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Tendency Toward Formalism

IN A JOINT meeting of the state executive secretaries and secretaries of evangelism held recently in Atlanta, Ga., one of the speakers said, "We do not tend toward evangelism, but rather toward formalism." All of us can think of individuals, individual churches, and even denominations that as they have grown older have lost something of the fire that characterized their earlier days. We do not tend toward evangelism. There is the tendency to lean more on what we might call institutional evangelism. This makes evangelism less personal and less effective.

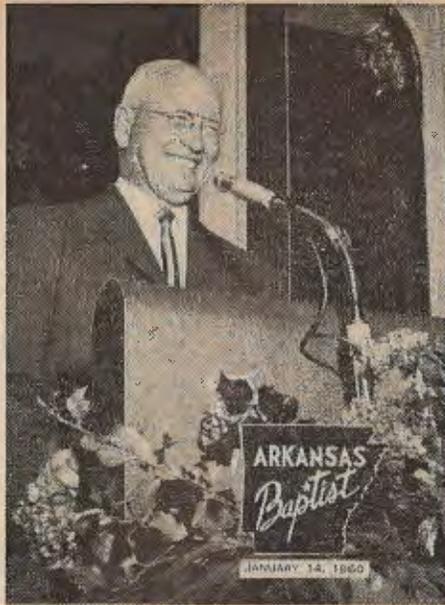
Paul, the aged apostle, wrote to the young preacher Timothy, "Exercise thyself rather unto godliness." We do not grow into Christlikeness by just doing what comes naturally. It requires purposeful effort. So it is in the matter of evangelism. This requires purposeful effort. Eternal vigilance is the price that must be paid to cultivate the Christian grace of soul-winning.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell has built a program for the Evangelistic Conference which is to be held in the 1st Church, Little Rock, Jan. 25-27, which should serve as a strong incentive to soul-winning. All of our pastors need this extra stimulus in order to fan the flames of evangelism into a consuming fire in the hearts of their people.

Evangelism is our prime business and we dare not take it for granted. The winning of men to the Lord is the foundation-stone upon which all of our Christian work must be laid. Christian character, missions, stewardship in all areas of life are dependent upon this initial Christian experience.

We would like to urge the churches to make it possible for their pastors to attend this all-important conference. The deacons, in our judgment, would be doing their churches a good service and would strengthen the cause of Christ around the world if they would see to it that their pastors have every encouragement to be present for this conference. There are many demands upon the pastors to attend a multitude of denominational meetings. This incurs a rather sizeable sum in travel expense throughout the year, but here is a meeting that stands at the very heart of our total program. We sincerely yearn and pray for the presence of every pastor in our state at this conference. If the deacons can possibly attend, this would be an added encouragement to the pastor and would be a tower of strength to evangelistic effort in their own churches.

We would like to appeal to all of our people — whether you are able to attend the Conference or not — to remember daily this meeting as you pray. God can and will bless your efforts in prayer for this cause. Come



Cover Story.

Dr. Dobbins Busy In 'Retirement'

FEATURED on this week's cover is a recent portrait of Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, one of Southern Baptists' all-time great leaders, who, as Distinguished Professor at Golden Gate Seminary, is having a remarkable post-retirement career as teacher, lecturer, preacher, writer and world traveler.

Now in his 74th year, Dr. Dobbins follows a daily schedule that would put many a young man "in the shade." The cover picture was made while he was in Nashville last month to speak to a Convention-wide gathering of Southern Baptist executives.

A native Mississippian, Dr. Dobbins has been an ordained Baptist preacher since 1914. After several years in the pastorate, followed by several as a member of the editorial staff of the Sunday School Board, he became a member of the faculty of Southern Seminary, where he served until his official retirement. Following the death of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, he was acting president of the seminary for about a year.

An active associate in Dr. Dobbins' world ministry is Mrs. Dobbins, the former Miss May Virginia Riley, who often accompanies him on his travels.

Dr. Dobbins has long been recognized as Southern Baptists' outstanding authority in the field of Church Administration and Religious Education. He has written more program and lesson material than any other writer and his books are in wide demand among many other denominations in addition to his own.

Dr. Dobbins, we salute you and pray God's continued blessings upon you and your great work. ■

if you can, pray whether or not—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

Systematic Plan of Church Finance

WISE CHURCH leaders recognize the need of a systematic plan of church finance. They have learned that the tithes and offerings are vital parts of worship and means of spiritual enlistment and growth.

The New Testament principle of giving the Lord first place in everything should lead church people to plan and manage Kingdom business as well, or better, than they do their own private businesses. The individual who is progressive in private affairs, and who always plans ahead and then is too conservative to plan in Kingdom affairs, is not an orthodox Christian. The man who manages his business expertly and then transacts Kingdom business in a loose, slop-dash manner, is certainly not putting first things first.

The business and financial affairs of a church should be conducted with as much precision as the leading bank in a county seat town. An employee of a bank and a leader in the Baptist church should be willing to help outline the financial policy of the church with as much shrewdness as he manages a bank. A farmer who is a deacon and plans his work in such a way as to be successful in his operation, should be willing to help his church to have a systematic plan of operation.

The church that has system and plan in financing Kingdom work "gives a good report to them that are without." This helps in winning lost people and it helps enlist the careless and indifferent.

The lack of good, Christ-like, Bible methods of planning and in the field of finance, is always conducive to disunity. Where there is disunity, there are always disquieting influences at work that in the near future will break out in a rash of criticism.

The church that fails to see that giving is a spiritual matter and makes plans accordingly is not ministering to a great host of the members. Giving is an agency of enlistment and must be presented on a spiritual level. To secure ample funds to pay bills is not a spiritual objective, as worthy as paying bills may be. The main thing in giving is getting the individual to give self. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Money is self. When a person goes out and earns \$100 a week, he uses his personality, his eyes, his hands, his feet, his mind, and his judgment. When, at the end of the week, that person gives \$10 to his church, that church member is giving part of self to be used in Kingdom affairs. He grows in grace because Paul classified giving along with ministry, love, faith, teaching, and prophecy. "Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace [giving] also." — Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.

A PERIL GREATER THAN COMMUNISM

By Dr. Frank C. Laubach

[Editor's Note: Following is a digest of the address delivered by Dr. Laubach at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention last November. Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is now in position to receive and distribute over-and-above gifts for Dr. Laubach's literacy mission program.]

I HAVE come to talk to you about the most critical and most important matter on earth. Our very survival is at stake.

The fate of the world has come to rest upon ordinary Christians like you. If you do what needs doing you and the world will survive, if not, you face destruction within 10 years.

We are drifting down the hill toward Niagara. Only Christians can stop us.

Even if we stop making atomic and hydrogen bombs, which I think we will, we still face the problem of survival. We once thought that Russia and communism were our great peril. Now every intelligent man knows that a peril greater than communism is upon us. This is the peril that caused communism. We've got to thrust into the very heart of the problem. Our world is growing increasingly hungry and increasingly angry. A billion people are behind the iron curtain.

One-half of the people of the world go to bed hungry each night.

Our farmers are intelligent. They go to college. They know the latest methods of agricultural production. There is no hunger problem here. We have half the world's wealth in the United States. All the rest of the people of the world have the other half, and the most of them have but one meal a day, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The thing that is making the world more dangerous and hungry is the phenomenal success of medicine. At the beginning of this century, John D. Rockefeller had a billion dollars which he wanted to invest. Friends encouraged him to invest it in health.

One out of every five missionaries is a doctor or a nurse. We have had fantastic success with medicine. It was so easy to stop the death of babies. Once 9 out of 10 babies born in India died, now 9 out of 10 live. Epidemics and most diseases have been eliminated almost entirely. Life expectancy has gone up in India from 20 to 40 years, as compared with 70 years in America.

The population of the world was almost level for more than 4,000 years, but has doubled in the last 60 years. By the end of this century it is expected to be 6,400,000,000. Our problem is that while we were improving health, we did nothing about agriculture. India must increase her food supply 28,000,000 tons per year or suffer unprecedented famine

in six years, within which period her population is expected to increase more than 80,000,000.

TWO THINGS are obvious. There must be birth control, family planning, and expansion of the agricultural capacity. But 80 per cent of the people of India cannot read and write. This prevents the improvement of agriculture. We cannot do much with an illiterate people. They are the sharecrop-

pers. They plow with wooden sticks. They must go over the land five times to get enough soil stirred to plant the seed.

They dry cow dung and use it to cook with and for the floors of homes. The land becomes harder year by year.

Not half of the little children of India can go to school. We have developed a simple method of teaching illiterates to read. We call it "Each one teach one." Illiterate people with books can learn to teach others. They learn to work together to make their mud huts and to put roofs on.

Every government in the 97 different countries in which I have traveled has gladly received us and wants our team back. The great dilemma is that nine-tenths of the hungry and illiterate people are threatening to go communist. Twenty-five countries have been given their independence since the last war and France has indicated she will soon grant self-government to 12 more nations.

Recently Mr. Nehru was invited to make a speech to the National Christian Council. He declared: "We don't want you to evangelize us. We are Hindus. Come and help us with our literacy and agriculture."

We must have a new approach. Every missionary who goes with special preparation to teach literacy and help with the problems of the governments will be admitted. Only these can go in. This is a wonderful, new breakthrough. This is a marvelous way to make the people love Christ.

You've got to save the world. Nobody else can. You've got to save them with compassion. Jesus was the most compassionate person the world has ever seen. He healed and blessed people wherever he went.

We usually teach about ten lessons, on the love of Jesus. Then we lift about 90 stories about him out of the Bible. By the time the people finish reading these, they know and love Jesus.

History is going against us. Indonesia, the sixth largest nation in population, is an example. The president was getting ready to call an election, but he found that the election would go Communist and called it off. He calls it "limited democracy," democracy without an election. He changed the government into a dictatorship.

ONE HUNDRED million people are turning to communism each year.

Paul Hoffman is proposing to give \$70 billion to save the people in the hungry nations from communism. But dollars will not do it. We must have an army of Christ-filled, loving people to

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Pointed Laubach Quotes

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Southern Baptists have been giving an average of only \$1.76 per year for missions. But for literacy and agriculture, the average is only one cent a month. Singing big and giving little will not do.

WE HAVE embarked upon a new year and a new decade in history. One heartening thought is that we will have the privilege of beginning again. And the burdens of the new year will come a day at a time. We can face the trials of each day in our own strength or we can lay hold of the unlimited resources of God Himself. We cannot stop the clock, but we do not have to hold on to our outmoded attitudes, ideas and habits. Paul gives us some wonderful direction for the making of resolutions, in Phil. 3:13-14. Let us consider several aspects of this popular text.

A Resolution for 1960

I.

FIRST, Paul says, "I have not yet arrived." One of the greatest Christians ever to live, Paul was also one of the most humble. He never lost sight of the fact that what he was spiritually was due to the grace of God and not to his own merit or desert. "By grace are ye saved through faith . . . it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast." The closer you come to a bright light the more conscious you are of your uncleanness. The closer Paul's walk with Christ, the greater his humility. In his early ministry Paul called himself "least of the apostles." A little later, he described himself as ". . . least of all the saints . . ." And near the end of his life he said he was "chief of sinners."

One of the great hazards as we begin 1960 is our complacency, our self-satisfaction. Too many of us are self-made and proud of our makers. Of many of us it could be said as of the church at Sardis: ". . . thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." If we do not feel we have already arrived, we are not losing any sleep worrying about improving. We have come to a day in which a lot of people are thinking more about social security than of the security of the believer.

II.

IN THE second place, Paul expressed a strong resolution of Christian purpose. Here is a good New Year's resolution for every one of us: ". . . but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The one who does not have a singleness of purpose is not likely to go far. What would college be worth to a student with no academic purpose? Several years ago we read that it would take a bright student 600 years to complete all the different courses offered by a single university. The young man who expects and aspires to become a physician must have a singleness of purpose or he will flunk out before he has more than started. So it is in all areas of human endeavor. Should we be surprised, then, to find that the same principle holds in the all-important matter of Christian attainment? The Christian can never expect to touch the hem of the garment of his spiritual potentiality without a singleness of purpose.

"This one thing I do," said Paul. "My ministry, my Christian life comes first. I decide everything on whether or not it will make me a better Christian, a better witness for Christ. Everything past, present and future must fall in line behind this one great objective."

III.

FINALLY, Paul reminds us of the great goal, the finish line for the Christian: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," he said. He was conscious of Christ waiting for him at the finish line.

Edmund Haggai, preaching the closing sermon at the 1959 Arkansas Baptist State Convention, told about writing a letter, as a young preacher, to Dr. R. G. Lee and asking Dr. Lee the question: "What is the secret of your power in the pulpit?" Replied Dr. Lee: "I never begin a sermon without a realization that Christ is himself in the congregation."

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith . . ." What a marvelous goal for every Christian. When we have our eyes fixed upon Jesus, we cannot have them set upon ourselves. And when we are looking unto Jesus we are sure to have our hearts charged with his love and his compassion for a lost world.

'Where Is the Sea?'

This anonymous rhyme is quoted by J. Wallace Hamilton, in his book, *Who Goes There?* Dr. Hamilton adds:

"All around us are little fishes looking for the sea; people living, moving, having their being in an ocean of God's providence, but who can't see the ocean for the water. Maybe it is because we call it by another name.



ELM

"The ancient Hebrews from whom the Bible came were a religious people. They thought in religious patterns, they spoke in religious phrases, they saw in every event the direct activity of God.

"If it rained, it was God who sent the rain. When crops were good, it was God who yielded the increase. But that is not our language, nor the pattern of our thought. We think in terms of law—chemical, natural law. When it rains we know it is the natural condensation of vapor. When the crops are good, we credit it to the fertilizer. An amazing thing has happened in our way of thinking.

"In a world that could not for one moment exist without the activity of God, we have conditioned our minds to a way of thinking that leaves no room for Him. So many of our wants are provided by what seems natural and impersonal forces that we have lost sight of the great Provider in the midst of providence . . ."

In much of the world today people perish for lack of material prosperity. In America we face the terrible prospect of perishing in the midst of our prosperity. It is still true that without vision the people perish.

What value are spiritual eyes that are blind when it comes to finding the straight and narrow path of the godly walk?

Of what benefit are ears which are morally tone deaf?

A modern version of the story of Daniel and Potiphar's wife has Daniel replying to the temptress: "I'm afraid Potiphar might not like it!" That's the way many a 20th Century young man might respond, if, indeed, he hesitated at all. But here is what Daniel did say to Potiphar's wife:

". . . how can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

The sea is there, whether the fish who swim in it recognize it or not. And God is in all and over all, ". . . ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness." But He will not be ignored.

Erwin L. McDonald

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Ministerial Deductions

ACCORDING to a recent release by the Religious News Service, the Internal Revenue Department has ruled that ministers of music and education do not qualify as ministers of religion for tax purposes. The result is, therefore, that housing allowances must be declared as income. Also, it is now necessary for one to declare the rental value of any house that may be furnished by the church.

It is difficult for a pastor to understand why this distinction is so made. Our modern church life demands the help of trained and consecrated associates to the pastor. These men are considered to be called of God to perform certain administrative functions of the gospel ministry. They are expected to be trained in our theological seminaries and to be called to their positions as are the pastors. In the absence of the pastor, the educational director is expected to care for any emergency which may arise. He visits the sick, comforts the bereaved, handles personal problems, and often, conducts religious services.

The fact that such a ruling by the Internal Revenue Department may cost the educational director additional taxes is not the most important factor. The really significant thing about it is that it seems to point up a feeling on the part of government officials that the minister of religious education and music is not a minister of the gospel. One wonders how many others place the services of these good men on a different level.

One thing is certain—the pastors who work with these men do not consider their calling one degree less sacred. They look upon their associates as fellow-workers in the ministry.

It is to be regretted that such a ruling has been made. At any rate, however, it points up the need for some sort of recognition of the minister of music and education as a minister of the gospel. Certainly, the function of these men is such that it meets the

New Testament requirement of being ordained—"set apart" to their peculiar ministry. It appears as though our churches have been rather dilatory in carrying out our responsibilities to these God-called men.

Regardless of "official interpretation," the New Testament is clear in stating the diversities of the ministry: "And he gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-13).—Charles F. Pitts, Pastor, 1st Church, Blytheville.

Pastoral Care Day

I TAKE pleasure in inviting you to the third Annual Pastoral Care Day for the ministers of the State. This year's Conference will be held February 1 at the Little Rock Unit of the Arkansas State Hospital and will use for its theme: "Older People and the Church."

The Conference is being expanded to include an evening banquet and a guest speaker. The First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock has invited us to use their facilities for the banquet and Dr. Paul B. Maves, of Drew University, Madison, N. J., will be our guest lecturer. Dr. Maves will address the Conference in the morning on the theme, "The Christian Churches and the Aging Process."

Because of the expense in expanding and enriching this program, it will be necessary for the Conference participants to share a small part of the expense this year (Registration \$2.50; Lunch \$1; Banquet \$1.50). The Chaplain's Department will send you registration blanks and a fuller description of the program and the other speakers in about two weeks.

I hope to greet you personally on February 1.—Granville L. Jones, M.D., Superintendent of Arkansas State Hospital, Little Rock.

REPLY: Thanks, we plan to be there. —ELM.

Evangelist Busy

Perhaps through the Arkansas Baptist my friends will be glad to know that I am still vigorous and busy all of the time. Recently I spent a week with the Mallory Heights Baptist Church, Memphis. This was my third engagement with this church in 19 months. Rev. D. M. Metts, Sr. is the pastor. Beginning January 10th I will serve the First Church, De Queen, as interim pastor. L. E. Holt, Evangelist, 3220 East 24th, Texarkana.

'Praying It Through'

THE ARTICLE ["Praying It Through," page 4, our issue of Dec. 24] is great. In fact, I put the paper down, dressed, and went out visiting. A cold wind was blowing and it was cloudy, but joy was in my heart. I carried some cookies to some little children who had been sick, walked five blocks to see a young couple who do not attend church, and then on to another home, trying to give feet to my prayers. . . . In the morning I am going around the block to see Miss ———. A year ago she had a stroke. Is able to walk just a little. Thanks again for your "Personally Speaking."—Mrs. C. L. Waldrep, Seneca, S. C.

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The Bible Speaks on "Old Age"



Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age. PSA. 92:13, 14



Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers. PROVERBS 17:6



PSALM 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken.



And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days. I KINGS 3:14

Pastor's Wife Is Mission Book Author



MRS. HALL

"Please, Mah" is the title of the life story of Josephine Scaggs, missionary in the bush country of Africa, which has been written by Mrs. Andrew Hall of Fayetteville.

It is the story of a young woman who, while still in her twenties, turned her back on work in her homeland in order to serve as a missionary in Africa. With the pioneer spirit of a David Livingstone or an Albert Schweitzer or a modern Tom Dooley, Miss Scaggs became the first white woman to live in the remote Orashi River section of Joinkrama in Nigeria, West Africa. It has now been twenty years since she first sailed for Africa.

In 1956 Miss Scaggs was honored by Queen Elizabeth II of England in a special ceremony at Enugu, Nigeria.

The work which Miss Scaggs began in an abandoned warehouse has now expanded to include three mission homes, a school, and six hospital buildings.

The book includes a detailed account of Miss Nancy Cooper's trip to Joinkrama.

In 1957, while Miss Scaggs was visiting in Fayetteville, Mrs. Hall began writing her story. Mrs. Hall is the author of another biography, "Green Shoot From Gum Log," the life story of her father, the late Dr. J. R. Grant.

This book was published by William-Frederick Press of New York.

Mrs. Hall is the wife of Dr. Andrew Hall, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Fayetteville.

"Please, Mah" is available at the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock.



STOVER RIDGE mission, east of Rogers, was started Feb. 1, 1959, by Immanuel Church, Rogers, Clyde Aikman, pastor. This picture was made at the mission recently, where the Rev. James Conner now serves as mission pastor. Starting with an initial Sunday School enrollment of 24, the mission now has 75 enrolled in Sunday School. Fifty-two have been added to the membership which started with 14 charter members. C. B. Dane is chairman of the Immanuel Missions committee. ■

Music Department

Music Workshop Scheduled at Seminaries

LEADING personalities in the field of church music will participate in the annual Church Music Workshops to be held at Southwestern Seminary, Feb. 1-5, and at New Orleans Seminary, Feb. 8-12.

Members of the special faculty for the Southwestern workshop will include Madeline D. Ingram, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.; Miss Nettie Lou Crowder, associate editor of church music materials for the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville; George Howerton, dean of the school of music at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; and Roy Ferguson, member of the organ faculty at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, O.

Features of the Southwestern workshop will include organ master classes for beginning and advanced students; classes in choral techniques with adult choirs, piano classes, and lectures in specialized areas. Materials will be distributed for pre-school, elementary, junior high school and senior high school choirs.

Members of the special faculty for the New Orleans workshop will include Dr. Warren M. Angell, dean of College of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.; Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary of Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; Dan C. Hall, associational promotion, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; Paul Stewart, secretary of Music Department, Alabama State Baptist Convention; W. G. Stroup, secretary of Music Department, Florida Baptist Convention; Lowell C. Alexander, secretary of Music Department, Louisiana Baptist Convention; plus the entire faculty of the School of Sacred Music of the Seminary.

Special features of the New Orleans workshop include a study of choral directing techniques, review of choir materials, fundamentals of congregational song leading, worship service building, voice-piano recital, local choir rehearsal observations, tour of Baptist mission points and get-acquainted social.

Prayer Impulses

WHILE DRIVING home from a preaching engagement one Sunday night recently, I traveled for some time behind a car occupied by a young couple and their baby. (They were not traveling fast enough to leave me behind, but too fast for me to pass in my 36-horsepower job.) The young mother leaned over the front seat, where she was riding with her husband, to see that the baby was all right, in the back seat. Then she was seated as far away from her husband as possible. I wondered if the couple had quarreled and I felt inclined to pray for the little family.

Not too long after my prayer, the wife moved over to her husband's side and placed her head on his shoulder. The husband began driving with one arm. Then I felt led to start praying for my own safety and others the one-arm driver might meet along the way.

—Erwin L. McDonald

Ouachita Begins New Bible Building

BRUCE R. ANDERSON, of Little Rock was employed as architect and authorized to proceed with final plans and specifications for the new Bible Building at Ouachita College at a recent meeting of the college's board of trustees, according to President. Ralph A. Phelps Jr.

The trustees passed a resolution of appreciation for J. E. Berry's gift, which will amount to \$75,000 for the Bible Building. Mr. Berry, a Ouachita graduate, has already given \$25,000 of the amount.

Construction on the building will proceed in two stages, according to Dr. Phelps, with plans to build a small chapel and a classroom wing. Work will proceed in the near future on the chapel, which the trustees voted to name the J. E. Berry Chapel.

The college is trying to raise the amount needed for the classroom wing by private solicitation. If possible, both the chapel and the classroom wing will be constructed at the same time, Dr. Phelps said.

In other action, the trustees approved the loan agreement of \$625,000 for two new dormitories and authorized the building committee to proceed with construction as soon as possible. They also accepted the resignation of Dr. Thomas L. Tedford as head of the Department of Speech. ■

South Side Elects Deacons

SOUTH SIDE Church, Pine Bluff, recently elected eight men to serve on the Board of Deacons for three years. The ordained men to be placed on the board are Dr. L. G. Formby, L. D. Davis, Lester Price, James Oaks, and Norman Chappell.

An installation-ordination service was held Jan. 3. Travis Tucker, C. L. Dew, and W. E. Boshers were ordained in this service. The men retiring from active deacon service were C. O. Breedlove, J. T. Brown, D. L. Holloway, Carl Tillman, Horace Henderson, John Hayden, and L. C. Vanderford. ■

Attendance Report

January 3, 1960

| Church | Sunday School | Training Union | Additions |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Benton, 1st | 690 | 170 | |
| Camden, Cullendale, 1st | 438 | 228 | 2 |
| Crossett, 1st | 596 | 217 | 4 |
| El Dorado, 1st | 867 | 297 | 2 |
| El Dorado, Immanuel | 680 | 336 | 2 |
| Faith Mission | 20 | | |
| Ft. Smith, Calvary | 373 | 143 | 2 |
| Ft. Smith, Grand Ave. | 702 | 312 | 3 |
| Jacksonville, 1st | 588 | 267 | 3 |
| Magnolia, Central | 708 | 304 | |
| McGehee, 1st | 466 | 210 | |
| Mission | 50 | 34 | |
| North Little Rock, | | | |
| Baring Cross | 809 | 277 | 3 |
| Springdale, 1st | 507 | 161 | 1 |
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I Raked the Leaves in Piles Today

By Virginia Bridges Smith
Searcy, Arkansas

I raked the leaves in piles today, until every second
Of the time that I had left for burning them was past.
The folly of my reasoning was suddenly before me—
A huge whirl-wind attacked them and "unraked" them very fast.
I raked my thoughts in piles today—took time to burn the rubbish—
Those unclean, unkind thoughts that caused my judgment to be dim,
I raked my sins in piles today, and prayed God help me burn them
On the altar of repentance—rescuing from the embers a stronger will
to follow Him!

Evangelistic Conference Themes, Speakers

DR. C. E. AUTREY, director of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Dr. Roy McClain, pastor of 1st Church, Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. Eual Lawson, also connected with the Division of Evangelism, will be featured speakers at the Evangelistic Conference, Jan. 25-27 at 1st Church, Little Rock.

Monday night Dr. Autrey will be speaking on "The Bible Brought Light to the Dark Ages," and Dr. McClain will speak on "The Bible Will Bring Light to This Day." Dr. Autrey will discuss "Making Soul Winners," on Tuesday morning, and Dr. Lawson will discuss "Saving the Saved." Closing the morning session, Dr. McClain will speak on the topic, "The Evangelistic Pastor."

Dr. Lawson will speak on "The Association in Action," in the Tuesday afternoon session, and Dr. McClain will bring the inspirational message. In the evening service, Dr. McClain will bring the message, "If You Will — I Will." Wednesday morning he will bring the closing message of the conference, "In Warning the Lost."

Other speakers during the conference will be Rev. Rheubin South, pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, Dr. Paul Roberts, pastor of 1st Church, Little Rock, Bill Cook, pastor of 1st

Church, Harrison, and Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Outstanding musicians from over the state will be leading the music and bringing special numbers.

A new theme will be carried out for each session of the conference. Monday night the theme will be "Evangelistic Awareness — Historical and Present;" Tuesday morning, "Evangelistic Awareness — Expressed;" Tuesday afternoon, "Evangelistic Awareness — Cultivated in the Association;" Tuesday night, "Evangelistic Awareness, Power Unlimited;" and Wednesday morning, "Evangelistic Awareness — Results." ■

JIMMY KAREM, a layman of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, spoke at a meeting of the Brotherhood of South Highland Church, Little Rock, Jan. 11. (CB)

C. H. SEATON, associate Brotherhood secretary, was the guest speaker at 1st Church, Warren, Jan. 3. (CB)

EDITOR Erwin L. McDonald supplied recently for 1st Church, Marshall, and 1st Church, Clinton. Both churches are presently pastorless. ■



DR. AUTREY



DR. McCLAIN

Baptist Crosscurrents

What's Ahead in the 1960's?

For the world at large the 1960's are likely to be a time of uneasy tensions. International communism will keep chipping away at the free nations and the Western powers will continue to resist with firmness this threat to their existence. Having lived for 15 years with the possibility of nuclear destruction, the world will not find it difficult to dwell under this shadow another 10. In the decade, however, huge expenditures both publicly and privately for "fall out" shelters can be expected. Russia undoubtedly will grow stronger as the years go by, surpassing the United States and other Western nations in many areas of industrial activity but by no means approaching the American standard of living. Tremendous changes will follow the death of Khrushchev, which can be expected during the decade. Present indications are that these may be in the direction of providing additional and wider cracks in the Iron Curtain without removing it. New nations in Africa and the Far East will grow in power and influence. China can be expected to veer away from Russia and India can be expected to join the ranks of the Western powers because of the increasing danger of war between them. Perhaps the most significant development of the decade in the world at large will be the amazing strengthening of Europe, as having recovered from the almost disastrous effects of World War II and having unified their economic system, the nations of the Continent again resume their role of world leadership.

In the nation the shape of the 1960's will be determined partially by the presidential election to be held in the first year of the decade. But economic factors beyond governmental manipulation will actually be determinative. Continuing inflation as an alternative to recession can be expected. The nation will continue to grow, passing the 200 million population mark before 1970. The rate of growth in the East and the Midwest will be slightly ahead of that in the South and Southwest but only half as large as that in West and Florida. This will be true because an aging population will be seeking sunny climes. For other reasons the new states of Hawaii and Alaska can anticipate phenomenal growth and development. The pattern of urbanization established in the '50's will continue in the '60's. More people will move to the cities, choosing life in suburbia over small town life. New products and gadgets will pour from the manufacturing plants and materially Americans will live with an ease and abundance even beyond that which they have known. Whether the nation will be morally and spiritually stronger will depend upon the Christian churches and their faithfulness in persuading men and women to follow the teachings of the Bible. . . . Bored by television Americans will be turning out-of-doors for their recreation. Travel will become the nation's Number One form of entertainment. More golf courses will be built and this game will achieve a popularity beyond that it has ever known. But boating and other water sports (with the whole family participating) will attract millions.

Southern Baptists will continue to grow during the decade, passing the Methodists in numbers. Baptists as a whole will be the largest non-Catholic group in the nation. Because of their increasing size Southern Baptist influence will become increasingly significant. However, rather than resulting in any liberalizing tendencies or change of doctrine or policy, Southern Baptists will become even more rigid in belief and practice. This will be an inevitable reaction, and a perfectly natural one, to their wider contacts. In endeavoring to explain themselves to the world many areas where Southern Baptist belief and practice are now somewhat confused will be thought through and clarified. A new and unprecedented emphasis on Bible study will take place. The finest group of Bible teachers the world has ever known will be trained in Southern Baptist churches and schools. In bewildering times Christian people turn to the Word of God. Not only will there be more church members but their spiritual lives will be deeper in the main. Doctrinal preaching from the pulpit will become standard fare. Home life will be strengthened with marvelous new helps for parents made available. Moral standards for church members will be held higher and insisted upon more sternly. Evangelism and missions will remain the twin heartbeats of the denomination.—Editor Jack L. Gritz, in *The Baptist Messenger* (Oklahoma)

THE BOOKSHELF

Roses Every Day, by Margaret Moore Jacobs, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1959, \$3.50
Dr. Jacobs, author of two previous books, *The Secret of a Happy Life* and *Happiness Always*, provides inspirational paragraphs for the four seasons of the year, in this attractive new volume.

Sermons on Simon Peter, by Clovis G. Chappell, Abingdon, 1959, \$2

Long recognized as one of the nation's outstanding preachers, Dr. Chappell has been retired from the active pastorate for ten years, but he continues to preach at special services and gives much of his time to writing. The twelve sermons composing this book depict the impulsive, blustering fisherman—Simon Peter—whose dynamic qualities put him in first place in estimates of Jesus' twelve apostles.

The Almost Chosen People, by William J. Wolf, Doubleday, 1959, \$3.95

In this study of the religion of Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Wolf declares the Civil War President to be "one of the greatest theologians of America—not in the technical meaning of producing a system of doctrine, certainly not as a defender of some one denomination, but in the sense of seeing the hand of God intimately in the affairs of nations."

The author holds a doctorate in theology from Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and resides in Cambridge, Mass., where he is professor of theology at the Episcopal Theological School.

Five Great Affirmations of the Bible, by W. A. Criswell, Zondervan, 1959, \$1.25

This 58-page book presents sermons preached by Dr. Criswell, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Dallas, in the downtown Palace Theatre of Dallas, in noon-day, pre-Easter services.

The Preacher of Sycamore Valley, by Earle Ruskin Bryant, The Christophers Publishing House, 1959, \$2.25

This is a novel portraying the ups and downs of a minister in a rural area.

Calvary to Pentecost, by F. B. Meyer, reprinted 1959 by Baker from the 1894 edition of Fleming H. Revell, \$1.75

"We are not oblivious to the needs of the world which He so loved and loves. . . . But we do not belong to it. We enter it constantly, to be its salt and light; but our true standing is without it, where Jesus is," wrote Dr. Meyer, in the preface to the original edition.

All the Prayers of the Bible, by Herbert Lockyer, Zondervan, 1959, \$3.95

This unusual volume summarizes all the prayers of the Bible, giving a brief exposition of every prayer mentioned from Genesis through Revelation, and also analyzes what each book of the Bible has to say concerning prayer and its role in human life and history. ■



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Tribesmen Slay Priests

NKONGSAMBA, French Cameroons (EP) — Two Roman Catholic priests were beheaded here when plundering tribesmen attacked a mission outpost. Fides, international Catholic news agency, gave the names of the victims as Father Gilles Heberle, superior of the mission, and Father Valentine Saron, his assistant. The invaders apparently took away the heads of the priests as trophies. Another priest and a nun were injured, Fides said.

Makarios Cyprus President

NICOSIA, Cyprus (EP) — Archbishop Makarios, leader of Cyprus' fight for independence from Britain, and head of the Greek Orthodox Church of Cyprus, was elected first president of the Republic of Cyprus by a two-to-one majority. Makarios, of the Patriotic Front party, received 144,501 votes and his opponent, John Clerides of the Christian Socialist party, was given 71,753. Clerides, reportedly of the liberal, non-Communist camp, nevertheless received the support of the Reds.

Makarios' victory was hailed as a big step toward peace for the beleaguered island. Cyprus will become independent Feb. 19 and Makarios will serve for five years.

Opposes Adultery 'Crime'

LONDON (EP)—Arthur M. Ramsey, archbishop of York, does not think adultery should be made a criminal offense in England. Ramsey gave this view in a television interview recently, stating that he does not "think it possible to draw a line between sins as sins and sins which are also crimes."

The statement opposes Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher's who said that adultery should be made a crime because of its "grave social menace." It should be pointed out, however, that Dr. Fisher's view on adultery was coupled with pleas for stronger laws against prostitution.

In the course of his interview, Dr. Ramsey said he was "not keen on" the term "family planning," but favored birth control "especially as a force to prevent overpopulation leading to starvation."

'Evangelism in Depth'

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (EP) — New Year's Day was the culmination of a six-month, nation-wide prayer campaign called "Evangelism in Depth," in Nicaragua. During the half-year period before that date, National churches and mission agencies distributed a bi-weekly news publication for Christians, pocket calendars with Scripture messages, brilliant bumper signs with salvation mottoes, and conducted daily radio broadcasts.

"We are amazed at the way God has worked to unite all the evangelical forces of the country," says Dr. Rodolfo Majia, assistant manager of the Nicaraguan National Bank and president of

the executive committee for Evangelism in Depth.

Sitting Where They Sit

MELBOURNE, Australia (EP) — A Methodist minister recently stood behind the bar in a country hotel in Bonalbe and drank lemonade while he preached his sermon. While he talked, customers at the tables were served beer by the hotel owner. The Rev. David McPerson explained: "Preachers too often use their pulpits like a dugout from which they blast the public that isn't there. So I decided to go where the people are, [where] the people could ask questions for a change."

When In . . . Do as the Protestants

ROME (EP) — Pope John XXIII reportedly is taking steps to establish in Rome an institute for the study of Protestantism to train Roman Catholic priests who will work in protestant countries. Italian press agencies report that courses will last three years and be run for doctors of theology. The opening date of the school, which will be operated by the Jesuit order, has not been announced.

UCLA Adopts Record For American Missions

ATLANTIC City, N. J. (EP) — At its quarterly meeting here, the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America adopted a record budget of \$4,315,000. The appropriation will help support 700 ULCA mission congregations in the U. S., Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Sixty-four new missions were organized.

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go and lift the people with love. We must start an army of compassion. You will decide the fate of the world. We need 20 million people.

There are 308,000 churches in the United States. If each church can afford to do this, having 100 who will give \$1 each per week above their regular gifts, this will support a trained missionary to go out to help in the underprivileged nations.

There are enough retired people in the United States to save the world if they'd go out and get busy. I am 75. But I don't want to dry up. The best way to die is to retire.

Memphis has started a new program of teaching people to read by television lessons. Already five countries have sent men here to learn how to use the TV program in their lands.

God is not on America's side the way we've been going. Southern Baptists have been giving an average of only \$1.76 per year for missions. But for literacy and agriculture, the average is only one cent a month. Singing big and giving little will not do.

Pray each day as you have never prayed. We must have planet-minded prayer. Don't be God's problem any more—be God's answer. Go and tell everybody about the need for the Christian army of compassion to save the world. ■

ULCA is the largest Lutheran body in North America, with a membership of 2,500,000 in 4,600 congregations in the U. S., Canada and the Caribbean.

Church of God Advances

ANDERSON, Ind. (EP) — During 1959, membership of the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) increased by 2,178 over the previous year, to reach a grand total of 138,432.

Of the total, reports the denomination, 3,138 members are in Canada. Congregations in the U. S. total 2,244, and there are 51 in Canada. Among Church of God Sunday Schools, enrollment in the U. S. has reached 245,050.

Official denominational reports also show 4,500 adherents of its home mission stations in the U. S. and 47,865 adherents among its foreign mission stations.

Nazarene Giving High

PER CAPITA giving in the Church of the Nazarene was \$135.51 in 1959—an increase of \$2.46 over the previous year, and a new denominational record.

Total denominational giving for all purposes reached \$42,183,554, which was an increase of about two million dollars. The comparable total in 1958: \$40,140,220.

Substantial gains in other areas of the denomination's work were shown in the annual statistical report released this week by Dr. S. T. Ludwig of Kansas City, general church secretary.

Church membership climbed to 311,299—a net gain of 9,624 for a 3.19 per cent increase over 1958.

The denomination started 159 new churches in 1959, or an average of three per week. One of these was in Frankfort, West Germany. The net total number of churches at year-end: 4,696.

Sunday School enrollment gained 22,777—a 3.4 per cent increase—to a total of 696,512. The Foreign Missionary Society added 18,047 members for a total of 173,825. The Young People's Society gained 4,011 to a total of 97,080. (EP)

Merging Lutherans Seek Name

CHICAGO, Ill. (EP) — What's in a name? Well, when it comes to the selection of a name for a brand new merger, there is more in it than one might suspect.

For example, four Lutheran bodies are merging. They represent four different national backgrounds: German, Swedish, Finnish and Danish. They are the American Evangelical Lutheran Church (Danish), Augustana Lutheran Church (Swedish), Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church, also known as the Suomi Synod, and United Lutheran Church in America (German).

Try combining those, remembering the national antecedents, and see what you come up with!

Representatives of the four bodies, composing the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity, met here to consider names for their new three-million denomination.

Bible School Plans

IT HARDLY seems possible that we should be talking about Vacation Bible School this early, but it is really not too soon to be making ready.



MR. HATFIELD

These lines are written to help pastors and churches plan now for the training of Vacation Bible School workers.

First, the State Vacation Bible School Clinic is designed and planned for associational workers only. The following workers are invited to attend: The associational missionary, associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Vacation Bible School superintendent, and associational department superintendents for Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments. The state clinic will meet in Little Rock, February 11 and 12, at Immanuel Baptist Church.

The state clinic will offer training in every phase of Vacation Bible School work including five one-hour conferences for department study. All new 1960 materials will be presented and made available for the workers attending. Following the state clinic the associational workers will return to their associations to help conduct an Associational Vacation Bible School clinic.

Secondly, the local churches should elect their Vacation Bible School workers soon and have them enlisted to attend the associational clinic on the dates set by the associations following the state clinic.

Thirdly, the local churches should follow the Vacation Bible School Standard and offer training to all workers in a study of the department textbook for the various departmental workers.

Finally, we suggest that great blessings are in store for all our churches that conduct Standard schools and go beyond the walls of the church in the "One for One" program and conduct at least one mission Vacation Bible School.

A good "ready" through early planning and training will make your Va-

cation Bible School a joyful experience for both pupils and workers.—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary

Missions-Evangelism

Progress Reported

DID YOU get your copy of the Evangelistic Conference Program in that little manila envelope? We had special envelopes for mailing but the postal regulations forbade their use. This is to remind you to open that little brown envelope: it has a unique program in it. One change will be made in the program. Equal Lawson of the Division of Evangelism



W. K. CALDWELL

of the Home Mission Board will take Dr. Sanderson's place.

Jesse Reed says 1959 was his greatest year in evangelism. In the services in which he did the preaching there were 233 professions of faith and 134 additions by letter. Eight people surrendered for special service and 168 rededications.

Boynton Church in Mississippi County burned a few weeks ago; a total loss with no insurance. The congregation has courageously undertaken to rebuild. The Association has given \$250 and a request for help from the Department of Missions has been made. Perhaps others will want to help this good church.

Dolph Mission of Calico Rock church has entered its new building and held a revival which resulted in 33 additions, 28 of whom were for baptisms. Noble Wiles did the preaching and Red Johnson led the music.

John Pyles, pastor of Shirley Church, has accepted the call as Missionary in Big Creek Association.

Pastor Morris J. Roe, of Dardanelle, writes: "You will be happy to know that Delaware Mission of our church has started a new Mission on Highway 22. I believe that many souls will be saved in these two missions." Isn't it wonderful to hear of one mission sponsoring another?

Mrs. M. E. Wiles, wife of our beloved State Missionary M. E. Wiles, has been in a very critical condition in Ft. Smith Hospital. She is some better at present. Please remember this couple in your prayers.

Your Secretary of Missions and Evangelism spent the first week in January in Atlanta in conferences on schools of missions, long range rural church program, The \$0,000 Movement and a conference of all state mission secretaries.

Do you have an associational evangelistic conference and clinic planned? Have you set an associational goal for baptisms? Have you secured a director for your crusade? Time is passing! —C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

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Birkhead Improves

I WANT to take this opportunity to thank you for the statement concerning my move to Memphis in the last edition of our paper. I wonder if you would print the following bit of information about it for the benefit of friends in the state.

Having resigned the pastorate at Mountain Home upon the advice of my doctor on October 1, I moved to Memphis where I have been under his care and treatment. I am happy to report that I am much improved, and have already done some supply work here in Memphis.

I would appreciate the opportunity of being in revivals and doing supply work in my native state, Arkansas. I can be reached at 793 Dillworth, Memphis 12, Tenn., telephone FA 4-8959.

—Jim Birkhead



MISS BURNS

MISS CAROL Burns has begun her third year with the Student Department as Baptist Student Director at Arkansas State College. Miss Burns is a graduate of Baylor and attended Southwestern Seminary. After her graduation from Baylor, she engaged in social work and later taught at Bay.

Recently the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention voted that the 1959 capital needs fund be used for enlarging the center at Arkansas State.

Brotherhood

Regional Meetings

WHEN this issue of the Arkansas Baptist reaches you, the 1960 Regional Brotherhood Convention series will be under way. There are fifteen Regional Brotherhoods in Arkansas. Together, they cover the entire geographical area of our state.

The Regional Brotherhood Program has been in operation for two years now, and is developing well. Some regions are doing a very fine job of promoting and holding the three great regional meetings which are included in the Regional Brotherhood Program. These meetings are:

- The Annual Convention in the winter;
- The Annual Encampment in the summer;
- The Annual Clinic in the fall.

The Brotherhood Department is looking to the time when all the regions shall carry through effectively on the whole Regional Brotherhood Program.



MR. TULL

For all the Regional Brotherhoods are really extensions of the Brotherhood Department and the State Brotherhood Convention into the fifteen Regional areas.

The great purpose of the Regional Brotherhoods is to discover and develop leadership to assist the Brotherhood Department to promote better Brotherhood work on every level, especially in the associations and in the churches.

Publicity for each Regional Brotherhood Convention will reach every church in due time.

Help the men of your church to be informed of the meeting in your Region, and urge them to attend. And remember, your Regional Convention is for every Baptist man, preacher and layman, in your Region!—Nelson Tull, Secretary.

Conservative Baptist Goal

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (EP) — It's a worthy goal that the Conservative Baptist Association of America has set for itself: the establishment of a new church every day.

Speaking at the dedication of a new building here, Dr. Myron Cedarholm of Chicago pointed out that his denomination is at present establishing a new church every 36 hours.

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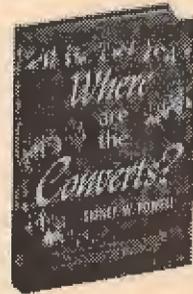
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Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By **BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.**
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

The Annual Call

HOW DID the short-term pastorate and annual call of Baptist pastors arise?

In many areas of Baptist church life this has not been true. Any pattern established must come from a study of church practice rather than a formal statement of policy.

Baptist churches have had many long pastorates. Dr. John Gill was pastor of one church in England for more than 50 years. Dr. John



DR. SELPH

Clifford held the pastorate of Westbourne Park Baptist Church, London, 57 years. Robert Robinson held a Cambridge, England, pastorate 29 years. Dr. George W. Truett stayed with 1st Church, Dallas, 47 years. Many contemporary pastors have long records in one pastorate.

The short-term pastorate and annual call has been more prevalent in the southern and southwestern parts of the United States.

Many factors have contributed to this. No doubt the restless movement of pioneer days entered in. Unconsciously, Baptists may have been influenced by other denominations who changed pastors often. Ignorance and economic conditions played their part.

In the middle of the last century, strong emphasis was placed upon the local church versus ecclesiastical organizations. Any long-range plans or close-knit organization was looked upon with suspicion. The natural result would be to change pastors.

It was thought that a long pastorate would enable the preacher to build the church around himself. The simple procedure was the annual call. This kept the pastor humble—and the people in uncertainty.

Such ideas held sway and bred suspicion, misunderstanding, prejudice and weakness. Pastors and churches alike played a cat-and-mouse game. Oftentimes, each tried to outwit the other. All this was foreign to the New Testament. It made the work difficult.

But Baptists are outgrowing this. There is merit in the long pastorate and extended call, for both pastor and church. ■

White County Association Answers Article

ON DEC. 11, White County Baptist Association voted to answer the article, "Toward a More Responsible Ministry" [Arkansas Baptist of Dec. 10] as well as the recent action of our State Convention in the matter of morals and ordination.

The import of the discussion on the convention floor and that of the article by John Lee Highway in the *Arkansas Baptist*, seems to be that the convention has some authority and-or responsibility regarding the conduct, morals and theology of the pastors in Southern Baptist Churches. We believe that this is in the provenance of the local church and that the convention has a right to question messengers applying for membership in the convention but none whatsoever in the matter of ordaining or disciplining preachers or individual members of churches.

Though deploring the moral deviation of some men in the ministry, we, the Executive Board of the White County Baptist Association, speaking on behalf of our churches and people, would urge caution upon those who, reacting with abhorrence to such moral breakdown, would break faith with Baptist policy to rebuke the offending ones.

Since it does not follow that the ordination ceremony will guarantee purity of life, we submit that neither will committee action produce holiness in living. As righteousness cannot be legislated, nor morality dictated, there can be no purpose for denominational intervention other than ecclesiastical control. And such intervention would be in violation of Article IV of the convention's constitution. It should be recognized that there is a vast difference between freedom and choice. Should a church be forced to select men who have "been approved" in order to be recognized by the convention, then there is no longer freedom—only choice.

We feel that the answer to the problem should come out of the years and not out of the moment. Our Baptist polity has not been manufactured on the spur of the moment, rather it has been carved from experience, and that sometimes painful. A minister may cause shame to his fellow ministers, the denomination and the cause of Christ. But to trample upon the policies of Baptists to secure revenge is a far graver danger to our churches and denomination. A building torn-down can be rebuilt, but a cherished polity destroyed may never be again.

Further the shackling of the pulpit, in any form, can be the most dangerous step that could happen to Baptists. The preacher does not stand in a place of ecclesiastical control nor academic interest. He stands between Heaven and Hell and his people stand with him. He stands there because God in His Wisdom chose to put him there. Let us beware of chaining that which belongs only to God. More is at stake than a few erring men—indeed our denomination itself is at stake.

If the convention believes that a church is unfaithful in matters of discipline or doctrine it has the right to refuse to seat the messengers. It would also have the right to go on record as deploring actions taken by the churches, but to exercise any form of control over the preachers or churches is to completely depart from Baptist polity and New Testament practice.

Our age is one of fretting tempers, ceaseless enmities and tattered morality, affecting even ministers, and many good men are worried about where to turn. The one place where we should not turn is to hasty, thoughtless activity born out of the morass of our ignorance, the uncertainty of our morality, the shame of our sins or the terror of our fears. We are assured that behind the pretense, God sees the pathos of our lives. Behind the sneers, the sins. And to us He says: "What comes out of the heart of a man . . . defiles the man."—W. M. Burnett, Moderator; E. E. Boone, Missionary; Mrs. M. E. Wilfong, Clerk.

Retailers Urged To Close on Sundays

NEW YORK — Retailers throughout the nation were urged to remain closed on Sundays in statements issued recently by two major retailing trade associations. The statements were timed to coincide with the opening of the Christmas selling season, which begins immediately after Thanksgiving in most areas.

Nathan J. Gold, president of the National Retail Merchants Association, and J. S. Mack, president of the Variety Stores Association, joined in reiterating their organizations' opposition to Sabbath selling. The NRMA represents more than 11,500 department, specialty and chain stores; VSA represents over 9,000 variety stores. Members of the associations are located in all 50 states.

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1. March 14—Southwest District—1st, Nashville
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2. March 14—Northwest District—Eureka Springs
(Benton Co., Boone Co., Carroll Co., Newton Co., Wash-
ington-Madison)
3. March 15—Southeast District—1st, Warren
(Ashley, Bartholomew, Carey, Delta, Harmony, Liberty)
4. March 15—West Central District—Booneville
(Buckner, Clear Creek, Conway-Perry, Concord, Dard.-
Russellville, Ouachita)
5. March 17—North Central District—Mtn. View
(Big Creek, Independence, Little R. River, Rocky-Bayou,
Stone-VB-Searcy, White River)
6. March 17—Central District—1st, Benton
(Buckville, Caroline, Central, Faulkner, Pulaski Co.,
White Co.)
7. March 18—East Central District—Forrest City
(Arkansas Valley, Centennial, Tri-County, Trinity,
Woodruff)
8. March 18—Northeast District—Monette
(Black River, Current River, Gainesville, Greene Co.,
Mississippi Co., Mt. Zion)

PROGRAM

District President, Presiding

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| 6:30—Meeting with all participants in Junior Memory- Sword Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Speakers' Tournament | 8:00—19-24 year (plus college students) Speakers' Tourna- ment |
| 6:45—Worship | 8:20—Special |
| 7:00—Junior Memory-Sword Drill | 8:25—Training Union Conference: "Reaching More People for Teaching and Training"—State Training Union Secretary or Associate |
| 7:20—17-18 year Speakers' Tournament | 9:00—Adjourn |
| 7:40—Intermediate Sword Drill | |

STATE TRAINING UNION YOUTH CONVENTION

Immanuel, Little Rock, April 15, 1960, 10:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.
Dick Norton, Ouachita College, President

THEME: DEDICATED TO WHAT?
Charles Wellborn's Messages:

Friday morning: Areas of Dedication—Friday afternoon: Cost of Dedication
Friday night: Blessings of Christian Dedication

Special Features: Ouachita Girls' Trio, Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament Finals, program personnel of about 65, excluding drill and tournament participants, conferences, age group meetings. For Intermediates and Young People.

TWO TRAINING UNION ASSEMBLIES

Siloam Springs

Each assembly begins Monday night, closes Saturday noon

JULY 4-9

JULY 11-16

| | First Week | Second Week |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Inspirational Speaker - - - - - | Dr. C. E. Autrey, Dallas | Dr. Marshall Craig, Dallas |
| Bible Hour Speaker - - - - - | Dr. Stanley Wilkes, Memphis | Dr. Stanley Wilkes |
| Recreation - - - - - | Mrs. W. S. Gilmer, Atlanta | Mrs. W. S. Gilmer, Atlanta |
| Song Leader - - - - - | LeRoy McClard, Little Rock | LeRoy McClard, Little Rock |
| Assistant Director - - - - - | Harrison Johns, Batesville | Jim Sparks, North Little Rock |

Personal Interest Groups at Each Assembly

Adults—"The Finality of Christianity"—
(Study of Hebrews)—Stanley Wilkes
Young People—"Are Christians Different?"

Intermediates—"I am a Baptist and I Believe . . ."

Juniors—"My Bible Answers This for Me"



Wellborn



Autrey



Craig



Wilkes



The Flash of White

By Thelma C. Carter

ONE OF the great miracles of our natural world unfolds as we see how the Creator made all living things alert to danger and able to learn self-protection.

While animals are still very young, their parents begin teaching them to be alert, careful, and independent. Above all, young animals are taught to observe the signals which mean "danger" and "enemies."

One of nature's most fascinating examples of a young animal's being taught self-protection by his parents is that of the baby white-tailed deer or fawn.

From birth, the spotted fawn is left by himself for long periods of time. This is a first lesson in obedience. If the fawn gets to his feet and leaves his safe home, perhaps seeking his mother, he may meet with danger. The mother

deer begins teaching her young by bunting and pushing him down to the earth, watching from a distance to see that her fawn obeys.

As the young deer grows stronger, the lessons continue. The fawn learns to listen as his mother bleats softly from a distance. He learns to watch for the signal of the "white flash," the bushy tail with its snow-white underside and edges.

When the fawn sees the flash of white among the forest trees and plants, he knows he must obey the message. Sometimes the whitetail's signal means "follow me." Other times it may mean "lie low" or "danger is near."

There are many signals and warnings to watch for in the Christian life. Our Bible reminds us to be obedient. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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JUDGE: "You're forbidden to drive for two years. You're a menace to pedestrians."

DEFENDANT: "But your honor, my living depends on it!"

JUDGE: "So does theirs."

And a Good Start

"IS IT true that wild beasts of the jungle won't harm you if you carry a blazing torch?"

"All depends," said the explorer, "on how fast you carry it."

Known Terrors

MOTHER (to small daughter who wanted the light left on): "But you sleep in the dark at home, darling."

DAUGHTER: "Yes, but it's my own dark at home, Mommy."

Easy Come?

DOCTOR — "You're working too hard."

PATIENT — "I know it, but that's the only way I can keep up the easy payments."

The Right Answer

MOTHER (teaching her son arithmetic): "Now take the Smith family—there's mummy, daddy, and the baby. How many does that make?"

BRIGHT SON: "Two and one to carry."

They Have the Answers

By Mildred L. Ackerman

What Bible characters could make the following statements?

1. I am also known by the name of Levi.
2. Because of the famine, my brothers came to Egypt to buy corn.
3. My brother Peter and I are fishermen.
4. My husband was the first man God created.
5. I thought I would have to sacrifice my son, but God provided a ram.
6. Jonathan was my dearest friend.
7. My sisters, Mary and Martha, and I liked to entertain Jesus.
8. My whole life was changed on the road to Damascus.

9. As a boy, Samuel served with me in the temple.

10. I baptized Jesus.

Answers

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 8. Paul, 9. Eli, 10. John the Baptist, 1. Matthew, 2. Joseph, 3. Andrew, 4. Eve, 5. Abraham, 6. David, 7. Lazarus.

White Words

By Florence Pedigo Jansson

The snow, so clean, so pure, so white,
 That softly falls throughout the night,
 Makes morning look so fresh and new
 I feel that I am cleaner, too.

I look upon the scene and know
 That God has sent the spotless snow;
 I think in this delightful way
 He says, "Be clean and pure each day."
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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



REV. TWEEDLE, D.D.
 "He likes to rehearse his sermons before a live audience."

Perhaps Rev. Tweedle hopes to get some reaction to his message. The orator, the politician, the master of ceremonies—they may gauge the reception accorded their words by the applause. But the minister can only measure the effectiveness of his message by the comments of his flock as they file past after the sermon.

The Gospel Versus Legalism

January 17

Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 2:1-16

By Dr. Clifton J. Allen

in Points for Emphasis, 1960

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THE JERUSALEM conference, about which we are to study, was one of the most significant in all Christian history. The problem under consideration had to do with the message of the gospel or the truth about salvation. Through the ministry of Paul and Barnabas, God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. But the Jewish party among the Christians contended that the Gentile converts must observe the rites of Judaism. Paul and Barnabas contended that salvation was by faith and faith alone. The issue, first raised in Antioch, was referred to the leaders in Jerusalem for discussion. Paul stood his ground as the champion of Gentile liberty and of salvation by grace through faith.

Salvation—By Works Or By Grace? (vv. 1-2)

WHEN Paul and Barnabas returned from their tour through Asia Minor, they reported with joy the conversion of the Gentiles. In the face of such good news, Judaizers from Jerusalem were teaching that the Gentiles could not be saved without being circumcised. No wonder Paul and Barnabas resisted their efforts to force Jewish orthodoxy upon Gentile Christians and substitute legalism for grace. The position of the Judaizers denied the spiritual nature of Christian experience, the adequacy of grace for salvation and the sufficiency of faith as the means of salvation. It was decided that Paul and Barnabas and certain other Christians should go to Jerusalem and talk the matter over with the apostles and elders. But Paul distinctly says that he went to Jerusalem "by revelation" (Gal. 2:2). He was eager to achieve unity, but not by compromise.

The Testimony Of The Apostles (v. 12)

IT SEEMS almost certain that verse 6 refers to a private conference which Paul and Barnabas and their companions had with the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. After agreement was reached with the Jewish leaders, Peter spoke to the assembled congregation and defended Gentile liberty on the basis of his experience in preaching to the household of Cornelius, concluding that Jews and Gentiles were all saved by grace (vv. 7-11). Paul and Barnabas then spoke. The multitude listened attentively as they declared "what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them." They had been saved by grace through faith. Circumcision could add nothing to their salvation.

The Suggestion of James (vv. 13-21)

THE JAMES here referred to was the half brother of Jesus. He was a recognized leader of the church at Jerusalem at this time. He reminded the church again of God's work among the Gentiles through Peter—Peter's ministry in Caesarea having preceded that of Paul and Barnabas in Antioch and Asia Minor—and showed clearly from the Scriptures that the Gentiles were included in God's redemptive purpose. James concluded with a suggestion that they not trouble the Gentile

Christians but instead send a letter to them to exhort them to abstain from certain practices grossly sinful and other things especially objectionable to Jewish feeling. The letter was to appeal to the Gentile Christians to avoid food which had been used in pagan worship, to abstain from fornication and its attendant evils, and to be considerate of Jewish restrictions against eating things strangled, and blood.

Liberty For Gentile Christians

WE LEARN from the concluding verses of our larger Bible lesson that the suggestion of James received support from the whole church. The Judaizers did not dissent, though they may not have really approved. It was agreed that Judas and Silas, leaders in the Jerusalem church, should accompany Paul and Barnabas and transmit the letter to the Gentile churches. The letter affirmed the liberty of the Gentiles, disclaimed responsibility for the confusion caused by the Judaizers, and repudiated any necessity to be circumcised in order to be saved. The outcome of the conference was a victory for the truth of the gospel and a triumph of principle over prejudice.

Truth to Live By:

We are saved by grace through faith.—This is an old, old truth. But it is also new, current, and thrilling. It declares that salvation is a free gift from God. It reminds us that we can never earn or deserve the forgiveness of sins. It declares that true faith in Jesus Christ is all that we can do or need to do to receive the free gift of eternal life. The good news about salvation is that Christ died for our sins and that he is able to save unto the uttermost all who put their trust in him.

Legalism is perilous to faith.—Christianity cannot be reduced to "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not." A legalistic spirit undermines faith in Christ, cultivates pride and self-righteousness, and strikes at the inward and spiritual nature of Christian experience. Legalism drags Christianity down to the level of a man-made religion. Legalism robs Christianity of redemptive power and the importance of love as the supreme motive for voluntary response to the lordship of Christ.

A clear witness about salvation is urgent.—There is so much misunderstanding, on the part of both professing Christians and non-Christians, about what is involved in an experience of salvation. We need to give a clear witness to children, to the members of our families, to our neighbors, to persons with whom we work, and to strangers as we have opportunity to share the message of Christ. Sinful hearts everywhere cry out, "What must I do to be saved?" Nothing is more important for Christians than to be able to tell lost persons simply and clearly what it means to believe on Jesus Christ.

A Verse to Remember:

A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ.—Galatians 2:16

We are not justified by our works but by Christ's death. Works are not opposed to faith; they spring from faith and are the proof of faith.

Baptists of Arkansas Meet 1959 Budget

THE COOPERATIVE Program goal of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for 1959 was \$1,600,000. The amount received was \$1,600,521.96. This is the largest amount ever given for world missions through the Cooperative Program by the Baptists of Arkansas. This is approximately an 8% increase over that of 1958.

The increase month by month through the year was consistent over the corresponding months for the year before with only two exceptions—that of July and October. The total receipts for December 1959 set a new record. The receipts for December of \$175,529.97 is more than \$10,000 above the previous record set in December 1957.

This achievement is a cause of gratitude to God on the part of every Baptist in Arkansas who help to make it. We are deeply thankful to God and the churches throughout the state for this marvelous demonstration of mission concern.

Our Cooperative Mission goal for 1960 is \$1,650,000. Present achievements should but spur us on to greater mission giving.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

Forward Program at Stuttgart First

1ST CHURCH, Stuttgart, with a record budget for the new year of \$94,500 is now in a Forward Program of Church Finance campaign and Pastor Doyle S. Bledsoe writes:

"We have every reason to believe that we'll actually oversubscribe the record goal . . . All items have been increased considerably, including missions and the cooperative Program.

"It is heart warming to see the people enter so completely and take hold so wonderfully. Our offerings and attendance have been increasing during

the past few months. Join us in prayer that this church will move out in a way that will be God-honoring, and comparable to their possibilities."

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