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Arkansas All Over

Dr. James Cady Named Dean at Ouachita

DR. JAMES W. Cady, educational director of Little Rock's Immanuel Church for the last three years, has been named dean of students at Ouachita, President Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., has announced.



Dr. Cady succeeds Dr. Ralph Kirkman, who will become dean of the faculty. He begins his new duties Jan. 20.

A native of Rogers, Cady received his doctor-of-education degree from the University of Arkansas in 1953. His major field of study was educational administration.

For two years he worked in the State Department of Education and served earlier as principal of Luxora High School. Before taking the post of Immanuel, he was educational director at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock.

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● T. H. BARTON, El Dorado, has sent a contribution to the Southern Baptist College building fund in the form of 25 shares of Monsanto Chemical stock.

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● GORDON C. GOODIER, a native of Dardanelle, has been called as pastor of Baptist Temple Church, Fresno, Calif. A former pastor of 1st Church, Eureka Springs, he had been at Compton Heights Church, St. Louis, for the past 18 years.

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● ALL CHURCHES in Independence Association, with the exception of Cord and 1st Church, are planning to participate in an association-wide Sunday School enlargement campaign February 16-21.—Independence News.

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● RECENT PREACHING engagements of the Editor of Arkansas Baptist include: 1st Church, Camden; 1st Church, Searcy; 1st Church, Mena; and 1st Church, Hunter. During the Christmas holidays Editor McDonald spoke at a banquet of the Student Union, Arkansas A&M, Monticello.

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● SUNDAY, JAN. 12, was New Church Foundation day for Washington-Madison Association churches. Speakers presented the foundation plan in 27 of the 30 churches of the associations. Purpose of the campaign is to raise money for the establishment and operation of mission centers in the association, according to Missionary Tommie Hinson.

WANTED

For our Baptist Historical Collection:

1. Associational minutes — any year but especially for years prior to 1910.
2. Associational bulletings.
3. History of Arkansas Baptist churches.
4. Anniversary bulletins of churches.
5. Files of church bulletings. If possible have them bound with inexpensive covers, but they will be acceptable otherwise. Brother pastor, begin with 1957 and make an extra file of your weekly bulletins for us every year.

Send or bring any of the above mentioned materials to: Historical Committee, Baptist Building, Little Rock, L. C. Tedford.

● MR. AND MRS. W. Judson Blair, Southern Baptist missionaries at the Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., announce the birth of a son, Judson Paul, on December 27 in El Paso. They may be addressed at P. O. Box 4255, El Paso, Tex. Mrs. Blair is the former Dorothy Rose Sullivan, native of Monticello, Ark.

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● JOHN PAUL LLEWELLYN, 41, director of the youth choir of 1st Church, Russellville, died December 26. Mr. Llewellyn was a native of Hector and a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Pauline Dugger Llewellyn; and a daughter, Lee Ann.

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By Jay W. C. Moore

Concord News Notes

ALVIN DARK, shortstop for the St. Louis Cardinals, will speak for the RA's and Brotherhood of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, Monday, January 20, following a banquet sponsored by these two organizations. Dark will speak to the general public in the auditorium of the church at 8 the same night. Wilmer "Vinegar Bend" Mizell, Card pitcher, will appear with Dark. Mizell, as Dark, is a Baptist and a tither. Dark will speak on "A Christian's Stewardship." Gerald Cross is president of 1st Church Brotherhood and Harold Smith is pastor.

SECOND SEMESTER of the Concord Seminary Extension Center will open January 20 in the Young Married Peoples Building of 1st Church, Ft. Smith. Jay W. C. Moore is the director and Al G. Escott is the registrar-treasurer. During the first semester Jack Hull, Mason Bondurant and Jim Chatham taught courses in religious education, preaching, and Old Testament. Two courses will be offered the second semester.

THURMOND SCOTT, Pekin, Ill., has accepted the pastorate of Spradling Avenue Church, Ft. Smith. He succeeds Tom McClain who resigned last August to enter the Southwestern Seminary. Scott is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southern Seminary. Before going to Illinois he served as pastor of the 1st Churches in Pawhuska, Heavener, and Tallhina, Okla. He also served as evangelist for the Charles E. Fuller Foundation for several years.

● MRS. SEIBERT HALEY, Decatur, will lead the junior conference in Missouri's State Vacation Bible School Clinic in Jefferson City Feb. 24-5. Mrs. Haley is the author of the new junior textbook.

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● H. E. WILLIAMS, president of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, has been invited by the American Association of Comparative Education to spend a week in Sweden and three weeks in Russia in a special field-study survey of education in the two countries. About 40 American educators have been invited to make the study, Aug. 13 to Sept. 12.

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● V. E. DEFREECE, formerly of Arkansas and now pastor of 1st Church, Esther, Mo., now conducts "The Good News Hour" weekly over Radio Station KFMO, Flat River, Mo. Last month Mr. Defreese published Volume 1, No. 1 of The Good News Herald. The paper is used to promote the radio program.

Southwestern Seminary Observes 50th Anniversary

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY, the largest evangelical seminary in the world, marks 50 years of service this year with a Golden Jubilee Celebration beginning this month.

The Ft. Worth institution is the convention's largest for the training of ministers and religious workers.

Each of the three seminary schools—*theology, religious education, and church music*—will observe a jubilee week. Featured speakers will highlight the purposes of each of the three schools, and special activities have been scheduled to give recognition to the Seminary for its outstanding contributions to the growth and development of Southern Baptist work.

Southwestern Seminary began in 1908 as a department of theology at Baylor University. Last school year, the enrollment reached 2,411, and prospects are that the current student body will exceed this record.

February 17-21, the School of Religious Education will hold its jubilee week celebration; the School of Theology follows with its special activities March 17-21; and the School of Music will present several music programs during its jubilee week April 14-18.

The climax to the celebrations will be the spring commencement on May 16, when the 96 new student apartments will be formally dedicated following the graduation exercises. Many of the ex-students will be en route to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, and would find it convenient to plan their



World's Largest Theological Seminary

schedules so that they may be on the campus for Homecoming weekend.

Southwestern Seminary now furnishes many of the pastors, education workers, music directors, teachers, denominational workers, and a large percent of the foreign missionaries for Southern Baptists. The seminary began for the purpose of training pastors, but since has added the schools of religious education and music to pro-

vide the trained leadership needed by Baptist churches.

Following the administration of the founder, Dr. B. H. Carroll, Dr. Lee R. Scarborough continued the spirit of evangelism which still today marks Southwestern. Dr. E. D. Head served during the difficult years of World War II, and the current president, Dr. J. Howard Williams, took over the reins in 1953.

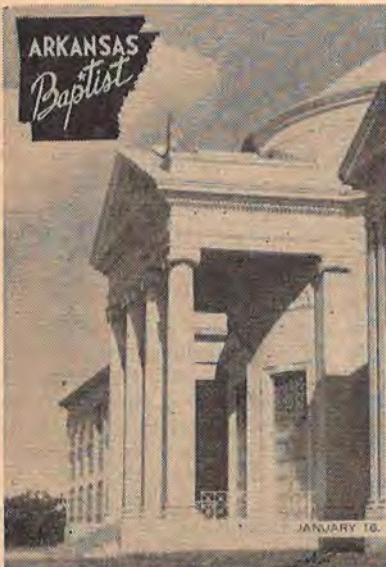
In its 50-year history, Southwestern Seminary established the first school of church music for Southern Baptists; was the pioneer in the development of religious education; held the first summer school among Southern Baptist seminaries; led in the idea of evangelistic conferences; and has otherwise contributed to the development and enrichment of Southern Baptist life. Thousands of former students now serve in every state in the nation except New Hampshire, and foreign missionaries trained at Southwestern are found around the world.

● **FIRST CHURCH**, Gravel Ridge, Pulaski Association, has set aside 15 per cent of the 1958 for missions. The division will be: Co-operative Program, 11 cent of the 1958 budgets for missions. The division will be: Co-operative Program, 11 per cent (7 per cent last year); associational missions, 1.5 per cent; Bottoms Orphanage, 1.5 per cent, and Boys Industrial School chapel, 1 per cent. Pastor Herman Keppeler pointed out that the increase was made in spite of a larger indebtedness of the church.

The Cover

Symbolic of Southwestern

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS point with pride to Southwestern Seminary,



which has been providing trained Christian leaders for half a century now.

Symbolic of Southwestern is the beautiful Memorial Building, situated in the center of the campus on "Seminary Hill" in Fort Worth. The dramatic boldness of the building, along with the well-planned interior make the structure one of the leading architectural interest points in the Fort Worth area.

The Memorial Building consists of several units: the central rotunda with a mosaic of the world inlaid in the floor; the Truett Memorial Auditorium, named for the famous Baptist statesman; Fleming Library, the largest theological library west of the Mississippi; Scarborough Hall, with administrative offices and classrooms; the mission addition, with classrooms, a print shop, and infirmary; and the theology wing, with classrooms, faculty offices, and the president's suite.

After Soul-Winning Commitment — What?

WITHOUT DOUBT the most significant day in the life of our churches in many years was Sunday, January 5, Soul-Winning Commitment Day. For Christians who signed the commitment card, it can mean the most enriching experience any Christian can ever have, for winning souls to Christ is the most thrilling and joyous experience that a Christian can ever know.

For the multitudes of unsaved, Commitment Day will mean that somebody is interested in them, will be praying for them and will, through personal witnessing, help them to find and accept Christ as Saviour and Lord.

A letter from a pastor written on Sunday afternoon says, "I can't wait until tomorrow to write you about the wonderful things that happened in our church this morning. Twenty-one people signed the commitment cards and two came on profession of faith." Another pastor writes, "We had 101 to sign commitment cards yesterday. Eighty unsaved and non-church members were listed as objects of prayer." Reports like this are coming in from all over the state.

Now that we have observed Commitment Day, what are we going to do about it? We make the following suggestions:

1. Start training those who have signed the commitment card how to do personal work.
2. Get prospects, that were listed on the commitment cards, enrolled in your Sunday School, and assigned to the proper classes as soon as possible.
3. Pastors, you must lead your people by precept and example to become personal soul winners and to work at it each week.
4. In the preaching services each Sunday, give a fervent invitation for the confession of faith in Christ.
5. Churches which did not get to observe Commitment Day on Sunday, January 5, set another day and observe it.
6. Keep appealing to the people week by week to become witnesses for Jesus and personally try to lead the lost to Christ.
7. Recognize those who have been active in leading converts to Christ, each time you observe the ordinance of Baptism.

Let us all work and pray to make 1958 the greatest soul winning year Baptists have ever experienced. —I. L. Yearby

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Leo B. Golden

IT WAS on Sunday, the first Sunday of a New Year, that Leo B. Golden entered his Heavenly home. He had known for several weeks that he was approaching the end of his sojourn on earth. This brought no fear for he said, "I know Him in whom I have believed." He named those in his family whom the Lord had called and added, "Why should I dread to have Him call me?" So, with a calm, deliberate attitude, he got everything in proper order—the places and projects pertaining to his work, his personal business affairs, and even the details of the funeral services. This characterized the thorough way he carried on his ministry.

When the announcement of Dr. Golden's death was made, many people, no doubt, thought of that statement in the Old Testament which says, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" L. B. Golden was truly a prince. He was princely in his manners, in his dress and in the way he served.

His life also embodied the scriptural injunction to "do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Missions was the passion of L. B. Golden's ministry. His doctor's degree was in the field of missions. He led the churches he pastored to sponsor mission stations. For five years he has endeavored to arouse the pastors and churches in the larger towns of Arkansas to start missions in those neglected areas. He has had some personal part in establishing 26 mission stations, many of which are now churches. Hence, we can say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." —C. W. Caldwell

Personally Speaking . . .

High Cost of Greed

How quickly Nature falls into revolt

When gold becomes her object!
—King Henry

IN ONE of the old school readers—was it McGuffey?—is the story of a greedy dog.



MR. McDONALD
and then I'll have two," thought the dog.

One day the dog was walking across a footlog with a tasty bone in his mouth. Looking into the stream that flowed beneath the footlog and seeing his own reflection, he thought he was seeing another dog carrying a bone in its mouth.

"I'll take his bone

With a fierce growl he lunged at the other dog. But as he opened his mouth, he lost his own bone and a moment later he was struggling to save himself from drowning in the cold waters of the stream.

Greed is excessive hunger for something, the dictionary says—for food, as in the case of the man who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage; for wealth, as portrayed so vividly by Jesus in his account which begins: "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully . . ." Greed also may be seen in an unquenchable longing for recognition, for fame, and the like.

Aesop tells of two neighbors, one of whom was avaricious and the other, envious. Appearing before Jupiter, who knew of their sins and was determined to let them punish themselves, they were told each could have whatever he wished for himself on one condition. Whatever one of them asked for himself he would receive, but the other would receive double of the same thing.

The avaricious man asked for a room full of gold. Promptly his request was granted. And he was happier than he had ever been until he discovered that his companion now had two rooms full of gold.

Then it came the turn of the envious man, who could not bear the thought of his neighbor having any joy at all. He promptly asked that one of his own eyes be put out, thus being assured that his companion would become totally blind.

The moral Aesop draws is that "sin brings its own punishment."

Jesus asks the soul-searching question: ". . . what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mt. 16:26)

Erwin L. McDonald

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

ADD BOUQUETS

Dear Editor:
ENJOY YOUR PAPER which I have taken for 40 years. We think it is tops. Thanks. —Mrs. Ralph Verser, McGehee, Arkansas.

SEEKS FRIENDS

I AM interested in two preachers who attended Ouachita College with me from 1909 to 1912. They are J. D. Sayers and Joe Daniels. If they are living, could you give me their addresses? I am very much interested in these boys and will appreciate this favor. —Henry W. Turnage, 903½ South Berendo St., Los Angeles 6, Calif.
Anyone having information about either of the men named here will please send it to Mr. Turner. —Editor

HAPPY OVER BUDGET PLAN

Dear Brother McDonald:
Everyone is enjoying the Arkansas Baptist and is very happy that we put the paper in our budget. —Guy Whitney, pastor, East Side Church, Paragould.

LIKES COVERS

ONE OF THE fine improvements you have made (in the Arkansas Baptist) has been on the front cover, using pictures of current happenings and personalities. On the front page of a recent issue on which you carried the dedication of the First Church, Newport, I noticed a number of my very good friends in the picture. —V. E. Defreece, pastor, 1st Church, Esther, Mo.

COMMENDS SINGER

As reported in this paper during the month of June, 1957, Rev. Bill Lewis and Herbert "Red" Johnson were brought together as an evangelistic team to serve the Lord in full-time evangelism. Since that time Brother Lewis has been called back into the pastorate. Brother Johnson is continuing in the field of evangelistic singing and is open for revivals. I commend Brother Johnson to the pastors of this state as being one of the most consecrated men I have ever known. He is a great soul-winner and does a marvelous work with young people, intermediates and juniors. He will be a real blessing to any church. —James E. Birkhead, pastor, 1st Church, Mountain Home.

CHRISTMAS COVER

Dear Erwin:
It was a very delightful Christmas surprise for me to see my two grandchildren featured on the front cover of Arkansas Baptist. I think this is the best reproduction of the picture I have seen, and I am truly delighted with it. My daughter was very appreciative of your thoughtfulness in sending copies to her and she asked me to thank you for this consideration.
These are two of five grandchildren which are the pride and joy of Mrs. Ackland and myself. My son's two children are in Miami, Florida, but our daughter lives here in Nashville, so that we are able to enjoy the children all the time. The little ones in the picture now have a small brother a few months old. The little girl, Carol, is very cooperative with the photographer with the result that she has been photographed several times lately. She will appear again next fall on our magazine, Living with Children, and only last week Brice Finch posed her with her baby brother for possible use on Home Life again next Christmas. This, of course, causes us no regrets whatsoever. —Donald F. Ackland

PASTOR WALLACE RETIRES

W. D. WALLACE, for the past 14 years pastor of Hughes 1st Church, is retiring from the pastorate and will be moving soon to Cleveland, Miss., where he is building a home. He will continue to preach for the Hughes church until he moves to Cleveland next month.
In a letter to the editor Mr. Hughes writes: "I have been intending writing to commend you for the fine paper which you are sending out to Arkansas every week; and I feel that our people are reading what you edit.
Our church here at Hughes has been on the Budget Plan for the nearly 14 years that I have been here; and I am happy to say that very few copies of the paper have been found in the post office wastebasket. I feel



that your good paper should have much of the credit for increased interest in the whole program of Baptist work.

I am leaving behind a beautiful little church, and one of the best equipped I know of anywhere. It is air conditioned and probably the most interesting part of all is there is no indebtedness. There are many lovely people; and they are very good to their pastor. I am praying that God will lead the church to some fine consecrated preacher, one who loves people and who has the pastor's heart."

LIKED CHRISTMAS STORY

Dear Erwin:
Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending to me the Christmas issue of the Arkansas Baptist. I was very pleased to receive it and was particularly impressed by the article written by student Murray of our Seminary and by your editorial on Christmas giving.—Hugh Wamble, Assistant Professor of Church History, Southern Seminary, Louisville.

UNSIGNED MATERIAL HITS WASTEBASKET

FROM TIME to time we call attention to the fact that every communication to the Arkansas Baptist should be signed.
We must observe this policy for the mutual protection of the paper and those whose names appear in its releases.
For obvious reasons, a typed name is not a signature. We recommend that the name of the person writing to us or sending us a news release be typed and that the signature be written above the typed name.
Although each communication must be signed if it is to be used in the paper, that does not mean that the name of the writer must always be published. In any case, particularly in the case of "Letters to the Editor," we are happy to withhold the name upon the request of the writer, or, if, in our judgment, this is the wise procedure. But such letters must be signed!
What do we do with unsigned material? We have no choice but to consign it to the wastebasket. Usually we do not even read it. —The Editor

RALPH D. DODD, pastor of 47th Street Church, North Little Rock, has resigned to give his full time to evangelism. The church has called Hogan Dodd, who has been serving as associate pastor since February, as the new pastor. Mr. Dodd previously had announced he planned to serve only so long as necessary to work out some critical problems facing the church. The church expects to be in a new auditorium by the middle of February.

LIFE WITH Christ is an endless hope; without Him it is a hopeless end.

Arkansas Contributions To SBC Up 15 Per Cent

ARKANSAS GIFTS to Southern Baptist Convention in 1957 were up about 15 per cent over the previous year.

The state gave \$529,077 in 1957 through the Cooperative Program and \$205,756 through designated offerings. This compared with \$446,289 in 1956 through the Cooperative Program and \$184,205 through designations.

The Southern Convention received a record \$14,260,302 last year on its Cooperative Program budget.

Treasurer Porter Routh said this was \$1,050,022 over the 1956 previous record budget income. The basic 1957 budget was \$11 million and all funds received over that amount were divided between the Convention's Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

In addition, Routh said the Convention received \$8,589,117 through designated offerings. Designated offerings to Convention-wide activities in 1956 were \$7,732,267.

The year's total of Cooperative Program (budget) receipts and special designations reached a new high of \$22,849,418, topping the 1956 total of \$20,942,547.

Giving to Southern Convention activities increased in both Cooperative Program funds and designated offerings in all except five of the 24 state conventions affiliated with the SBC (not counting Hawaii and Alaska.)

Arkansan Named To Research Post

J. MORRIS ASHCRAFT, assistant professor of archaeology at Southern Seminary, was named a fellow of the



MR. ASHCRAFT Baghdad. Dr. Ashcraft will be participating in the Biblical research and the archaeological diggings of the school in Jerusalem.

Ashcraft, who has been on the Southern Seminary faculty since 1955, is a native of Malvern, Ark. He was graduated from Ouachita College and Southern Seminary.

The meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research was one of four concurrent meetings held on the Seminary campus December 27-31. The others were: the National Association of Biblical Instructors, the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, and the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis.

Churches and Conventions

Baptist churches are generally understood to be autonomous (self-governing) bodies and they are. It is generally understood also that these churches cooperate with one another in conventions, and they do. What seems not to be so well understood, however, is the relationship of churches to conventions; and that is the concern of this article.

First of all, let it be emphasized that churches do not join, or belong to, conventions. That is to say that conventions are not composed of churches. Conventions are composed of messengers (not delegates) from cooperating churches; and these messengers go to conventions, not to speak for the churches but to speak and vote as they deem best. Of course, they keep the interests of the churches in mind; but the point is that there is no organic relationship between a church and a convention, even though some people may belong to both; and there is no organic relationship between a state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, or between a district association and a convention. A convention serves merely as a channel or agency through which the churches may cooperate in doing certain specific things which they can do best by cooperation.

In the second place, conventions do not have authority to speak or act for the churches. They can only speak and act for themselves. Their decisions do not, therefore, bind the churches; but churches and conventions have mutual interests and obligations. The right of dissent is fully safe-guarded in all Baptist affairs. No convention can control a church, but both are useful agencies of the Kingdom of our Lord, and each depends upon the other to help make the work effective.

Let us note also that the relationship between churches and conventions is a vital, spiritual relationship. Actions of conventions are, therefore, of vital interest to churches. Conventions are, as indicated above, composed of messengers chosen by the churches. What they do, therefore, is done by church members who are presumed to be both interested in the work of the Lord and competent to decide questions regarding it. Also, churches and conventions are quite similar in their procedures in their own spheres of service.

Both churches and conventions are composed of Christian people, and their plans and programs are wrought out by Christians in a prayerful spirit and in a democratic manner, as the will of the Lord is sought. This explains the fact that autonomous churches, by the thousands, cooperate by means of the conventions in a vast program of world missions. Baptists do not always agree on all details and opinions, but they seek to resolve their differences in a Christian manner while they continue to cooperate in a Christian spirit. No doubt, we shall always have both churches and conventions; and the welfare of both will be enhanced by an understanding of the relationship between them. — Editor S. H. Jones in *The Baptist Courier* (S. C.)

10 MOST WANTED MEN

1. The man who puts God's business above any other business.
2. The man who brings his children to church rather than sends them.
3. The man who is willing to be a right example to every boy he meets.
4. The man who thinks more of his Sunday School than he does of his Sunday sleep.
5. The man who measures his giving by what he has rather than by the amount he gives.
6. The man who goes to church for his own sake rather than for the sake of the preacher.
7. The man who has a willing mind rather than a "brilliant" mind.
8. The man who has a passion to help rather than to be helped.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
10. The man who is more concerned about winning souls for Christ than he is about winning worldly honor. —Copied



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

SYDNEY, Australia —(BWA)— Sixteen local churches formed by Australian Baptist missionaries in the central highlands of New Guinea since late 1956 now have 850 members.

DR. LIN IMPRISONED AGAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(BWA)— Word has been received here that Dr. Henry Lin of China has been put in prison again. No details are available. Baptists throughout the world rejoiced a year ago at the word Dr. Lin had been freed after several years of imprisonment.

Dr. Lin, a former president of the University of Shanghai, is a fourth-generation Christian and a Baptist leader in China. He was vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, 1947-50.

SOUTH AFRICAN YOUTH MEET

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, South Africa — (BWA) — The first South African Baptist Youth Conference was held here with 53 registered delegates representing 39 fellowships. A large number of visitors were recorded at each day's sessions.

HUNGARIAN PAPER RESUMED

BUDAPEST, Hungary —(BWA)— *The Messenger of Peace*, publication of the Baptist Union of Hungary, is being published again following a long absence. First established in 1895, the paper was forced to cease publication in 1944. It has appeared regularly now since last August 15, with President Laszlo Szabo of the Baptist Union as editor, and Vice President Jozsef Nagy, co-editor.

BIBLE IS SILENT WITNESS

TORREN, Mexico —(BWA)— An open Bible is displayed in the front window of the Baptist bookstore here. Each day a page is turned, and scores of people who have no Bible of their own stop to read God's word as they go to and from work.

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THE BOOKSHELF

THERE ARE two ways, in the main, that the history of political thought is studied — by reading the great political writers themselves and by reading what others have said about them.

Ebenstein, in **Political Thought in Perspective**, published by McGraw-Hill, 1957, combines the two as he traces the development of political thought from Plato to present-day philosophers.

WHOLESONE PLAY has long been accepted as normal and necessary in the lives of all people, particularly the young.

In **Play Activities for Boys and Girls**, by Richard Kraus, published 1957 by McGraw-Hill at \$4.95, is found a valuable stock of games and activities.

A BETTER understanding of pupils by teachers is the purpose back of **The Child in the Educative Process**, by Daniel A. Prescott, published 1957 by McGraw-Hill at \$6.50.

Although written primarily for public school teachers, the book will be of real value to parents, ministers and Sunday School teachers.

ARKANSAN J. Boyce Nelson, who was born and reared at Havana, in "State of Yell," has produced a most interesting and inspiring sharing of the fireside experiences of his family, in **Papa Remembers Me**, published 1957 by Vantage Press, at \$2.95.

IS THE CHURCH failing in its ministry to its members when half the church membership becomes "dead wood"? Sidney W. Powell fears so. In **Where Are the Converts?** published by Broadman Press, 1958, at \$3, he stresses the positive approaches the church can make in conserving its members for loyal and fruitful service.

"HOW DO you know that the Bible is true?"

This question from a serious young man on the campus of Baylor University when Gwynn McLendon Day was a student there is credited with her writing of the book **The Wonder of the Word**, published in 1957 by Fleming H. Revell, at \$2.50.

Among the most interesting features of the book is a chapter entitled "The Witness of Great Men," made up of direct quotes from dozens of the world's great Bible readers.

MEMPHIS — (BP) — Secretaries of Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work from 23 states have pledged their support to C. C. Warren, of Charlotte, N. C., director of the Southern Baptist Convention's movement to establish 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964, at a meeting at the offices of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here.



NEWLY ELECTED officers of Arkansas Baptist Hospital are, left to right: L. H. Davis, pastor of 1st Church, Harrisburg, secretary; Raymond Lindsey, Little Rock, president; and Joe F. Rushton, Magnolia, re-elected vice-president. Mr. Lindsey will be chairman of the executive committee, Jacob L. King, Hot Springs, will head the finance committee, and W. Harold Hicks, Little Rock, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, will be chairman of the denominational and public relations committee.

Harmony Produces Attractive Annual

CLERK E. A. RICHMOND, of Harmony Association, Rt. 11, Pine Bluff, has sent us a copy of the Harmony Association annual for 1957. From its attractive cover, featuring the Cooperative Program and World Missions, through its reports and tables, it is one of the most attractive and informative association annuals we have seen.

One of the tables includes a column for the listing of churches as to whether or not they put the Baptist state paper in the budget. We are happy to see that 20 of the 33 churches of the association do send the paper through the budget to all their families.

The churches with the paper in the budget included:

- Alzheimer 1st, L. E. Clarke, pastor.
- Dumas 1st, M. E. Cole, pastor.
- Gould 1st, S. M. Williamson, pastor.
- Grady 1st, George Harris, pastor.
- Greenlee Memorial, W. A. Pruitt, pastor.
- Hickory Grove, F. Vanlandingham, pastor.
- Johnson Chapel, J. B. Robertson, Sr., pastor.
- Kingsland 1st, J. H. O'Cain, pastor.

Ordinations

EAST SIDE Church, Paragould, ordained Wayne Brightwell, Buck Rogers and Eugene Smith as deacons Dec. 15. Pastor Guy Whitney served as moderator; H. W. Johnston, associational missionary, led the examination, and the message was by R. C. Rogers.

RIDGECREST CHURCH, Benton, ordained Jimmy Dale Moore as deacon Dec. 22. Heber E. Shreve served as moderator, and Hugh Owen, Central Association missionary, conducted the examination. R. R. Shreve, Hot Springs, preached the sermon.

- Lee Memorial, Eugene Webb, pastor.
 - Forrest Park, L. F. Dorsey, pastor.
 - Immanuel, T. T. James, pastor.
 - Matthews Memorial, T. R. Coulter, Jr., pastor.
 - Second, F. B. Caldwell, pastor.
 - Southside, R. A. Lambert, pastor.
 - Plainview.
 - Star City 1st.
 - White Sulphur Springs, H. J. Adkins, pastor.
 - Wabbaseka 1st, Leonard McDoughle, pastor.
- Since the annual came out two more churches have been added to the list: Centennial, Lex Eaker, pastor. Rison.

What Baptists Believe

(No. 2 in a series)

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series on Baptist distinctives. The first installment of this series of four weekly releases on what Baptists believe appeared in last week's *Arkansas Baptist*.)

GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

9. **ELECTION** is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners. It is perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility. It encourages the use of means in the highest degree.

SANCTIFICATION

10. **SANCTIFICATION** is the process by which the regenerate gradually attain to moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in their hearts. It continues throughout the earthly life, and is accomplished by the use of all the ordinary means of grace, and particularly by the Word of God.

PERSEVERANCE

11. **ALL REAL** believers endure to the end. Their continuance in well-doing is the mark which distinguishes them from mere professors. A special providence cares for them, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

A GOSPEL CHURCH

12. A **CHURCH** of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his law, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word, and seeking to extend the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Its scriptural officers are bishops or elders and deacons.

BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

13. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM** is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The act is a symbol of our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior. It is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, commemorate the dying love of Christ.

14. **THE FIRST** day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead, and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, and by refraining from worldly amusements, and resting from secular employments, works of necessity and mercy only excepted.

THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

15. **THERE IS** a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked. Those only who are justified through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit are truly righteous in his sight. Those who continue in im-

penitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and are under condemnation. This distinction between the righteous and the wicked holds in and after death, and will be made manifest at the judgment when final and everlasting awards are made to all men.

THE RESURRECTION

16. **THE SCRIPTURES** clearly teach that Jesus rose from the dead. His grave was emptied of its contents. He appeared to the disciples after his resurrection in many convincing manifestations. He now exists in his glorified body at God's right hand. There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the wicked. The bodies of the righteous will conform to the glorious spiritual body of Jesus.

THE RETURN OF THE LORD

17. **THE NEW** Testament teaches in many places the visible and personal return of Jesus to this earth. "This same Jesus which is taken up from you unto Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven." The time of his coming is not revealed. "Of that day and hour knoweth no one, no, not the angels in Heaven, but my Father only." Matt. 24:36. It is the duty of all believers to live in readiness for his coming and by diligence in good works to make manifest to all men the reality and power of their hope in Christ.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

18. **GOD ALONE** is Lord of the conscious, and he has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to his word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to the church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The Gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

PEACE AND WAR

19. **IT IS THE** duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war.

The true remedy for the war spirit is the pure gospel of our Lord, The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of his teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of his law of love.

We urge Christian people throughout the world to pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace, and to oppose everything likely to provoke war.

Dr. L. B. Golden, Mission Leader, Dies

DR. L. B. GOLDEN, 64, director of state-city mission work for the Arkansas State Convention, died Sunday, Jan. 5, in a Little Rock hospital.

Funeral services, conducted by W. Harold Hicks, C. W. Caldwell, and I. L. Yearby, were Jan. 7.

Dr. Golden had been in charge of promoting Baptist mission work in the larger cities throughout the state.

He was a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College, Southern Seminary and Central Seminary. He had been pastor of 1st Baptist Church at Corning and Baptist churches at Columbia, Miss., Festus, Mo., Greenville, Tenn., Tulsa and Memphis.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eula Chism Golden; a daughter, Mrs. Ed Kuykendall of Dallas; four brothers, James Golden of Lena, Miss., Wiley Golden of Hattisburg, Miss., Charles Golden of Forest, Miss., and Webster Golden of DeKalb, Miss.; two sisters, Mrs. Susan Hillman of Laurel, Miss., and Mrs. Katie Norman of Natchez, and three grandchildren.

Thanksgiving Offering \$61,184 for Bottoms

THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING offering for Bottoms Baptist Orphanage totaled \$61,184 as of January 4, Superintendent H. C. Seefeldt reports. This compares with \$77,000 last year and with \$92,000 for the year prior to that.

This means that the orphanage this year will be pressed to meet its operating budget of \$125,000, since it receives only \$60,000 through the Cooperative Program, Mr. Seefeldt reports.

In addition to the Thanksgiving offering and the Cooperative Program operating budget, the orphanage received \$15,792.73 as its shares of the capital needs budget for 1957.

Churches Add BAPTIST

NOTIFICATION HAS come from a number of churches joining the growing list in the state sending the Arkansas Baptist to all their families under the Church Budget Plan:

KELLEY HEIGHT CHURCH, Ft. Smith, Muri Walker, pastor.

NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH, Rt. 2, Leachville, F. M. Robinson, pastor.

LIBERTY CHURCH, Dutch Mills, Washington-Madison Association, James Penland, pastor.

RISON CHURCH, Harmony Association, Harold Elmore, pastor.

ELLIS CHAPEL CHURCH, Rt. 1, Wynne, James P. Hildabrand, pastor. (Trial Budget)

BEIRNE CHURCH, Red River Association, Harold Wilson, pastor.

RIDGECREST CHURCH, Benton, Heber Shreve, pastor.

MT. ZION CHURCH, Doddridge, Hope Association, Alvis N. Dowd, pastor.

MT. VERNON CHURCH, Mt. Vernon, Ernest Anderson, El Paso, pastor.

GOODWIN CHURCH, a newly organized church in Tri-County Association. O. H. Bates, treasurer, sent in the notification.

IMBODEN CHURCH, Black River Association, J. C. Smith, pastor.

A NEW CLUB subscription to Arkansas Baptist has been received from Barton Chapel Church, Tri-County Association. Jack Parchman is pastor.



DR. L. B. GOLDEN

DeWitt Pastor Moves to Louisiana

NORMAN E. LERCH recently resigned as pastor of the 1st Church, DeWitt, to accept the pastorate of the Baptist Temple, Alexandria, La. He and his family moved to their new field of service Dec. 27.

Mr. Lerch was pastor of the DeWitt church five years and under his leadership, there were 278 additions, including 143 by baptism. During the five years, the church's educational building was completed and air-conditioned, and the church building completely renovated. Much of the church property was refurbished. All of the church's improvements have been paid for.

The church's budget has increased nearly 100 per cent, and enrollments in Sunday School, Training Union and other church organizations have increased. During the five-year period, the church gave \$25,159 to missions, and total gifts from all sources were \$174,536.

Mr. Lerch graduated from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and from the New Orleans Seminary. Before coming to DeWitt he pastored at Marion from 1947 to 1950 and at Rison from 1950 to 1952.

The Lerches have three sons, David, Wayne and John.

James Burleson, the DeWitt church's educational director, is directing church activities until a new pastor comes on the field. Assisting is the church secretary, Mrs. Tommy Black—Mrs. Charles Wright.

DIRECTORS of the Denver Board of Realtors voted unanimously to end the open-house showing of homes on Sundays. The move was made without any pressure from religious groups. One Denver realtor said, "We plan to run pictures of churches in the Sunday paper, saying, 'This is our open house today.'"

Revival Reports

FIRST CHURCH, Bay, Billy Walker, evangelist, December 15-22, 28 additions, 19 by baptism. One young man surrendered to preach, a lady to be a missionary and two more to do special service.

ELIZABETH CHURCH, Jesse S. Reed, evangelist. There were five additions by baptism and one other profession of faith.

FIRST CHURCH, Wilson, Billy Walker, evangelist, and Ben Bledsoe, music director. There were 23 baptisms, three additions by letter and one dedication for mission service.

TRINITY CHURCH, Hope Association, J. C. Crabbe, 1st Church, Fouke, evangelist. There were four additions by letter, nine by baptism.

BEECH STREET CHURCH, Texarkana, had 22 additions by baptism, three by letter and 12 rededications. There were two volunteers for mission service. Evangelist was Buckner Fanning. Bill Jackson directed the music.

SEVEN ADDITIONS, six by baptism, were recorded at the recent revival in Gum Springs Church, Benton, with Jesse S. Reed as evangelist.

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BROTHERHOOD

Nelson Tull

Mark Your Calendar

SIX REGIONAL Brotherhood conventions are scheduled for the week of January 19, as follows:



MR. TULL

Monday, January 20, 7:30 p. m., at 1st Church, Fayetteville, the Northwest Regional Convention (Benton County and Washington-Madison Associations). The speaker: Ralph Douglas. The President, H. O. Collins, will preside.

Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 p. m., at 2nd Church, Pine Bluff, the Harmony Regional Convention (Centennial, Harmony, and Carey Associations, and Grant County). The speaker: E. E. Grier. Nelson Tull will preside.

Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 p. m., at 2nd Church, Hot Springs, the Ouachita Regional Convention (Red River, Central, Buckville, and Caddo River Associations). The speaker: Ralph Douglas. C. H. Seaton will preside.

Thursday, January 23, 7:30 p. m., at 1st Church, Searcy, the White River Regional Convention (White County, Independence, and Little Red River Associations and Jackson County in Black River Association). The speaker: Brother W. Harry Hunt. The president, Joe Chumley, will preside.

Thursday, January 23, 7:30 p. m., at 1st Church, Hamburg, the Southeast Arkansas Regional Convention (Delta, Bartholomew, and Ashley County

Pastoral Changes

JOHNNY GREEN, a student at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Murphey's Corner Church, Newport, and began his duties January 1.

BOBBY BRIGGS, Ouachita student, has been called as pastor of Percy Church, Central Association. He is a native of Hot Springs.

JAMES H. FAIRCHILD, of Mississippi, has accepted the call of 1st Church, Hot Springs, and is to move on the field February 1.

TOMMY ROBERTSON, Benton, formerly pastor of Gum Springs, has been called by Old Union Church, Central Association.

OSCAR GOLDEN, who pastored Shorewood Hills Church for the last year and a half, has accepted the call to Piney Church, Central Association.

LAKE HAMILTON Church has called B. D. Smith as pastor. He will move on the field from Pochontas about February 1.

CURTIS GRIFFITH has resigned at Floral to accept the call of Pleasant View Church in Pulaski Association.

JIMMY WRIGHT, formerly pastor at Desha, Independence Association, has moved to Willotte, Tex.

RICHARD SANDERS is now on the field at Egypt, near Walnut Ridge. He formerly was at Mt. Zion in Independence Association.

"Two-Plus" Program Would Up Mission Gifts

Southern Baptist churches are being asked to give at least two per cent more of their total church budgets for world missions through the Cooperative Program.

The "Two-Plus" program, as it is known, first encourages churches to budget funds for missions through the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis of their total budgets rather than on a dollar basis.

Second the program encourages the churches to step up their percentage of Cooperative Program gifts through the annual budgets. For instance, a church giving 10 per cent of its total budget to missions through the Cooperative Program has been asked to increase the amount to at least 12 per cent of its total budget next year.

Southern Baptist stewardship and mission leaders point out that such increases in the 30,800 churches affiliated with the SBC would mean that millions of dollars more would be available for Christian education, home and foreign missions, and benevolent work.

Associations). The speaker: S. A. Whitlow. Nelson Tull will preside.

Friday, January 24, 7:30 p. m., at 1st Church, Booneville, the West Central Regional Convention (Concord and Clear Creek Associations). The speaker: Ray Branscum. The president, Charles Starbird, will preside.

The convention program will feature congregational singing and special music, devotion, business, a Brotherhood emphasis, a Royal Ambassador emphasis, a camp emphasis (including pictures), and the message of the evening.

Look at next week's column for other regional convention dates.

Atlanta Asks 'Speed Up' On College Plans

ATLANTA —(BP)— The Atlanta Baptist Association, made up of churches in the Georgia capital, wants to speed up plans for a proposed senior Baptist college here.

The association, in its annual session recently, asked its college committee to "proceed with all possible speed toward making definite decisions and recommendations."

Committee Chairman Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, said the committee has been working "diligently" in efforts to find a campus site and secure financial support.

Tracts in downtown and suburban Atlanta are being considered by the committee, he declared. Swilley said he hoped to make a report in January.

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, North Carolina, has received a grant of \$90,000 by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis for research in the relationship between religion and politics.



BURNS



BOYD

New BSU Leaders

Miss Carol Burns of Jonesboro and James Boyd of Snyder, Texas, have recently joined the staff of the Student Department, Miss Burns, a graduate of Baylor University, is working at Arkansas State College. Mr. Boyd, a graduate of Wayland College and Southwestern Seminary, has become the first citywide director for Little Rock. He will work with the Baptist students of the University of Arkansas Medical Units and Little Rock University.

640-Acre Farm Given To Aid Baptist Work

DALLAS —(BP)— A \$200,000, 640-acre farm near Hereford, Tex., has been given to the Baptist foundation of Texas by an Amarillo couple, Mr. and Mrs. Red L. Ferguson because of their "gratitude to God."

They will receive a life-time income from the transfer. After their deaths, three separate endowment funds will be established. These include \$25,000 for Wayland Baptist College, Plainview; \$25,000 for the Texas Baptist cooperative missions program through the First Baptist Church, Amarillo; and the remaining amount will be an endowment investment for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Plans Made to Reach Inactive Membership

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Plans for reaching two million inactive church members and for holding 900 associational evangelistic clinics in 1958 were made here recently.

The plans were announced by 23 Baptist secretaries of evangelism.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5 has been set aside as a church member visitation period. Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, Home Mission Board secretary of evangelism, estimated that two million members of Southern Baptist churches who live in their church communities do not attend church services.

A preliminary 1957 evangelism report showed an increase of 1,775 baptisms over the previous year. Baptisms totalled 386,325 for 1957.

WMU

Miss Nancy Cooper, Secretary

It's Report Time!

IT'S TIME for every WMU to report for the first quarter of 1957-58 (October, November and December)! Report



books have been sent to every organization recorded in the State WMU Office, and instructions will be found on page 63 of the **Guide Book** or page 106 of the **Year Book**. The plan has been changed! No reports for the first three quarters of the year are to be sent to State WMU Office. The WMU report should be made in duplicate and one copy with reports from each youth organization should be sent the associational superintendent. One copy of the report should be kept by each organization as a permanent record.

SEND IN OFFERING

It's too early to report on the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions, but indications are that the \$150,000 goal for our state will be surpassed. Send remittance for this offering to Miss Nancy Cooper, Treasurer, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock, as soon as possible. Additional contributions for this cause may be sent any time.

GRATITUDE FROM JO SCAGGS

Dear Members of Arkansas W.M.U.:

It was such a wonderful privilege to be with you in your district meetings last fall. Your concern for the Kingdom of God at home and abroad was an inspiration. I observed a decided increase in interest in missions as compared to former years.

Words cannot convey my deep gratitude for your generosity in your love offerings for Nigeria, and Jolinkrama in particular. For your full comprehension you should have witnessed my thrill and joy in the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock a few weeks ago. At that time I chose text books, commentaries, and other helps for pastors of our river and land tribes attending the Pastors' School at Jolinkrama. These amounted to \$750. Recently when asked if we had a book store in Jolinkrama I replied, "We will have when I return with these many books provided by the Arkansas W.M.U. districts."

For a fuller comprehension of this gratitude which cannot be adequately expressed, you needed to witness the receiving of the typewriters by the two Nigerian students at Georgetown Baptist College. Through these gifts you have helped to overshadow some of the unchristian attitudes depicted in recent news reports. The gratitude of these two — a future minister and a Christian educator in Nigeria — is priceless.

I shall return in February with many happy memories and causes for thanksgiving as I recall those meetings when "I touched shoulders with you." Your interest, your prayers, and your gifts play such an important part in extending His Kingdom.

Gratefully yours,
Jo Scaggs

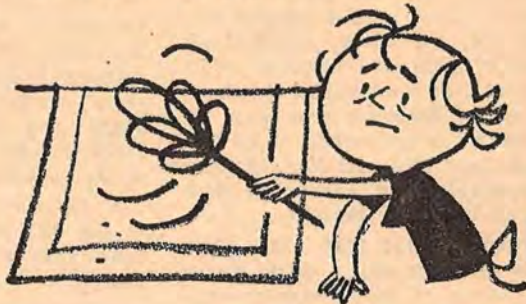
ACCORDING TO the 1958 **Yearbook of American Churches**, there are 308,647 congregations of all religious bodies in the United States, but there are only 235,100 pastors with congregations. The Methodists have 39,845 congregations and 23,961 ministers. Southern Baptists have 30,795 congregations and 24,896 ministers. Roman Catholics have 21,121 congregations.

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B. L. Bridges, Secretary

Making Progress

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DR. BRIDGES

Edward Maddox, that noble layman in the Harrisburg Church where L. H. Davis is pastor, has blessed the Foundation with a number of stock certificates issued by different

rice growers and rice processors organizations. More than \$700 worth and these stock certificates are good revenue producers for the Foundation. He has also recently given 86 shares of stock in the Empire Life Insurance Co., of Little Rock. Each share has an estimated value of \$6.50. This man of God continually thinks of the work of the Kingdom and prays for an opportunity to help make it go forward. God gives him and Mrs. Maddox these opportunities in answer to their prayers and unselfish purpose.

We pray that God may move upon the hearts of many others to do things like this. Many of our people have a few shares of stock or a few bonds that represent surplus possessions. Wouldn't you like to make an investment in spiritual things? Wouldn't you like to lay up for yourself treasures in Heaven? Wouldn't you like to "make to yourself friends of the mammon of unrighteousness that when you fail they may receive you into everlasting habitations?"

Your Foundation Board is able to handle such securities and make them yield help for the Kingdom of God. You can give such securities and help to secure the progress and continuation of our institutions and mission causes.

If I were you, however, I would be careful not to give such securities about which you might have your own doubts. If I were going to church and put something into the collection plate I would not want to place into it a piece of counterfeit money. I would not want to place into the collection plate any money about which I had my doubts. I would not want to put a piece of copper or nickel into the plate. I would not only want to give to God the genuine coin of the realm but I would want it to be silver or gold or paper money backed up by silver or gold. Go through your files and get the best securities that you have and make a gift to be used by the Baptist Foundation for some blessed Kingdom work.

As soon as the auditor finishes his work we will publish a financial report of The Baptist Foundation.

TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Tournaments

1. Churches should be working now with the Junior Memory-Sword Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Speakers' Tournament. Church elimination tournament should be held as late as possible but before the associational tournaments. Contact your associational Training Union director for the time and place of the associational tournaments.



MR. DAVIS

2. Associations should have their tournament as late as possible but before the district Training Union conventions the weeks of March 10 and March 17. Associations should plan for the Junior Memory-Sword Drill, one Intermediate Sword Drill, and two Speakers' Tournaments — one for 17-18 years, and one for 19-24 plus college students who are members of churches of the associations.

3. District tournament will be held at the district Training Union conventions that will be held the middle of March.

At each district convention, the Junior Memory-Sword drill finals will be held. Pictures will be taken of the winners. Each junior participant will be presented a certificate.

At each district convention, one intermediate sword driller will be selected to participate in the Sword Drill finals which will be held Friday night, April 25, at the youth convention at 2nd Church, Little Rock. First and second place winners will go to Ridgecrest or Glorieta.

At each district convention, one speaker from the 17-18-year group and one speaker from the 19-21-year group will be selected. These two will participate in the elimination tournament Friday morning, April 21, at the Youth Convention. Three from the 17-18-year group and three from the 17-21-year group will be in the finals that night. One from each group will be selected, one to go to Ridgecrest and one to Glorieta.

The Training Union Department will pay the way of the two sword drillers and the two speakers to Glorieta or Ridgecrest (room and meals while there and \$25 on transportation for each one).

MOODY BIBLE Institute, Chicago, Illinois, is releasing to television stations over the country a new thirteen-program series of Bible and science adventure films.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

1958 State Sunday

School Events

Three State Regional Vacation Bible School Conferences:

Feb. 3, 4, Immanuel Church, Fort Smith.

Feb. 5, 6, 1st Church, Malvern.

Feb. 7, 8, 1st Church, Jonesboro.



DR. WILLIAMSON

These conferences are for Associational Vacation Bible School leaders especially, but individual church Vacation Bible School workers are invited to attend any of the sessions of the nearest conference. Dr. Sibley Burnett, secretary of Vacation Bible School Work at the Sunday School Board, will be in all three conferences to direct and speak.

Associational Group Schools, February 17-21.

Associational Officers Meeting, March 25.

State Assembly Sessions, Siloam Springs: First Session, June 26-July 1; Second Session, July 3-8.

Preparation Week, September 21-28.

Five Regional Sunday School Conferences, October 13-17.

ABOUT SS ATTENDANCE REPORTS

It has been thought wise to discontinue publishing the Sunday School attendance reports each week in the Arkansas Baptist. There are some 1,200 schools in the state with not more than 50 reported attendances. So, it will not be necessary for churches to mail or telephone the Sunday School attendance and additions to either the Sunday School Department or the Arkansas Baptist.

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The scope and import of the conference are reflected in the session topics:

- "Every Baptist A Soul Winner" (Monday Evening)
- "The Church and Soul Winning" (Tuesday Morning)
- "God's Plan for Soul Winning" (Tuesday Afternoon)
- "Power for Evangelism" (Tuesday Evening)
- "Resources and Rewards for Soul Winning" (Wednesday Morning)

Every Baptist interested in the winning of the lost to Christ will be blessed by the conferences. It is especially for pastors, missionaries, associational chairmen of evangelism and all steering committee members.



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Robert Raikes, the Sunday School Founder

By ARNOLD B. CHEYNEY

DID YOU know that Sunday schools started in the slums of Gloucester, England? The streets were narrow and dirty. The buildings were run down and needed paint. Practically everyone was poor and ill-fed. But out of these conditions came our Sunday schools.

Around the year 1780 boys and girls had to work in factories six days a week. They were paid very little, and they worked long hours. There were no public schools for the children at that time.

Parents also worked long hard hours. When they came home, they were very tired—often too tired to watch their children. As a result, many of the children had to play in the street, and they grew up without much home training.

At the time Robert Raikes was a newspaper editor. He inherited the paper, the *Gloucester Journal*, from his father. Day after day as he walked down the dirty streets to the newspaper office, he became more and more disgusted at the way the boys and girls seemed to be running wild.

When he would talk to the parents, they would shrug their shoulders. They were too tired and often interested in their own pleasures. The parents had to work twelve hours a day and longer in the textile factories. When Sunday came, they didn't want to be bothered with anything.

Robert Raikes wondered what he could do. It made his heart ache to see all these children growing up not knowing about Jesus.

Finally, he hit upon an idea. Why not have school on Sunday? The boys and girls worked six days of the week, but they were free on Sunday.

Then he secured the interest of several women who taught in private schools where parents who had the money sent their children. These women consented to hold classes on Sunday. The classes first met in cottages, but later they began meeting in a large empty factory building.

At first the schools not only taught religious subjects, but also subjects similar to the ones in our public schools today. Later only religious classes were held.

Six years after Robert Raikes started his first Sunday school two hundred thousand boys and girls were taking part in Sunday morning study.

The Sunday school movement spread rapidly to the United States and to other parts of the world. It was difficult to establish Sunday schools in some parts of the United States at first. People thought that parents should teach their children at home. Then came the time when almost all churches had Sunday schools.

You are going to Sunday school to-

THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



"Alright, you can have the car if you promise to be in by ten!"

BILL: "My wife talks to herself."

JACK: "So does mine, but she doesn't know it — she thinks I'm listening."

TEACHER: "Johnny, can you tell me one use for a cow hide?"

JOHNNY: "Sure. It holds the cow together."

day because a long time ago Robert Raikes thought boys and girls should know about Jesus.

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A Smile or Two

FIRST AUTO MECHANIC: "Which do you prefer, leather or fabric upholstery?"

SECOND MECHANIC: "I like fabrics; leather is too hard to wipe your hands on."

TEACHER: "Johnny, where is Brazil?"

JOHNNY: (stalling) "Where do you think it is?"

TEACHER: "I don't think — I know."

JOHNNY: "I don't think I know either."

"JUST IMAGINE!" exclaimed the proud mother. "They've promoted our Tommy for hitting that mean old sergeant. They've made him a court-martial."

SOMEONE REPORTS that the name "Bureaucrat" has been suggested as the most appropriate definition for America's first satellite — it wouldn't work and they couldn't fire it.

A WOMAN'S VIEW.

"Why was Solomon the wisest man in the world?" asked the teacher.

"Because," answered a little girl, "he had so many wives to advise him."

DINER (reading menu): "Lucifer cake — never heard of it. What is it, Miss?"

WAITRESS (confidentially): "Well, it was supposed to be angel cake, sir, but it fell."

IT TAKES hundreds of nuts to hold a car together, but it only takes one to scatter it all over the highway.

WAITER: "How did you find your steak, sir?"

DINER: "It was just luck. I happened to move that piece of potato, and there it was."

TRUE LOVE

"Do you really love her?"
"Do I love her? Why, I worship the ground her father struck oil on."

MECHANIC: "With a car like that, my advice is to keep it moving."

CAR OWNER: "Why?"

MECHANIC: "If you ever stop the cops will think it's an accident."

A FIRST-GRADE teacher was telling the children about different wild animals, and, in order to test their knowledge, she asked: "How, who can tell me the name of an animal that has horns and is very dangerous for us to get near?"

Before she could call on any particular one, Bobby piped up enthusiastically, "I know, teacher—it's a truck!"

—The Watchman-Examiner

Fellowship of the Church

By GERALD T. SMITH

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Acts 2:42-47; Rom. 15:1-9

THE CHRISTIAN fellowship that meets you in the pages of the New Testament is an unusually vital and impressive thing. That which unites Christians is their experience of salvation in Christ. "Ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26).



MR. SMITH

There are two things that will always draw men together: a common danger and a common devotion. But whereas danger drives men together, devotion draws them together voluntarily. The early Christians were drawn together by a common love for Jesus. Their fellowship, then, was this—that they were sharing together the very life of Jesus. The spokes in a wagon wheel are closer together the nearer they get to the hub. The nearer to Christ, the closer to each other. "The fellowship of kindred minds is like that above."

Behind that sublime Christian fellowship radiated in the early church there lay a direct individual fellowship with God in Christ, a personal experience of the Holy Spirit. In other words, behind it was Pentecost, which we studied in last week's lesson.

That the Spirit was the power by which the church lived and the source of its "togetherness" was a deep conviction of the early Christians. The "togetherness" of the primitive church finds expression in the most characteristic words of the beginning chapters of Acts: "all, with one accord, together." Wherever one finds the Spirit welding people together in their love for Christ—there is the church. Indeed, in two famous passages Paul calls the church "the fellowship of the Spirit" (Phil. 2:1; 2 Cor. 13:14).

Picture of the Early Fellowship

The conclusion of the second chapter of Acts sums up the result of the day of Pentecost. The believers, 3,000 of which were added that one day, immediately entered the church through baptism. Luke proceeds to give us his first picture of the church.

"And all they that believed were together." They were all together bound into a fellowship by common ideas (the apostle's teaching), by common practices (the breaking of bread), by common religious habits (prayers), and by common economic rights and responsibilities (the sharing of the goods of this life). There is scarcely anything that gives more joy to a man than the sense of belonging to a community the life of which he shares. How much greater

is the joy of a man who lives as a member of the fellowship that centers in Jesus Christ. When men and women come under the Lord's influence, daily lift up their mind and spirit in allegiance to Him, get to know His will and seek His grace to do it, they have found the strongest bond of community.

The inward duty of the Christian fellowship was expressed in what has been called an "experiment in communism." Communism, in the strict sense it was not, for private control of property was not abolished. But under the impulse of that love for one another that Jesus had engendered, holders of real property sold it and voluntarily turned over the proceeds to the apostles, who out of it formed a common fund from which the needy members of the community were helped (Acts 2:45; 4:34). The practice was an impressive demonstration of the reality of Christian fellowship.

That the community increased rapidly and was at first favorably regarded by the populace of Jerusalem need cause no surprise. Jesus' followers were distinguished by the simple gladness of their lives. Happiness was characteristic of early Christianity. The infectious life and glad witness of the Christian fellowship daily attracted new adherents.

The old story of a bundle of sticks illustrates the principle of how strength comes from joyous fellowship. Each separate stick could easily be broken, one by one; but as long as the entire bundle was held together by a strong wire or cord, it was almost unbreakable. Even so shared experiences in a genuine fellowship can strengthen the soul. Many persons are individually defeated in the struggle of life; but when they are held to a group in Christian fellowship they can never be defeated. In unity of mind and spirit and purpose there are healing and power and strength.

Duty of the Fellowship

In Romans 15:1-9a, Paul lays an obligation upon Christian people of all generations for maintaining this wonderful fellowship. This duty rests especially on the "strong" for it is they that must voluntarily assume self-restraint and have regard for the weak. For the life of Christians together it is an inescapable rule that they "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2). But that rule applies especially to those who are strong in faith. They have been given greater strength just that they may bear the burdens of others.

In discussing the responsibility of having a proper regard for the well-beings of others, Paul strikes at the root of Christian disunion, selfishness. We are not to insist on our full liberty of action where the conscience of others is

wounded by it simply to "please ourselves." Instead of looking upon the weak man with contempt, the strong should be willing to sympathize with his position, to meet him where he is, and to help him with his problems.

The basis for this obligation Paul carries back, as in Philippians 2:4-8, to Christ himself. "For Christ did not please himself." Paul saw in the life of Jesus from beginning to end a continuous process of self-limitation for the sake of men. If the Lord could do so much for us, how small in comparison is the sacrifice asked of the more mature, "capable" Christians to be willing occasionally to limit their freedom for the sake of harmony in the church and the welfare of his brother.

When Christians do not live only to themselves, but also for others, then every rift vanishes. Tiresome questions, which may easily split a church, can be solved if both parties keep before them the example of Christ.

The Christian fellowship should be one in which the lonely finds friends and the sinful find understanding and forgiveness.

Purpose of the Fellowship

Paul sums up his teaching by a prayer for the unity of the community. Unity is created by love and preserved by forbearance; but selfish pride continually threatens it. The harmony which Paul has commended so wholeheartedly finds its fullest expression in united praise of God.

To build up a church which is in one accord and with one voice glorifies God was the aim of Christ's work; and this is also to be the aim of every Christian. We cannot hope to glorify God as we ought if we are not in agreement with others. Where the hearts of God's worshippers are divided, there is no true harmony in what their voices say.

The history of mankind is a sad exhibition that religion does not necessarily promote fellowship. It depends on the kind of God that is worshipped. If we are to find harmony, it must be through the worship of a God who makes unity possible. The "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" is the characteristic New Testament way of referring to God as he is known within the Christian fellowship and it is in the worship of Him that we can recover our long lost sense of brotherhood.

Paul now widens the perspective to include the rift between Jews and Gentiles. It is through Christ that both Jews and Gentiles are "welcomed" into the church.

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Our Baptist Work

I WAS ASKED the other day how I liked my new work. My reply was, "I suppose I am the most confused man in the state." In this period of orientation, I am learning so much so fast.



DR. WHITLOW Most of the time for the past fifteen years I have been a member of the Executive Board. A part of this time I served as president of the Board. I have served on various committees — both in the state and the Southern Baptist Convention. However, I have never sat where I am now sitting. Of necessity, I am having to look at our work from a little different point of view. The things which I see amaze me.

First of all there is the magnitude of our work. God has signally blessed Southern Baptists. Our growth has been by leaps and bounds. I pray that the roots may be as deep as the branches are far-reaching. The tree is only as secure as its roots make it. The building is no stronger than its foundation. Our growth, to be enduring and helpful, must be erected upon a spiritual foundation.

Another thing which has caught my attention in these days is the amount of careful planning that goes into our denominational work. One of our department heads returned the other day from a planning meeting for his particular department of work. He said that any one of our departments could suggest plans to our churches which would keep them busy all of the time. This is no exaggeration.

It has been my good fortune right at this stage to have had the privilege of attending two meetings recently. One was the annual meeting of the Promotion Committee. All of the state secretaries form a part of this committee. Here plans were laid which are to be projected far into the future. This provided me an invaluable insight into our work. The other meeting was in the interest of the 30,000 Movement under the leadership of Dr. C. C. Warren. This movement — as you know — is an attempt to set up 30,000 new missions and preaching places by 1964. A survey of the United States and Alaska gives evidence of the need and opportunity for these new preaching places. This same survey indicates the

need of 220 additional Baptist churches in Arkansas. The field is white.

A little closer home. I am impressed with the excellent staff which Arkansas Baptists have in the Baptist building. These leaders understand the nature of their responsibility. They are dedicated to their work. The spirit of fellowship among this group cannot be excelled.

Another thing which has amazed me — and deeply humbles me — is the wonderful reception which Arkansas Baptists have given me into this new responsibility. I have received scores upon scores of letters from Baptist men and women from over the state welcoming me to this work, and without exception pledging their prayers and best cooperation. How grateful I am for this spirit! All of this represents resources which cannot be fully computed.

However, one further word must be said. Without this word all else would be meaningless. Brethren, we are engaged in the work of the Lord. He is more vitally concerned about what we have and what we are attempting to do than we can possibly be. Herein lies our hope. In following His leading and doing His bidding, He will breathe life into these resources and animate these plans — and through all of this accomplish His own purpose. God being my helper, I here dedicate my all anew to Him. —S.A.W.

1957 Co-operative Receipts

DURING 1957, the Baptists of Arkansas gave \$1,421,720 to world missions through the Cooperative Program. This is \$58,308.25 more than was given in 1956, or an increase of 4.28 per cent. But we were \$76,051.75 short of the goal of \$497,771.95.

The 1958 budget goal is \$1,500,000. In order to reach that goal, our churches must give 5½ per cent more than they gave last year.

Sometimes it might be difficult for some church members to see beyond the idea that we are merely striving to reach a goal, or standard, set by someone, somewhere, who was only visionary or idealistic, when we talk about the Cooperative Program budget. But we must not forget that when we refer to goals, budgets, and the Cooperative Program, we are talking about world-wide missions. Therefore, we must never get so involved in the means that we forget the end. We should never think of money given through the Co-operative Program as a mere effort to

raise a budget, but an equitable means of distributing mission money. The Bible teaches us to "let the redeemed of the Lord say 'Go.'" When we give money to missions, we are reporting, through



DR. DOUGLAS our actions, what we believe in our hearts about going to the ends of the earth with Christ after the lost. Through our history, we learn that many church members and churches cut down on giving when some emergency arose. In some cases almost anything decisive was classified as an emergency. Then we have heard of some individuals cutting back on their giving because of high taxes, too much rain, or not enough rain. We have heard of some churches cutting down on their giving to missions because of some unforeseen circumstance. To do these things is to try to take it out on the Lord, it seems.

We shall do well to remember that circumstances change; there will be hundreds of settings; tremendous changes in personnel; yet, the spiritual and the moral remain the same, and ultimately the economic becomes subservient to the eternal.

Let every Baptist individual pray this prayer and every church put it into practice:

"Live out thy life within me,
O Jesus, King of kings,
Be thou thyself the answer,
To all my questionings.
Live out thy life within me,
In all things have thy way!
I, the transparent medium,
Thy glory to display."

—Frances R. Havergal

—Ralph Douglas

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(BWA)— More than 22,000,000 Baptists in 105 countries on six continents are being asked to meditate Sunday, February 2, on their "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5).

The date is Baptist World Alliance Sunday, an annual occasion when "Baptists of the world meet as one before the throne of grace in prayer and consecration," said Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Baptist World Alliance president and pastor of the Richmond, Va., 1st Church.