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"Our Church Is Still Here"

OUR CHURCH BURNED TODAY. There's nothing left but smoking rubble — and memories.

We were proud of our church — the beautiful piano, the new pulpit furniture and altar rail, the belfry over the front door, the worn old pews, and all the things that go into the tangible possessions of the House of God.

I've gone to our church a long time. It was the first church I ever attended and I joined there.

I'll always remember the Sunday mornings — the red and white roses on Mothers' Day, the little children with their Easter eggs, the candlelight services at Christmas, the Thanksgiving sermons in November.

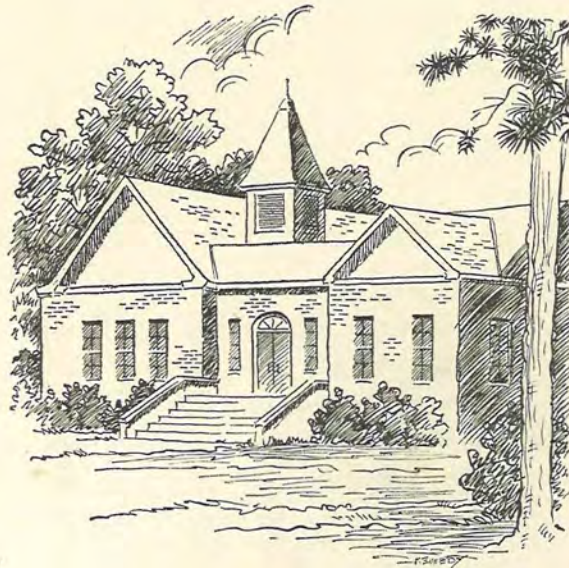
Many little things help to make a church great, like the little bell that told us Sunday School and Training Union was over, the shrubbery peeping in the windows on warm spring mornings, the choir singing the special number on Sundays, the ushers

taking up the collection, the congregation singing the Doxology, and many others.

But I shouldn't look back too much. Our church is still here. The church is not a building or anything you can touch. It is an intangible but very real thing that is built in the hearts of true Christian people.

We will build another building that will probably be more beautiful than the first, but after a few short years it will be gone. The church that is in the people was not harmed by the passing of the church that was a building, but was made stronger and brought closer to God through misfortune. It is built on a solid foundation of good material and will last forever.

As we look into the future and work prayerfully for our new building, we will lean on the "Rock of Ages" and make Him the cornerstone of our new church.



The building of the First Baptist Church of Sparkman burned to the ground early Sunday, March 2, and on Sunday night 16-year-old Carl Selph, a member of the church since he was 11, wrote down on paper his impressions of the disaster (above).

★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

A condensed summary of trends and events taken from publications and original sources each week by Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Facts of Interest

Despite price increases, circulation of the 1,872 daily newspapers in the United States has climbed 2,000,000 in 1946 to reach 50,751,000. There are almost 10,000 weekly newspapers and 6,400 periodicals.

Of the 13,000 men sent to prison for violating the draft law, fewer than 800 remain in prison, and only twelve of these are "conscientious objectors."

In a recent survey of college presidents made by the New York Times, 56 per cent of the college presidents said that veterans were doing better work than non-veterans, 43 per cent said veterans were doing as well, and only 1 per cent said they were doing poorer.

Out of the 52,543,000 people 6 to 29 years of age in the United States on October 1, 1946, 26,529,000, or 50.5 per cent were enrolled in school. More than 1,100,000 veterans, 18 to 29, were in school. Of the 14,969,000 children in the 7 to 13 age group, 98 per cent are in school.

Between February, 1944, and June, 1946, the number of widowed and divorced women, 20 to 44 years old, increased 35.3 per cent, whereas the total number of women in this age group increased only 2.8 per cent.

In 1940, 72.6 per cent of the women, 20 to 44, were married. The number had increased to 76.6 per cent by June, 1946.

There were nearly 28,900,000 family heads who were married and living with their wives on June, 1946. There were an additional 2,600,000 couples living in households where the husband was not the head. Those figures do not cover married couples living in hotels, dormitories, and large lodging houses.

In the World of Religion

The Christian Century has criticized Justice Murphy of the Supreme Court, the only Roman Catholic on the Court, for participating in a case in "whose outcome his church was the sole beneficiary." Justice Murphy's decision made it possible for Catholics to win a 5-4 decision granting them the use of tax funds in New Jersey to transport students to parochial schools. The editorial strongly states: "We wish for the Roman Catholics the same enjoyment of religious liberty that we claim for Protestantism. If, in the exercise of this liberty, Catholicism can win America, it will deserve to win it. But we are bound to resist every attempt by the Roman Catholic Church or any other church, including any Protestant church, to secure a position of advantage in the forum of our free society by maintaining an official connection with the government or a financial connection with the public treasury."

There are 31,000 students enrolled in the 45 colleges maintained by the Presbyterians. Only one-third are Presbyterian students.

One of the best statements by a scientist on religious faith is to be found in Human Destiny, by Lecomte du Nouy, published recently by Longmans, Green, and Co.

Baptist Highlights

Two former Governors, Robert S. Keer of Oklahoma, and Harold Stassen of Minnesota, both prominent Baptist laymen, have accepted invitations to speak on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis, according to Dr. John W. Raley, chairman of the committee on order of business.

John A. Farmer has been elected Brotherhood secretary of South Carolina. Charles H. Ashcraft has been elected Brotherhood secretary of New Mexico.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Huges, Jr., are leaving for Spain as representatives of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They will be located at Barcelona.

Dr. P. E. Burroughs is in the Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, recovering from a recent operation.

Only 900 copies of the 1946 Handbook, containing the record of more than 26,000 churches in the S. B. C., remain unsold. There will be no second printing.

In Conclusion

More than 100,000 junior high school students in New York City have adopted the following: (1) I will never knowingly by word or deed injure any one's person, feelings or property in any manner. (2) I will always respect the religious beliefs of others as I will respect my own. (3) I will show courtesy to other people at all times, particularly to my elders.

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Sparkman Baptists Lose Building In Fire

By L. L. JACKS
Sparkman

A destructive fire of undetermined origin destroyed the buff tile building and all furnishings of the beautiful First Baptist Church of Sparkman, Sunday morning, March 2, at about 8:30 o'clock. The caretaker had lighted the butane gas stoves in all the building and built two fires in wood stoves, closing the building while he went across the street to his home for breakfast. Within a few minutes flames were discovered, apparently starting from the interior of the building.

In dollars and cents, the loss will amount to approximately \$50,000, but the real loss cannot be estimated since much of the furnishings were individual gifts in memory of loved ones and they probably cannot be bought again at any price. Cherished memories of loved ones grieved us more than the loss of the physical plant.

The board of deacons met in the afternoon and began discussion of plans for a new building which will be started in the near future. All churches in town tendered their buildings for our use at any time they are available. However, the church will probably meet in the high school building until we can have our new building. John M. Basinger is pastor.

A FATHER'S HYMN

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan

"And thou, child."

It is a beautiful scene with which we meet in the story of Zacharias and this child who is later known to us as John the Baptizer. When Zacharias disbelieved the message of God as delivered to him by the angel he became speechless, dumb; but when he believed God and gave evidence of his willingness to follow God, he became eloquent, poetic and prophetic.

It is easy to visualize this father holding his child in his arms. What joy filled his heart! What hopes welled up in his breast! What visions of the future opened before his eyes!

Yet he sings not of personal glory, nor of personal hopes and blessings. He loses his personal identity within the nation, and sings of national deliverance, national righteousness and national glory.

In the middle of his song, Zacharias addresses the child whom he holds close to his heart: "And thou, child."

What shall this child be? Shall he be a great deliverer, a great statesman, a great warrior? No, none of these. He shall announce the arrival and identify the person of one who is great, the one who shall deliver Israel.

So the vision of Zacharias passes beyond the child in his arms to Him whose coming the child shall announce, The babe in his arms shall be the fore-runner of Him who shall redeem Israel and bring the light of God to the people who have all their life-time sat in darkness.

Many years later a man appears on the banks of the Jordan saying: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord . . . I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me."

Zacharias' vision of the future of this child has materialized: "And thou, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways." Luke 1:76.

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Across the Editor's Desk

More Excuses

The U. S. Department of State has advised the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention that while President Truman told a group of Protestant churchmen last June the mission of Myron Taylor to the Vatican is a temporary one he did not mean the appointment would terminate with the signing of the Italian peace treaty.

The letter from the State Department was received by Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Baptists' Executive Committee, in reply to a petition adopted by the Committee January 22 and forwarded to President Truman.

"Treaties with the countries contiguous to and immediately related to the Vatican having been agreed upon," said the January 22 petition, "we earnestly urge and petition the President of the United States to fulfill his promise, made last June, at the earliest possible date."

The Department's letter stated:

"By reference from the White House this department has received your communication of January 27, 1947, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Committee transmitting to the President a petition concerning the mission of Mr. Myron C. Taylor to the Vatican.

"At his press conference on June 14, 1946, President Truman corrected reports to the effect that he had told the group of Protestant leaders that Mr. Taylor's mission would be recalled after the signing of the Italian peace treaty. He indicated the mission was temporary and that when its purpose in assisting in the establishment of peaceful conditions throughout the world has been accomplished, no official representing the President of the United States would be sent to the Vatican. Mr. Taylor has never been appointed as ambassador or other diplomatic officer of the United States nor has his presence at the Vatican as personal representative of the President established a United States embassy there."

In releasing the text of the letter to the Baptist press, Dr. McCall noted that "this interpretation eliminates all definite means of dating the termination of Mr. Taylor's mission to the Vatican.

"Therein," he explained, "is the explanation of the repeated protests of Southern Baptists. Pressure is constantly exerted to maintain this relation between the United States government and the Vatican. Unless evangelical Christians constantly remind the President

that on his own interpretation the mission to the Vatican is a temporary expedient, this arrangement will become a permanent one justified by the tradition of the years."

Asset to Arkansas

A home for furloughed missionaries may be built at Siloam Springs, in the Arkansas Ozarks, by the recently established Pilgrim Foundation, Dr. William Potter has announced.

The revelation came in announcement that Dr. Potter has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Carthage, Miss., to return with his family to their home at Siloam Springs. He will engage in evangelistic work, pulpit supply and religious writing. The erection of a home for furloughed missionaries is part of their plans for the Pilgrim Foundation, recently established for the exclusive benefit of missions and missionaries.

During the two years Dr. Potter was pastor at Carthage 17 young people surrendered their lives to full-time Christian service, six for foreign missions, and one to preach the gospel. Dr. Potter's own son surrendered to full-time service. There were 108 additions to the church. The Carthage Church was listed as the 42nd in Mississippi's more than 1600 churches in gifts to all mission causes.

Who Lies?

Editorial in Religious Herald

"Lies of the Drys" is the theme for a new advertising campaign which was presented last week for the approval of the directors of Licensed Beverage Industries. An advertising agent brought suggestions to counteract by paid newspaper propaganda the charges of immoderate drinking and excessive cost of alcohol in the United States.

How the liquor interests expect to prove that these charges are "lies" is not explained. We can be sure that the methods will be persuasive but misleading. Liquor advertisements never show the poor, miserable drunkard being thrown into the street, nor do they portray the poverty and sin that follow inevitably in the wake of alcohol.

Liquor industries employ the best artists to paint pictures showing whiskey, rum, brandy, and wine being used by people of affluence in lovely homes. How unreal and untrue! It would be true to life if the liquor distillers pictured the squalor of poverty and the debauchery of character under the theme "Debts of the Wets."

After listening to the presentation by their

advertising agent, the directors heard the medical consultant of the Industries explain that more study is needed in alcoholism. The doctor stated that the first step had been won by convincing the public that the basis of the problem "is not liquor but the individual." We ask: Who is responsible for that one?

It is quite true that alcohol, like any other chemical compound, is not evil in itself. People must take liquor into their bodies in order to feel the effects upon the nervous system. Obviously that applies to all narcotics. The sin of the liquor interests, supported by the State, lies in the fact that for the sake of profits they use advertisement and other propaganda to encourage men and women to use poisons which destroy physical and moral controls and leave a blight upon every institution in the social order.

Emphasis on Law

"The Ten Commandments," a book on the law given Moses, is being urged by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for study in all the denomination's churches during April. The book was written by Dr. B. H. Carroll (1843-1914), pioneer Baptist theologian.

"Apart from the Bible there is no sure standard for the righteousness of man," said A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Board's department of Teaching and Training. "The ten commandments stand today as God's enduring foundation for every age.

Door of Understanding

The door of understanding
Was closed and locked to me,
I asked for proof, instead of Faith
And thereby lost the key.

I questioned God and doubted Him
That died to set us free.
I looked for proof instead of Christ,
And failed to find the key.

I tossed about upon a sea
Of doubt and deep despair,
And found no satisfaction,
Only heartache, grief, and care.

And then one night, Praise Jesus Name,
I heard His soft, sweet voice,
I asked not why or where or when,
Praise God, I'm saved, Rejoice!

So if you too are tossed about,
And you've lost that precious Key,
Confess tonight, believe in Him,
Christ died for you and me.

We've but to raise our hearts to Christ,
And He will cleanse from sin.
Unlock the door of that closed heart,
And let the Saviour in.

—Florence Pawline Houk.

Letter To Trustees Reveals Progress Of Ouachita College During Past Year

President J. R. Grant last week sent the following letter to the Ouachita College Board of Trustees as a picture of the institution's work this year:

In many ways this is the best year in Ouachita's 61 years of history. The enrollment of 945, not including the summer school students, is divided as follows: 465 freshmen, 178 sophomores, 129 juniors, 112 seniors and 61 special students. Picture the situation next year with a similar freshman class. By adding the 173 summer school students who did not return for the fall or spring semesters our total enrollment for the year is 1,118. Of this total enrollment 673 are men, 445 are women. We have 350 veterans and 150 ministerial students. Ouachita's opportunity for service was never better.

Campus Crowded

Yes, we are crowded, but thanks to the million dollar campaign and to Government help we are having a good year. We think next year will be still better. Many homes in Arkadelphia are housing many of our students. By having large classes, by teaching some after school hours, at night and on Saturday we are handling the situation fairly well.

Dr. Chester Swor recently held on our campus a most successful Christian emphasis week. I have never known a meeting where the good influence came nearer reaching every student on the campus.

Serving 1,600 meals per day in the college cafeteria is a big order. If we did not have our own college dairy, raise most of our beef and pork, the problem would be still bigger.

Honors Received

An invitation has come to the Ouachita College choir to sing in Detroit, Mich., before the National Federation of Music, April 26. This is an honor that all of us appreciate. Our choir hopes to go, but we do not know yet how such a trip can be financed.

The Ouachita debating teams have won Southwide recognition in three tournaments this year. We have won honors second only to university teams. Our hall is very nearly "cluttered up" with trophies brought back in recent years by our debaters.

New Buildings Needed

Thanks to 1,000 friends for sending Ouachita 1,000 chairs, we can now seat all our students and teachers in the new auditorium. The picture is really a "sea of faces." We can hardly wait for summer when the \$20,000 organ will be installed. This organ is a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferguson. The Little Rock Ouachita Club plans soon to install a small practice organ in the recital hall.

Last year the government gave us materials for three steel buildings 168x36 ft., two-stories high. The Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign has erected two of these buildings. About 100 girls live in one building and 18 veteran families live in the other. The 25 house trailers and 43 apartments recently finished by the government are also occupied by veteran families. We hope soon to erect the third steel building as a temporary relief for some overflowing classes.

Our library and science laboratories are

discouragingly crowded. In the boys' dormitory there are three and four to most of the rooms. We are all in a good humor, patiently looking forward to next fall or next year when Ouachita will have a new science hall, a new library building and a new dormitory for boys. These are "must" buildings in the Ouachita Million Dollar campaign.

"A Leading College"

Presidents of Southern Baptist Colleges recently met in Memphis, Tenn. The outlook for Christian education was most encouraging. Most of our Baptist colleges are in programs calling for one million dollars to fifteen million dollars to erect and equip buildings, to increase endowments and to raise salaries.

Ouachita's enrollment, growth, opportunities and program have attracted Southwide interests. In our Memphis meeting it was generally recognized that Ouachita is one of the South's leading Christian colleges. The Million Dollar campaign will not only enable Ouachita to keep an excellent faculty but to erect and equip excellent buildings.

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Jerry P. Smith, assistant administrator of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, has accepted a similar position with Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

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First Church, Elaine, R. D. Harris, pastor, has recently organized a Brotherhood. There were 16 men present at a Brotherhood prayer meeting at the home of one of the men.

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In a recent Training Union study course at First Church, McGehee, the enrollment reached 112. There was an average attendance of 87, with 75 finishing the courses. Mrs. B. W. Spears taught "Little Black Sunday" to the Story Hour children; Mrs. W. E. Evans, "This Is My Bible," to juniors; Mrs. Theo T. James, "Training in Christian Service," to intermediates; Pastor James, "Books of the Bible," to young people; Assistant Pastor Maxwell Baker, "Baptist Adult Union Manual," to adults, and Pastor Charles W. Finch, Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, "Growing a Church," to adults. The theme of the school was, "The Bible in the Heart," using Psalms 119:11. Theme song was "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart." Pastor Finch spoke each evening at the devotional hour. A. C. Ferriss is Training Union director.

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Pastor R. D. Harris, Elaine, writes concerning the Arkansas Baptist: "The news of the churches is of interest to all. The articles by the different pastors are inspiring. We look forward to reading it each week. Although I have been in Arkansas less than a year I feel that I am one of you and the things that concern Arkansas Baptists are the ones I am interested in."

PASTORAL CHANGES

O. L. Bayless from Henryetta, Okla., to Second Church, Hot Springs.

H. B. Donnell from Harmony Association as missionary to Little River Association.

Tom Poole from Pilgrims Rest Church, Bethesda.



CHRISTIANITY, carried to the corners of the earth by American military and businessmen in their philosophy and practice, can do more to build "one world" than all the treaties drawn up at Washington or London or Paris or Moscow.

Approximately \$1,000 has been contributed toward a library at First Church, Springdale, in memory of Elmer Johnson Jr., Lynn Buford, and James Turner, church members who lost their lives in World War II. Books have been catalogued by Miss Russaleen Baldridge, of the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock. The library is open 30 minutes before each church service and two afternoons weekly under the direction of Miss Jean Lowe, librarian; Mrs. R. L. Gosnell, purchasing agent, and a board composed of Pastor C. E. Wilbanks, Assistant Pastor Allan Brickey, Mrs. Harry Brogden, Mrs. Gosnell, Miss Lena Cannon, Mrs. Lee Gregg, and Mrs. Paul Brogdon.

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First Church, Monticello, observed the second anniversary of the pastorate of Reginald D. Washington in February. During the two years there have been 205 additions, 62 for baptism. The total offerings have been \$23,000.

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Immanuel Church, Warren, Keith F. Babb, pastor, enrolled 65 in a Training Union revival, and had 50 to qualify for awards. Forty-six was the smallest attendance at any time during the week. Pastor R. R. Shreve, Union Hill Church, taught "Christian Leadership" to the adults; Pastor R. D. Washington, First Church, Monticello, taught "Vital Problems in Christian Living" to the young people; Pastor Wesley A. Lindsey, Second Church, Monticello, taught "Growing in Bible Knowledge" to the intermediates, and Ed Cloud, student in Monticello A. and M. College, taught "The Junior and His Church" to the juniors. On Sunday night following the revival there were 65 in Training Union.

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First Church, Elaine, is making plans for evangelistic services to begin March 26. It seems that a revival has already begun in that there have been several additions in the last few services and one addition by statement and one for baptism in the mid-week prayer service February 26. Pastor J. J. Evans, First Church, Walters, Okla., will preach in the revival. R. D. Harris is pastor.

Exposed . . .

Economic Aspects of Tobacco

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By WILLIAM JAMES ROBINSON
Kansas City, Mo.

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"HO, EVERY ONE that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness" (Isaiah 55:1, 2).

Money has always played a large part in religion. It cost an orthodox Israelite a little more than one-third of his income to be thoroughly orthodox. The New Testament lays down no rule prescribing what per cent of his income a Christian must return to the Lord to be financially square with him, but it is made very plain that we must use our money for the glory of God. Nothing else that we do so clearly reveals our Christian character as the way we use our money. Covetousness is called idolatry.

American Expenditures

During 1945 the American people spent for the satisfaction of their personal wishes the following sums:

Cigarettes	\$ 3,350,000,000
Cigars	2,500,000,000
Pipe Tobacco	800,000,000
Chewing Tobacco	800,000,000
Snuff for Dipping	600,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 8,050,000,000
Cosmetics	5,000,000,000
Beer and Whiskey	10,000,000,000
TOTAL	\$23,250,000,000

Notice these sums do not include pipes, ash trays, cigarette holders and other expense involved in the use of tobacco. Neither do they include the money spent for wine, ale and other intoxicants and the expenses involved in using alcoholic drinks.

Additional Costs

During that time two hotel fires, in which 200 persons lost their lives, are reported to have been caused by careless smokers. You will recall the recent fire in the Winecoff Hotel, Atlanta, in which 120 persons lost their lives. The fire supposedly was caused by a smoker carelessly throwing away a cigarette stub.

Reckless drivers under the influence of alcohol caused 35 per cent of the wrecks on the highways in which 12,600 were killed in 1945. It is believed by some authorities, whose views cannot be ignored, that cigarette smoking slowly injures the eyes of excessive smokers until they are so impaired that many automobile accidents are due to the effect of cigarette smoking on the eyes. There are good reasons for believing this.

Among Southern Baptists

During 1945 all bodies of Christians in the United States — all denominations — collected for spreading the gospel only \$850,000,000, a mere bagatelle compared with the expenses mentioned above.

But since I am affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, let me come a little closer to my associates. In a recent year (and up-to-date figures would be larger) our American cigarette manufacturers produced

189,500,000,000 cigarettes, or 9,475,000,000 packages. These, at 18 cents per package, sold for \$1,705,500,000.

Suppose we can find 1,000,000 cigarette smokers among Southern Baptists. I am sure we have them for one authority says 90 per cent of all men smoke. Add to our male smokers the fact that so many women and girls smoke. I am sure that we have, to our shame, 1,000,000 smokers who average smoking one package each day.

One package each day at 20 cents per package means \$1.40 per week, or \$72.80 per year. At this rate ten persons would spend \$728; 100 persons, \$7,280, and 1,000 persons, \$72,800. I am sure we have many churches that have 100 smokers and some that have 1,000. Look this over and see how it compares with our gifts for missions.

Southern Baptists gave for missions last year very much less per capita than our smokers gave for cigarettes and in addition spent much for tobacco used in other ways. This surely shocks our really devout brethren, and it is enough to put every Christian who smokes to shame.

Scriptures Are Quoted

What saith the Scriptures: "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas, they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (I Peter 2:11). "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world (Titus 2:12). "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Timothy 4:3, 4).

Many of our most consecrated deacons fall under condemnation for they seriously object to their pastors exposing the evils of tobacco using in their sermons. They, therefore, seek ministers who do not tell them that tobacco using is a "lust of the flesh." We have some ministers who delight to please them for they, being tobacco users, have "itching ears." Many of these ministers and deacons are not aware of the sinfulness of their conduct. But ignorance of the law excuses no one.

"Lust of the Flesh"

The Standard Dictionary defines "lust" as follows: "1. To have passionate or inordinate desire, especially sexual desire. 2. Vehement or covetous affection or desire. 3. Un-

lawful or inordinate desire for carnal pleasure."

Certainly tobacco using, according to these definitions, is a "lust of the flesh." Tobacco is not a food; it is not a medicine. It contains nineteen deadly poisons and not one wholesome element. It does no one any good but harms, physically, mentally, and morally, all who use it. This being true, it harms Christians spiritually.

The late eminent Dr. J. H. Kellogg said: "There is perhaps no other drug which injures the body in so many ways and so universally as does tobacco. Some drugs offer a small compensation for the evil effects which they produce; but tobacco has not a single redeeming feature and gives nothing in return for the \$1,500,000,000 which it costs annually besides the 100,000 lives it destroys."

Since that was written the figures have risen. In 1945 users paid \$8,050,000,000 for tobacco in all forms in which it is used, and the lives destroyed increased in number proportionately. Tobacco is a killer and only a killer. It makes a good concoction for dipping swine, sheep, and cattle to rid them of ticks; but here it must be used with great care.

More Scriptures

Let us consult the Scriptures again. " whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him" (Colossians 3:17). "In the name of the Lord Jesus" is equivalent to "by the authority of the Lord Jesus." The most fertile imagination cannot conceive of Jesus either smoking a cigarette or authorizing anyone else to do so. It cannot be done to the glory of God.

But we also read, "Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good" (Romans 12:9). "Abhor" is the strongest word I can find to express dislike for a thing; and to "cleave to that which is good" means to completely unite with "good." It will become a part of your character — a characteristic of your conduct—and result in blameless integrity.

Now, for a conclusion: Tobacco injures its users physically, mentally, and morally. Whatever does this is an evil. Therefore, tobacco using is an evil, and Christians are commanded to abhor it.

"Let not sin reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof" (Romans 6:12). Using tobacco is "an evil" that is to be "abhorred." Therefore, sin reigns in the body of every tobacco addict.

I am convinced that many sincerely devoted Christians are sinning against God, themselves, and humanity by using tobacco. They have not realized that tobacco using is an evil that must be "abhorred." We all sin in one or more ways. Ignorance of the law excuses no one; neither does ignorance of God's word excuse us for disobeying it.

May God bless this article to the good of my readers and bring glory to His name.

I would be glad to hear from my readers telling me their reaction to what I have written. Address me at 2439 Norton Avenue, Kansas City 1, Mo.

The Most Fascinating Book In The World

By C. L. WEIGEL

Conway

Newman Watts, London journalist, tells the story of a certain minister in England who complained that people would sooner spend three hours over an Edgar Wallace novel than half an hour with the Bible, the famous novelist retorting, "If the parson has not the brains or the intelligence to make the Bible interesting, then he is not doing his job right."

Such a forthright charge by this well-known writer constitutes a challenge to the Christian ministry which the latter can ill afford to ignore. If any profession should be qualified to present the Bible as a living book, a treasury of throbbing, heart-warming stories and messages, it is the ministry.

Professional journalists, novelists, poets and advertisers may be able to build human interest stories on carefully selected passages from the Bible; they may, through delightful lyrical verse, portray human sentiments underlying certain Biblical dramas; they may, even, after gleaning exciting episodes from sacred history, combine them into thrilling and romantic novels; but it is the minister's privilege to give the whole book a coherence and attractiveness in itself, to make the Bible "its own excuse for being."

A Time-less Volume

The minister, moreover, has much in his favor. To begin with, the Bible is "time-less" in its appeal. Neither its exquisite style nor its genuinely human subject matter has become obsolete during the many centuries of its existence. The touching love story of Ruth and the rapturous courtship of two rustic lovers in the idyllic Song of Solomon are still beautiful in this day of raucous night clubs and speeding automobiles. Such deeply human experiences can never become quite foreign to any generation or civilization of the human family.

Furthermore, this book discusses questions which have troubled men from the beginning of historic times to the present day. Why am I here? Where am I going? If a man die, shall he live again? Such interests are neither ancient or modern; they are human. As long as men and women are thinking creatures, they will ponder problems like these.

Fascinating Stories

Not only universal questions but fascinating stories in the Bible have captivated men and women for generations. Who would not like to hear about "The Boy Captive Who Became Prime Minister," "The Angel Who Went Up in Smoke," "How Snake Bites Were Healed," "The Farmer Who Wrung Dew Out of a Sheepskin," "The Handsome Prince Who Cut His Hair Once a Year," "The Prophet Fed by the Birds," "Three Young Men Who Would Not Bend, Budge, or Burn," and "The Harps That Hung in the Willows"?

A person intimately familiar with the Bible might easily hold the interest of his audience by relating any number of curious incidents. He might tell about the army that conquered a city by marching around it thirteen times, the Secretary of Agriculture in ancient Egypt who invented the dole system, the king's minister who was hung on his own gallows, the prince who helped his closest



friend to become king, the mysterious arm that came out of nowhere and wrote a nation's doom on the wall, or the little boy whose lunch served over 5,000 people.

Closely related to the timelessness of the Bible is the fact that the scripture is "casteless." It is not aimed at king or peasant, literate or illiterate, white or black, but it is intended simply for man. Whoever is born into the human family may look into the mirror of scripture and discover his likeness. He may find a philosophy which just suits his needs.

Universal Appeal

The minister might remind the artist, for example, that the Bible speaks of one "altogether lovely." He might tell the architect about the "chief cornerstone," or the astronomer about the "bright and morning star," or the florist about the "rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley," or the geologist about the "rock of ages," or the horticulturist about the "living vine." He might speak to the philanthropist about the "friend that sticketh closer than a brother," and to the photographer about the "light of the world," and to the baker about the "living bread," and to the banker about the "hidden treasure."

Proof of the Bible's universal appeal lies in the fact that it is the most translated book in the world. Already told in more than a thousand different languages, Bible stories are holding the interest of hundreds of thousands of peoples all over the earth. Though not expressed in the same words, the substance and meaning are the same. For example, the wild honey of the Tarahumaras is made by ants, not bees; so the "wild honey" of the Bible is ant honey to these primitive people. So also, one places a candle under a "bench" rather than a bed, for beds are unknown to the Tarahumaras.

The translator would not dare speak of the earth as God's footstool to the Totonacs, for "footstools" are real chairs and would certainly not be used for foot rests. But these people rest their feet on small sticks to protect themselves from the cold damp earth. So the translator speaks of "God's footsticks." When the Chinantecs think of the "harvest field," their thoughts go to the only cultivatable ground they know, the steep jungle-covered mountains; so their scripture says, "Look up with your eyes and see the sides of the mountains."

Marvelous Heritage

And so we might go on and on, citing one

example after another to show that the Bible is time-less and caste-less, that it appeals to all people everywhere in all generations. But have we not said enough? Do we not agree that the scripture is the most marvelous heritage any generation can receive?

After the death of a great college president, somebody found the following among his papers: "If I were a boy again, I would try to find out from good books how good men lived. If I were a boy again, I would study the Bible even more than I did. I would make it a mental companion. The Bible is a necessity for every boy." Britain's Winston Churchill has said, "Let the men of science and learning expand their knowledge and probe with their researches every detail of the records which have been preserved to us from these dim ages. All they will do is to fortify the grand simplicity and essential accuracy the recorded truths which have lighted far the pilgrimage of man. In the words of a forgotten work of Mr. Gladstone, we rest with assurance upon 'the impregnable rock of Holy Scriptures,'"

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Death Takes Two

Death claimed two prominent Arkansas ministers the week-end of March 1-2. They were Rev. W. J. Derrick, 82, Jonesboro, and Rev. Frank E. Calvert, 85, Fort Smith.

Mr. Derrick died of a heart attack while attending church services.

Before his retirement from the active ministry, he held pastorates at Yazoo City, Water Valley, Canton and Ripley, Miss., and at Harrisburg, Hoxie, Brookland, and Weiner, Ark. Survivors are his wife, two sons, and five daughters.

Mr. Calvert, who has contributed many articles to the Arkansas Baptist through the years, died at his home in Fort Smith. He was born in Missouri, and was ordained to the ministry, but was prominent in the organizational work of First Church, Fort Smith. Surviving are his widow, three sons, and three daughters.

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All Mission Fields

Described In Book

"America Must Be Christian," a new book by H. C. Goerner, professor of missions in Southern Seminary, Louisville, covers the whole field of missions—foreign, home, and state.

Dr. John Caylor, secretary of education of the Home Mission Board says: "It is timely. It was done as a crisis book. Its content is worthy."

A chapter on "America and the World Crisis" evaluates our present day. "How Christian is Our Country?" is a chapter which discusses America and its Christian people, dealing with their attitudes as well as their numbers. The next three chapters are described by their titles: "The Unfinished Task of Home Missions," "Foreign Missions Wait on Home Missions," and "The Task of Southern Baptists."

The book is cloth bound and wrapped in an attractive jacket. It may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, for \$1.25.

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The Feast of the Lord . . .

Table of Christian Experience

By MINOR E. COLE
Pastor, Forrest City

The general theme of these messages is "The Feast of the Lord." The theme text is John 2:10: "But thou hast kept the good wine until now."

What little sweet wine the Devil has to offer his victims he gives at the beginning in order to bait and trap them, and finally to bottle them up with the doomed in Hell. But for those who choose to follow Christ, their cup will become sweeter and sweeter.

In our last message we viewed, "The Table of God's Demands." At this table we found six courses which were: Conviction, Repentance, Confession, Restitution, Obedience to the absolute Lordship of Jesus, and Consciousness of sins forgiven.

The subject of this message is "The Table of Christian Experience," so we now move over from "The Table of God's Demands" to "The Table of Christian Experience."

Our experiences differ as Christians. The early Christians had some bitter wine to drink at the beginning. Think of Joseph and Daniel and John and Paul and all the rest. They had much bitter wine to drink, but better things awaited them, which they are now enjoying and will forevermore.

At "The Table of Christian Experience" we also have six courses.

The first course is Poverty. Many of God's best saints are poor in this world's goods. It has always been so. Lazarus drank of the bitter cup of poverty, but his last course was the sweet wine of rest in Abraham's bosom. He had his best wine last. It was not so with the rich man. The dear old pioneer preachers, God bless them, many of them already gone on to their-well-earned rewards, knew

the meaning of poverty and self denial, but now they are enjoying the sweet wine of our Father's heavenly kingdom.

The second course at the table of Christian experience is Afflictions. Many good Christians suffer sore afflictions. Job is a positive example. So terrible was his plight that his wife advised him to curse God and die. His reply was: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him," and his sweetest wine came at the last. Paul suffered a thorn in the flesh, and even asked God to remove it. God did not see fit to do so, and later Paul thanked God for it. God always has a purpose in any affliction that He allows to come upon His saints. I think it is some times God's way of preparing us to enjoy the sweet wine of His kingdom, where afflictions will be known and felt no more.

The third course at the table of Christian experience is Sorrow. Sooner or later all of us drink the bitter wine of sorrow. Many times great sorrow is caused by the waywardness of those we love. God in heaven only knows the pain in the hearts of fathers and mothers when their sons and daughters sell out to the flesh and the devil and allow their feet to tread the paths of sin.

And then the old Spanish proverb will always remain true, that there is not a home anywhere but sooner or later has its hush. The death angel comes and takes away the father, mother, husband, wife or child and our hearts are filled with sorrow. But let us remember that for the Christian there will be a happy day of reunion, and how sweet will be that cup.

The fourth course at the table of Christian experience is Toil. The father and husband has his long days of toil in the store, shop, or field as the bread earner for the family. The wife and mother, day after day, faces the repeating tasks of keeping the house in order

This is the second in a series of four messages on "The Feast of the Lord," being heard this month on eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

and caring for the children.

I can see the farmer as he comes home at evening time, tired, weary and worn from the toils of the day and stretches out upon the front porch. It is home and a place to rest. That is like God's children reaching heaven after the toils of life are all over. Yes, it is true, the toils of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way, because there is a rest that awaits the people of God. There are times when all of us grow tired with the toils of life and would say with David of old, "Oh that I had wings like a dove; for then would I fly away, and be at rest." That rest will be sweet wine to God's toll-worn children.

The fifth course at the table of Christian experience is Comfort. Our Heavenly Father has said He would never leave us comfortless. On the bluest and darkest days God is always near. Job, David, Paul, John and all the rest have found it to be so. When the words of our friends seem so empty, God can speak and there is sweet peace and comfort.

The sixth course at the table of Christian experience is Anticipation. In II Cor. 5:1 Paul said: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." This doubtless was in Paul's mind when, old, tired, sick and in prison, he said, I am ready to be offered."

Dear friends, since we as Christians have the best things yet to come, we can patiently put up with a few bad things now. A traveler on his way home can put up with a hard bed tonight when he remembers that he will be enjoying the comforts of home tomorrow night. You and I are travelers. We shall soon be at the journey's end. Surely we can patiently put up with these few inconveniences on the road, for our best wine is yet to come.

Will Roman Catholics Gain . . .

ULTIMATE CONTROL OF OUR COUNTRY?

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By LOUIE D. NEWTON

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The country is beginning to wake up to the implications of the Supreme Court decision of February 10, when, by a five-four vote, the Court upheld the ruling of a New Jersey court to require taxpayers in the Township of Ewing to pay bus fares of children attending Roman Catholic parochial schools. My mail indicates that the awakening is hopeful in the fact that many people who have hitherto closed their eyes and minds to the growing menace of ecclesiasticism in this country have been stabbed live awake by this ominous decision.

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The Sunday Board is printing the decision. If you are sufficiently awake to wish a copy, write Dr. T. L. Holcomb, 161 Eighth Avenue, N., Nashville, Tenn. I hope every pastor will order a copy of the decision, and study it carefully. One of the dangers, for a long time, has been the disposition to let someone else do the worrying about this issue.

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Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has pursued its obvious plan to take over

this country. One must admit a certain admiration for their zeal—for the intelligent, courageous manner in which they are laying their plans. Only let us be reminded that these plans, obviously, comprehend ultimate control of our country. If that is what you want, then that is what you want. Congress has remained silent for six long years in the face of the Taylor mission to the Vatican.

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The public school system is one of the primary targets of the Hierarchy, but very few educators have lifted their voices. Taxpayers have been too pre-occupied with the business of paying taxes and making money to resist what is going on. People do not like to be bothered, and it is quite a matter of courage and decision to take a position against the clever schemes of the Vatican.

Many seem to feel that their children and grandchildren can do the worrying. Meanwhile, they fall in with "broad-minded programs of tolerance."

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I would like once again to emphasize one point, namely, we are not to oppose Roman Catholicism as a religion. Our neighbors, near and far, who choose to embrace that faith must be accorded every liberty which we ask for ourselves. Moreover, the neighbor who says he will not embrace any faith must, also, be accorded the same liberty. There must not be any coercion in religious concerns, either civil or ecclesiastical. It is only when the Roman Catholic Hierarchy assumes to express its pressures outside its group that we make protest.

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We are living in serious days. One must conclude with Paul, "Who is sufficient for these things?" And then, like Paul, we must constantly and resolutely declare, "I live, yet not I, Christ liveth in me." It means prayer. It means renewed study of the Scriptures. It means love for our fellowmen. It means hard work, maybe suffering.

Motion Pictures and the Printing Press Can Be Used Effectively for Christ

By WILLIAM F. TANNER
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A German printer who lived nearly five centuries ago, and an American scientist who has been dead less than two decades, gave to the world two inventions which, taken together, have destroyed or greatly altered many of the social landmarks by which the churches have oriented themselves since the days of St. Paul.

Evangelical preaching, good enough for the Master, good enough for His disciples, good enough for the earliest missionaries, good enough even into the present century, has been challenged during the past few decades in a way which only now is becoming apparent.

The loss of effectiveness can be traced to many things, one of the most important being the totally new psychological environment of the past quarter century.

Invention of Type

Nearly five hundred years ago Johannes Gutenberg, working in his shop in Mainz, Germany, first used the device now referred to as "movable type." Prior to that time printing could be achieved only by laboriously tediously carving—by hand—a single, complete plate for each page to be printed.

Gutenberg undertook to carve individual blocks, each bearing only one letter, and to use these blocks in the combination necessary to spell out the desired text.

With one stroke the foundation was laid for all modern printing activity, and the countless billions of pages which come off of the presses of the world each year.

The full import of this invention has not been realized until recent years, however, when elementary education has become mandatory, and the mass of a large population—for the first time in history—has been able to turn to the printed, rather than the spoken, word, for instruction, entertainment, guidance, and, possibly, salvation.

With this realization has come the development of the twin sciences (or arts) of public relations and propaganda, utilizing this newly powerful mechanism, the printed word, for almost every end conceivable.

And the churches have failed to keep step.

Invention of Movies

Thomas Edison is generally credited with the basic work on the modern motion picture camera and projector, which together have permitted man to experience emotional stimuli more realistic and more profound than any he had ever known before.

Preaching—as far as the unsaved were concerned—began to drop in significance compared with this new true-to-life, talking, singing, technicolored medium of education and entertainment.

Modern man, for the first time in history, knows TWO media of communication, either of which alone can be more powerful than the spoken word. And modern man has turned, in a very un-modern way, to worship these most powerful things that he knows. His cultural centers have become the studios of Hollywood and the printing presses of New York and Chicago.

This, then is the psychological environment

which has baffled the evangelists and frustrated the earnest laymen of the past decade.

Must Use Technique for Good

The far-seeing men of God have not, however, struck their flag; but rather, like Paul, who was willing to be all things to all men that by all means he might save some, they are eager to bend any new device or technique to their own intents—those of saving the lost and strengthening the saved.

Southern Baptists in recent years have shown a healthy tendency to use at least one of these media—the printed word—with a greater effectiveness for God. The secular word has made great strides ahead, however, and a tremendous gap must be bridged before Christian writings are again on a par with secular literature.

Among men of the world, new professions, with their own techniques and backgrounds, have sprung up; and Christians who would wield this new implement, must go for training to such men as the journalist, the advertiser, the public relations expert, the propagandist, and the psychologist.

In the second case, the picture is not quite so bright, although here, too, beginnings have been made.

To utilize these two relatively new means of communication—and that even newer channel, the radio—Christians need to explore the body of knowledge and skill, developed by the various secular professions, and begin training consecrated workers who will be expert in those lines.

Courses Offered

Oklahoma Baptist university, at Shawnee, has undertaken such a program. Frankly pioneering, the university has established a separate department charged with both the research and the teaching necessary to provide a small corps of consecrated Christians who feel called to lives of service in these professional fields.

For young men and women who can see the vision of unlimited opportunity, here are truly "new worlds to conquer for Christ."

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First Church, Lake Village, set new records in almost every phase of its work during February. Plans were made before the first of February to make the church "as nearly what the Lord would have it during the month of February as possible." The plan included visitation of every Sunday School absentee every week, enrolling of all church members in Training Union, enlistment of all members in daily Bible reading, and increased attendance at prayer service. J. T. Elliff is pastor, Marvin Buffington is Sunday School superintendent, and Mrs. S. S. Reeves is Training Union director.

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Rev. Robert McMillan, minister of music, First Church, Searcy, has accepted a call as minister of music and associate pastor of First Church, Benton. Mrs. Denny Walden has been elected secretary of the Benton church.

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First Church, Waldron, C. G. Davis, pastor, began a school of church music March 2 with Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state director of church music, in charge. The school began with an association-wide hymn sing on Sunday afternoon and continued through the week with four special classes each afternoon and evening. These were for pianists, congregational singing and directors, young people and adult choirs. A junior choir was organized. The church highly praises the work of Mrs. Nininger.

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Forty-six additions, 37 by baptism, were counted in a Brotherhood revival at First Church, Cullendale, February 23-March 2. Nelson Tull, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas, preached at services held at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Elmer Morgan is pastor, and Stanley Williamson is educational director.

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R. O. Ekzut, music director of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, has resigned in order to continue his plans to enter the ministry. Lloyd A. Sparkman is pastor of the church.

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Nurseries and the beginner's department of Central Church, Hot Springs, have been equipped with "Protect-O-Ray" lamps, new germicidal and fluorescent lights which perform a double duty of lighting and germ-killing.

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Dr. O. L. Bayless, who succeeds Dr. W. J. Hinsley, retired, as pastor of Second Church, Hot Springs, and Ray McClung, education-music director, began their duties at the church February 23. Dr. Bayless comes from Second Church, Henryetta, Okla., where he served 17 months. During that time there were 143 conversions, 91 additions by letter, eight by statement, and two surrenders to special service. Mr. McClung comes from First Church, Clinton, Okla., where he served for nine years.

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Bible Conferences

Did you take special notice of the Bible Conference programs in last week's issue of the paper? One very interesting thing about these programs is that practically every person whose name appears has agreed to serve. These men will deliver messages which will be long remembered.

Every pastor in the state ought to be present in at least one of the conferences. In years past these Bible conferences have been much longer, but it was thought that by having only two days that every pastor could stay for the entire time. There are so many calls on a pastor that it is difficult for him to be off his field very long; but certainly two days in a real spiritual Bible conference is not asking too much.

Rural Revivals

I heard Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor, First Church, Little Rock, say a few days ago that he always holds one revival meeting in the country each year. Would it not be fine if all the pastors in the larger churches would agree to give at least one week to a revival in a rural church?

It has been my thinking for some time that we would ask our pastors to agree to go out in the country for a meeting. In our work with rural churches we need the help of all our pastors. It might be a good thing for the churches to agree for their pastors to go away for such a meeting without it counting against their vacation or time allowed for them to be off their field. In this way the church would be making a contribution as well as the pastor.

Write me a line that you are willing to do as Dr. Campbell has stated. It would thrill me to get at least 50 such letters.

Old Church Revived

For years we have been counting only five churches in Newton County, but from now on there will be six or more. Mt. Judea has been practically extinct, no report has been given to the associational meetings, and its name has not been carried in the minutes.

The story as to how this church has become revived is interesting indeed. A Baptist couple from Peoria, Ill., moved to the vicinity and while there was no church house, they began to have services in their home. These services were held without a preacher, and the people who had held membership in the Mt. Judea church asked the Newton County Association to receive them.

The couple from Peoria, Ill., finally moved to Houston, Tex. It broke the heart of the good lady who had taken the lead in having the services to leave the community.

One day in a mass meeting of some sort in a suburban church of Houston this lady sat on the back seat. Someone called attention to the fact that she was there and had lived in the Ozarks of Arkansas. They asked her to speak and tell about the country and people. As a result a special offering was made and then the lady's Sunday School class voted to give some money for the Mt. Judea church.

One could write quite at length about these little churches of Newton County. Paul wrote once: "Help these women." I would say in referring to the churches of Newton County: "Help these churches."

Department of MISSIONS

C. W. CALDWELL, *Superintendent*

Baptists and Methodists

The Baptist and the Methodist denominations in Arkansas are running practically neck and neck in total membership. However, from Little Rock north, the Methodists have approximately 37,000 more members than have Baptists, but in South Arkansas the Baptists have 38,000 more than the Methodists. What could cause this?

Why are there more Methodists than Baptists in North Arkansas and more Baptists than Methodists in South Arkansas? When we stop to think about it we cannot help but notice that the Methodists have their de-

nominal school north of Little Rock, and the Baptists have Ouachita College south of Little Rock. This ought to show very clearly that a denominational school is fundamental to the life and progress of the denomination.

Church Signs

As you have driven over the state highways, have you given any special attention to the names on the many church houses you pass? Have you not noticed that the Church of Christ, the Assembly of God, the Church of God, and other groups have the name on the church house, but very seldom do you see our Baptist churches affiliated with our Convention with a name on them?

Suppose we begin a real campaign of having a nice attractive sign on every one of our church houses. But be sure that it is attractive; poor lettering would be worse than none. Does your church have the name printed on it? Why not take some step now toward having it done?

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Three Important Announcements Concerning . . .

THE BIBLE READING CRUSADE

I.

All Training Union directors and all pastors are urged to enlist as many Bible Readers as possible this month, and report the number enlisted to the State Training Union Director by March 31. The entire church membership should sign commitment cards, committing themselves to a daily reading of the Bible. Many of the churches are mimeographing a supply of commitment cards.

The Training Union director should call all of his workers together, and give individual unions of the Training Union, the goal of three times their enrolment. Every member of every union should be enlisted as a Bible reader, and every member in turn should seek to enlist others who are not members of the Training Union.

Many of the pastors are promoting this crusade from the pulpit. What a great challenge it is to have a part in enlisting 2,000,000 people in the South to read their Bibles daily.

II.

Bible Reading pamphlets containing the readings for the second quarter will be ready for distribution soon. Write your State Director for a supply. Please remember that the pamphlets are to be used to enlist the people who are not enrolled in Training Union. Those enrolled in Training Union will find the daily readings in their quarterlies.

III.

For the second quarter, those already enlisted as Daily Bible Readers, who have already signed the cards will not be asked to sign the cards again. However, the crusade is to be put on again during the second quarter to enlist additional Bible Readers, and at the close of the second quarter the director or pastor will notify the State Training Union Director of the number of additional readers enlisted.

Enlargement Campaign, El Dorado

A Training Union enlargement campaign was conducted at the First Church, El Dorado, during the week of February 23. Assisting the State Training Union Di-

YOUTH WEEK

April 6-13 is Youth Week. Write to the State Training Union Director for a supply of the Youth Week tracts.

Directors were Miss Eileen Ellis, Little Rock, Mrs. Wm. J. Perkinson, Fort Smith, Miss Evelyn Frakes, Shreveport La., and Rev. Stanley Jordan of Hamburg.

During the week, the Story Hour Department was re-organized; two new unions were added to the Intermediate Department; the Adult Department was completely re-organized, and the integrated service was inaugurated. There was an average attendance of 145 during the week.

Volunteer Workers Available

During April and May the Baptist Student Union on college campuses will be promoting volunteer summer service enlistment programs, through which they hope to enlist hundreds of Baptist Students to work in their local churches, associations or near-by churches needing help with their summer programs.

Church and associational leaders are encouraged to anticipate their summer program needs now and to make application with the State Student Secretary, T. D. McCulloch, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, for college young people to help them in their revivals, study courses, vacation Bible schools, mission points, enlargement campaigns, etc. Our college young people have proven their ability through Summer Field Work and will be of inestimable value to those using them this summer. Many associational missionaries will be calling for this service.

The cost to the church or association using them will be the actual expense of getting the workers to and from the field and entertainment while on the field. What is done in the way of an honorarium is entirely up to the local situation.

All applications will be placed before our students, giving them a chance to volunteer for service in

keeping with their abilities and the time they will be available. Their names will then be sent to the church or associational leaders. They can, in turn, correspond with the students about advance preparation and details of their program plans.

Associational Sunday School Work and the Associational Missionary

For associational Sunday School work to be effective: first, the organization must be perfected and informed of its duties; second, the pastors and Sunday School members of the various churches must be informed about these workers and their work. The associational missionary can be of invaluable help in securing this information for these workers.

In securing this information, the following is suggested:

1. Send a list of the associational Sunday School officers to each pastor and superintendent.
2. Urge the associational officers to write the State Sunday School Superintendent for information and helps.
3. Help the associational Sunday School superintendent to plan and promote associational programs and meetings.
4. Help to make appointments in the various Sunday Schools for the associational officers to visit with them.
5. Urge the associational officers to study the book, "Associational Sunday School Work," by J. N. Barnette. This has been done very effectively by having an all-day meeting, with the different officers teaching a chapter in the book.

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work and yet realize that associational Sunday School work will accomplish little without the help of the associational missionary. The Sunday School is our chief source of enlisting and reaching the lost.
—Robert O. Barker.

Hurry! Register Your Youth Choir

In order that you may receive the necessary information concerning details of the Youth Choir Festival, which is to be held at the music building of Ouachita College, Friday, April 4, write immediately to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, and say how many people will be coming from your church. This is imperative! We must know how many meals to provide.

The registration fee of \$1.50 for each person singing or listening to the rehearsals may be paid at the college when you arrive, but you should tell us at once how many will be in your party.

Be sure to bring three copies of the number you have chosen to sing for adjudication so that each one of the adjudicators may have a copy to follow.

All other information is to be found on a late bulletin which will be mailed to you as soon as we hear that you are coming to the Festival. Do not delay! Do it NOW!

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The barriers which stand in the way of complete church cooperation within the community may be most easily overcome by a closer working relationship between ministers and laymen . . . Reports show that the church too often has an attitude of friendly indifference, yet individual laymen of many churches serve on boards and committees of social welfare agencies and could help the church to make more adequate use of these services.—Mrs. Rachel J. Rose, Lansing Mich.

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A Short Story . . .

Schick Test for Peach Blossom

By SAXON ROWE CARVER
In *The Commission*

Peach Blossom liked to go to Dr. Fred's office. Today she was going to have a funny thing done to her wrist. Her big sister, Plum Blossom, could pronounce it in English; it was called "Schick Test." Plum Blossom was a nurse, and a very good one, Dr. Fred said.

Peach Blossom loved her sister. She liked to see her in the starched white uniform. In China, white was usually the color of mourning, but Plum Blossom laughed when the village people teased her and asked if she were on the way to a funeral.

"Just the opposite," she would say, "I am going to the hospital to make people well."

The first day that Peach Blossom had gone to the clinic she had been frightened. Many of her friends were sick in the Village of the Flowering Trees. They had evil spirits in the throat, and could not talk. Moreover, the spirits stirred up hotness in their bodies, too, and several souls had left this world. At home Plum Blossom had told Father and Mother Wu of a magic needle that could be put three times in Peach Blossom's arm, and, if all went well, she would never have to be troubled about the evil-throat-spirit. At family council they had all agreed that this magic needle should be given a chance.

Dr. Fred had come all the way from America to their village. American money had been used to build the hospital. It had seventy beds. They were always full. Dr. Fred said that, as there were not enough beds for all, he wanted to try to keep the well ones healthy. He called the evil-throat-spirit by a long foreign name—"diphtheria." He said it could be made not to happen at all, if all the children would take the needle. But many families were more afraid of the needle than they were the disease.

Honestly, the magic needle had hurt just a bit. But Dr. Fred had told Peach Blossom that the evil-throat-spirit would hurt more. After each of the three pricks he had found some sonderful American chocolate in his pocket, that he called a "Her-shee-ba."

Today she was eager to have the funny-sounding Schick Test, to see if the magic had worked. She had talked it at home so much that Grandmother Wu, who lived with them and who practically never left their courtyards, expressed a desire to go with her to the clinic. Granny was slow to approve many changes which were taking place in the village. She still felt queer to see one granddaughter going off to a hospital every day to work. But she was curious to know what went on inside one.

In All Thy Ways

A Page for Youth
By
Catherine Jordan

Together they set out, old and new China, Madam Wu swaying on her tiny bound feet, the young girl walking lightly on her natural ones. Soon they were at the clinic door. The waiting room was already crowded with patients who had come to seek Dr. Fred's help. There were benches around the walls. Granny observed that everything was too clean for comfort.

On the walls there were pictures and scrolls.

"Look, Honorable Old One, I like this one."

Peach Blossom took her grandmother's hand and led her across the room. There hung a picture of Jesus, and at the place of his heart there was the Chinese word Ai, which means "Love." Underneath, in Chinese characters, was the verse "I am come that ye might have life, and have it more abundantly." Granny looked at it carefully.

"Hao, Hao," (good, good), she said.

They found room to sit down on the bench beneath the picture. Peach Blossom felt that in a way she was hostess on this occasion, so she wanted to make polite conversation with her grandmother. "I guess you never had the magic needle and a Schick Test, did you, Honorable Old One?"

"Certainly not child, I have always been well. It is a good thing. But I lost my younger sister, Small Pearl, with the Heavenly Flower Disease" (small pox).

"Didn't you have a doctor to make her well?"

"We invited a doctor, but he was not able to help her. My father told him of her sufferings and he gave the usual medicines, but she left this earth."

"Didn't the doctor see her at all?"

"Oh, no. She was then a maid of about twelve. It was not proper, even for a doctor, to look at her when she was ill. She lay on a bed which was hidden with heavy silken draperies. The doctor brought his doll."

"For her to play with? How nice!"

"Sometimes, Peach Blossom, for a ten-year-old you are a bit stupid. He brought his doll to find out where she had pain. That is the way the girl and women patients were treated. My father went into the sickroom, handed the doll to

Small Pearl. She put her hand on the doll at the places where she hurt in her own body. My father in turn shows these places to the doctor, who left some powders and charms to make her well."

"But they didn't make her well, did they?"

"No, child. I wish now that we could have had a man like your Dr. Fred."

"Wu Peach Blossom! Wu Peach Blossom!" Someone was calling her name.

It was the office nurse, to say that it was time to take her test. The little girl stood up, importantly. She was not afraid. She knew that it would be just a scratch, that it would hurt even less than the needle, for Plum Blossom had told her all about it. After it was over another "Her-shee-ba" might come out of Dr. Fred's pocket.

"I'll have to go now, Honorable Old One. I'll be back in a few minutes. Dr. Fred doesn't have a

doll to scratch instead of me."

Proudly she walked into the inner office. She was a modern little girl.

Did You Know?

Many church buildings in China have been completely destroyed, and whole congregations have been uprooted and moved away to distant places. But the Christians, even among the migrant people have not forgotten the necessity of churches, nor have they neglected the mission opportunity which their troubles have given them.

During the war most of the university students in China wore the conventional China-blue denim garments, but occasionally there was a girl dressed as handsomely as a princess.

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New missionary zeal should come to the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliaries who are to be represented at the 23rd annual Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference at Central College, Conway, March 14-16. Two hundred girls from all Arkansas are expected to attend.

Four missionary speakers will be featured. Mrs. J. L. Moye, Missionary to the Spanish speaking people in Texas and New Mexico under the Home Mission Board, and Miss Nancy Cooper, field representative of the Home Mission Board, who has recently returned from a tour of home mission fields, will bring messages about their work. Mrs. Hugo Culpepper, former missionary to China who was interned in the Philippines during the war and has recently been re-appointed along with Rev. Culpepper to do missionary work in Chile, will bring the devotionals each day. Miss Jandira de Sousa of Sao Paulo, Brazil, a student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, will tell of her own experiences with the mission program in her own country.

Already the registration quota of 200 has been filled. No more registrations can be accepted.

Eight New WMS Reported First Two Months 1947

Mrs. C. R. McCollum is the president and Mrs. George Jones the secretary of the new WMS at Omaha. There are 12 members in the new WMS at West Side Church, Pine Bluff. Mrs. George Coser is president and Mrs. L. T. Hankins secretary. The New Friendship church near Paragould has perfected a new WMS with Mrs. Baxter Walden as president and Mrs. Velma Walden as secretary.

Other new missionary societies organized during the first two months of 1947 are: Hope-Anderson Union Church, Woodson, McRae, Hackett and Beech Grove.

RA Home Mission Tour

The State Royal Ambassador Secretary is planning to take seven Arkansas boys on a tour of some of the southern Baptist Home Mission fields June 12-26. The approximately 3,000 mile trip will be made in the RA Secretary's Carry-All.

The boys will see Baptist work among several tribes in Oklahoma, work among the Mexicans and Chinese in Texas (church at San Antonio), and a possible trip into Mexico at Laredo, Texas. In Louisiana the work among the French is to be visited and the Rescue Mission in New Orleans. The seminaries at Fort Worth and New Or-



Mrs. Moye



Mrs. Culpepper

leans and several college campuses will also be visited on this tour.

Only boys with the rank of Ambassador will be eligible to make the trip. The cost will be \$75 which will include transportation and lodging, but not food, making the total cost at least \$100. Write the Royal Ambassador Secretary, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock.

Mission Study at Alma

Mrs. H. M. Keck reports an interesting study held at Alma on February 28: "I took Mrs. Paul Peck from the Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith with me to Alma where she conducted an all-day study of "Shining Like the Stars" for the WMS members there. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Lee Lewers, president of the missionary society. There were 17 of their members present. About 25 of their members had already read the book."

We don't know anything until we know it in human terms.— Pearl Buck, noted novelist.

Letter to the Editor

The Movies

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the article in the February 27 edition of the Arkansas Baptist, "What's Wrong With the Movies?"

I am at a loss to understand just who could write such an article and actually believe what is stated. If the movies are as stated in this article why have they been permitted to continue serving the public as the chief form of entertainment. The Federal government just does not tolerate such things as spoken of in this article. I know of nothing so low. Such an article will be read and partly believed by some Baptists.

I, as a Baptist and a motion picture theatre owner, do not approve or appreciate such false information as passed along by the Arkansas Baptist.

E. W. Savage

Palace Theatre
Booneville, Ark.

Another Welcome To Dr. Campbell

By DR. J. S. ROGERS
Conway

For more than a quarter of a century the writer has known intimately Dr. R. C. Campbell, now pastor of the great First Church, Little Rock. For all the years he has been a hard-working student, a wise leader in church and denomination, a real Christian statesman of the first order, a supreme friend of men. There is no greater preacher in all America. He has written a dozen good books. He was Executive Secretary in Texas some six years and has been pastor of outstanding churches. The First Church and all Arkansas are to be congratulated on the coming of this pre-eminent prophet to our state.

Figures to Inspire

Church	Adns.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia, First	1	464	203
Benton, First	—	500	112
Camden, First	—	474	109
Conway, First	7	407	119
Cullendale, First	46	293	141
El Dorado Churches:			
First	2	812	240
Immanuel	2	246	79
Including Mission	—	268	—
Second	—	401	101
West Side	2	243	94
Fordyce, First	—	294	108
Fort Smith, First	2	950	336
Hamburg, First	4	269	146
Hot Springs, Park Place	1	406	115
Jacksonville	—	75	—
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	—	391	92
Calvary	1	122	44
First	3	901	317
Immanuel	10	992	314
Including Mission	—	1334	520
Ironton	—	75	72
Pine Grove	2	61	36
Reynolds Memorial	—	115	68
Second	1	725	—
South Highland	—	252	66
Magnolia, Central	2	320	105
Malvern, First	—	313	64
McGehee, First	1	373	113
Monticello, First	—	233	57
Norphlet, First	1	243	83
North Little Rock:			
Baring Cross	4	555	208
Central	—	182	48
Rogers, First	6	208	78
Springdale, First	4	258	142
Including Mission	—	322	—
Warren, Immanuel	2	98	65

Too many American churches are more concerned about keeping the roof repaired than they are about drawing the whole world, including Russia, into a spiritual fellowship.—Dr. David D. Baker, St. Louis, Mo.

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BROTHERHOOD MARCHES ON

Rev. A. A. Brady, missionary of Benton County Association, believes in Brotherhood! And Bro. Brady is promoting Brotherhood organizations and Brotherhood work throughout his association. Below are some excerpts from a recent letter.

"I am late in getting this information to you, but even if it is getting old, you might find in it cause to rejoice with us.

"January, I organized a Brotherhood at Mason Valley with twelve charter members. Rev. John Terry, a student at John Brown University, is doing a fine job as pastor of this good rural church, even though in the open country, they have a full time program.

"On the night of February 14, Carl Nelson, Gentry, Moderator of our Association accompanied me to Pea Ridge where we organized a Brotherhood with eight charter members. Brother A. J. Deason serves the church full time, and is doing a good job.

"On the night of February 20, I was accompanied by our Associational Brotherhood president, Clarence Woody, of Gentry, to Decatur where we organized a Brotherhood with seven charter members. Rev. J. A. Scoggins has been pastor of this good church over thirty-eight years. Bro. Scoggins stands high in the esteem of his people and is doing a vigorous work."

"On the night of February 18, we had our Quarterly Associational Brotherhood Rally at Centerton Church. We had a fine program as follows: A Layman Views His Church, Doren Skelton, Immanuel Church, Rogers; A Deacon Looks at His Pastor, Leland Daugherty, Hifill Church; and, A Pastor Views His Church, Edgar Harvey, Gravette. Eight churches were represented with 41 men present."

"I will forward you any Brotherhood information which I think you would like to have."


Bro. Brady, you are blazing new trails in Arkansas. Keep it up!

PATTERN FOR A REVIVAL:
We believe that three elements are necessary (and must be present) in a real revival. These elements are:

1. Sound Gospel preaching.
2. Consecrated, purposeful, objective prayer.
3. Sincere and sustained soul-winning efforts.

A few people willing to come all the way back to the foot of the cross, cleansed by the fire of God and made ready to go afield after the lost will, with their going, experience the presence of the Resurrected Christ (Matthew 28:20). Such Christians, even though their number may be small, will find it possible to win many to Christ and to membership in His

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church. And the going of such a group will put many people into the preaching services.

The united work of this preaching, praying and soul-winning group will roll up a back-log of revival effort which the Lord will kindle in His own good time to warm the hearts of a multitude.

And it is impossible for the revival to fail. For God will honor each sincere effort that is made to win a person to Christ. If a person refuses Christ, God will call somebody else who will accept Him.

Try it!

REVIVAL AT CULLENDALE:
February 23-March 2 was a great week at the First Baptist Church of Cullendale, a week during which God's people went afield after those who were lost. And God honored their praying and their witnessing with a mighty outpour of His spirit in a genuine revival. There were 46 additions, 37 coming by baptism.

Brother Elmer Morgan is the consecrated pastor of the Cullendale Church. He and his assistant and Educational Director, Bro. Stanley Williamson, are doing a great job together.

Group Opposes Federal Aid to Church Schools

The Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, meeting in Washington, passed unanimously a resolution in which its members expressed "emphatic protest" against any federal aid-to-education legislation which would allow federal funds to be used by church-owned schools.

The resolution, introduced by Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the Washington First Baptist church, pointed out that Baptists have no "prejudice" against any particular bill that has been introduced, but would be against all legislation that would make possible the expenditure of public funds by church groups, or church-institutions.

Sunday Observance By Government Urged

Secularization of Sundays by government officials was deplored in a resolution adopted in Boston by the National Association of Evangelicals and sent to President Truman, UN Representative Warren R. Austin, and Congressional leaders. The Association represents Conservative Protestant church groups.

The resolution said secular use of Sundays "has been continued by many of our most responsible servants and is now climaxed by consenting to co-operate with the United Nations on a seven-day work week basis instead of honoring God by refusing to desecrate His day."

The Association urged government leaders to use their influence "to restore the day to its former sacred place in the life of the nation."

NEW BOOK

"Holy Hours in the Holy Land" by Dr. Walter R. Alexander, Eerdmans Publishing Co. 160 pages. \$1.50.

The title of this interesting and inspirational volume by the distinguished secretary of the Baptist Relief and Annuity Board reveals the nature of its contents. Through the sensitive eyes of the writer the reader is shown many fascinating places in the land of the Bible. It is not like other books on the Holy Land. In a unique manner Dr. Alexander takes the reader to many historical places in Palestine and reminds him of the events which happened there across the centuries. Bible scenes and stories will live in your thoughts in a far more vivid way after reading this book. Every member of the family will enjoy "Holy Hours in the Holy Land."—Bruce H. Price.

No Mass Revival Evident in Japan

(By Religious News Service.)

The Japanese people are undoubtedly interested in Christianity and what it can do for their country, but there is no revival sweeping the land as has been claimed in recent reports.

Despite many optimistic predictions both here and in the United States, no evidence exists that any mass movement into the Christian Church is about to take place, according to missionaries who are closely in touch with the situation today.

Sixteen months after surrender the Protestant churches are still absorbed in problems of scattered congregations, lack of places to meet, insufficient pastoral support, frozen funds, and especially, at present, difficult transportation conditions. Congestion is so great that a regular speaking and touring schedule is impractical.

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa's meetings do not appear to be attracting much notice beyond the group directly interested in promoting them. Kagawa is still the greatest drawing card for mass evangelism. He is giving his full time to the three-year evangelistic campaign sponsored by the United Church of Christ in Japan with the slogan "Three Million Souls for Christ."

However, the "twenty thousand converts" claimed for the past six months are not baptized Christians, but those who signed cards at meetings stating their intention or desire to learn more about Christianity, or perhaps their intention to become Christians. The number who actually join the church is said to be only a fraction of the card signers.

Pastors, with depleted physical energy which inevitably affects their spiritual vitality, are straining to get their church on a sound basis.

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Jesus Outlines Disciples' Role In World Redemptive Mission

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

In John 14 Jesus delivers His farewell discourse to His disciples in the Upper Room in the city of Jerusalem. It will be recalled that He had just instituted the memorial of eating bread and drinking wine following the paschal meal which was observed at the home of a friend (possibly that of John Mark's father and mother).

Upon leaving the Upper Room, Jesus continues to lay bare His very soul, as at no other time in His ministry, to the end that His disciples may have a more intimate understanding of the coming events and of their own role in His world-wide redemptive mission.

The Genuine Vine

On the assumption that the Lord's Supper had just been instituted by Jesus it is not difficult to understand the metaphor of the vine employed in the opening verses of our lesson. Moreover, the vine was common in Palestine and we find Israel represented by the vine on the Maccabean coinage. And Jesus frequently employs metaphors to illustrate Himself in His work (John 8:12—the light; John 10:7—the door; John 10:11—the shepherd). Christ in His person brings to a perfect realization the golden vine upon the gate which was "at once the glory and the pride of Israel."

God had planted Israel in the long ago as the stalk which was eventually to bring forth fruit to Him. In His own person, therefore, Israel beheld the perfect realization of all the types that had gone before Him. Whatever else the disciples might remember they must be forever certain of the fact that in Christ, and in no other, was to be found "the true, the ideal, vine."

The Branches

In verse 5 Jesus returns to the metaphor of verse 1 in which the disciples are represented as branches of the true vine: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing."

The Christian is to maintain a vital, spiritual connection with Christ (the vine). "The disciple must set his life in Christ, and let Christ live in him" (Westcott). Jesus says that a branch "cannot bear fruit of itself," that is "from itself" as the source of its own vital energy.

There is but one true source of dynamic spiritual power and that is the true vine, Jesus, the Messiah.

It is possible for one who is a Christian to experience a period in which he bears little fruit—even the unfruitful branches may be true branches. Every branch that

Sunday School Lesson
For March 16

John 15:1-15

is "in Christ" (En Christo) is a true branch; but it is an unnatural thing for a true branch to fail to bear, as the habit of its life, good fruit. God intends for us to bear more than "leaves."

Mere vine wood is worthless from the standpoint of its contribution to the Kingdom. Apart from fruit-bearing it has little significance.

An Astounding Promise

In John 15:7 Jesus makes to His disciples an astounding promise: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Every disciple ought to commit to memory this golden passage. In it is comfort for many an hour of bewilderment and doubt which is certain to come, sooner or later, to everyone.

In verses 7 and 8 "the blessings of union are shown in prayer fulfilled and fruit borne" (Westcott). Jesus has reference here to such an intimate union and harmony "that nothing will be asked out of accord with the mind of Christ and so of the Father" (Robertson).

"The petitions of the true disciples are echoes (so to speak) of Christ's words. As He hath spoken so they speak. Their prayer is only some fragment of His teachings transformed into a supplication, and so it will necessarily be heard. It is important to notice how the promise of the absolute fulfillment of prayer is connected with the personal fellowship of the believer with Christ, both in the Synoptists and in St. John (Westcott).

Our petitions in prayer are ever to be prompted by the indwelling word of the Lord Christ. When thus they are made we may be assured in advance that they will be answered. Jesus goes on to say that through fruit-bearing the Father is glorified by His disciples. "In the fruitfulness of the vine lies the joy and glory of the 'husbandman.'"

The disciple is to be a true "learner" always growing in the knowledge of his duty and respon-

sibility, and in the measure of devotion which he manifests toward Christ.

A Command

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you" (v. 12). In the love of Christ for His disciples His followers find their perfect pattern of love. His love is the source of our love and is to be its measure. "In his love for them they were to find the spring of love to one another, and were to become transparencies through which His love would shine" (Nicoll).

"Christ is the model (v. 13), the source (v. 14, 15) and the support of love (v. 16)" (Westcott). Out of the supreme ideal of love is seen the love of Christ for men. Christ's love was so great that He deliberately, and voluntarily laid down His life for His friends. There is no greater love than this. Such represents the supreme act of devotion—the last great sacrifice.

Christians are to pattern their love after the love of their Master. Just as He gave up His life for men, even so are His disciples to devote themselves to the welfare and the world-wide redemption of humanity.

"Self-sacrifice is the high-water mark of love" (Dods).

Friends

"Ye are my friends, if you do the things which I command you. No longer do I call you servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I heard from my Father I have made known to you."

"The relation of Jesus to His disciples is not that of a master to a slave for there is little sympathy between the lord and the slave. The slave in the day of Jesus was more of an instrument than a person" (Westcott).

Jesus declares that the relation of the believer to Him is essentially that of love. From this relation springs the relation of one fellow-believer to another. He tenderly reminds His disciples that henceforth they are more than "servants"; they are His friends, that is, if they do the things which He commands them. Our friendship for Christ is to find concrete expression in the kind of lives we live in Him, through Him, and unto Him.

James (2:23) tells us that Abraham was called a friend of God.

Can it be truly said that we are friends of Christ?

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Survey Reveals Cost of Strikes

The American Economic Foundation has made an effort to measure the cost to workers, industry and the public at large, of five of the principal postwar strikes. The conclusions gleaned are necessarily incomplete, due to the many intangibles involved—but it is evident that the cost is immeasurably greater than most of us realize.

Between September 1, 1945, and September 30, 1946, more than 124,000,000 man-days were lost because of strikes, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Assigning 8 hours to each day, and assuming that the lower figure of \$1 per hour was the average wage, this means that more than \$998,000,000 was lost in direct wages alone—to say nothing of the infinitely greater loss in production of goods, related layoffs in other industries, etc.

In the coal strike in the Spring of 1946, wage loss to miners, according to the Bituminous Coal Institute, totaled \$145,000,000. But that was only the start of it. According to the CPA Administrator, the secondary cost, measured in lost production, affecting all Americans, was \$2,000,000,000.

So it goes, down the long and dismal list. The work loses—industry loses—and the public loses most of all in unprocurable goods, lost opportunities, diminished returns on investments, fewer jobs. The total loss is obviously incalculable. The only solution is a system of arbitration which will keep industries producing while the pros and cons of labor disputes are thrashed out. Then the worker will get whatever benefits his case entitles him to—and the country will be spared the shutdowns which have made normal production impossible.

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The goal of all our teaching must be to help today's children handle their own affairs today so that they will be able to handle their affairs intelligently tomorrow.—Dr. Jean Betzner, professor of education at Columbia University, New York.

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Southern Baptist Convention—

WILL YOU GO?

Within the next month you should make application for a room in St. Louis if you plan to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in May. We have application blanks. You should obtain one from us and fill it out and mail it to the Committee on Entertainment in St. Louis. **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GET A ROOM.** You cannot write to a hotel in St. Louis and obtain a room. We have definite instructions about this and we are passing them on to you. If you plan to attend, write to us immediately, and we shall send you a blank upon which you may make application for a room.

Did you read the Arkansas Baptist published on January 30? On Page 10 of that issue we gave you definite information and printed the form of the application. Refer to that issue of the paper and reread those instructions. The Convention opens May 7. The W. M. U. Convention opens May 4.

Superintendent Caldwell

Rev. C. W. Caldwell is busy as a bee. He assumed his duties as superintendent of Co-operative Missions in Arkansas, February 15. He has made several contacts on the field, and he has made important surveys already.

Caldwell is a fine spirit, and a fine leader. He will have charge of the Convention's Program of State Missions. Contact him if you need to know or want to do anything about your mission work.

He is cordial, and co-operative. You will enjoy his fellowship, and you will trust his leadership.

Rev. L. D. Summers

Dr. L. D. Summers lives at 711 Whittington Ave., Hot Springs, Ark. He retired from the active pastorate some time ago, and he and Mrs. Summers have settled in Hot Springs.

Dr. Summers is a great preacher. He is unique in his manner of presenting the truth. He is a real Baptist and a mighty preacher. He is available for supply work and for revival meetings.

Rev. S. R. Pillow

Pastor S. R. Pillow of Northeast Arkansas is one of the splendid pastors and leaders of that section. He is pastor at Austin, Harmony, and Leonard. He is a good-natured, optimistic leader, and the people love him. He is worth his weight in gold.

Believing persons the world over have been drawn together through suffering and persecution, and thus have begun a life in peace, based upon common prayer for each other out of the uniting love of Christ.—Pastor Martin Niemoeller of Germany.

The Widows Plan

We are still working on the Widows' Supplemental Plan. We still lack quite a few applications having enough to qualify in setting up this Supplemental Plan. If we reach the dead-line without having a sufficient number we shall notify you, otherwise be assured that we are trying to round out a sufficient number of applicants.

Conference for Preachers

During the Baptist Assembly, at Siloam Springs, July 1-9, there will be a strong special conference for preachers. There will be three major periods every morning, and a strong program is being arranged. We want every pastor and missionary who can possibly do so to attend this conference. Make your plans early.

You must make your reservation early. Secretary Williamson informs us that all available cabins will be spoken for very early, so if you want a place to sleep at the Assembly you must write to Dr. Edgar Williamson, Room 203, Radio Center, Little Rock, pretty soon. You cannot delay and hope to get a place to stay.

Camden Had a Great Year

The First Church in Camden reports great progress in 1946. Attendance at Sunday School and church has reached new figures. Chairs are used in the aisles to seat the audience at the preaching hour. The church has paid all its debts and last year paid \$2,500 to the Baptist Honor Fund and \$1,500 for Emergency Relief. It gave over \$6,000 to missions, and has invested in bonds more than \$13,000 par value. The offering of the church last year amounted to more than \$48,000. Pastor Harris is a mighty prophet and an aggressive leader.

THE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY A HERO

We often wonder if anyone in the kingdom of God deserves more praise than does the Associational Missionary. In many respects he is not different in his responsibilities and labors from other missionaries, but his task is great.

Ordinarily there is not a cordial reception and entertainment for a missionary like there was in former days. It is not because our people are inconsiderate. It is rather because we do not visit and entertain like we did in former years. The highway and the automobile have made it possible for people to go a long distance even after a night service. People have developed a habit of going home for the night regardless of the distance. It is usually taken for granted that the missionary does not plan to spend the night on the field. Then again there are not accommodations in the average home for much company. Maybe there is as much room in the average home as there used to be, but peo-

Bible Conference

During the last two weeks in March we have the Bible Conferences in the interest of missions, evangelism and doctrine. In the paper last week we published the programs of the meetings. There will be three of them one week, and three of them the following week. Please refer to your Arkansas Baptist dated March 6, and reread the programs and prepare to attend the Conference in your territory. There will be some great features and you will want to be in the Conference.

Atkins and Archer

Rev. Cecil Archer is performing a splendid ministry among the saints in Atkins. He has been pastor there for about a year and a half, during which time there have been about 65 additions to the church, half of them for baptism. The offerings have more than doubled. Ten years ago the budget was about \$1,750. This year it is three times that much. Instead of giving \$100 to missions the church last year gave more than \$800.

Archer is a young man and has been in the ministry only a short time. He is a splendid singer and can do a lot of that along with his preaching.

Rev. John Byers

Rev. John H. Byers, of Mansfield, has retired from the pastorate. He is still available for a lot of good preaching. Brother Byers is a pioneer preacher of West Arkansas. He has covered the hills of that country with the gospel through the years. He has been a wise leader and a real prophet. He is beloved and trusted everywhere. He is a real Baptist, too. "Off brand stuff" does not have much opportunity where John H. Byers preaches. The people in that section of Arkansas have a goodly heritage from the ministry of Brother Byers.

ple want to offer entertainment now for a visitor, and they are embarrassed to invite a visitor unless they have splendid accommodations for him.

So, the missionary travels to his appointment and then travels home. This custom robs him of the privilege of becoming well acquainted with the church members around a mission point. Men are so busy now that if the missionary cannot spend the night in a home he does not have much opportunity of becoming well acquainted with the men. The men are busy from early twilight to dark. The children and young people are in school. There is not much opportunity for a missionary to do much until night fall when the evening service begins. This makes his task doubly difficult.

These men are heroes. We have a number of them. Most of the associations have their missionaries at work. They are hard-working men. We take our hats off to them.