leadership of Pastor Rousseau, the Lake Street Mission was established in a very needy part of the city. A stucco building was erected with a seating capacity of 125. This mission has its own pastor and an average attendance of 52 in Sunday School.

In May, 1948, the East Side Church had grown until more space was necessary, and a two story education building was constructed which soon became inadequate. This year the church has erected another two story annex, consisting of 13 Sunday School rooms, two assembly rooms, nursery, church office, and pastor's study.

The financial receipts have increased steadily through the years, growing from \$4,971.21 for the year preceding Mr. Rousseau's coming, to \$18,264.00 as the receipts to date for this year.

Pastor Rousseau is fearless in proclaiming the true word of God, clearly, forcefully, and with a heart of love and compassion for the lost.

Mrs. Rousseau attended the Baptist college at Bolivar, Missouri, State Teachers College, Springfield, Missouri, and the Seminary at Fort Worth.

Permanent Loan Fund

The Executive Board of the Pulaski County Association is proposing to the churches of the association that a permanent revolving loan fund of \$20,000 be raised by voluntary subscription from the churches and individuals during 1952. The fund is to be held in trust and loaned to churches of the association for the purchase of property or the remodeling of their present buildings. Any church borrowing money from the fund will obligate itself to repay the amount in a specified time and will be charged a small rate of interest.

Trustees will be elected to administer this fund and make loans to churches in need of funds for building purposes.

A Christian's Money At Work for Christ

When should a Christian begin tithing? How long should he continue?

These questions seem to have been answered by a provision in the will of the late Mrs. Dollie L. Satcher of Heidelberg, Mississippi.

Ten per cent of the Satcher estate has been set apart for religious work as follows: five per cent to her home (Baptist) church; three per cent to the Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Mississippi; and two per cent to the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The actual value of the estate is not known, since both oil and other minerals are either known or thought to be on some of the property. Farm land lies in the midst of a producing oil field. Mineral rights to property in Heidelberg is now paying \$90 a month.

"This is certainly one way that a tither may continue to tithe," says Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, New Orleans Seminary president. "By writing it into his will a Christian can keep his money at Christian work even after death."

Broadman Books of Merit

ADVENTURES IN CHRISTIAN JOURNALISM

E. C. Routh \$1.50

This compact biography of a man who served as editor of various Baptist periodicals for approximately forty years is simply told in an interesting manner.

Adventures in Christian Journalism is excellent biographical reading and gift for the young person interested in making Christian journalism his vocation.

THE CHURCHBOOK

Gaines S. Dobbins \$3.00

This book has fourteen sections filled with vital things related directly to the section headings and the general subject.

Pastors and church workers will greatly benefit by the study of this book, which has grown out of Dr. Dobbins' experience of long years of teaching religious education in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

DON'T DISAPPOINT GOD

R. L. Middleton \$2.00

"Challenging You to Live More Abundantly" is the sub-title of this book.

Excellent for source material for worship programs and talks before youth groups. Some of the themes emphasized in the book are: Christian service, sharing, prayer, Bible study, reaching decisions, and Christian witnessing.

Elledge at El Dorado

Pastor Jesse S. Reed and Second Church, El Dorado, had the services of Pastor H. A. Elledge, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, recently in revival services. Dick Mefford, Bauxite, led the singing. There were 15 additions to the church. Pastor Reed comments, "The church received a great spiritual uplift. These men of God did a good job in presenting the Gospel to our people."

Missions To Alaska

By JOHN CAYLOR

The executive committee of the Home Mission Board has sent Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Lawrence to Alaska on a mission from the Board to New Baptist work in the territory.

Dedicating New Buildings

Dr. Lawrence will dedicate a number of buildings which are now being completed in Alaska. Those who have visited Alaska in evangelistic crusades have all returned with the same impression: that Alaska needs buildings and equipment. Baptists in the area are active and energetic but buildings for church work are quite inadequate. The Home Mission Board has made rather large appropriations for buildings in Alaska, but what the Board has appropriated and individuals and associations contributed still lacks a great deal of supplying the Alaska churches the help necessary to provide adequate buildings.

Three Years in Alaska

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis in 1948, according to the minutes, "W. C. Boone, Tennessee, moved that the Home Mission Board be requested to investigate the desirability and possibility of entering Alaska with a missionary program, and if such investigation brings favorable results that the Home Mission Board be fully authorized by this Convention to proceed with such a program." In the summer following that action Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, attended the Alaska Convention and made a survey of the field for a report to the Home Mission Board on what it should do. Dr. Redford reported on the 1948 Convention of Alaska Baptists that "messengers from four churches and three missions gathered at the Convention, representing two churches in Anchorage, one in Fairbanks, and one in Juneau. The three missions included one at Fairbanks (natives), another at Annette, and the third at Ketchikan."

Secretary Redford makes the following report on Baptist work in Alaska at the present time:

Fairbanks: Three years ago Fairbanks Baptists were meeting in a building only partially completed and the native mission was meeting in rented quarters. Now the church building is completed and is worth \$75,000. The Home Mission Board put \$10,000 into the building. The building for the natives, sponsored by First Baptist Church, Fairbanks, is being constructed with \$20,000 from the sponsoring church and \$17,500 from the Home Mission Board.



Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Lawrence
Off to Alaska

Palmer: This is a new work. There are eighteen members. The church owns its lot and a building is being constructed. The Home Mission Board has appropriated \$4,000 for the building.

Anchorage: In Anchorage there are five churches, four white and one Negro. First Church is self-supporting. Calvary Church is served by a home missionary and the Board has made an appropriation for the improvement of its building. The Home Mission Board appropriated \$8,000 for the Eastchester Church. The Faith Baptist Church needs an appropriation at this time. The Negro church began with fifteen members and in five weeks grew to a membership of more than a hundred. Brother Kennedy is pastor of the Negro congregation, Greater Friendship Baptist Church.

Juneau: Three years ago Juneau had two residences. Now the church has relocated, has a beautiful pastorium, and has under construction a building worth \$60,000. The Home Mission Board appropriated \$25,000 to that building.

Ketchikan: The Home Mission Board appropriated \$25,000 for the building at Ketchikan. Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Carpenter, formerly supported by the New Mexico State Convention, and Miss Irene Berryman are serving on that field.

Missionaries supported by the Home Mission Board are Mr. and Mrs. John DeFoore at Anchorage, Mr. and Mrs. Avery V. Richey at Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Carpenter and Miss Irene Berryman at Ketchikan. Dr. Redford says the Board expects to have a missionary supported by

"If—Perhaps"

By S. H. JONES, Editor

The Baptist Courier

Speaking personally and informally, and with no special persons or incidents in mind, the editor would like to indulge in a little speculation as to how he would desire to act under certain circumstances.

1. If I should move from one state to another, I would seek to identify myself with the people and work of my adopted state as quickly and as thoroughly as possible. I would seek to become one of the "natives" and stifle every impulse to assume the role of "missionary." I would seal my lips against any utterance that might imply a suggestion that the way we did it over in the other state is the superior way, at least until I had studied every angle of the set-up and established my right to suggest. This same reasoning would apply also to moving from one job to another and from one church or community to another. If one is to move, he should move, completely, loyalty and all, and settle down in the new situation.

2. If I were responsible for a Baptist institution or enterprise which receives support from the Cooperative Program, I believe I would direct some effort toward promoting the Program as a whole and not concentrate entirely upon my own immediate concern. Certainly, I would recognize that "shop talk" and direct sales approach often do much less good than a broader and less direct appeal does. Moreover, I would be very careful in the use of direct solicitation for designated gifts, lest I should become a party to the destruction of the Program. At least, I should want to deal fairly and magnanimously with all other agencies in the program, since these are allies and not competitors. And I would have a keen ear for the opinions of the people.

3. If I should be located among a Baptist constituency which supports other colleges and institutions than my alma mater and those institutions in which I have a personal interest, I believe I could and would accord those the same support that I give to Furman University and our other South Carolina institutions. Such support should be, as I see it, based upon right principles and the worth of such institutions to the whole cause of Christ rather than any personal interest or preference of one institution over another.

the Board serving in the native mission at Fairbanks soon.

The First Baptist Church, of Ketchikan, supports a mission on Annette Island.

4. If I knew or believed that there was something wrong with the Cooperative Program, I would go straight to the next meeting of the General Board, or I would carry my case to the Convention itself and get either myself or the Program changed. I would not withhold my support in the meantime; and I certainly would not, publicly or privately, damage the Program by adverse criticisms or insinuations. The same holds true for any institutions or board we sponsor. Before criticizing it, I would go to the administration and get the inside information and give those responsible every opportunity to clarify and justify their position. In brief, I would try to apply the Golden Rule toward my brethren and sisters. Moreover, I doubt that any such institution or board should get on the defensive too readily. They can make mistakes, and humility and responsiveness to constructive criticism are marks of strong character in institutions and individuals.

5. If I were pastor of a prosperous church, and I felt inclined to brag a bit about it, I would get off to myself and pray the Lord to forgive my egotism and put the right spirit in me. I would recall that any ability or achievement of mine is a gift of God and that my position, not to speak of the prosperity, would be impossible but for the labors of my predecessors. I would realize also that God has used all the people to do these things and that, probably, the present pastor is a very small factor in the whole church. I would, I trust, be truly grateful; but I would try to be sincerely modest and refrain from taking personal credit.

6. If some reader should say that the editor is "off the beam" and gone into impertinent meddling, I would reply that he might be right! And then I would add that, if this reader could sit where I sit, he would probably agree with what I have said and even to the way it is said! If I do not stop, nobody will read all of this, but there are more "ifs" that come to my mind.



Religious Education Department

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DALE COWLING
Student Union Secretary

Special Stewardship Lessons For Use in Sunday School

These special stewardship lessons are published by the Sunday School Board, as suggested by the Promotion Committee and in keeping with the request of the State Secretaries. Lesson titles for the various age groups are as follows:

"Getting the Most for Your Money," by Phyllis Sapp (for Juniors)

"Making My Money Last," by Crawford H. Lipsey (for Intermediates)

"Making My Money Last," by W. O. Vaught Jr. (for Young People and Adults)

Last year these lessons were widely used throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, and found to be of great helpfulness in teaching stewardship.

Our Sunday School Board is offering these lessons at a special price of one and one-half cents each, to co-operate with the Convention-wide effort of stewardship emphasis. They are available from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

Coming Events

October 15-16—State Sunday School Convention, Jonesboro

October 29—State Association-Training Union Planning Meeting, Little Rock

December 10—Training Union "M" Night

December 30—Student Night at Christmas

Festival Bulletins Are Ready

A new note has been added to the festival this year. You will want to know about it. If you did not receive a bulletin on the Youth and Junior Choir Festival for 1952, and you are a choir director please write for one immediately, directing your request to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Thanksgiving And Christmas Services

Several mimeographed services for Thanksgiving and Christmas are available in the office of the State Music Director. Write for yours at once and begin preparation for these two events early.

Vacation Bible School For Colored Children

Dr. Edgar Williamson
Little Rock, Arkansas
Dear Dr. Williamson:

Here is the thrill of my life—a Vacation Bible School with the Negroes. It took me three months to get this school worked up. One of the colored women made 134 visits or contacts to children in the interest of this school during this time. On the last day there were 196 present, including the white workers. We never did get a complete record of all the children, but could find only six one-day pupils.

There was an enrolment of 174 that attended regularly; 75 of these did not attend any Sunday School. There were eight professions of faith and 28 re-dedications. The cost of the school was borne by Carey association, amounting to \$43. The mission offering amounted to \$7.41. Five Negro churches were represented in the school. All pupils were Baptists with the exception of three Methodists and one Catholic. Some did not know what they were.

There were four departments: Beginners, Primaries, Juniors and Intermediates. Fourteen workers were enlisted to help with the school—all Negroes with the exception of four. This school was held at Fordyce in the building of the First Church (colored). Plans are already in the making for a bigger school for this group next year.

A. P. Elliff, Missionary
Carey Association

NOTE—Brother A. P. Elliff acted as principal of the school; Mr. Rhine McMurry, Associate.

New Training Union Helps

"Let's All Go to Training Union"—a new promotional leaflet is now available

New Junior Memory Drill materials are ready for distribution

"Working With the Nine-year Old"—a new leaflet for workers with Juniors in the Training Union

"Daily Bible Reader's Guide for the Fourth Quarter" now available

Order these materials from your State Training Union Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Has Your Vacation Bible School Been Reported?

A large number of Vacation Bible School reports have been received in your State office. However, according to information gleaned from various sources a number of schools have not been reported to date. We urge you as pastor, Sunday School superintendent, Vacation Bible School principal, or associational Vacation Bible School superintendent to check up in your church, and the churches of your association, to see that all schools are reported to your State Sunday School office. If report blanks are needed please let us know. These blanks will be mailed to you, by return mail. Our Goal: A report from every Vacation Bible School held in 1951.

Christian Education

The secret of the growth of this mighty nation is found in Christian leaders whose influence has penetrated every area of our life. Such leadership stood at the initial point of our march toward nationhood. The dignity of man and his right to worship God were the moving forces in the colonization of America.

The pioneer father had but little equipment, but he had a great idea and a profound purpose. He was determined to build a state in which he would be free to worship God as he chose. Perhaps, somewhere in his soul he sensed that freedom of religion meant ultimate freedom in all realms.

The desire for a trained ministry gave birth to the American education system. Before the first child born on American soil was old enough to attend college, Harvard University was founded "to advance learning and perpetuate it to our posterity, dreading to leave an illiterate ministry to the churches when our present ministers shall lie in the dust."

Traditional education in America is Christian education. Our fore-fathers had no schools except church schools.

—Baptist Bulletin.

Dedicate Your Possessions

"Blue," "Ledge" and "Punch," three cats were made the sole beneficiary in a \$60,000 estate of a North Carolina woman.

The Baptist orphanage of North Carolina was made the beneficiary in a \$600,000 estate of another North Carolina family. One estate dissipated; the other will bless forever.

Calvin Coolidge wrote his will in twenty-three words; P. T. Barnum wrote a whole volume.

It is not length nor amount of money involved in your will that is important, but the will of God. Dedicate your possessions to some Baptist benevolence or mission cause. Make your will now.

—Wade B. East.

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Raising a Crop of Boys

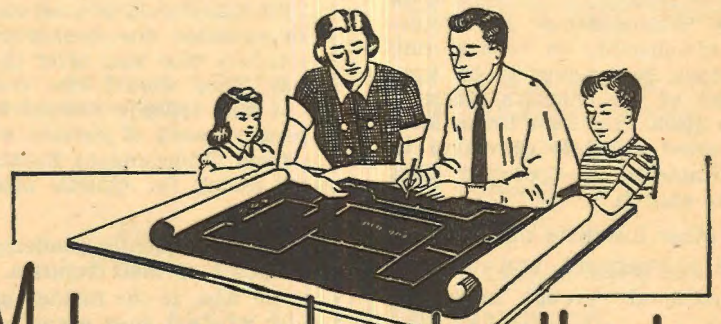
By MERRILL D. MOORE

Five boys were growing up on an east Tennessee farm. On a certain Saturday other boys were loafing around the community store watching the older men whittle on cedar sticks and listening to their talk. But not these five boys, for they were working in the corn field. A neighbor reprimanded their father, "You are demanding too much of those boys. That is not necessary to raise a crop of corn."

Mr. Stokely replied "I am not raising a crop of corn. I am raising a crop of boys." And he did raise a crop of boys who served their day and generation by the will of God.

The world today knows the name of those "Stokely brothers." Their wise father was exercising them unto greatness.

Tithing is something like that. It is a spiritual exercise which our heavenly Father gives us to make us great in spirit. Without the practice of tithing Christian stewardship, we may do a fair job of listening to whittling stick stories. But tithing develops the quality of life. Through its discipline we will be built into the stature of men and women who feed the heart hunger of the world.



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the **TRAINING UNION COURSES**

Why Baptists Vote To Receive Members Into The Church

By EARL ANDERSON

A good deal of static over Baptists' voting to receive members is being created throughout the country by modern religious sects, who, themselves, preach "another gospel" and bring many human innovations into their practice of faith. It should be known that each local, visible, Baptist church is scripturally constituted into a pure democracy. In Acts 1:23-26, the church "gave forth their lots" (voted) and Matthias was elected to be one with the 11 other apostles. In Acts 6:3 the church was instructed to "look you out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." This was a process of determining by vote of the congregation whom the apostles would appoint to take care of special physical needs of the church. In Romans 14:1, Paul writes to the church at Rome and tells them to "receive" one into their own group. The proper way for a democracy to receive one is to cast their individual lots on a matter, or else they couldn't even be a democracy. In Acts 9:26-28, we find when Saul first presented himself to the early church they refused him fellowship. Whereupon Barnabas vouched for him; and, as a result, the church members determined among themselves that they would receive him

into their fellowship. In 1 Cor. 5:1-7, Paul tells the church that when they were gathered together in church capacity they should deliver the brother guilty of fornication unto Satan for the destruction of his flesh that his spirit might be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. It was the responsibility of the church, not to judge, but to determine the fitness for fellowship among themselves. In 11 Thes. 3:6, Paul commands this church, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to withdraw themselves from every brother that walked disorderly. Whether or not this actually meant turning members out of the church, it certainly meant the church was to determine the proper attitude they should hold toward an individual member. In 11 Cor. 2:5-8 Paul tells the Corinthian church to decide among themselves to forgive their erring brother, against whom they had exercised discipline, and to confirm their love toward him again. This required a vote confirming him back into the full membership of the church. Baptists do not consider that they are judging people when they vote to receive them into their fellowship. Baptists know that they do so in keeping with the Word of God.

Molested By the Independents

By H. H. MCGINTY

A considerable number of Baptist churches are being confronted with the problem of "Independents" who are seeking, frequently by dishonest and underhanded means, to destroy the loyalty of these churches to the co-operative work of the state and of Southern Baptist Convention. Often they make unsupported charges against our Baptist agencies and institutions. Sometimes these attacks are directed at individuals who are in places of denominational leadership.

These attacks are not always open or recognized. In some cases these "Independents" have gained membership in co-operating churches, pretending to be supporters of the church's program. Once inside, they have immediately started a subtle campaign to undermine the co-operative spirit of the church.

In other instances pastors from these independent and interdenominational groups have approached pastorless churches under the pretext of offering assistance in pulpit supply. Actually they were endeavoring to secure the pastorate with the intention of

leading the churches away from their affiliation with the Convention. On occasions they have succeeded in doing this, despite the protests of the more active members, by arousing the reactionary and discordant elements in the membership.

By this means they have been able to force a majority vote in favor of non-co-operation while the heart of the church is really with the denomination.

It will be most unfortunate if the churches do not learn the lesson and become alert to this danger. Churches should be most careful to examine the background of preachers who may offer their services. They should also make sure of the attitude toward the co-operative work of persons who come from "Independent Baptist" groups asking for church membership.

These are frequently challenged at the point of their baptism. It would be wise to go further and consider whether they would give hearty support to the unified program of the church or be nuisances and disturbers.

—The Word and Way.

They Cut In Front of Me

By H. H. SMITH SR.

Ashland, Virginia

It happened last year and it was only one of the 35,000 deaths by traffic accident that occurred in 1950, but it might also be that it was one of the most "preventable."

A college student happened to be passing at the time of the accident and wrote a brief account of it for the local paper, a part of which reads: "A truck lay on its side just north of Ashland stoplight. Only a few feet away lay the driver amidst his scattered cargo mumbling incoherently, 'They cut in front of me!'" Moved by this sad tragedy, the student added a few verses, one of which reads:

"A car darted onto the road—
He gave a sacrifice untopped—
Swerving and wrecking his
mighty truck

For a car that never stopped."

It seems that a passenger car, after refueling at a service station, rushed to get ahead of the truck, crowding it off the road. The truck driver wrecked his truck and gave his life to avoid a collision, but the driver of the passenger car, whose life was perhaps saved by this sacrificial act, sped on his way, leaving the truck driver dying by the roadside.

The last words of the dying man, "They cut in front of me," are significant, for they reveal the cause of many traffic accidents—selfishness. It has been stated that, counting from the beginning of this century, the one millionth death by automobile accidents will probably have occurred by the close of this year—so near are we to the millionth mark. What an appalling record! During the past 50 years enough persons slaughtered on our streets and highways through traffic accidents to populate a great city! But even this does not take account of the thousands who suffered painful accidents, many of them maimed for life.

What caused all these accidents? How many of them could be justly called "unpreventable?" The most frequent charges made by traffic officers are: careless and reckless driving, speeding and drunken driving. Such offenses are often the acts of self-centered persons, bent on having their own way, regardless of others—though they often pay with their own lives.

While this is being written the following news item appears in a Richmond paper, revealing a situation, no doubt, that might be duplicated in many other towns and cities: "Chief of Police orders crackdown on careless and reckless drivers in city—especially after dark. He says many drivers 'have no moral responsibility, judging by the way they drive,' and 'many motorists leave their manners at

home when they drive. Not only do the drivers appear to have an utter disregard for the lives of others, but they don't seem to have any concern for their own lives.'"

When the Chief of Police said those reckless drivers "have no moral responsibility," he meant, of course, that they "appear to have no sense of moral responsibility," for no one can escape moral responsibility for his conduct. There is no doubt that a lack of a sense of moral responsibility leads to many traffic accidents.

—Biblical Recorder.

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Guns vs. the Flood

By CHARLES A. WELLS

There is a serious blind spot in our present great rearmament program. We are assuming that if we have so many thousand tanks, ships, so many million guns, planes, bombs, men, and spend so many billion dollars, we will be strong. That could just as easily be the time when we are weakest.

If dishonesty, selfishness, corruption — ~~illness~~ ^{illness} of mind and spirit — continue to increase as a manifestation of our private and public life, just as we complete this huge project — with our economy strained and drained —, a great internal collapse could easily come. Such a catastrophe would likely bring violent forces into play. The end would be an American politburo, although we would give it a different name. Tyranny has come in this manner to many nations. Our greatest defenses are in our moral and spiritual ramparts, which we are now ignoring and neglecting.

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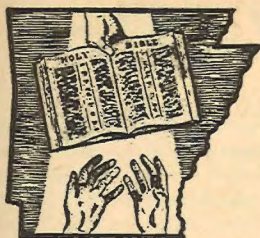
You may think there is not much that any one person can do toward achieving world peace. Yet if every person who believed in the ideas in the Golden Rule, The Sermon on the Mount, and the Ten Commandments would begin practicing them in his own small sphere, the combined effect would be world-shaking.

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Department of MISSIONS

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Superintendent Thrilled Over Mission Work

I'll just fill this corner of the paper with a few miscellaneous things about missions.

Walking back to our headquarters building from an engagement with a dentist a few minutes ago, I met Mark Short Jr., Central Church, Magnolia. After a handshake he began to tell about the Central Church voting to spend \$5,000 for a mission building. He seemed happy and I know the pastor and church are also happy. Then in the next block I met William Burnett, pastor of Beebe. I had no more than said "howdy" when he began telling of the revival in his church's mission station. And he added, "we baptized more there than in our church in town."

By the time I got to the office and was seated at the desk in walked Delbert Garrett, missionary Central Association. He was bubbling over with enthusiasm as he told about a revival which re-established Baptist services at Percy, about fifteen miles southwest of Hot Springs. I believe he said there were twelve professions of faith. The Memorial Church near Hot Springs received the converts and others into their fellowship, pending the organization of a church.

A look at the mail also brought some encouraging reports. A letter from W. T. Byrum tells that the Augusta Church is to dedicate a mission building Sunday afternoon, October 7, and the Superintendent of Missions is invited to speak. The Augusta Church has had 65 additions in the last five months. Today's mail also brought a letter from S. J. Meador, pastor of Gladden Church near Parkin. He writes, "We have several hundred Mexicans living on our church field and I wonder if you could help us get in contact with a Mexican Baptist preacher. We want to sponsor a revival for our Mexican friends." We will do our best to find one.

A letter from Carl Bunch, Missionary in Mt. Zion Association, tells about a church, formerly Landmark, resurrected last February with five resident members and have already baptized 26 people. Two young men have surrendered to the ministry, and two girls for missionary service. The church house is being repaired and four Sunday School rooms are being built. Brother Bunch also told about the progress of the building at Bono where a church was

organized last July.

My work, however, is not all done at a desk. It was my privilege recently to be with L. J. Ready pastor of New Hope Church near Eudora, in a glorious revival. This man Ready is a business man whom the Lord has called to do a great work in rural churches during the past five years.

Last Sunday was spent with Pastor Jesse Boyd and the DeWitt Church. Special emphasis was being given State Missions by pastor and church. Sunday afternoon I spoke at their mission station. Monday of this week I was guest speaker in the Day of Prayer for the State Mission program at First Church, Pine Bluff. Wednesday night I spoke and showed a film on State Missions in the Beech Street Church, Texarkana. The entire church there joined with the women in making a special offering for State Missions.

Now, that the annual meeting of the associations are on, we will be going from one side of the state to the other. Remember to pray for all of us daily.

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Reading About Missions

As Christians we must see that our thoughts are fed by good reading material. Too often we read the daily newspaper but only scan the weekly state denominational magazine. The children devour comic books but never see "World Comrades." We subscribe to current fictional magazines but think we can't afford "The Commission" and "Southern Baptist Home Missions." As these are written by Christian men and women about the work of the kingdom, how much more should we read them.

It is necessary to stimulate and discipline our mental appetites as well as our physical. These missionary magazines have been attractively prepared to please even the most particular. Try them!

—Mrs. Roy Holt.

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THE WEATHER TEST—Are you a sailboat Christian—making progress in the Lord if the winds are favorable? Or are you a tugboat Christian—plowing right ahead even though the gales are against you?

—Exchange

I Am Going To



Because I cannot attend my home church and I can attend the one at college.

Because I will live in the college community nine months out of twelve, thirty-six months out of forty-eight.

Because I agreed in my church covenant that I would join the church in any new center to which I moved.

Because it's logical, practical, Baptist, and scriptural.

Because those who have practiced it enthusiastically recommend it.

Because after years of observation most pastors heartily recommend it.

Because I desire now to form the habit, once for all, of loyalty through close contact with my church.

—Robert S. Denny.

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A club of 11 subscriptions from Friendly Hope Church, Jonesboro.

A new budget of 23 subscriptions from Mt. Vernon, Benton.

A club of 11 subscriptions from First Church, Marshall.

Additions to the budget subscriptions from Formosa, Faulkner County.

Renewals from New Providence, Leachville.

Eight additions to budget from Valley Springs Church, Boone-Carroll Association.

A new budget of 41 subscriptions from Fellowship Church, Huntington.

Dr. J. Harold Smith, First Church, Fort Smith, writes, "As we receive new members into our church fellowship each week, each family is included in this list and they start receiving this paper the next week.

"Let me assure you we will do all we can in getting our membership to really read and enjoy the ARKANSAS BAPTIST."

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Young People's Secretary

It's Study Time

A new series of books has just been released and recommended for study preceeding the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. There's one for every age group, and they are splendid for use in schools of missions or in a church-wide study. The theme is Latin America, and titles and prices are as follows:

Pilgrimage to Spanish America, (Adults), price 80 cents.

Inca Gold, (Young People), price 60 cents.

Under the Southern Cross, (Intermediates), price 50 cents.

Keys to Brazil, (Manual for teachers of Juniors), price 75 cents.

Keys to Brazil, (Workbook for Juniors), price 25 cents.

Dickie in Mexico, (Primaries), price 50 cents.

Solicit teachers early and see that texts and supplementary materials are supplied immediately. Order ALL mission study books from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol Ave., Little Rock. And when ordering, request free teaching helps for your teachers. They're splendid.

Glean for State Mission Offering

The suggested time for the observance of the Season of Prayer for State Missions has passed; however, if your society or organization has not as yet met for this special occasion, schedule it for a later time.

The days are ripe for gleaning for the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions. Every member should be given an opportunity to give whether present at the observance or not. Circle stewardship chairmen should assist in this effort. Someone has said "Generous givers are better livers." Encourage giving to Kingdom causes!

Distribution Of Guide Books

Following the plan employed last year, a FREE Guide Book and Year Book will be furnished each W. M. S. president and young people's director. A free Guide Book will be furnished the counselor of each W. M. U. young people's organization.

Upon receipt of list of officers elected to serve during 1951-52, a package of material containing leaflets, Guide Book and Year Book will be sent each president.

Materials including Year Book and Guide Book, leaflets, report books, etc. will be sent to the young people's director for distribution to the young people's counselors.

Additional copies of the Guide Book and Year Book should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol, Little Rock. They are 15 cents each. Every officer and chairman needs these books. Every member should have them. Order requirements today. The Guide Book is designed to serve as a local year book.

NOTE: A Year Book and Guide Book is furnished without charge to each president and young people's director and a free Guide Book to each young people's organization counselor. None are mailed until new officers for 1951-52 are reported.

Correction in Guide Book

There is an error in the explanation of the Standard of Excellence for W. M. S. as found on pages 54-56 of the Guide Book. On page 55, point VI, Periodicals, there is no statement concerning requirement on subscriptions to the Arkansas Baptist. The stipulation has been changed and should read:

"One half the members of the society subscribing to Royal Service, World Comrades, Window of Y. W. A. or Ambassador Life AND the Arkansas Baptist."

Literature chairmen should bear this in mind as they solicit and promote subscriptions to our denominational periodicals.

Supplies for the Year

Officers who will serve during the coming year will need certain equipment in order to efficiently perform their duties. Every one should have a copy of the Guide Book and also the Year Book. Each is 15 cents. Leaflets on the various phases of W. M. U. work are available without cost from State W. M. U. Headquarters, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Other materials each organization should have and which may be secured from W. M. U. Headquarters are listed on pages 98-100 in the Guide Book. Order requirements immediately.

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

It Is Sunday, October 14

Observe Layman's Day on October 14, with profit to your church and to every phase of its work. The full and proper observance of Layman's Day will help to acquaint your laymen with the various phases of the life and work of your church and the denomination. The observance of Layman's Day in your church will also focus the attention of your church on the value and necessity of utilized manpower in the progress of God's program of work.

Every church in the Arkansas Baptist Convention has been sent Layman's Day posters, along with some worthwhile suggestions about how to make Layman's Day more effective.

We hope that every church shall, on Layman's Day, focus its attention upon the work and worth of the laymen.

Observe Layman's Day in your church!

Pulaski County Association Organizes

The Pulaski County Associational Brotherhood was organized on September 17, at a meeting held at First Church, North Little Rock. E. C. Moyer is the associational Brotherhood president. The full coterie of suggested officers was elected. The meeting was well attended by representative groups of men from 21 churches and one mission.

It was a great gathering of

God's men; and one which we believe presages the time in the near future when hundreds of men in the state's largest association will gather regularly to be together, to sing together, to listen together, to plan together, to work together in the greatest labor of love in all the world: the God-given tasks of His Kingdom!

The associational Brotherhood means all to the building and maintenance of good church Brotherhoods throughout the association that the associational Sunday School organization means to the growth and development of good Sunday Schools throughout the association. A functioning associational Brotherhood will work effectively to lift the level of Brotherhood work throughout the association; it will serve to standardize, in measure, and unify Brotherhood effort throughout the whole area of the association.

Knowing the value of a good associational Brotherhood, the Brotherhood Department is working hard to get every association in the state to set up a completely organized associational Brotherhood. Such a Brotherhood will function effectively for the betterment of all the work of the churches and the denomination throughout the association.

Some 31 of the 44 associations in Arkansas now have associational Brotherhoods.



Enlarging The Christian Fellowship

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Sunday School Lesson for
September 30, 1951

Romans 1:8-16; 15:14-29

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.

For three months we have been studying "Christian Teachings on Human Relations." We conclude this series with a lesson from Paul's writings, who gives us a proper interpretation of Christianity. He diagnosed man's condition, placed him in his proper classification, and points us to the one remedy for the healing of the nations.

Hear Paul's message: "I am debtor: to the Greeks—to the barbarians—to the wise—and to the unwise." Paul had never been to Rome; though he had never seen the people there, his debt to society included the Romans. The church (or churches 16:3, 5) there had been established by others, and Paul commended their work; but for many years he had desired to visit the Roman Christians that he might impart some spiritual blessing unto them.

Basis of Fellowship

In his theological treatise to the Romans, Paul made out a clear cut case that salvation is by grace through faith alone, without any mixture of works. We would like to think of Paul's description of human nature and the depravity of man, as recorded in the first three chapters of the Roman epistle, as applying only to the heathen of his day or earlier; but we would be so surprised to know how many in the world today would fit perfectly into Paul's description of humanity as he saw it.

He moved on, in his letter, from the level of utter depravity and its effect on mankind, to the level of the law, to show his readers what the law was for. That God gave man the law of Moses to be a teacher and not a savior; to show mankind that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

From the level of the law Paul moves into the level of grace: "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus..." "To declare His righteousness: that He might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By the law of works? Nay: but by the law of faith." "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Step by step he scientifically described man's position in the

world, in nature, and before God. He reached a grand climax in his description of the grace of God.

Paul moved on from the level of God's grace to the racial problem of his day. Hear him: "Is He God of the Jews only? Is He not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also." (Roman 3:29) Because He is the God of all nations, and had set aside Paul as a special messenger to other nations, meant that it was Paul's privilege and duty to enlarge the Christian fellowship wheresoever he was able to go with the gospel. Not where Christ was named already, lest he build on another man's foundation. The earth is too large, the mission task is too great, for a missionary to waste his or her time building on another's foundation, or disturbing another's work. "But to whom He had not been spoken of, they shall see and they that have not heard shall understand." But a brief visit to Rome, just to fellowship with and to edify the saints, would be a great blessing in Paul's life.

Fellowship In Rome

When he finally arrived in Rome it was in a unique manner; he went a prisoner, a guest of the government and at Caesar's expense. When the Christian brethren heard Paul's ship had docked, they walked out a great distance to meet and greet him and to accompany him into the city. He may never have visited the church group where they were meeting, but he rented a house and with his guard, the Roman soldier, always at his side, he preached in his own rented house for two years. It was there that Paul preached to his guards, possibly to servants and even relatives of Caesar. Paul felt indebted to them to give them the news of eternal life.

If Paul felt indebted to servants, soldiers, to his prison guards, and people of other nations to give them the gospel of Christ, to whom are we indebted today? We too are recipients of the same eternal life that Paul received. If Paul, without means and without organized support on the mission field, could preach the gospel across the world of his day, as a flaming evangel, what do Baptists

with all their wealth, resources, talent, and abilities, owe the Lord! How much greater is our responsibility to God to preach the gospel to the wise and unwise; to the Greek, the Jew, the barbarian, by virtue of the fact that we have so much more with which to work than did the lonely apostle.

Our Opportunities For Fellowship

Our own home fields are white unto harvest: the Indians, the Mexicans, the Negroes, the underprivileged and sin stricken are among us, around us, and they need Christ to heal their ills. Within our own borders, in Alaska, in Cuba, in the Canal Zone, the crying need of the hour is more workers and more equipment.

In foreign fields Japan stands wide open with the Macedonian cry: "Come over and help us" to know the way of eternal life. In dark Africa missionaries tell us it is now or never for Christ. Sharp issues are already being drawn between Christianity and communism, we are told. Is it any different in India? Enlarge your horizon and look to the islands of the seas and many places are almost without witnesses for Christ. Just a pioneer missionary here and there struggling along with meager funds and a few native helpers.

Paul was interested in enlarging Christian fellowship. He yearned to visit Rome in order to give them a spiritual blessing. Every Christian today should desire to impart spiritual blessings to others, at home and abroad. Every Christian church should be anxious to share liberally our knowledge of the Savior with the teeming millions of unsaved in every nook and corner of the earth.

When Christian people and churches awaken to their responsibility and privilege in sharing the gospel with others, the Christian fellowship shall be greatly enlarged around the world.

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, September 16

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1,190	421	4
Including Missions	1,363	545	6
Fort Smith, First	1,013	557	9
Including Missions	1,261	667	
Little Rock, First	1,002	404	2
El Dorado, First	912	225	1
Including Mission	993	262	
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	881	291	4
Including Missions	929	314	
Little Rock, Second	739	111	3
Hot Springs, Second	682	180	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	669	141	
Pine Bluff, South Side	642	211	4
Including Mission	710	253	
El Dorado, Immanuel	598	268	3
Including Mission	652	310	
Camden, First	536	151	5
Including Missions	799	280	
Magnolia, Central	529	216	15
Including Mission	585	223	
Benton, First	527	108	
Including Mission	602	153	
Texarkana, Beech St.	517	234	3
El Dorado, Second	509	240	1
Fordyce, First	508	185	2
Little Rock, Gaines St.	506	280	4
Crossett, First	504	220	3
Little Rock, Tabernacle	497	145	5
McGehee, First	493	153	1
Including Missions	646		
Forrest City, First	469	203	
Including Mission	537	255	
El Dorado, West Side	463	194	19
Hot Springs, Central	458	202	
Hope, First	456	108	
Paragould, First	444	228	
Including Missions	581	351	
Conway, First	434	149	21
Springdale, First	429	216	4
Including Mission	507		
Hot Springs, Park Place	417	169	
Siloam Springs, First	416	302	8
Little Rock, So. Highland	416	137	1
Stuttgart, First	376	189	8
Including Mission	413	208	
Levy	345	176	3
Hot Springs, First	337	102	
Searcy, First	337	105	2
Paris, First	335	144	5
Texarkana, Calvary	325	118	
Monticello, First	321	118	
Hamburg, First	311	100	2
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	286	78	
Pine Bluff, Second	268	97	
Bentonville, First	264	63	4
Mena, First	235	95	
Fort Smith, Temple	234	181	
Fort Smith, South Side	231	96	
Gentry, First	225	163	
Gurdon, Beech St.	216	113	
Little Rock, Calvary	207	37	
North Little Rock, First	204	70	
Including Mission	208		
Augusta, First	175	52	2
Including Mission	202		
Little Rock, Ironton	175	146	2
DeQueen, First	174	48	
Including Mission	191	68	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	166	121	
Star City, First	164	49	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	160	115	
N. Little Rock, Calvary	160	75	13
Little Rock, Tyler St.	156	54	2
Amity	149	110	
Little Rock, Friendship	148	114	2
Nettleton	137	109	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	136	88	1
Strong, First	134	97	1
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	129	105	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	113	37	3
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	103	51	3
Warren, Immanuel	103	102	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	97	65	
Little Rock, West Side	93	47	1
Curtis	91	105	1
Gurdon, South Fork	87	70	3
Little Rock, Pleasant Grove	73	68	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	69	52	
Douglasville, Second	69	35	
Little Rock, Bethel	65	41	
No. Little Rock, Cedar Hts.	60	65	4
Little Rock, Markham St.	42	26	5
No. Little Rock, Oak Wood	32	21	
Little Rock, Pilgrim's Rest	25	26	

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A Repeated Prayer

(Arkansas Baptist, October 12, 1950)

Brethren, we are praying three prayers during these days. First of all, we are praying to the churches for a minimum contribution for Cooperative Missions during 1951. Second, we are praying to the pastors for their co-operation and for the exercise of their leadership as pastor of a New Testament Church, that each will do his best to lead his people to contribute at least as much, if not more than we are praying for them to give. Third, last and not least by any means, we are praying that the Lord will open the hearts and purses and minds of the church members and move them that they may be willing to do their best in this matter.

Brethren, these are our prayers again this year as we look to the new year 1952. You have received our letter which expresses the prayer of our hearts whereby we have suggested an amount we pray that your church will be able to give for the Cooperative Program in 1952. Everyone will understand that our suggestions are simply our hopes and our prayers for each church's share in the world-wide mission program of Baptists for next year. These suggestions are our prayers. We may have some too high—some too low. We hope that the churches will do the right thing after prayerful consideration of the needs as suggested in our proposed budget for 1952 which calls for an over-all increase of almost 18 per cent over the 1951 budget.

Pray for us brethren. We cannot do the work you have committed into our hands without your sympathetic and prayerful help. Many encouraging reports are already coming in from over the state. We thank the Lord for them as we shall thank Him for your early response to our letter stating that you believe your church can and will do its part in this tremendous undertaking.

C-R-O-P Crops Up Again

The "CROP" (Christian Rural Overseas Program) is making another appeal this year for Baptists to come in with them on sending material and supplies to foreign countries. We have previously called attention to the fact that this organization is made up of Roman Catholics and Protestants, and they seem to be working under the Church World Service of the National Council of Churches of Christ. We are reminding our people that Baptists do not affiliate with this organization which seems to be self-constituted.

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Saturday night in our house was dedicated to Bible, bath, and bed; with the result that we didn't get up Sunday morning reluctantly, to go to church wearily and sit through the sermon sleepily. Sunday morning found us refreshed and ready.

How Much Percentage?

Brethren have you figured out for your own information and satisfaction what percentage of your church funds are going to Cooperative Missions? We think that the percentage basis is the fairest way for any church to divide its funds for missions. If it is done on that basis, then all who are concerned will share and share alike, under any circumstances. If times are prosperous and a church budget is large, then its allocation for missions should be large. If economic conditions are poor, which they are sometimes, still missions would get their proportionate part of the dollar. If a church has a lucrative income, why should not the Lord's great world program have a liberal share of it? We do not believe that any church has a moral or spiritual right to cast-up its needs for local work and then give whatever is left of its expected income to Cooperative Missions.

It Lives for Self

We are thinking of one church in particular which gives only a small part of its budget—an infinitesimal part of its income, for Cooperative Missions. We ran across the figures and found that it was less than two cents out of the dollar. This church seems to be living simply to enjoy its existence more than for anything else. We would not embarrass it by mentioning its name. A few years ago Dr. T. D. Brown, a former General Secretary, was the pastor of a church and was conducting an Every Member Canvass. The soliciting team reported on one particular man who refused to make a pledge to the church budget, giving as his reason that he was building a home and wasn't able to give. You could give this kind of headline about a church member like that: "Building for Self," but how about your church? Is it building for self, or is it building for God and a lost world?

Eight Per Cent

As best we can gather reports from the churches, we find that a little less than eight per cent of the total amount of the church receipts were given last year for Cooperative Missions. There was some given for other forms of missions, too, which might bring it up to nine and one-half per cent of the total amount of the church budget. Denominational leaders, both pastors and laymen have, for a long time, believed that fifty per cent of a church's receipts should be given for the Cooperative Program. We have a church or two in Arkansas that is approximating that percentage and the Lord has, in each case, prospered the church that does it. A number of churches are giving around thirty-five per cent of their receipts for the Cooperative Program, but when all are taken into account the Convention office receives less than eight per cent of the money that the churches receive from their members. Brethren this is not at all fair to the Lord.

If He was serious, and He was, in giving us the Great Commission then we should take it more seriously. How can we send 40 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention work if the churches send only 8 per cent?

You Can Help Them

While a few of our churches are giving a worthy percentage of their receipts for Cooperative Missions, yet many of them are giving a shamefully small amount for the Lord's great world mission program. These churches that are giving so little need our help and encouragement. Not far from your church there is one which you can help. You can talk to the pastor and the deacons and other leaders in the church about the mission responsibility of a New Testament Church. You can encourage them and you can show how they can conduct their work at home without robbing the mission treasury. Won't you help them to see it? All Convention messengers, all executive board members, all members of the boards of trustees of our institutions, all agencies and workers, let's help our churches to believe that we can treat the Lord's mission program fairer than we have been doing it.

Greenlee Memorial Church

The Greenlee Memorial Church in Harmony Association makes an annual report as of September 5, 1951. Their pastor, Paul E. Grimes has been on the field one year. He has preached 102 sermons, 14 have been baptised, and two others are approved for baptism, a total of 23 members have been received into the fellowship of the church, the church property has been improved, the outside of the building has been painted, the screens repaired, venetian blinds have been installed, and other decorations have been made. On the parsonage painting has been done and interior improvements have been made. Substantial gains have been made in the Sunday School attendance and in the contributions, both for local work and for missions, and the pastor's salary has been increased. This good church is going forward in a fine way. Pastor Paul E. Grimes is doing a splendid job in his preaching, his leadership, and in letting his love abound for his flock.

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"At present there are at least 2,974 major languages in the world. How many of these languages have the Word of God or any portion of it? Up to the present time, only 1,185. How many, then, does that leave without any portion of God's holy Book? It leaves 1,789. After two thousand years of mission work and worldwide evangelism, there are still 1,789 languages into which the Word of God has never yet been translated."
—Forrest C. Faezor, "The Teacher."

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