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# Arkansas All Over

## January Meeting of Executive Committee

FIFTY-FOUR Arkansas churches used the new Forward Program of Church Finance in full, in 1957, and several others used it in part, Ralph Douglas, associate executive secretary, reported at the meeting of the Executive Committee Tuesday, Jan. 14. This is slightly above the goal for the state, which was 50.

Executive Secretary S. A. Whitlow gave a report on a study he has made of the proposed survey of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention departments and institutions, similar to surveys conducted by the Southern Baptist Convention and by several Baptist state conventions. On his recommendation the Executive Committee voted to defer the survey for at least one year.

Dr. Whitlow further recommended that a committee representing the Arkansas State Convention staff and the state board be named to "study the organization in the Baptist Building with a view to co-ordination; to study the work of our departments with a view of working out a cooperative program of work; and to coordinate the state, district, and associational meetings of the various departments."

Following the unanimous adoption of this proposal, Executive Committee President Bernes K. Selph named the following to represent the board on the committee: Rel Gray, of Helena, and Roy Lambert, of Pine Bluff. The convention staff will choose two and the executive secretary and his associate will serve as ex-officio members.

On the vote of the Executive Committee, Dr. Selph named as a Personnel committee to work with the executive secretary on any personnel problems, including salary adjustments, T. K. Rucker, Forrest City; Dale Cowling, Little Rock; and himself as president of the Executive Committee.

In keeping with the latest ruling of the Internal Revenue Department on housing allowances, the Executive Committee voted to increase from 15 per cent to 20 per cent of salaries the allowance for housing, including utilities.

Custody of \$39,200 in stock in the Foundation Investment Fund, Arkadelphia, which has been held by the state convention for some time, was transferred to its owner, Ouachita College.

The committee voted to enlarge the office space for the Foundation, of which Ben L. Bridges is now executive secretary.

The nine Arkansas Baptists elected by the state convention last fall to serve as trustees of Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock Negro college, were authorized to serve as the state convention's committee to recommend to

## 1957 "M" NIGHT ATTENDANCE

Association	Director	Attendance
Arkansas Valley	Robert L. Willis	229
Ashley	Buck Carter	135
Bartholomew	Horace High	398
Benton County	Charles Brown	601
Big Creek	Henry Weaver	84
Black River	Lewis E. Phillips	238
Boone	Mrs. Betty Lou Morris	252
Buckner	Hugh McGehee	236
Caddo River	S. C. White	220
Carey	Mrs. Betty Bryant	416
Caroline	Rev. Gilbert Nichols	373
Carroll	Burl Walker	84
Centennial	Webster Hillman	185
Central	Oscar Golden	729
Clear Creek	Leland Hall	689
Concord	Rev. W. R. Hull	306
Conway-Perry	E. E. Bettis	63
Current River	Harold Carter	188
Dard.-Russellville	Rev. Carl Kluck	190
Delta	Elmer Lolley	283
Faulkner	R. D. Reedy	157
Gainesville	R. A. Wright	147
Greene County	Miss Marie Barnhill	397
Harmony	Charlie Scott	452
Hope	C. E. McGlothlin	736
Independence	Henry Collie	178
Liberty	R. C. Morrison	2,206
Little Red River	Mrs. Margaret Willis	162
Little River	Rev. Fred Savage, Jr.	171
Mississippi	Mrs. Robert Harris	1,320
Mt. Zion	Rev. R. D. Harrington	613
Newton	Bert Willingham	46
Ouachita	Harvey Long	179
Pulaski County	Mrs. Ralph Bowen	1,307
Red River	S. C. Byrd	388
Rocky Bayou	Paul Henry	117
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	Clayton Passmore	502
Tri-County	Rev. E. G. Waddell	312
Trinity	Currey E. Coker	615
Washington-Madison	Mrs. Harvey Jones	603
White County	Herman Williams	78
White River	L. G. Clem, Sr.	226
Woodruff	Elynn Havner	200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17,011</b>

the Executive Board how funds raised by the state convention for the college shall be expended.

The employment of Gene Herrington, Little Rock, as managing editor of *Arkansas Baptist* on a part-time basis was approved upon the recommendation of Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the paper, and Executive Secretary Whitlow.

The redecoration of the offices of the executive secretary was authorized on the motion of David Garland, of North Little Rock.

● PASTOR JAMES L. PLEITZ, Grand Ave. Church, Ft. Smith, recently served as evangelist for a youth revival in Queensborough Church, Shreveport, La., where Stanley Jordan, a former Arkansas pastor, is pastor. He has agreed to return there for a similar meeting in 1959.

● W. ROSS EDWARDS, pastor of Swope Park Church, Kansas City, Mo., for the past 10 years, was pictured on the Jan. 9 cover of *The Watchman-Examiner*, national Baptist publication. Dr. Edwards, a native Arkansan, served as pastor of 1st Church, Marianna, from 1938 to 1943. He is a graduate of Ouachita, and Southern and Central Seminaries. For five years he was on the Arkansas Executive Board.

● EDWARD TRICHELL, 44, died in a Little Rock hospital Jan. 2. Bro. Trichell was a deacon of the 3rd Church, Malvern, was a member of the Lion's Club and Rockport Masonic Lodge. He was teacher of the Go Get 'em Sunday School Class and had served his church faithfully for many years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Williams Trichell, his parents, three brothers and two sisters.



*"Evangelism—Every Christian's Job"*

# Evangelistic Conference Draws Outstanding Speakers

MANY OF the top evangelists in the nation will participate in the annual statewide evangelistic conference in 2nd Church, Little Rock, Jan. 27, 28 and 29.

Dr. I. L. Yearby, secretary of the State Department of Evangelism, sponsoring the three-day meeting, opined: "We doubt if there will be any meeting this year more important to Arkansas Baptists than the Evangelistic Conference."

Included on the program are such outstanding personalities as:

Vance Hayner, Greensboro, N. C., evangelist; Bible expositor and teacher.

Eddie Martin, Lancaster, Pa., evangelist.

Perry Webb, pastor 1st Church, San Antonio.

C. E. Wilbanks, associate secretary, Department of Evangelism, Dallas.

Earl Guinn, president Louisiana College, Pineville, La.

J. W. MacGorman, professor of New Testament, Southwestern Seminary.

S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the State Convention.

Dale Cowling, pastor 2nd Church, Little Rock.

LeRoy McClard, secretary, State Music Department.

Paul Shipman, Mena, evangelist.

Robert L. Smith, pastor, 1st Church, Pine Bluff.

The scope of the meeting, which is especially for pastors, deacons and those interested in soul-winning, is demonstrated in the session topics: "Every Baptist a Soul Winner," Monday evening; "The Church and Soul Winning," Tuesday morning; "God's Plan for Soul Winning," Tuesday afternoon; "Power for Evangelism," Tuesday evening; and "Resources and Rewards for Soul Winning," Wednesday morning.

"Approaching the period of the Baptist Jubilee Advance (1959-1964) in which evangelism is to play an important role, the conference next week will be of supreme importance to all our people," Dr. Yearby said.

"Those in attendance will receive information about the future program of evangelism, inspiration which will challenge every Christian to give his highest and best service for evangelism and world missions.

"Also it is our hope and prayer that everyone in attendance will receive the power of which our Lord spake when he said, 'Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you.'"

● PULASKI HEIGHTS Church deacons have adopted a plan to pray each Sunday just prior to the worship service. The meeting is held in the church's Upper Room.

## The Cover

### Host to Conference

A LANDMARK in Little Rock is the capital city's 2nd Church, which has served as a lighthouse for souls since its organization in 1884.

It's brilliant white front has reflected a warm welcome to passers-by on one of Little Rock's busiest streets for over 70 years.

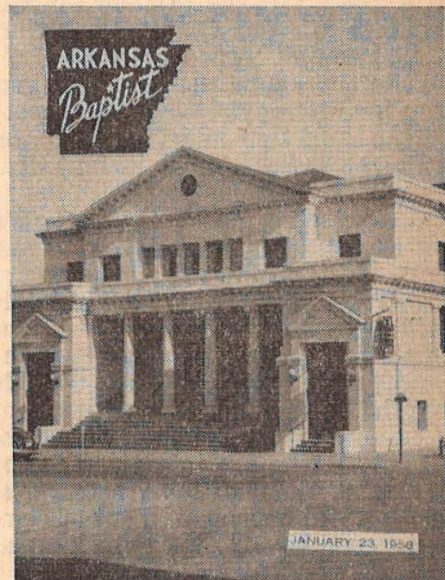
The 1,000-seat auditorium of this church will be used by Baptist leaders from all sections of the state Jan. 27, 28 and 29 as they map plans for a stepped-up program of evangelism.

The auditorium, erected in 1907, is "old fashioned" compared with the two modern educational units opened by the church, one in 1948 and the other on Dec. 15, 1957.

Dr. Dale Cowling, the pastor of the church and host to the state conference, has led this fine church for the last five years. Previously Dr. M. Ray McKay, whose missionary zeal promoted him to a spot on the Foreign Missions Board, and Dr. Calvin B. Waller, who gave 27 years in service, pastored the church.

Second Church's evangelistic spirit is reflected in its local mission program. Currently the church is operating three missions.

Since Dr. Cowling came to 2nd Church the resident membership has climbed from 2,008 to just over 2,700.



Sunday School enrollment has grown from 1,402 to 1,923 and Training Union from 191 to 734. Prior to accepting the pastorate, he served as state Student Union secretary.

Other outstanding features of the church include a fully graded choir program described as "the best in Arkansas." It is said to be the only Baptist church in the state operating a kindergarten. Children's work is emphasized throughout the program.

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● THE 1957 ANNUAL of Mississippi County Association is dedicated to Roy C. Johnson, who has served as pastor of seven different churches in the association and who has been pastor of Nodena Church for the last 8 years.

States the dedication: "If it is great to die for a cause it must be equally as great to live for it. The life of Brother Johnson, our senior pastor in the association, has been dedicated to the 'building up' of the cause of Christ in our association for the past 20 years, and we are deeply grateful for what he has done!"

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● W. M. AVERETT, Richton, Miss., will be with Fountain Hill Church for a revival April 2-11. Mr. Averett, a graduate of Southern Seminary, is now in his seventh year at Richton. He baptized John P. Hugbart, pastor at Fountain Hill, ten years ago.

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● FRANK SHAMBURGER was elected chairman of Gaines Street deacons for 1958 on Jan. 13. Earl North was named vice chairman.



Editorials

**"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"**

AT A TIME when the most of the civilized world is mobilizing for the possibility of all-out nuclear war, Baptists, through special evangelistic conferences, are seeking to enlist all of their churches and members in a great crusade to save the world from sin and death through allegiance to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. For the first time since Christ commissioned his disciples to win the world for Him, we have within our hands the means, in modern transportation and communication facilities, of getting the gospel out to all the world in one generation. At the same time, man, if he chooses to use the implements of science for war, can bring almost instant death to the most of the people around the globe. This, coupled with the fact that, even if we continue to avoid shooting wars, no one of us has any assurance of tomorrow, without Christ, points up the urgency of the call to Baptists and to all Christians to be busy witnessing and winning souls.

The importance of the annual State Evangelistic Conference being held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 27-29, at Second Church, Little Rock, cannot be over-emphasized, against the backdrop of world conditions. This is an event that should be an object of prayer for every Baptist in the state. Every pastor in the state who possibly can attend should have his way paid to the conference by his church. In addition, all others who are interested in soul winning should make every effort to attend. Some of the greatest evangelists and soul winners of our convention will be speaking out of compassionate hearts. The fires of evangelism can be expected to be kindled anew in the hearts of conference attendees.

Following closely upon Soul Winning Commitment Day, Jan. 5, the Evangelistic Conference should prepare pastors and other leaders to make the most of the great ground swell of interest seen in the large numbers of church members who have pledged their soul-winning efforts to Christ and His church during 1958.

Southern Baptists have set as their goal for the year the winning of 485,000, as preparations are made for simultaneous revivals in all Baptist churches of the nation during March and April 1959. Canada, the United States and Mexico will hear the gospel in this great campaign as Baptist churches with memberships totaling 19 million participate. ELM

GOD CHOSE HIS SON AS ENVOY



Personally Speaking . . .

**Perils of Success**

SUCCESS IS not achieved without its perils.



MR. McDONALD  
*'Twas a starry night in June,  
the air was soft and still,  
When the Minute Men from Cambridge  
came,*

*and gathered on the hill;  
Beneath us lay the sleeping town,  
around us frowned the fleet,  
But the pulse of freemen, not of  
slaves, within our bosoms beat;  
And every heart raced high with hope,  
as fearlessly we said,  
'We will be numbered with the free,  
or numbered with the dead!'*

A few days after the glorious occasion — I now refer to my performance, not to the Battle of Bunker's Hill — folks in the neighborhood were still talking about my "speech." Everything went well until one fateful day when I was called on for a private recital. Two dear ladies who had not been present for the school program but who had heard about it wanted me to "say my speech."

After waiting for them to beg me a little, I took my stance as my teacher had taught me, and went through the heroic epic without a blunder. But, alas, the blunder was to come this day after the performance!

"That's fine, Erwin, that's fine!" responded the ladies. And before I could recover from this, one of them declared, perhaps with fingers crossed: "That's the best I ever heard!"

None but the Lord could know how this praise thrilled me, for the kind lady was the wife of the physician who had helped to bring me into the world and, in spite of this, had, with her distinguished husband, continued to stand high in the esteem of my family.

In my embarrassment as I struggled to give a gracious response and yet appear modest, I suddenly shocked myself and both the ladies by blurting out: "I know that's a lie!"

Since that day, the sentiment of Proverbs 11:2 has had more meaning for me:

"When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom."

*Erwin L. McDonald*



## Letters to the Editor

## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

## Reading Diet Important

TODAY MANY of our homes are cluttered up with comics, sexy magazines and liquor magazines. It has been proven that bad literature has the same effect on the mind that liquor does on the stomach. So it is plain to be seen that these comics, papers and magazines with liquor advertisements and bad movie stories should be gotten out of our homes, as it is a known fact that they produce juvenile delinquency.

You are what you set out to be. The things you read and the thoughts you think are the things you become tomorrow.

This bad reading is the family altar in many homes, as many parents show the bad pictures and read these evil stories to their little ones before they are big enough to read for themselves.

Children, who associate with these bad characters from their reading material from skid row writers who engage in drinking, petting and murders and destroying property, will later find this kind of company in real life. So this means they will marry the same kind of people they have been acquainted with.

One radio announcer encouraged the people to buy and read some of the fiction magazines before the movies and television got them.

It is time for parents to wake up to these things which are causing their children to end up in the reform school and the penitentiary.

Throwing the Bible out of the homes and the schools is the leading factor for producing teenage-crime.

Trashy reading and good reading will not mix any more than oil does with water because trashy reading will be read and the good reading will be left alone. So we must get the trash out of our homes now.

In place of the trashy reading so common in many homes as mentioned above, there are many books teaching good morals in our Baptist Book Stores. Bible stories suitable for children can be purchased there also.

Good magazines such as the Arkansas Baptist and Home Life (A Christian Family Magazine) should be in every Christian's home. The church also furnishes papers for the children such as the Sentinel, Upward, and the Story Times for Beginners and Primaries.

Bible reading and family prayers should be observed daily in the home. "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

—Lorene Denney

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This timely letter was written to the Arkansas Baptist by Miss Denney about a year ago and apparently was lost or misfiled. Miss Denney has since died, a victim of cancer, her brother, Pastor Ottis E. Denney, of Fairlawn Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio, reports. We are grateful to Bro. Denney for resubmitting the letter. Through it Miss Denney, formerly of Rt. 5, Fayetteville, "being dead, yet speaketh."

## Criticisms of the Selfish

He preaches too long;  
He harps on our sins.  
On prayer meeting night  
I'd rather stay in.

I can't win lost souls  
Let the preacher do that.  
That's what he's paid for,  
Let him go to bat.

Let Mrs. Jones teach that class,  
I don't have time to study and pray.  
Perhaps I shall some future day,  
I can't manage children anyway.

I didn't like the vote last night,  
But all I could do was sit tight.  
If things don't change I may quit,  
I don't like them a little bit.

I don't like Deacon Doe  
He likes filthy lucre you know.  
And our superintendent is no good.  
Did you hear the slander on Sister Hood?

They say the W.M.S. is a gossip society  
And they don't take much time for piety.  
I'm not interested in missions anyway.  
I'll save my money for a rainy day.



"You mean  
you want me  
to give more?"

BABY TALK posters like this one were used by Little Rock's Immanuel Church to help promote the financial campaign. Educational Director Jim Cady turned out the promotion pieces.

Perhaps the next pastor will let us rest,  
Will not expect of us our best,  
So long I've lived a life of ease,  
I want to do just as I please.

—Mrs. Emma Card, Lavaca

## Jesus, the Difference

"IT IS a pleasure to present to you," I heard the dignified young man, a veteran of the Korean War, say as he introduced the featured speaker during our recent Religious Focus Week. At the conclusion of the message the young man expressed his gratitude for the message saying that he felt this service had made Jesus more real to each of us.

This young man is very active in his church. He teaches a junior boys' Sunday School Class, and leads the young people in Training Union. He never misses a mid-week service, and is a faithful tither and daily Bible reader.

What a vivid contrast with the life he was living six months ago. As a freshman in our college last year he made failing grades because he never studied and was out late every night. Much of his company and conversation were unwholesome. By his own admission he came to class most of the time under the influence of liquor. He never attended church, and did not willingly participate in the college chapel services.

What made the difference in this young man? Jesus made the difference. During the second semester of the past school year he was converted and joined a local Baptist Church as a result of the effective witnessing of students and faculty members on our campus.—J. T. Midkiff, Southern College.

## Churches Add Baptist

CHURCHES WHICH have added the Arkansas Baptist to their budgets include: Washington Church, introductory offer; list sent in by Clerk Carl Martin. Lakeview Church, Red River Association, sent in by Mrs. Calvin Smith, Route 4, Arkadelphia.

## Definite Stand Asked From Catholic Candidates

A PREDOMINANTLY Protestant organization suggests that every Roman Catholic candidate for president or vice president should be asked to take a definite stand for or against the denominational boycott of public schools, the demand for public funds for sectarian schools, and the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

At the same time the national organization warned against the formation of any anti-Catholic political party and opposed any "blanket boycott of the candidates of any particular denominations." It declared, "Most citizens are born into their religious affiliations, and no one should be penalized for an accident of birth. Millions of Catholic-Americans are in complete agreement on matters of church-state separation with their fellow citizens of other faiths."

The statement concerning Catholic candidates was part of "A Ten Year Balance Sheet" issued for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State by its leading officials, Charles Clayton Morrison, honorary president; Louie D. Newton, president, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention; G. Bromley Oxnam, bishop of the Methodist Church and former president of the Federal Council of Churches; John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary and former moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; and Glenn L. Archer, executive director and former Dean of Washburn University Law School.

LIFE DOES not require us to make good; it asks only that we give our best at each level of experience—Rev. Harold W. Ruopp.



## Graham Little Rock Crusade Dates Set

EVANGELIST BILLY Graham has announced that he will bring his team to Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium for a three-week crusade, starting about Aug. 16, 1959.

Mr. Graham's acceptance came after a group of nine laymen and ministers visited him during the recent New York City crusade.

The 1959 appearance will be Mr. Graham's third visit to Little Rock. He spoke to 20,000 on a Sunday afternoon in March, 1953, and was a featured speaker on the 1956 State Convention program.

● FELIX F. GOODSON, Bellefonte, was graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., at the winter commencement exercises Jan. 16. One hundred twenty-two were graduated. Twelve of these were students in the School of Religious Education, 12 were students in the School of Church Music, and 98 received degrees from the School of Theology.

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● ALUMNI and students of Arkansas Polytechnic College have contributed \$800 to finance remodeling of the front of the Baptist Student Center on the Tech campus, Neal Jackson, Center director, has announced.

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● PAUL M. STEVENS, director of the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission, will be "M" Night speaker for Honolulu, Hawaii, Baptist churches on January 24.

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● MISS AMANDA TINKLE, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, has recently returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed at 1618 W. 11th Street, Little Rock. She is a native of Benton.

By Oscar E. Ellis

## Big Creek News

"M" NIGHT for Big Creek Association was held at Viola Church with an attendance of 77. Henry Weaver, of Hardy Church, Associational Training Union director, was in charge and Joe Matin, also of Hardy, had charge of the singing.

W. A. Moody, pastor of Mammoth Spring Church, and Carl Nelson, of Alma, brought good messages.

THE MONTHLY Workers' Conference for the association was held with Mammoth Spring Church January 1. Mrs. Henry Weaver, of Hardy, discussed "The Church Using Its Training Union"; Carl White discussed "The Church Using Its Sunday School". Brother White is pastor of Mt. Zion Church. A. J. Scott, pastor of Viola Church, brought the message.

# Baptist Crosscurrents

## The Posture During Prayer

The posture of our bodies during prayer is noted in the Scriptures. Often we are called upon to stand while someone leads in prayer. This posture is endorsed in Mark 11:25 and pays due respect to God. Paul "bowed his knees" when he prayed. This posture depicts the humble attitude of one before God. Moses and Aaron "fell upon their faces" and Ezra is depicted as falling upon his knees and spreading out his hands unto the Lord. Jesus "lifted up His face to heaven" when He prayed, indicating His great confidence in God. Those who fall upon their faces when they pray depict great anxiety and prostration of spirit before the eternal God.

Evidently the posture one takes when he prays will indicate some condition of his own spirit. All postures are acceptable unto God but the position one takes in prayer seems to be important. We pray when we ride along, when we walk the streets, or wherever we feel the need of conversing with God. However, there are times when we seem to get no answer until we have either bowed our knees or fallen upon our faces. Too many people crawl into bed at night and say their prayers while they drowse off to sleep.

The manner in which we ask for a thing is very important. We are all affected by the posture taken by those who approach us. A gentle bow by one who comes to us with a request creates a favorable response in each of us. No personality, whether God or man, can react to another who comes at the individual with arrogance and self-pride. We can break the heart of God by the positions we take before Him when these postures truly depict a present condition within us. One often indicates his desperate anxiety when he falls upon his face before the Lord. Surely the posture we take will vary according to the intensity of the spirit within us while we pray.—*The Alabama Baptist*.

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## Let's Pray for the Communists

We have never heard of any Christian praying for the communists of this world. This weapon against godlessness has not been used. We believe every Christian should pray for the communist leaders and their conversion to Christianity. We should also include every other communist in our prayers.

We have been urged to pray for peace but we have not been urged to pray for these communists. We believe if the entire Christian world would get on its knees before God and pray for the communists of this world to be converted, the strongest force known to man (Christian Love) would be loosened in behalf of world peace and brotherhood.

For some time now we have been praying definitely for the conversion of the communists, which we do in our private prayers and in our public prayers. These men are as susceptible to the Gospel as any other individuals.

We have all given great support to arming our country against attack, but we have not found any efforts toward winning the communists to Christ. There should be a worldwide movement to focus Christendom's prayers upon the conversion of these people. Let's join hands in this great appeal to God for we believe it is the only way the carnage of a worldwide atomic war can be avoided.

God loves a man whether he is a communist or not. If we would be persistent and pray without ceasing for the conversion of these people who are godless in their views then we believe the brotherhood of man, wrought through people being born again, would militate stronger against another world war than all the defenses we might build up.—*The Alabama Baptist*



## Goodwin Baptists Busy for the Master

GOODWIN CHURCH, Tri-County Association, is one Arkansas church that has been organized and built in the 30,000 Movement.

Goodwin's population is something short of 100, but the congregation's building has features of a large city structure, with new pews and pulpit furniture as well as a new piano.

The church was organized July 8 in a vacant building that had previously been used by Methodists. The new building was begun Aug. 7 and completed two months later.

Membership in the young church has grown from 16 to 50. Present enrollment in Sunday School is 65, and Training Union, 50.

Total cost of the building and furnishings was approximately \$30,000. Current indebtedness is only \$378.

"Pastor Eugene Wright and Otto Bates, Building Committee chairman, deserve a lot of credit for all the work that has been done," Fred E. Sudduth, associational missionary, said.

"Tri-County Association will do its best to organize 16 more churches and missions by 1964. Since the work is so great and the time is so short, we cannot afford not to participate in the 30,000 Movement."

## Dr. and Mrs. Bridges Off On Visit to South America

DR. AND MRS. Ben L. Bridges left Little Rock Jan. 13 for a tour-visit to South America.

They will stay in Lima, Peru, for a week, and while there will see Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Ledford and children, who recently left Arkansas for Lima.

During their stay in Peru, they will also see Hugo Culpepper, formerly of Little Rock, and in Sao Paulo, Brazil, will visit Clyde Hankins of Pine Bluff.

In Rio de Janeiro, where they also will spend a week, they will visit with Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Hatton, T. H. Jordan of Van Buren and the Hafford Berlys. In Belem, Brazil, they will see Glendon Grober, whose mother lives in Little Rock.

Dr. and Mrs. Bridges plan to return to Arkansas the latter part of this month.

● TRINITY CHURCH, Leo Hughes pastor, Hope Association, plans to start their educational building in the near future. A special White Christmas building fund offering brought in almost \$1,200. (AB)

● MRS. JOHN S. OLIVER, Southern Baptist missionary to Equatorial Brazil who is now in the States on leave of absence, may be addressed at Route 3, Carthage, N. C. She is the former Virginia Winters, native of Leslie, Ark.



PASTOR EUGENE WRIGHT and Otto Bates, Building Committee chairman are leading Goodwin Church in an aggressive program. They are pictured in front of the entrance of the new church building.

By Mark Ferges

## Current River-Gainesville

DEDICATION OF Pastor Ralph Cadwell, Shannon Church, near Pocahontas, and the unselfish sacrifice of time and money of a consecrated membership are making possible the erection of a new auditorium and additional Sunday School rooms to the old converted beer hall which has served to house the church for five years.

JACK SHARBUTT and his talented wife, who came to Arkansas from Alabama, are on the field at Reyno Church. Mrs. Sharbutt is a student in Southern Baptist College and is also employed in the library there. Reyno is one of our progressive village churches. They have a splendid brick building and a modern pastorium. It is a Four Star Church.

DEAN OF Baptist preachers in Northeast Arkansas, D. K. Foster is doing an outstanding job in presenting the Baptist position and its historical background in a twice-a-week radio broadcast over KPOC. The program is sponsored by the Current River Baptist Association.

THE BIGGEST "over-and-above" offering yet, was contributed to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering by the Piggott Church. Sunday School departments accepted a quota totaling \$1,200. Gifts totaled \$1,421.

AN OLD-fashioned Christmas church service was observed at Brown's Chapel. The boys and girls came from beyond the curtain and "said their pieces." A beautiful candlelight pageant was presented by the older people. Kenneth Morgan is pastor. A New Year's watch night service was held at the Peach Orchard Baptist Church, Raymond Lyons, pastor.

## THE BOOKSHELF

ANYONE INTERESTED in writing for the current market will do well to make a study of *Writer's Market, 1958 Edition*, edited by Aron M. Mathieu and Joseph A. Alvarez and published by *Writer's Digest, Cincinnati, O.*, at \$4.50. Three thousand markets are listed, offering from 1/2 cent to \$1 per word. "One thing you can't do," the editors state in the preface; "you can't give it (your manuscripts) away. Excepting literary quarterlies and poetry magazines, we have eliminated markets that didn't at least mention payment." Here is a "must" for the writer, whether he be amateur or professional.

LAYMEN WHO wish to make more of their opportunities as "speakers for God" will welcome a new book by George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, *You Can Speak for God*, published by Broadman Press at \$2.50, and available through the Baptist Book Store. Organized into 16 headings such as Bible, Character, Faith, Missions, Prayer, and Youth, the 130 outlines comprising the book should be useful for varied church group meetings.

OF INTEREST to all who like to read the life experiences of great men, and of particular interest to the friends of Dr. John Jeter Hurt will be Dr. Hurt's autobiography, "This Is My Story," published privately by the author at \$3 and available from him, at 215 Rumson Road, N. E., Atlanta 5, Ga. "If this book seems different," writes Dr. Hurt in the preface, "it is probably because I am different. Struggles against heavy odds tend to make one that way. They tend, also, to make one trust less in men, and lean more heavily on God."

THE RADIANT life is the gift of God and not something to be gained by wishing, health, temperament, or circumstance, declares W. E. Sangster in *The Secret of Radiant Life*, published by Abingdon Press, 1957, at \$3. "It (radiant life) is ours only when we receive God into our hearts and have him resident there," the author continues. Whether or not one accepts the viewpoint of the author in every detail as he spells out his own Christian philosophy, most readers will find this a book worth reading.

Other books received:

*God Calls Me*, by J. Winston Pearce, Convention Press, 1958.

*The Golden Quest of Worship*, by Mary Constance Clapp, Vantage Press, 1957, \$2.75.

*The Quiet Time*, by George Bilby Walker, Vantage Press, 1957, \$2.50.

*Themes to Ponder*, by John C. Bentz van den Berg, Vantage Press, 1957, \$2.95.



# Christians Horizons

(Editor's Note: This article on James Philip Eagle appeared in Meet the Presidents, published by Broadman Press and is used by permission.)

James Philip Eagle, the 10th president of the Southern Baptist Convention, had the unique distinction of winning fame as a soldier, a farmer, a legislator, a preacher, a governor, and a denominational leader.

He was born in Maury County, Tennessee, on August 10, 1837, but at an early age he moved with his parents to Lonoke, Arkansas.

As he grew up on a farm, his formal education was limited, but he was diligent in developing his native abilities. One of his outstanding characteristics was the ability to win the confidence of people. He enlisted in 1861 as a private in the Confederate Army and rapidly climbed to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

It was not until his return to his farm home after the war that J. P. Eagle became a Christian. He was baptized by Elder Moses Green at the New Hope Church in 1867, and he was ordained as a minister two years later. Two other interests claimed the attention of the young farmer and minister at this time. His friends sent him to the state legislature in 1873, where he served with distinction until his election as governor in 1889. And he met Mary Kavanaugh Oldham of Kentucky, who, after a courtship lasting 14 years, became Mrs. Eagle.

J. P. Eagle had been elected as president of the Arkansas Baptist Convention in 1880, and Mrs. Eagle became an active leader in the work of the Woman's Missionary Union after their marriage in 1882.

## CONSTANT PROGRESS

During all the period he was in public life, he continued to expand his farm holdings. He served a number of rural churches as pastor, but would never accept a cent as salary.

Before his election as president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1902, Governor Eagle had served for several years as vice-president. Always he was a worker for peace and unity in denominational affairs.

Mr. Eagle was a member of the first committee to consider establishing Ouachita College, and he remained a friend to the school until his death on December 20, 1904. Although he was in feeble health, he attended the meeting of the state convention just a few weeks before his death and made a plea for increased support for Ouachita. He left the school \$13,160 in his will.

Although he died at the comparatively early age of 67, he had filled those

## I Saw the World

I saw the world through the eyes of love—

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I heard sad cries which rang above  
The clamor of my selfish crowd.

I saw a land steeped in sin—  
And through the sights and sounds  
I felt

The Saviour's burdened soul again,  
And now in penitence I knelt.  
The missionary's world I heard  
And felt my falt'ring spirit stir  
With sympathy for one who shared  
The agony of Christ, my Lord.  
My heart was moved, and there that day

I set anew my straying feet  
To follow Christ in love's good way  
And in His Name lost souls to greet.  
Dear Lord, may Thy great Spirit lead  
My steps in holy servitude.

May I Thy great commission heed  
And go to others who are doomed.

Let needy souls be my delight;  
Remove from me all sin and vice;  
O help me spend my days aright  
And thus share in Thy sacrifice.

—Copied

## Baptist Editors Plan Albuquerque Meeting

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. —(BP)— Southern Baptist editors will meet here Feb. 3-6 for the mid-winter conference of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

The New Mexico Convention is host to editors and the state Baptist executive secretaries, who will hold a separate meeting on the same dates.

The Wednesday session of the press group will be at Glorieta.

Kenneth B. Butler of Mendota, Ill., will be special guest lecturer for the editors. Butler heads the Butler Typo-Design Research Center in Mendota. The center specializes in aiding publications with typography. Another speaker is Wilfred McCormick, Albuquerque, instructor in journalism at the University of New Mexico.

The editor of the Arkansas Baptist will speak on "Our Part as Editors in the 1959 Evangelism Emphasis."

## Whatley Directs Loan Services In Kansas

WICHITA, Kans. —(BP)— Howard Whatley, pastor, 1st Southern Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Kans., assumed duties here Jan. 1 as director of the church-loan corporation set up by Kansas Baptists to finance new church construction.

Whatley will continue as executive-secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Southern Baptist Foundation.

years full with service to his God and to his fellow men.



REYNOLDS  
Constitution President Brooks Hays.

WILLIAM J. Reynolds, music editor, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will be music director at the 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention May 20-23 in Houston, as announced recently by

## Southern Church Formed In New York City

NEW YORK CITY —(BP)— New York City's first Southern Baptist church was organized here Jan. 10 with Paul S. James, formerly of Atlanta, serving as pastor. It is called Manhattan Baptist Church. The organizational meeting was in the New Yorker Hotel.

## Oklahoma Association Asks Sunday of Prayer

OKLAHOMA CITY —(BP)— Oklahoma County Baptist Association has asked Evangelist Billy Graham to call for a special Sunday to be set aside for prayer and fasting and "greatest church attendance."

A day of prayer and fasting, the association added, would serve to "turn our hearts again to the might and the power of God in world affairs."

## Family Estate Becomes Site For Midwestern

KANSAS CITY, Mo. —(BP)— Property which had been a family estate for more than 100 years will be the site of the new Midwestern Baptist Seminary.

Trustees of the new seminary have signed a purchase agreement with Mrs. Sheffa Vivion Foster for 99 acres.

The trustees paid the first payment of \$62,500 toward the total cost of \$252,000.

## Missionary Ed Council Elects Mary Christian

ATLANTA —(BP)— The Missionary Education Council of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting here, elected Miss Mary Christian of Nashville as president.

Miss Christian, missions book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, succeeds Fon H. Scofield, Richmond, Va., director of audio visual aids for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

1ST CHURCH, Anchorage, Alaska, is seeking an educational director. Contacts may be made with Carl J. Rylander, chairman of the church personnel committee, Box 193, Anchorage.



# Isaiah Speaks To Rural Folk

By **CARL A. CLARK**

(Professor, Pastoral Ministry and Rural Church Work, Southwestern Seminary)

RECENTLY I have been reading Isaiah with the particular purpose of discovering how much of the message was directed to town and country people. I was the more interested in this because it has been said so frequently that Isaiah was a city man.

Isaiah had an alert vision of international affairs. He was constantly speaking in terms of the relationship of the nation to neighboring nations.

I was greatly surprised when I found that in sixty-four of the sixty-six chapters, Isaiah uses rural farm experiences to illustrate or clarify something of his spiritual message.

## GOD'S DISAPPOINTMENT

Isaiah felt that God had given exceptionally rich privileges to Judah. However, the people had rebelled persistently. Isaiah struggled vainly in an effort to get the nation to do the will of God.

In order to make this message more vivid, Isaiah gives a true parable. Isaiah tells of a man who prepared a vineyard on a very fruitful hill, fenced it, dug out the stones, planted it with the choicest of vine, built a tower in the midst of it for its protection and had faith enough to prepare a wine press. Cultivating it expectantly, the owner waited for a good harvest. But instead of a good harvest, he received only wild grapes. He asked the question "What should be done with such a vineyard?" and gave the very clear statement that it should be destroyed, the walls broken down, the vine destroyed, the wild animals allowed to eat it up. Then Isaiah said, "For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry" (Isaiah 5:7). Through this rural parable, Isaiah made clear God's broken heart over the disobedience of his people.

When Isaiah wanted to express God's blessings upon the nation, he prophesied that the land should bring forth an

abundant harvest and that there should be plenty of food for man and beast. When Isaiah wanted to express God's wrath upon the nation, he predicted the total destruction of the harvest.

## GOD MESSIAH

Isaiah has perhaps the clearest Messianic passage of any of the Old Testament Scriptures. Isaiah 52:13 through 53:12 gives very clear prophetic references of the coming Messiah. In this passage there are three verses which have special rural reference:

In 53:2, "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground."

In 53:6, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

In 53:7 he says, "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."

## GOD'S WORD

In the 55th chapter of Isaiah, another rich rural reference is found. Isaiah is calling upon the people to turn from worldly ways and to come unto God. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

To make this clear, he puts it in terms of nature. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (vv. 10-11).

God's Word may be depended upon. The divine message which Isaiah is presenting will not fail. It is sure and steadfast. In order to make this clear, Isaiah says that just as the rain and snow come down and do not return, but water the earth, even so God's Word once it has gone forth from his mouth does not return without accomplishing the purpose and will of God.

## MRS. CONNELLY DIES

Mary Sears (Mrs. Frank H.) Connelly, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, died of a sudden stroke on January 4 in Fresno, Calif. She had been in the States on furlough since April, 1957.

IF YOU would have God hear you when you pray, you must hear Him when He speaks.

## Tennessee Church Has First GA Coronation

The Junior GA's of the Tennessee Church of Hope Association participated in a coronation service on a recent Wednesday night. The following girls were recognized as maidens: Sandra Smith, Nancy Ballard, Carlene Wilking, and Linda Gray.

Pat Wilkins was recognized as lady-in-waiting and Ella Jean Smith was recognized as a princess.

Miss Sharron Smith was crowned queen by her mother who is the WMU president. Mrs. Steve Liles assisted Mrs. A. V. Smith, Jr. who gave the charges to each GA.

● **DIRECTOR ALFRED CARPENTER** of Chaplains Commission, Home Mission Board, reports that Estes L. Lewis, of Greenville, Miss., who has been a military chaplain since June, 1941, and is now a chaplain with the rank of major in the Air Force, will be retiring from the military chaplaincy February 1 and will be available for a pastorate, mission work, or hospital or institutional chaplaincy in Arkansas at that time.

Chaplain Lewis is 48 years old, married, and has two children. He was ordained to the ministry in July, 1934, by 1st Church, Athens, Tex. He received the B.A. degree from Baylor University, and the B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary. Former pastorates include churches at Lakenon, Elkhart, and Schulenburg, all in Texas.

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## Pastoral Changes

TWO PASTORS in Trinity Association have resigned. P. H. Jernigan left Corner's Chapel Church to accept a call to Blytheville. O. D. Henley, who resigned at Wildwood Jan. 5, had seven additions his closing service there. He is available for work. (AB)

VALLEY VIEW Church has called Louie N. Travis, formerly of Barling Church, near Ft. Smith, as pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Travis have two young sons. (AB)

W. W. STEWART, formerly of Missouri, has accepted the call of Lambrook, Arkansas Valley Association, and has moved on the field.

W. D. WALLACE, 1st Church, Hughes, has resigned to retire from the active ministry. The new church plant was built and paid for under his leadership, and the entire church program strengthened.

VESTAL DEAN has moved on to the field of Turner Church, Arkansas Valley Association, after that church went full time.

GEORGE PAYNE will be mission pastor of Mountain Top area, under sponsorship of 1st Church, Clarksville.

LEON HANKINS, Concord Church, has resigned and is moving to Arizona.

SPADRA CHURCH has asked Missionary S. A. Wiles to supply for them half-time until a permanent pastor is called.

FIRST CHURCH, Cotter, has called Monroe Palmer, graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Palmer also attended OBC.

## Revival Reports

PAUL SHIPMAN, evangelist of Mena, conducted a revival at 1st Church, Hornersville, Mo., for 15 days in December, with 33 coming for baptism, four by letters, and many for rededication, Pastor Orville McGuire reports.

This was the second time the same year that Evangelist Shipman had been with this church for a revival. In a one-week meeting last March, there were 16 additions by baptism and a number of rededications.

Mr. McGuire says of the evangelist: "He is without question one of the most effective and skilled personal workers I have ever worked with."

PASTOR EARL ASHLEY, of 1st Church, Hunter, was the evangelist for a week's revival at East End Church, Little Rock, the week of Dec. 29. Marion Grubbs, pastor of the East End Church, reports. There were 5 additions and more than 40 rededications.

On the closing day of the revival, Jan. 5, more than 20 members of the church signed Soul Winning Commitment pledges.



# What Baptists Believe

(No. 3 in a series)

(Editor's Note: This article is another in the series being run by the *Arkansas Baptist* to give readers a summary on Baptist distinctives. Next week's issue will carry the fourth and last of this series.)

## Education

20. CHRISTIANITY IS the religion of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is therefore a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. An adequate system of schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people. The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches.

## Social Service

21. EVERY CHRISTIAN is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ regnant in his own life and in human society; to oppose in the spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness and vice; to provide for the orphaned, the aged, the helpless, and the sick; to seek to bring industry, government and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love. To promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and his truth. All means and methods used in social service for the amelioration of society and the establishment of righteousness among men must finally depend on the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus.

## Cooperation

22. CHRIST'S PEOPLE should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over each other or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Individual members of New Testament churches should cooperate with each other in carrying forward the missionary, educational and benevolent program for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament

sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. It is permissible and desirable as between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and his Word as revealed in the New Testament.

## Evangelism and Missions

23. IT IS the duty of every Christian man and woman, and the duty of every church of Christ to seek to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life. It is also expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods sanctioned by the gospel of Christ.

## Stewardship

24. GOD IS the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to him. We have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in our possessions. We are therefore under obligation to serve him with our time, talents and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to us to use for the glory of God and helping others. Christians should cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally contribute of their means to advancing the Redeemer's cause on earth.

## The Kingdom

25. THE KINGDOM of God is the reign of God in the heart and life of the individual in every human relationship, and in every form and institution of organized human society. The chief means of promoting the kingdom of God on earth are preaching the gospel of Christ, and teaching the principles of righteousness contained therein. The kingdom of God will be complete when every thought and will of man shall be brought into captivity to the will of Christ. And it is the duty of all Christ's people to pray and labor continually that his kingdom may come and his will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

● A NEW, \$300,000 dormitory for men at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., has been named Herbert Anderson Hall in honor of the father of a Georgetown alumnus now living in California who gave a substantial contribution to the building fund. According to Alumni Secretary Ken Fendley, Georgetown alumni voted recently to start a fund for a new science building on the campus.

## HURTS EVERYTHING

"I recently met the finished article of the liquor trade; he was lying in the gutter. He had no hat; the hat trade was suffering. The man had holes in his boots; the boot trade was suffering. He had no shirt; the cotton trade was suffering. He was dirty; the soap trade was suffering. Indeed, I can hardly mention an industry in the country

which was not affected by that man's insobriety."—Lord Ryder.

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# Departments

## WMU Miss Nancy Cooper, Secretary Home Missions to Fore!

THE SIGNIFICANCE of the observance of the WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS, March 3-7, has never been greater! As the world "becomes" smaller, the need of evangelizing is more apparent in OUR homeland, in OUR state, in OUR city, in OUR neighborhood, in OUR home. The world is a family! How will we respond to this current opportunity?



MISS COOPER

Program material suggested for use will appear in the March issues of the WMU periodicals. Supplementary aids will be sent from the State WMU Office to presidents and leaders of youth organizations.

NOTICE, Prayer Chairmen: Materials listed in January Forecaster of Royal Service will be sent to WMS presidents who will pass them along to you. Additional copies of materials available in quantities may be ordered from the State WMU Office or as instructed in the Information Sheet.

### HAIL, YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY!

The YWA Citation will be featured in activities suggested for YWA Focus Week, February 9-15. Each YWA director and counselor should lead members to participate in some of the following activities:

- organizing a new YWA
- definite soul-winning visitation
- securing new subscriptions to **The Window of YWA**
- teaching or assisting in teaching a mission study book
- reading books from YWA Book Club list
- presenting a missionary play
- reading and reporting on current news on mission fields
- reporting on TWA Conference at Ridgecrest or Glorieta

And further, YWA leaders will encourage completion of requirements on the Citation by planning special recognition of those who now hold it and presentation of Citation to others who have met all requirements.

● SOUTH TEXARKANA Church has voted to issue Baptist building bonds amounting to \$40,000 to erect a new auditorium. Leon Westbury is pastor. (AB)

● EAST SIDE Church, Trinity Association, is rejoicing in receiving a \$500 check from the State Mission Department, which will enable them to complete their new Sunday School rooms. (AB)

## Passion Play Coming to Arkansas

THE CENTURIES-old Oberammergau Passion Play will be performed at Little Rock February 15-18. It has been enacted the past 325 years at Oberammergau.

The Passion Play will be brought to Little Rock under sponsorship of the Little Rock Lions Club and the Arkansas Gazette Foundation. It will be performed seven times at Robinson Auditorium.

The part of Jesus of Nazareth will be portrayed by Val Balfour, acclaimed as the most outstanding portrayer since Anton Lang. A generation ago Lang was regarded as the greatest Christus portrayer of all. Supporting parts will be played by a large, distinguished cast.

The Passion Play will be performed once each evening, February 15, 16, 17 and 18 and at matinees February 16, 17 and 18.

## Seminary Host Music Workshop

FORT WORTH, Tex. (Spl.) — Southwestern Seminary will be host to a church music worship February 3-7 to be led by outstanding personalities in the field of music.

The conference is sponsored by the School of Church Music at Southwestern and the Department of Church Music of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Conference highlighters will be Alfred M. Greenfield, chairman of the department of music at New York University and conductor of the Oratorio Society of New York; Ruth Krehbiel Jacobs, children's choir specialist from California; and W. Hines Sims, Secretary of the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and author of several well-known hymns.

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### Toronto Conference

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The nearness of the meeting to America means that for many it will be the only opportunity they will have to attend a Baptist World Youth Conference.

Two economical tours are being planned for Baptists of Arkansas interested in attending the meeting. The first bus tour will include stops in St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Toronto, and Niagara Falls. This tour, of two weeks' duration, will provide roundtrip transportation by bus, motels en route, sightseeing, and hotel in Toronto for approximately \$75.

The second tour will include the cities mentioned above, plus several days both in Washington and New York. This tour, of three weeks' duration, will provide roundtrip transportation by bus, motels en route, sightseeing, and hotel in Toronto for approximately \$105.

Reservation fee of \$7.50 is being received now. This fee will also provide each delegate with a report book with complete proceedings of the six day meeting. For further information write:

Student Department, Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas or Youth Secretary, WMU Office, Baptist Building.

### TRAINING UNION

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#### Intermediate Sword Drill



Each association can send only one winner to the district drill. The sword drill Bible is the new B-100, published by Harper & Brothers. Sword drillers should be sure they have this Bible in preparing for the sword drill.

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## Counselor's Corner Exactng People

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

**QUESTION:** A dedicated born-again woman, who is known as the perfectionist type, is an irritant to her family and friends because of her exacting ways. She, I believe sincerely, holds that "the little foxes spoil the vines" and that no trifle is insignificant if one is trying to be and achieve his maximum for the Lord.



**DR. HUDSON** Can you explain any of the psychological background of the perfectionist type? Second, can the hard-headed I'm-sure-I'm-right Christian personality be helped?

**ANSWER:** In answer to your last question, the whole Epistle to the Romans was written to help such people. There is a real question whether the perfectionistic person is a Christian personality. They make themselves and everybody around them miserable. Sure, they mean well. So did the people who killed Jesus. And they belonged to the same family as the I'm-sure-I'm-right people.

So far as explaining them is concerned, is this a Christian approach? Is it not a fad in our day to try to explain everybody? This is called "psychologizing."

If you really want to understand such people read Karen Horney's *Neurosis and Human Growth*. Or my little book called *Growing A Christian Personality* has two chapters on "consciousness" which might be of some help.

The better approach to such people is to accept them. They suffer intensely. Really they are to be pitied. Their real god is a tyrant and they serve Him out of fear rather than out of love. Be kind to them, but do not let them impose their pattern on you.

(Address letters to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

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June 26-July 1, for Benton County, Black River, Buckner, Buckville, Caddo River, Clear Creek, Concord, Conway-Perry, Current River, Faulkner, Gainesville, Greene County, Hope, Independence, Liberty, Little Red River, Little River, Mississippi, Mt. Zion, Ouachita, Red River, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, Washington-Madison, White County, White River, and Woodruff Associations.



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### PROGRAM PERSONNEL

**SPEAKERS:** Inspirational speakers for the night services, First Session—Dr. Carl Bates, Pastor, First Church, Amarillo, Texas. Second Session—Dr. J. Harold Smith, Pastor, First Church, Fort Smith. Others for both sessions include—Cecil Franks, Association Superintendent of Missions, St. Joseph, Missouri, Dr. Lyn Elder, Golden Gate Seminary, California, and Dr. Carl Goodson, Southwest College, Bolivar, Missouri.

**MUSIC:** For both sessions Gale Dunn, Minister of Music and Education for Highland Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, will direct the music assisted by an organist and three pianists. Mrs. Nancy Jo Beene, from St. Joseph, Missouri, will be the featured soloist for both sessions.

**RECREATION:** There will be fun, fellowship, and recreation during both sessions under the direction of Neil (Go, Go, Go) Jackson, Minister of Education and Music, First Church, Helena. There will be swimming, baseball, tennis, table tennis, badminton, hiking, sightseeing, talent parade, indoor games, spiritual films, good Christian fellowship and the election and coronation of the King and Queen of Siloam.

**FACULTIES:** Ralph Davis, State Training Union Secretary, Miss Nancy Cooper, State Woman's Missionary Union Secretary, Dr. Tom Logue, State B.S.U. Secretary, and LeRoy McClard, State Music Secretary, are enlisting outstanding faculty personnel for the conferences and study courses to be offered during the morning hours. There will be many new features offered in these different sessions.

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## Children's Nook

## Depression Flowers

By JEWELL CASEY

DURING THE depression of the 1930's when the majority of people were looking for something that would bring a bit of cheer and that would cost little, "depression flowers" became popular. They are really not flowers but a chemical reaction that gives unexpected beauty.

Inasmuch as these rare flowers do not grow from seed, no dirt is needed, and they can be grown in a small city apartment as well as in a country home. A shallow bowl or a glass tray is needed for the flowers. Get several pieces of common anthracite coal or cinders and arrange in the bowl or tray as a foundation for your magic flowers.

Then secure the following ingredients: three tablespoons of common table salt, three tablespoons of liquid bluing, three tablespoons of water, three drops of iodine or Mercurochrome, and one teaspoonful of ammonia (the household type is preferred, but ammonia

may be left out entirely). Mix these and pour the liquid over the coal. Within a short time the coal will magically begin to "blossom." The flowers will be of different size, color, and shape, and if given a little moisture (from the side of the bowl and never over the coal) the arrangement will last about six weeks.

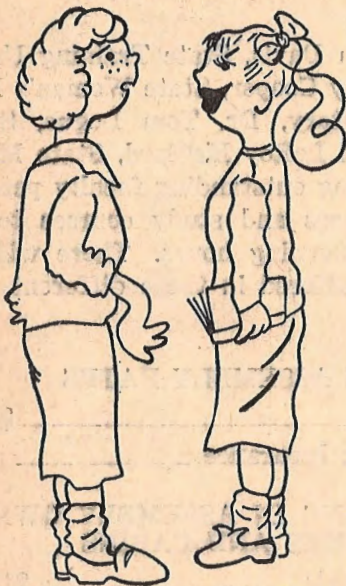
By placing the coal to form caravans, mountains, or castles, and by putting in clumps of mosses, twigs, and similar items, you will have a fairyland arrangement when the chemical reaction takes place.

These flowers make unusual decorations for special occasions or an interesting gift for shut-ins, who can watch the "flowers" grow without long periods of waiting for them to bloom.

After an arrangement stops growing, it may be thrown away, the bowl washed, and a new "plant" started, if you would like.

## THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



"He's real cute—he has a Cadillac!"

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## Europe's Children

By LAURA ALICE BOYD

Can you name the country where each one lives?

(1)

Gertje lives in a lowland,  
Where dikes hold back the sea;  
Tulips bloom in the meadows  
Windmills stand on the lea.

(2)

Ivan lives in a large land  
With mountains and wide plains,  
Rich mines and precious oil fields,  
Orchards, fruits, and grains.

(3)

Elizabeth lives on an island,  
Where people are sturdy and strong;  
Hawthornes bloom in the hedges;  
Larks raise their sweet song.

(4)

Guiseppe's land looks like a boot,  
Its ruins old and rare;  
Olives grow on the hillsides  
Where sun shines bright and fair.

(5)

Jeanne lives in a sunny land,  
Where everyone is gay;  
They laugh and play and chatter  
And sing the livelong day.

## ANSWERS

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I. Holland, 2. Russia, 3. England, 4. Italy, 5. France.  
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A LADY went into a telegraph office one evening to send a telegram to a farmer.

"Has the farmer got a telephone?" the clerk asked.

"No," the lady answered, "but his farm is only 4 miles distant from here as the crow flies."

"I'm sorry, madam," said the clerk, "but we don't deliver by crow after 6 p.m." —The Watchman-Examiner

## A Smile or Two

## "PLAYING CHURCH"

A MAN came home and saw his children on the front steps and asked what they were doing. "We're playing church," they answered. The puzzled father inquired further, and was told, "Well, we've already sung, and prayed, and preached, and now we're outside on the steps smoking."

THERE IS plenty of action in a rocking chair, but no progress.

THE MARRIAGE knot should not be a slip-knot.

PETER'S JANUARY report card was not nearly so good as the last one.

"What's happened?" his father demanded. "Too much excitement over the holiday?"

"Well, you know how it is, Dad," the boy explained in an injured tone, "everything's marked down after Christmas." —Spencer News

A BURGLAR'S wife kept badgering him for money. "Okay, okay, stop nagging," grumbled the man. "I'll get you some as soon as the bank closes!" —American Weekly

A CYNIC is a person who knows everything and believes nothing. —Cy N. Peace

STATISTICS SHOW that the general run of pedestrians is a little too slow.

THE TEACHER greeted a youngster who came into class with a large bump on his head: "Goodness, Johnny, what on earth happened to your head?"

"Oh," answered the lad, "that's where Daddy helped me with my arithmetic last night." —American Weekly

"I NOTICE," the judge commented, "that in addition to stealing this money, you took a lot of valuable jewelry."

"Yes, your honor," said the prisoner cheerfully. "You see, my mother taught me from childhood that money alone does not bring happiness."

A FREE-ADVICE-SEEKING woman asked a farmer what would be good to plant in a spot that gets very little rain due to overhanging eaves, has too much late afternoon sun, has clay soil and is on a rocky ledge.

"Lady," he answered, "how about a nice flagpole?" —Kroehler News

THE SHOPKEEPER decided to sell \$17 electric shavers for \$15 as a loss-leader to bring new customers into his store. The day of the sale a big sign went up in the window of his competitor across the Street: "We repair \$15 electric shavers." —Baptist and Reflector



# Sunday School Lesson

## Organization of the Church

By GERALD T. SMITH  
(Pastor, 1st Church, Crossett)

January 26

Acts 6:1-7; Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Tim. 3:1-10

HAVE YOU noticed how these lessons on the "Church" have dovetailed into each other? Last week we studied the wonderful Christian fellowship that burned and glowed in the early church and how that the New Testament knows nothing of unattached Christians. There is deep understanding of the apostolic viewpoint in the answer made to John Wesley by



MR. SMITH

an unknown person of whom he asked advice: "Sir, you wish to serve God and go to heaven? Remember that you cannot serve Him alone. You must therefore find companions or make them; the Bible knows nothing of solitary religion." The best fellowship is enjoyed when it springs up between people who link together in their undertaking to capture the world for Christ.

But if the church is to carry out its mission, it must be organized. Organization is not an end in itself, but a means whereby the Christian community can render more, effective service and accomplish its purpose.

Organization in the New Testament churches was evidently a gradual development under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The first church at Jerusalem began with a very simple organization. With the growth of the church, new offices were created.

### ORGANIZED TO MEET NEEDS

We have no record of the Lord giving any definite plan of church organization. Instead it seems the organization developed to meet needs as they arose. It was the need of proper care for widows and orphans and others in physical need that led to the choosing of the first deacons (Acts 6:1-7). Although the immediate duty of the deacons was to "serve tables," it is clear that they were to take care of many matters, that the apostles might be relieved of burdensome details and get to the main work to which God had appointed them.

### ORGANIZED SO ALL COULD SERVE

The growth of the church's organization may be seen incidentally in the study of such passages as Romans 12:3-8. Paul is speaking of the church as the body of Christ and the right use of spiritual gifts as members of that body. Like the physical body, with many members, each one having a different function, so the church is a body, made up of many members, all closely related, all constituting a unity in Christ, but each one having unique functions and

individual responsibilities. The unit is due to the principle of life which animates the entire body — that is, to Christ the Head.

Manifoldness and differences are prerequisite for the meeting of all the different needs of the body, so each member is given different gifts by God, that he may serve with them. (See the parallel passage, I Cor. 12.) Paul advises against self-exaltation over one's own gift, for whatever one can do is owing to the fact that God has qualified him to do it. In humility each must prize and use his gift. The health of the body depends as much upon the full functioning of each member as upon its proper subordination to the whole.

Paul mentions seven types of activity which God empowered various members to do. He calls attention, in particular, to prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation, giving, aiding, and acts of mercy. The many leaders introduced here, as in 1 Cor. 12:28 and Eph. 4:11, seem not to designate definite offices in the church, but refer to men endowed of God for special service. It is noteworthy that Paul emphasizes the manner in which the last three gifts, involving personal help to others, should be carried out. The spirit in which one participates in these activities is tremendously important.

It should go without saying that such many and varied activities engaged a very considerable number of people in the church organization. This would seem to say to us that the church today should be organized so as to put the most people to work. Many people are lost to the cause because they feel no significant part in the church. In a spiritual democracy everybody is somebody. No church can afford to waste the talents of any member, and it is the responsibility of the church to be well-enough organized to have a place for everybody to serve. This does not mean that every person must be elected to some office, before he has a responsibility. We are all "witnesses."

### PASTORS AND DEACONS

As the church developed, two officers became definite and permanent — that of pastor and that of deacon.

The pastor was also called elder and bishop, three names for the same office. Acts 20:17 and 1 Peter 5:2 make this quite clear.

Among the Jews the leading men of the synagogue were known as the presbyters or elders, and the name was taken over by the early church in Jerusalem. The literal meaning of bishop is overseer, one who exercises oversight in the church. The name pastor, which means shepherd, is the term most commonly used now, but it was the least used in the New Testament, the word appearing in the English translation

only once (Eph. 4:11). The idea of one who feeds and cares for the flock appears, however, in several places, Christ being the Chief Shepherd (Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; John 10, 21:15-17). So pastor has been appropriately adopted, perhaps partly because of the unscriptural connotations acquired later by elder and bishop.

In two passages of Scripture, very similar qualifications for a pastor (bishop) are set forth: 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. The pastor must not only be a good man, one of untarnished reputation and an upright character, but he must also be good for something, showing qualities of leadership and ability to teach.

The word deacon is a translation of a Greek word which means assistant or servant. The name came to designate those who were chosen for special duties in the church. We speak of the "Board of Deacons." Perhaps there is nothing wrong in this, but it may give the wrong impression. The deacons are not the controlling body of the church, but the "servants."

Nevertheless, it is a basic fact that in most churches the vision, spiritual level, and activity is largely set by the pastor and deacons. Rare is the church that can rise above them.

Paul carefully sets forth the qualifications of deacons in 1 Tim. 3:8-10 (See also Acts 6:1-7). We note that the standards are not one bit lower than they were for the pastors. But it is evident that the stress is now put on business qualities as well as on moral and religious growth. Certainly they must have the basic virtues of honesty and sobriety, but above all, they must be religious men, "holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." The specific virtue which is here demanded of deacons is sincerity. Their piety must be no mere veneer to give them credit with others, but must be the truth by which they live.

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# ★ Executive Board STATE CONVENTION ★

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

## Survey Considered

THE FIRST of the year lends itself to the idea of taking inventory. It is good for us to "take stock" occasionally and determine the extent of our assets and liabilities.



DR. WHITLOW

However, the matter of taking stock is not just a first-of-the-year resolution with Baptists. Many have long since recognized the need for a survey of our work with the design of eliminating overlapping responsibilities and co-ordinating our activities.

Being right fresh out of the pastorate, I know something of the limitless demands made upon the churches in promoting our total program. With the build-up in our churches with the increasing number of meetings and the mounting activities, we find ourselves with too few days in the week to get the job done. Consequently, this lends itself to wasted efforts and a high degree of inefficiency. This pressure is felt in every area of denominational life. What can be done about it? That is the \$64,000 question.

A number of our institutions and agencies have employed the services of a professional management firm with a great deal of success. Also, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, and Kentucky recently voted to make surveys of their convention operations, using a management concern.

At the December meeting of our Executive Board it was voted "that we look with favor upon making such a survey at such a time as our Executive Secretary may deem necessary." A rather thorough investigation of this matter has been made, and the Executive Secretary and the Executive Committee think it is wise that we defer for a time such a survey by an outside firm.

On the other hand, it seems wise, and the Executive Committee voted unanimously at its January 14 meeting, to appoint a joint committee made up of members from the Executive Committee and the staff of the Baptist Building for a three-fold purpose:

First, to make a study of our organization in the Baptist Building with a view of eliminating overlappings and to better co-ordinate our efforts.

Second, to study the work of our departments with a view of developing a cooperative program of work.

Based upon our degree of success, or lack of it, the committee will later recommend to the Executive Board just what our future course with reference to the professional survey should be.

We do not know now what procedures shall be used in our effort to find a solution to our problems. In all probability a number of questionnaires shall be sent to a number of pastors and churches. Brother pastor, you can help us to help you if you will fill in any questionnaires sent to you and return them to us promptly. Every member of every Baptist church can render an invaluable service by remembering us prayerfully as we tackle this knotty problem.—SAW

## 1958 Cooperative Budget

THE ARKANSAS Baptist Convention Budget for this year is \$1,500,000, which means that it takes \$125,000 per month, \$28,865.38 per week, \$4,109.59 per day, \$171.23 per hour, and \$2.85 per second to keep our work going.



DR. DOUGLAS

When the budget is put on this basis we can see that the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is really important. Not one church in our State Convention is able to promote a well-rounded program in the local situation and then carry the financial responsibility for one month (\$125,000) of our State Convention work. Not many of our churches can finance one week (\$28,865.38) of our state work. But, every church can finance a few seconds (\$2.85) of our work.

Instead of asking churches to finance the work for a definite day, a definite hour, or a definite number of seconds, each church is urged to contribute money through the Cooperative Program. Then, when the Co-operative Program money reaches the Treasurer's office, he allocates it according to the plan adopted by the messengers from the churches assembled in an annual meeting. Then all of our work prospers and all of our people and churches share in the blessings because Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be

given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with what measure you mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38)

The Bible teaches proportionate giving. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come." (I Corinthians 16:2)

Here Paul was being consistent when he urged these church members in Corinth to apply Christian principles to their lives. He spoke before this on the unity of the local church and reminded the people that love was the distinctive element in a Christian fellowship. Then the apostle urges the church to play a worthy part in setting the right example in meeting the needs of a larger fellowship, that of ministering to the less fortunate elsewhere. Especially was Paul concerned about the situation in Jerusalem. Too, he knew that the Lord was concerned about the Corinthian attitude on the matter of sharing.

In Corinth, or any other church, words of sympathy and smiles of approval become mockery unless they are backed up with deeds.

We continue to thank God for every church that is willing to share in a useful program, through the Cooperative Program.

A small percent of our Arkansas churches did not contribute to the Cooperative Program last year. We are praying that every one of our 1,160 churches will have a part in this world-girdling, all-inclusive program during 1958. Why not resolve now to start praying with us that your church will give — Remember! Because we care, we share.—Ralph Douglas

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