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# Southern Baptists' Relations With Other Bodies

Report of Committee on Relations with Other Bodies,  
Southern Baptist Convention, San Francisco

By T. C. GARDNER, Chairman

Your Committee comes, with a solemn sense of responsibility, to report upon the task that has been assigned to us. Happily and sincerely we acknowledge our place shoulder to shoulder with the vast army of regenerated and blood bought men now waging the fight under Jesus Christ, the great Captain of the hosts.

The doctrinal statements and recommendations presented in this report must in no sense be interpreted as vindictive and reactionary. They flow, rather, from the laver of love, a love that removes the sting from differences in conviction, that wishes for the best in behalf of others working in the same vineyard, and that prays constantly for unity of spirit. Without such all other external unities are meaningless.

It is a truism, however, that Southern Baptists could not be true to others were they not true to themselves. Deep convictions cannot and must not be disregarded or toned down. Were Southern Baptists to suppress or water down these convictions, they could not be true to themselves nor to others. These convictions were not born of external circumstances nor in a single day.

Our Baptist forefathers believed that man was made in the image of God, fell under dominion of sin and was redeemed by the vicarious sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

They believed, and, therefore, accepted the Bible as the sole authority for all our doctrine, church polity and rule of conduct. New Testament Baptists do not accept tradition, custom or man's opinion if contrary to the plain, simple statement of the Word of God. Baptists are a Bible reading, Bible believing, Bible loving, Bible preaching, Bible teaching, Bible obeying people. We must always point to a "Thus saith the Lord."

Dr. E. Y. Mullins said, "Baptists believe in a whole salvation. This means all that is locked up in the finished work of redemption, the vicarious atonement, the moving of the Spirit and the repentance and faith of the individual. In one sense, it is completed then but it takes in also the final completion of the character, even unto sanctification."

Our forefathers believed in the inspiration of the scriptures, in the deity of Christ, in separation of church and state, in salvation by grace, in the Lordship of Christ, in the church that Jesus established when He was here on earth, and, in brief, they believed in one Lord, one faith and one baptism. Their faith is our faith: their belief, our belief.

This report has been extracted from the spirit and context of historical principles embedded deep in Baptist life. We have attempted to take the long look. Baptists of the future may become so engrossed with the problems of their own day that they may forget the immediate circumstances which provided the environment of what Baptists are doing today. But the principles which we follow today must look far beyond local circumstances and commend themselves to spirit filled men endeavoring to follow the New Testament without reference to local problems. For that reason, these principles must neither grow out of expediency nor from a desire to please. Our appeal must be to the impartial judgment of history and in behalf of the inspired Word of God.

We therefore call your attention to some dangerous trends and movements.

## Liberalism

It is well known that there is a great deal of diversity in the practices of churches in our Southern Baptist territory. Some of our churches have departed from some of the time honored principles of New Testament Baptists: some by failing to give to missions, others by refusing to support the denominational plan, others by accepting alien immersion and by practicing open communion.

It is also a well known fact that a part of the program of the last Baptist World Alliance was a departure from our time-honored historic Baptist principles. We therefore look with misgiving at the increasing evidence of liberalism in the meetings of the Baptist World Alliance.

Your Committee believes that every influence should be set in action to keep our churches, institutions, conventions, assemblies, and denomination doctrinally sound.

While liberalism and modernism reject much of the New Testament as the solid foundation of Christianity, our Baptist faith to the contrary rests on the Bible and on the Bible alone.

Baptists believe that all Christians should be baptized; that baptism is the immersion of a believer in water upon authority of a New Testament church and that it is an act of obedience, but, in itself, has no saving power. Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12-13.

Baptists believe that the Lord's Supper is only for baptized believers. The Lord's Supper is a memorial. It has no saving efficacy. Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:18-26.

It is our conviction that looseness with the ordinances is as far from the teachings and practices of New Testament churches as is joining the World Council or any other unionizing movement. Your committee sees the danger, the fallacy and the perils of both, and, therefore, is opposed to both.

In the light of these considerations, we feel impelled to call to the attention of our constituency these practices and to recommend that this Convention authorize its Executive Committee to have prepared a list of suitable books and other materials for study on these questions.

## Unionism

In a world which more and more seeks centralization of power in industry, in government, and in religion, we are sensitive to the dangers of totalitarian trends which threaten the authority of our churches.

There is a growing and insistent effort on the part of many to bring about the union of all protestant denominations. The various religious groups are asked to lay aside the things in which they differ and come together in one great organization. Baptists cannot enter into such a movement without compromising their convictions, something which is more than any true Baptist is willing to do.

We do not desire to do anything that would hinder or imperil the growing spirit of co-operation on the part of our churches in the work of giving the gospel of our Lord and Savior, as we believe it, to all people of all nations everywhere.

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## The Christian Debt

A devotion by the Editor

"I am debtor."

Christianity reverses the popular and worldly conception of social and personal obligations involved in the structure of human society. The conception that the world is indebted to me is fundamentally wrong, it breeds a flock of kindred ideas which feats the highest interests of humanity. It exacts from others what it is not willing to give; it enforces upon others rules by which it is not willing to live; and it appropriates to itself rights and privileges which it denies to others.

This attitude that the world is indebted to me produces factionalism, discord, strife, conflict, and war. It is responsible for oppression, injustice, and tyranny. It is a destructive force and makes no worthwhile contribution to the well-being of the race. It sucks the life-blood from the organism of human society and feeds upon the deprivations and miseries of others.

The genius of Christianity is just the reverse, and is succinctly expressed by Paul, "I am debtor." And Paul means that he is debtor to the whole world, for by the terms used he includes the entire human race.

This attitude contributes to the enrichment of human life and society; it overcomes strife and conflict and spreads peace and good-will among men and replaces jealousies with mutual confidence. It does not oppress, it relieves oppression; it makes no demands for itself, it considers the needs of others; it asks for no special privileges, it respects the privileges of others; it lives not by exacting a heavy toll from others but by bestowing a blessing upon others.

The highest expression of this principle is, of course, found in the Christian religion. And if peace and good-will ever come to this world, it will come because Christian people recognize their debt to the world and undertake to discharge their obligation.

A readiness to meet one's Christian obligations produces an enthusiasm and a cheerfulness which are always obvious. Our happiness depends upon it, our loyalty depends upon it, our persistent effort depends upon it. Men and women who are ready to pay their Christian debt are not afraid of becoming too religious, they are not afraid to give up their whole heart to God's service, they are not afraid that they will give too much of their time and money to the kingdom of God. The only fear they have is that they will not give enough.

"I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise." Romans 1:14.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Critical Comments On San Francisco Convention

The one feature of the program of the San Francisco Convention which drew critical comments was the report read by Dr. T. C. Gardner of Texas on Southern Baptist relations with other bodies.

We publish this report elsewhere in the paper, but here we will give some of the editorial comments concerning this report and the attitude with which it was presented by Dr. Gardner.

#### Critical Statements

The first point of criticism concerning the report was the fact that a copy of the report was not provided the secretary of the Convention for publication in the Book of Reports. Editor Reuben E. Alley of the *Religious Herald*, Virginia, suggests that the report should have been referred "to a committee for study." Editor Alley continues: "Apart from several controversial statements about other Christian bodies the Gardner report dealt with matters that seemed irrelevant to the purpose for which the committee was appointed. As an example the report contained critical statements about practices which are quite common among churches in some sections of the Convention. The mere recitation of these charges seemed to act as a stimulant upon many of the messengers. Apparently they wanted to hear the same thing again and again, so the committee was continued." Dr. Alley further stated, "Fortunately the Convention approved the wise resolution offered by Henry W. Tiffany to enlarge the committee so that it will include a representative from every state participating in the work of the Convention."

#### Let's Be Fair

We are in receipt of an article by Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., under the heading, "Brethren, Let's Be Fair." Dr. Pruden's article is obviously intended to be a reply to this report by Dr. Gardner.

In defense of the report and its author, we would say that a word seems to have been supplied by certain critics, Dr. Pruden among them, which does not appear in the report. That word is "only." Under the sub-head "Southern Baptist Territory" you will note that the report says, "We believe that the people called Baptists have been commissioned of God to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth." Dr. Pruden in his article uses the phrase, "We are not the only denomination," several times. In commenting upon this report, Dr. Harold E. Fey of the *Christian Century* implies that the report means that the great commission was given only to Southern Baptists. Nowhere is such a claim made in the report or by any Baptist. The report states, "We believe that the people called Baptists have been commissioned of God to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth." Certainly every Christian ought to believe the same thing. Baptists do believe that but that is not saying that the commission is delivered only to Southern Baptists. However, we shall deal with Dr. Fey's report later.

Back to Dr. Pruden's article, he comes to the defense of the National Council of Churches and to the World Council of Churches and denies that these organizations seek to exercise any authority upon the

local churches or the denominations that go to make up their organization. The fairest and most constructive criticism of the Gardner report in our judgment appeared in the *Arizona Baptist Beacon* in an editorial written by Editor W. Barry Garrett. We reprint this editorial in this issue of our paper.

#### Vitriolic Language

It was to be expected that Dr. Harold E. Fey, managing editor of the *Christian Century*, would be most critical of this particular report and the action of the Convention in adopting it. Editor Fey has been reporting the meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention in the *Christian Century* for several years. We have become accustomed to his vocabulary of criticism and so we do not become disturbed by his vitriolic language. Dr. Fey calls the Gardner report "false, defamatory, and vindictive; it is a disgrace to the Convention and to American Christianity." In spite of his earlier blast, Editor Fey concludes his article by saying, "American Protestants should not discount the sincerity or the power of Christian faith in the Southern Baptist Convention. This is the fastest growing, largest denomination in the country." And then he goes on to quote statistics of Southern Baptist growth and operations.

Dr. L. E. Barton of Birmingham, Alabama, releases an article in which he answers the *Christian Century* editor. Opening his article with this statement: "One of the delightful amusements following the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention each year is to read the hysterical ravings of the *Christian Century* in its write-up of the proceedings." The best reply we have seen to Editor Fey's report of the San Francisco meeting is by Editor John J. Hurt of the *Christian Index*, Georgia. We publish Editor Hurt's reply in this issue of the paper under the heading, "We Like Their Disapproval."

### Barbecue Dinner At Orphanage

Superintendent H. C. Seefeldt is planning a barbecue dinner for visitors and friends of the Orphanage on Monday, September 3, Labor Day. This event is planned by the Superintendent with a definite purpose to induce delegations from the churches over the state to visit the Orphanage and see for themselves something of the ministry of the institution to homeless and needy children.

This is a worthy undertaking with a perfectly legitimate purpose. Our Baptist people of Arkansas know too little about their institutions. A visit to our institutions will almost certainly increase our interest in them. To see the personnel in charge of the administration of the institutions, to become acquainted with the operation of the institutions, to have a first hand acquaintance with the physical facilities of the institutions, and to learn from personal observation of the needs of the institutions, would certainly stimulate an increased interest in and appreciation for these institutions as agencies through which our Baptist people in Arkansas are striving to fulfill their obligations as followers of Jesus and carry out His com-

missions.

Therefore, we would urge as many people as possibly can to go to Monticello on Labor Day, share in the fellowship of the occasion, see the Orphanage and the family of children there, become acquainted with Superintendent Seefeldt and his staff of helpers, learn something of the ministry of the Orphanage and its need for an expanding and more efficient service.

Be sure to let Superintendent Seefeldt know if you plan to be on hand for this occasion on September 3.

### Write Yourself A Letter

Did you ever write yourself a letter? Probably not. It would be an interesting experience, don't you think? Doubtless such an undertaking would result in the exploration of oneself, one's work, one's purposes, one's ideals, one's prayer life, and one's motives. Such an experiment might result in the correction of certain faults and failures which one would discover. It might result in chang-

ing certain attitudes and habits. It might result in a deeper devotional life, in more Bible study, more praying, and a greater devotion to the religious obligations and opportunities of life.

Sam W. Scantlan, superintendent of Rural and City Missions of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, has prepared a manual for Baptist associational missions. This manual is quite comprehensive and should be of inestimable value for those engaged in rural and city mission work.

A very intriguing idea introduces Chapter six under the heading, "The Superintendent of Associational Missions and His Work." This is the third chapter under this heading. But this chapter begins with a "Letter to Myself."

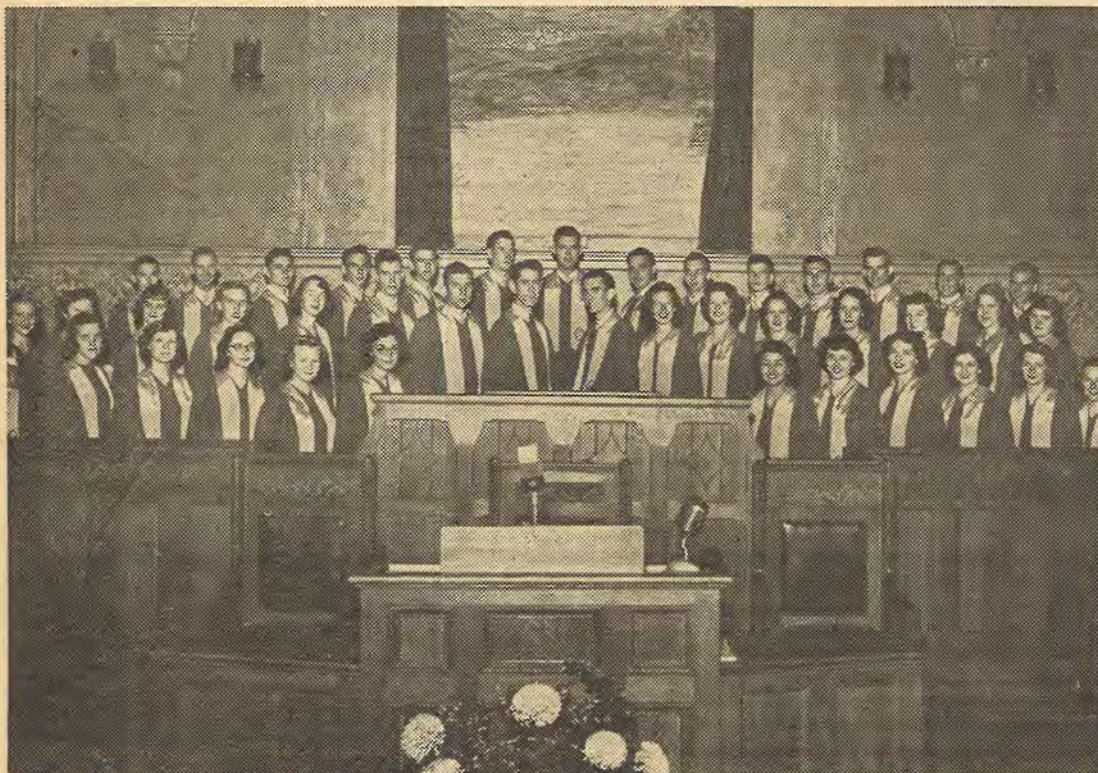
We submit to our readers this suggestion prompted by Mr. Scantlan in his "Letter to Myself." We challenge our readers to try the experiment and see if it does not serve both as a deterrent to careless, indifferent, Christian living, and as a stimulant to more devoted Christian service.

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All things come of thee. (I Chronicles 29: 14).

# Kingdom Progress

## Ouachita Choir Has Outstanding Year



The Ouachita College choir, Fred Becker, director, traveled 5,000 miles in its service to Arkansas Baptists last year. Only one time did the choir leave the state.

Among 60 appearances during the year were seven school programs, seven programs at Ouachita, two associational hymn-sings, state and associational conventions, and 40 church services.

Conventions featuring the choir were the state BSU Convention, Training Union Con-

vention, BSU retreat and Red River Association. Ensembles from the choir appeared in most other state conventions.

Outstanding in the work of the Ouachita Choir were 10 conversions and 180 life-service and rededication decisions made in choir services throughout Arkansas.

"Truly the Spirit of God continues to work through His Ouachita College Choir," says director Fred Becker. "Thanks be unto Him!"

### Youth Revival

Pastor James H. Fitzgerald, Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, reports a Youth Revival, July 15-22, in which two young men of the Walnut Street Church did the preaching. They are Carlson Berry, 16, and J. T. Lamb III, 19, both ministerial students. The music director is also a member of the Walnut Street Church, Robert Crisp, 17, who has committed himself to full time Christian service in the field of evangelistic singing and church music.

Two young women of the Walnut Street Church, who have dedicated their lives to Christian service, served as pianists during the meeting; Gail Messersmith, a volunteer for foreign missions, and Joan Lamb.

The entire program for the youth revival was in charge of the young people including the music, visitation, personal work, and preaching. There were four additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and eight by letter. One young man, Milton Wilson, surrendered to the gospel ministry and four others to special Christian service.

Pastor Fitzgerald says, "There is a wonderful spirit among our church members and the young people themselves have a quickened interest and zeal. We have discovered new talent and the results are as far reaching, if not more so, than any revival we have ever had."

### Do Not Send Relief Goods to New Orleans

"Please don't send relief supplies to the Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans," Charles R. Gage, former director of the Center, urges Southern Baptists, "The Center was closed more than a year ago."

As a result of recent publicity concerning the need for relief in Korea, a number of packages have been sent to New Orleans, addressed to the Relief Center. The Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office, which is the successor to the Relief Center in New Orleans, has no facilities to process and ship clothing. Ever since the Relief Center closed, a few packages have continued to arrive each month. All the Displaced Persons Office can do is to give the clothing to local persons in need. The number of packages has picked up recently.

Clothing, bedding and shoes designated for Korean relief should be sent to American Relief to Korea, Long Island, New York. Send packages prepaid. Cash gifts to relief should be sent to the Southern Baptist Relief Committee, Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia, through your state office. Information on the Baptist Displaced Persons program should be obtained from Baptist Displaced Persons Office, 2940 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans 15, Louisiana.

## Minister Ordained



Mason Craig

Mason W. Craig was recently ordained to the full gospel ministry by First Church, Stuttgart. Mr. Craig is pastor of the Air Base Mission, sponsored by the Stuttgart Church.

Under his ministry the mission has grown in influence in the community. Under the conviction that God had called him to preach the gospel, Mr. Craig gave up a profitable business and in the fall of 1950 entered Ouachita College.

## Whitlow Commended to Gentry

Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, writing for the Tulsa Baptist Pastor's Conference, commends Pastor C. E. Whitlow to First Church, Gentry, as he assumes the duties of the pastorate of this Arkansas church.

Dr. Storer's letter follows:

Dear Brethren:

By formal vote of the Tulsa Baptist Pastor's Conference, I have been asked to convey the high regard in which our Brother C. E. Whitlow is held by us all.

He has served as President of our Conference, and on numerous committees of our Conference, Association, and State Convention.

His work has always been characterized by faithfulness, congeniality, wisdom, and a modest spirit that delights in serving, rather than insisting on being served. On his pastoral relations there is not a blemish, and his character is of the highest.

His preaching is true to the Word; his denominational loyalty unquestioned, his co-operation delightful. He is a brother beloved, and we shall miss his cheerful smile and words of good advice.

We would commend him to you without reservation, and would pray that the union of pastor and church may be a long and fruitful one, as led by the Holy Spirit that you and he shall hold aloft the Cross of our blessed Lord.

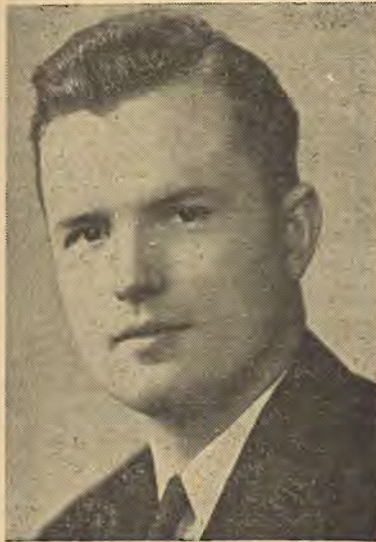
You will find his wife and family to be as fully deserving of your love and care as he, and we do congratulate you on their coming to you.

Most sincerely

J. W. Storer

## New President of Southern Seminary

By ERWIN L. McDONALD



Dr. Duke K. McCall

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in a called meeting in Louisville, August 1, elected Dr. Duke K. McCall, Nashville, Tennessee, to the presidency of the Seminary, a post left vacant by the death last October of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller.

Executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive committee since May, 1946, Dr. McCall, at 36, is the youngest man ever to be elected to the Southern Seminary presidency.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. McCall is the son of Judge and Mrs. John W. McCall, now of Memphis, Tennessee. He received the A.B. degree from Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, summa cum laude, and the Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Baylor University, Waco, Texas, conferred upon him the LL.D. degree, and Furman University, the D.D.

Despite his youth, Dr. McCall has already had a unique career of service to his denomination. At the age of 25 he became the pastor of Louisville's historic Broadway Baptist Church, the youngest pastor in the history of the church, filling the place with

distinction until his election, three years later, to the presidency of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. As head of the New Orleans Seminary, he was probably the youngest of the world's theological seminary presidents.

In 1946, at the age of 31, he left New Orleans to become the youngest man ever to serve as executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, a strategic place of service. Since he has been in this position his office has been a clearing house for \$10,000,000 annually for mission, educational, and benevolent enterprises of Southern Baptists.

In connection with his duties with the Executive Committee, Dr. McCall has traveled in 35 foreign countries. The summers of 1947 and 1948 found him touring Europe, following attendance of meetings of the Baptist World Congress and the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, respectively. Early in 1948 he visited the Canal Zone and parts of South America. In 1950 he flew around the world, visiting five continents as part of a survey for the reassignment of mission fields because of Communist aggression.

An excellent speaker and preacher, Dr. McCall is in wide demand for all types of religious, educational, and civic meetings.

Dr. McCall was married September 1, 1936, to Miss Marguerite Mullinix, of Greenville, South Carolina. There are four sons, Duke and Doug, twins age 11, John Richard, 8, and Michael, 2.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, oldest of the five seminaries operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, has a student body of more than 1,200 from 35 states and six foreign countries. It has made a unique contribution to the life of the denomination. Its graduates are to be found today as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, editors, student secretaries, ministers of music, religious education directors, and denominational executives in all sections of the world.

Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, Basil Manly Professor of Church Administration at the Seminary and widely known as a religious journalist and author as well as teacher, has served as acting president since Dr. Fuller's death.

Dr. McCall has accepted the offer of the presidency, effective September 15.

## Fourth Anniversary



D. C. McAtee

During the four years of Pastor D. C. McAtee's ministry in the Second Church, Pine Bluff, 400 members have been received into the fellowship of the church. The Sunday School enrolment has increased from 351 to 574 and the Training Union from 123 to 221. The church budget during the pastorate of Mr. McAtee has increased from \$252 per week to \$453 per week. The allocation to the Co-operative Program has increased from \$25 per week to \$120 per week.

### Arkansan to Oklahoma

Pastor Carl P. Nelson resigned the pastorate of the Gentry Church, effective June 30, to accept a call to the Irving Church, Oklahoma City, and assumed the duties of his new pastorate on July 1.

Mr. Nelson was pastor of the Gentry church from 1938 to 1941 and again from 1944 to June 30, 1951. These two pastorates with the Gentry Church, totaling ten years, were fruitful in the expansion of the church facilities and the church program.

During his first pastorate at Gentry, Pastor Nelson led the church in the purchase of an adjoining building for use of the Sunday School. During his second pastorate the Gentry Church erected a three story educational building which provided for a departmentalized Sunday School; also a rock veneer sanctuary was erected with a seating capacity of 500. The church membership greatly increased over Mr. Nelson's ministry and the organizations of the church grew in number and in the expansion of their program. Two busses were provided by the church to bring people to the Sunday School and church services. The financial budget was increased with larger contributions being allocated to the Co-operative Program.

### Vacation Bible School At Biscoe

Biscoe Church, Roy G. Adams, pastor, recently conducted its first Vacation Bible School. There were 75 enrolled with an average attendance of 66 and with 62 certificates awarded. The offering in the amount of \$16.05 was sent to the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage.

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (I Peter 4:10).

### First Church, Nettleton Has Good Meeting

First Church, Nettleton, George W. Boyd, pastor, recently had the services of Hugh Cantrell, pastor of First Church, Stephens, in a 12-day revival. Robert Moore, Dean of Men at Arkansas State College and associational music director of the Mt. Zion Association, directed the singing.

There were nine additions to the church, six of these coming on profession of faith.

Pastor Boyd says: "Brother Cantrell is one of the most sincere and faithful preachers of the gospel with whom it has ever been my privilege to work; his messages are soul-stirring to the Christian as well as to the sinner."

### Preachers Available for Supply Work

Dr. E.P. J. Garrott, Batesville; L. P. Guthrey, 1504 West 11, Little Rock; Ralph Dodd, 900 South Pine, Little Rock; W. P. Shemwell, 306 Victory, Little Rock; and for the time being, E. E. Griever, Harrison.

### Park Place, Hot Springs Receives 27 Additions

Park Place Church, Hot Springs, and Pastor W. W. Dishongh had the services of Pastor John R. Dickson of the Temple Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, evangelist, and Edward L. Wittner of Baylor University, song leader, in recent revival services.

There were 27 additions to the church, 16 received by baptism and 11 by letter. Pastor Dishongh has been with the Park Place Church for 27 months, four months as educational director while D. C. Bandy was pastor of Park Place. Upon the resignation of Mr. Bandy, Mr. Dishongh was called as pastor of the church.

During the past two years 241 persons have united with the church, 112 of these have been received for baptism.

The man who is too busy to worship on Sunday and attend mid-week prayer meeting has more business than God intended him to have.

—J. C. Penney

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By Religious News Service

## Reports Church Membership At New High

Membership in religious bodies of the United States increased 3.56 per cent last year to a new high of 85,705,280, according to statistics compiled by the Christian Herald.

The rate of gain was more than double the 1.67 per cent growth of the general American population in 1950, and brought church membership to a record 55.9 per cent of the people.

The survey was based on figures submitted by 114 religious bodies, and does not include members outside continental United States.

Protestant groups reported a net gain of 1,409,045, or 2.89 per cent, to a new total of 50,083,868 members. Roman Catholics increased 3.1 per cent, or 859,784, to a membership of 28,470,092 at the end of the year.

The Christian Herald pointed out, however, that while Catholics count children in their membership totals, most Protestant denominations do not. It suggested that for comparison "either approximately 25 per cent should be deducted from the Catholic figure, or at least 20 per cent added to the Protestant figure."

No new statistics of Jewish congregations were obtainable, the survey noted, so their figure stands at 5,000,000. The Greek Orthodox Church, which in its last report, in 1947, claimed 300,000 members, reported 1,000,000 in 1950.

Of the total church population of the country, 58.5 per cent was said to be Protestant, 33.2 per cent Roman Catholic, and 8.3 per cent belonging to other religious groups.

The church paper stated that "while the number of members was increasing, so was the number of congregations to accommodate them." It is reported that an all-time high of 278,479 congregations existed last year—a net increase of 3,214. This increase, however, fell short of the 6,592 gain in congregations reported for the previous year.

Among Protestant denominations, the Christian Herald survey showed The Methodist Church still in first place with 8,935,647. The second-place Southern Baptist Convention was characterized as "the fastest growing denomination in the United States," with an increase during the year of 318,624, as compared with Methodism's 143,078. The new Southern Baptist total is 7,079,889.

## National Council Leaders Meet With Buddhist Delegation

Eight Japanese Buddhist and Shinto leaders held a two-day consultation with officials of the National Council of Churches.

They constituted the first prominent religious figures from Japan to visit this country under the U. S. Army's Exchange of Persons Program, designed to acquaint leaders in occupied territories with American democratic processes and institutions.

The group will confer with Roman Catholic and Jewish officials as well as Protestant churchmen before returning to Japan near the end of September. Their tour of this country is sponsored by the Institute of International Education.

## Lutheran World Population Reported 68,500,000

Known Lutherans throughout the world total at least 68,500,000, according to statistics compiled by the Lutheran World Federation.

Of this number, according to Dr. S. C. Michelfelder, LWF executive secretary, 51,000,000 are affiliated with nearly 100 church and mission groups in 33 countries. The remainder, an estimated 17,500,000, are members of Union Churches in Germany and elsewhere which contain a high proportion of Lutheran districts, parishes or members. Dr. Michelfelder reported to the LWF's executive committee at its annual meeting in Geneva.

He stressed that the total represents a minimum figure as in many instances it was not possible for his office to obtain complete and accurate statistics. He said this was particularly true of countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Of the 51,000,000 Lutherans in organized churches and missions, close to 90 per cent are concentrated in seven countries—Germany, with 20,230,760; the United States, with 6,256,900; Sweden, with 6,105,000; Denmark, with 4,000,000; Finland, with 3,840,000; Norway, with 3,076,740; and Latvia, with 1,500,000.

Member churches of the Lutheran World Federation, Dr. Michelfelder reported, represent 46,500,000 persons, or 90 per cent of the 51,000,000 affiliated with the world's Lutheran Churches and 68 per cent of the 68,500,000 credited to Lutheranism, the largest Protestant denomination in the world.

Dr. Michelfelder said the figures in the statistical survey were obtained primarily from membership files of 1950, almanacs of 1951 and official statements published within the last year in church periodicals. In some cases, older sources of information have been used, such as the Lutheran World Almanac of 1937. Pre-war figures were used for the Baltic States and other Iron Curtain countries, Dr. Michelfelder said.

## Bishop Says Aid to India Converting Communists

Passage of the wheat-for-India bill is converting Indian Communists to Christianity, according to a Methodist bishop in India.

In a letter to Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D.-Minn.), Bishop J. Waskom Pickett said that "a good many former Communists are now renouncing the party and its program and we are receiving some of them as Christian converts."

## Government Speeding Grain to India

Shipment of grain to famine-stricken India is getting under way with great rapidity, the Economic Cooperation Administration reported in Washington.

In the first two weeks of operation of the emergency aid program for India between June 16 and 30, a total of 43 ships were loaded with 411,432 tons of wheat. The shipments were described as the largest and fastest grain movement in history. Altogether, India is expected to receive more than 2,000,000 tons of grain.

# A Smile or Two

Robert: How would you like to drop half a mile out of a plane with a parachute?

Henry: I would hate to drop that far without one.

When a man who had never been noted for any marked manifestations of a changed life was elected to the board of deacons, one of his associates in sin inquired: "How come they confer this high honor on an old reprobate like you?"

"That's very simple," the newly elected deacon replied, "the disreputable element in the congregation demanded recognition."

A boy left the farm and got a job in the city. He wrote a letter to his brother who elected to stick to the farm, telling of the joys of city life: "Thursday we autoed out to the Country Club where we golfed until dark. Then we motored to the beach for the week end."

The brother wrote from the farm: "Yesterday we buggied to town and baseballed all afternoon. Next morning we muled out to the cornfield and gee-hawed until sundown. Then we suppered and piped for a while. After that we staircased up to our room and bedsteaded until the clock fived."

He: Remember, darling? Last night you said there was something about me you could love?

She: Yeah, but you spent it all.

And then they tell the one about the super-salesman who was selling automatic milking machines.

One of his prospects was a farmer who owned only one cow. This boy was so good that he sold the farmer two machines and took the cow as a down payment.

The little boy sat gazing into space. His father said, "Junior, a penny for your thoughts."

"Well, to be honest, Daddy," he replied, "I was thinking of a dime."

—N. Y. News

A man employed to wash windows at a factory in Boston was working so moderately that his actions might well be termed "slow motion."

His superior demanded one day, "Jim why don't you move up a little faster and get this job done?"

"Boss," came the drawling reply, "I have only two speeds, and the other one is slower than this one."

Junior was passing his plate for his fourth helping of pie when his mother cautioned him. "Be careful, dear. There was once a boy who ate too much pie and burst."

Junior thought a moment, then replied, "Couldn't be. No such thing as too much pie."

"But there must be," reasoned his mother, "else why did the boy burst?"

Junior passed his plate again and announced, "Just not enough boy."

"Pardon me, sir," said the waiter, taking up the money, "but this includes nothing for the waiter."

"I didn't eat one, did I?" said the professor, glancing up from his book.

## News From Baptist Press

### Baptist Three-Cent Problem Is Coming Home at Last

Little check come home!

This is the plea of the Executive Committee bookkeeper, Mrs. Ruth Nelson, who for nearly two years has painstakingly transferred a three-cent item from one month to another.

It all started October 25, 1949, when a loyal Baptist sent three cents to the Executive Committee designated to the Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans. Dr. Duke K. McCall, treasurer for the Convention, did the only thing he could do. He wrote a check, No. 10046, for three cents and mailed it to Dr. Frank Tripp, superintendent of the hospital.

Dr. Tripp took one look at the check and decided it would be worth more as an office decoration. So he put it under glass to prove that people do remember the hospital.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Nelson is chagrined and the auditors are aroused.

So this week, Dr. McCall wrote Dr. Tripp. "We will gladly return the cancelled check to you. We will even reimburse you out of our own pockets to persuade you to cash the check—only just return the check."

The check is expected very soon, the books will be balanced, the bookkeeper made happy and the auditors appeased—and Dr. Tripp will get his three cents.

### Maryland Baptists Will Have University Extension Classes

Maryland Baptists will see the beginning of a Christian education program in that state when extension courses from the University of Richmond are offered in Baltimore this fall.

Dr. George M. Modlin, president of the Richmond school, announces that plans are being completed for meeting the increasing needs for a religious training program in Maryland. Maryland Baptists do not have an educational institution.

Classes in Bible and religious education, all with college credit, will be offered in a centrally located Baptist church in Baltimore in the evenings, Dr. Modlin says. They will meet one night a week for eighteen weeks each semester.

### SBC Minister Leads Revival For Negro Congregation

Dr. B. C. Land, a Southern Baptist evangelist, reports that his first revival with a Negro church, New Concord Baptist Church near Yazoo City, Mississippi, proved to be "one of the most encouraging of all my stewardship ministry."

On the closing Sunday of the week's meeting, the ninety-member congregation appeared 110-strong for Sunday school and gave a total of \$245.13 in tithes and offerings during the morning services.

Dr. Land recognized the church as one of the best organized half-time churches of its size that he has seen. He feels that his "Demonstration Day" program the last Sunday was successful in proving to them that they can soon have a full-time church with the pastor living on the field.

The revival was arranged through Dr. Herbert L. Lang, president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary (Negro) of Jackson.

### New Mexico Inlow Assembly To Be Host to Negro Campers

Negro Baptists of New Mexico will have a week's assembly August 6-9 at Inlow, New

Mexico, according to Eual F. Lawson, secretary of the state evangelism department.

Lawson recently completed directing a conference on camp planning for the Negro Baptists of the state. Dr. Guy Bellamy of Oklahoma City, superintendent of the Negro work of the Home Mission Board, appeared on the conference program and is scheduled to participate in the August assembly program.

Camp pastor for the week will be Dr. E. W. Perry, vice-president of the National Baptist Convention of America, Incorporated.

### Home on the Range

Jim Kincannon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Edinburg, Texas, made his Sunday morning report on the recent San Francisco Southern Baptist Convention. He closed by saying for the benefit of boys and girls present:

"I have never given much thought to Roy Rogers and to his wife Dale Evans until I heard that they were Baptist people . . . And . . . do you know that both of them are workers in the church there in California? I understand that Roy teaches a class of boys about your age and Dale is superintendent of a Sunday School department." He had no more than said the last word when a little girl sitting with her mother four rows from the front spoke out, "What does Trigger do?"

(For the information of the less erudite, Trigger is Roy's cow-pony.)

### Five Killed Enroute to Convention

Death was no respecter of persons again when a carload of Baptists from the Dos Palos Church were involved in a three-car accident on their way to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco in June. Two women, a baby girl, and a five-year-old boy were killed.

The driver of the car, husband of one of the women and father of the little girl, was seriously injured. He is a deacon in the Dos Palos Church. Also in the car were two other children who were not injured so seriously and are recovering rapidly.

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### Baptist Highlights

By PORTER ROUTH

Mrs. J. M. Dawson is in a critical condition in Washington, D. C.

The final tabulation for the Southern Baptist Convention was 6,493. Texas was first with 1,415. California was second with 668. Oklahoma had 455 and Georgia 367.

Periodical sales for the Sunday School Board for the second quarter reached 10,524,294, compared with 9,821,030 for the same period in 1950. Circulation of the Adult Sunday school quarterly reached 1,634,812.

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### Dr. Poling Wins Nomination for Mayor

Dr. Daniel A. Poling won the Republican nomination for mayor of Philadelphia by a decisive vote of 175,000 to 32,000 for his opponent, Walter P. Miller Jr., in Philadelphia's primary contest.

Dr. Poling, world head of the Christian Endeavor Movement and editor of the Christian Herald, was "drafted" by the Republican organization to head its slate.

### Baptists in Italy Protest Treatment

Baptists and other evangelical groups of Italy have recently become concerned over certain repressive measures which seem to indicate that basic religious liberties may be violated, according to information received by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board from Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the near East, who is now on a tour of mission fields under his supervision.

These evangelical groups have accused the Italian government of denying the exercise of "fundamental liberties" and of reducing democracy to a "mockery." The directive committee of Baptist evangelical work in Italy, including churches, schools, and orphanages, protested against what it termed arbitrary interpretation of Italy's law on cults. It recalled that the new constitution of the Italian Republic states that all religions "are equally free before the law."

Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, secretary general of the Italian Baptist Convention, has protested that the Ministry of the Interior was impeding the freedom of the foundation by requiring it to obtain special permission to open new churches and that the state-controlled radio monopoly in Italy had refused permission for a broadcast.

Dr. Sadler said that "in order to give an appearance of legality to the measures, appeal has been made to the old Fascist law of 1929-30 which required each local congregation to obtain special authorization to carry on its work. Even in Fascist days the law was never interpreted strictly, but the present Christian Democratic Government is interpreting this old law more narrowly than did the former Fascist Government."

A press communique issued by Dr. Ronchi explained: "It is well to remember that the evangelicals do not receive financial aid of any kind from the State, and that, therefore, they cannot permit themselves the luxury of grandiose buildings and thus must often content themselves with modest rented halls, against which the authorities in more than one locality have taken repressive measures at the direction of the central government."

Churches closed by police on instructions from the Minister of the Interior include a Methodist church in Terni, a Baptist church in Lentini, and a mission station at Padigliani.

Dr. Sadler reported that the National Council of Evangelical Churches of Italy was informed that due to a beatification service at St. Peter's the usual 15-minute period would not be available for the regular Sunday morning evangelical service of June 24, 1951. "It is feared," he said, "that the cancellation of this service may be used as a precedent upon which the use of the radio may be permanently denied to the evangelicals of Italy."

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### What of An Ambassador

As of this date nothing has been done by the President about a successor in respect to a personal representative at the Vatican. Some months ago leaders of the Democratic party in Congress let it be known that any proposal to renew this relation between the United States and the Vatican would be exceedingly distasteful to them. In spite of this statement by the leaders, rumors still persist that the President intends to name someone—perhaps a full ambassador. Whatever the facts, it behooves all Americans to remain alerted against a possible action which would be violative of the Constitution.

— Report from the Capital



## Baptist Relations With Other Bodies

(Continued from page two)

Baptists are ready to join with other denominations in certain forms of service, but further than that, they cannot go without violence to their convictions. Baptists can consider only one basis of union and that is absolute loyalty to the New Testament in all times and in all things.

### The Ecumenical Movement

We call your attention to the merging of several interdenominational agencies into the National Council of Churches in meetings held at Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio. The Council's main concern seems to be to form a union of protestant churches.

Your Committee notes two dangerous tendencies in the ecumenical movement:

First, the tendency toward centralization which threatens the position of local, visible, sovereign, democratic, autonomous, authoritative, New Testament churches, a tendency which tends to place authority in the hands of erring men instead of the unerring Scriptures.

Second, the tendency to compromise the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ by recognizing as fellow Christian workers those who deny such scriptural truths as: the Virgin birth, the deity of Christ, and the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures.

The idea of a protestant ecumenical church has no scriptural authority, therefore, we recommend that Southern Baptists refuse to have anything to do with it. We further recommend that Southern Baptists begin now to prepare offensively and defensively to meet the challenge of the changing conditions in American Christianity.

### Southern Baptist Territory

We believe that the people called Baptists have been commissioned of God to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth. We believe also that the United States constitutes one of our greatest mission fields.

In the light of these dangerous trends and movements already pointed out in this report and in view of our nation-wide responsibility we recommend that:

Whereas the Southern Baptist Convention has defined its territorial position in reports to the Convention in 1944 and in 1949 by removing territorial limitations, and whereas the Northern Baptist Convention has changed its name so that it is continental in scope, the Home Mission Board and all other Southern Baptist Boards and agencies be free to serve as a source of blessing to any community or any people anywhere in the United States.

### Other Dangerous Trends

There are other dangerous trends in America such as intellectualism, formalism, and socialism that we need to study; therefore we should exercise unusual care in preserving Baptist conviction in ecclesiology as well as in extensive long range plans of indoctrination through special bibliographies, articles in the literature we prepare, special emphasis on Baptist distinctives in state and Southwide assemblies and conventions, and by refraining from the use of men of unorthodox tendencies on our denominational programs.

Your Committee believes that the majority of Southern Baptists are too strong to be led away from our Baptist distinctives. We further believe that the majority of our Southern Baptist preachers and leaders are

too wise, too alert, and too intelligent to be influenced by liberal doctrines no matter how cleverly they may be presented.

In view of these trends and whereas Southern Baptists are just returning from a vast crusade of evangelism, and whereas the great multitudes who have been won to Christ and received into church membership constitute an imperative demand that Southern Baptists shall seek to indoctrinate them in the basic tenets of our faith, therefore, we recommend the continuation of the crusade to indoctrinate all our people in the fundamentals of our faith. We further recommend that a definite period be set apart each year by this Convention or the Executive Committee for special emphasis upon our Baptist Doctrines.

We beseech you, therefore, brethren, that we be of the same mind in doctrine, in spirit, and in co-operation.

We intreat you also, dear fellow Christians, to continue in the faith once delivered to the Saints.

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### Pastor Honored

The members of the Village Church honored their pastor, Amos M. Bennett, on the occasion of his graduation from the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, July 12.

The expression of appreciation by the members of the Village Church took the form of a complete new wardrobe for the pastor and his family, also a cash contribution to defray his expenses to Fort Worth for the graduation exercises.

The Village Church is planning to construct a Sunday School annex to their present building at a cost of \$5,000. Much of this cost is already covered by contributions and pledges.

### Worker Available

C. W. Staley, a member of the Crestwood Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is available for the pastorate and is commended by Dr. H. H. Hobbs, pastor of First Church, of that city.

### Revival at Jennings, Louisiana

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick of Hot Springs was in a revival meeting recently with First Church, Jennings, Louisiana, and Pastor Bruce W. Lowe.

Pastor Lowe is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary. He is a former citizen of Little Rock. The Jennings Church has just completed a modern church building.

### Minister Ordained

Wallace W. Scott was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday afternoon, July 22, by the Biddle Church, Little Rock. The ordaining council was composed of the following ordained ministers:

M. F. Boyd, moderator; H. S. Coleman, clerk; R. F. Weeks, examiner; C. O. Abbott delivered the ordination sermon and delivered the charge to the candidate; Lawrence Kendrick offered the ordination prayer; A. H. Mullins presented the Bible to Mr. Scott.

Mr. Scott is pastor of the New Hope Church in Caroline Association.

## We Like Their Disapproval

By JOHN J. HURT JR., Editor  
The Christian Index

The Southern Baptist Convention once again has come under the editorial scrutiny of Managing Editor Harold E. Fey of *The Christian Century* and to say he is unhappy about what he finds is to put it mildly.

Dr. Fey, an able writer who represents an "undenominational" magazine, will never be satisfied until Southern Baptists lose themselves in one great Protestant church. His rainbow is so far distant that even he cannot make out the colors.

He didn't like the T. C. Gardner report any more than we did — but for entirely different reasons. We can see no need for reiterating, year after year, that we want no part of the National Council of Churches or the World Council. Dr. Fey is angry because we keep on meaning it and saying it.

"In bland violation of the truth," he writes in mighty strong language, the report "accuses the World Council of Churches of being totalitarian, of compromising the truth of the gospel, of violating the integrity of the co-operating denominations and the autonomy of their local churches, and of conspiring to form a 'Protestant ecumenical church.'"

Among the subjects he suggests that state Baptist papers discuss is that "The Home Mission Board has been bringing the 'blessings' of infiltration and disruption where it pleased for a long time." He also wants light on "The Northern Baptist Convention did not change their name until Southern Baptists changed their behaviour and repeatedly refused to honor their commitments."

Our ire got rather high until we remembered who was writing. Down South fight when called a liar, he said in "bland violation of truth" on the Council stand, or when charged with refusing to honor commitments.

Dr. Fey apparently has forgotten that we haven't drawn any line and said the people on the other side couldn't join us. We go where we like, when we like, as we seek to win the world for Christ.

All of which reminded us that back in our newspaper days the editor of *The Chattanooga Times*, a great newspaper, asked what we thought of *The Evening Times*, just started and far different from its morning paper. We didn't like the *Evening Times*, told him so and during the verbal battle that followed tried to explain.

Our discussion ended with him telling us if the paper ever met our approval to let him know — for it would be on the wrong of Dr. Fey and *The Christian Century* on this track.

So, if Southern Baptists ever win approval Council business it will be time for examination. We will be wrong — and his approval will prove it.

Dr. Fey finds "sincerity" and "power of Christian faith in the Southern Baptist Convention" and describes it as "the fastest-growing large denomination in the country." He credits our colleges and seminaries with 8,000 ministerial students and likes their "devotion and the quality of training."

He goes on to review church organization, gifts and the like, and admits all Convention "enterprises are flourishing." He goes so far as to say "the Holy Spirit continues to strive with the Southern Baptists."

He paints a most peculiar picture. We are not in the parade that passes before him for review but, as he looks aside, he finds we are doing a bang-up job. He should admit we might be right.

## Attitude Betrays Our Convictions

By EDITOR W. BARRY GARRETT  
Arizona Baptist Beacon

Southern Baptists are not the only Christians in the world, although the manner in which they state their convictions sometimes leaves the impression with others that this is what they think. In referring to other groups we should always frame our statements very carefully, making sure that every word is true and that the spirit is that of love and not of rancor. There is a way in which we can speak our convictions and be respected by all men, and there is a way in which we can speak and stir up the animosity and ill-will of others.

We hope that the pronouncement of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco on Baptist relations with other bodies will be received kindly by the Christian world, but we fear that some of the expressions in the statement will not lend themselves to understanding with those with whom we differ. The document approaches a doctrinal regimentation of our own churches and in relation to other groups it is not the best denominational diplomacy.

For instance, the paper adopted states, "Some of our churches have departed from some of the time-honored principles of New Testament Baptists: some by failing to give to missions, others by refusing to support the denominational plan, others by accepting alien immersion and by practicing open communion." To say the least it is questionable whether or not the Southern Baptist Convention is wise in making such assertions as this about the churches.

It is also questionable whether or not it falls within the realm of wisdom and propriety for one Baptist body to pass judgment on the affairs of another Baptist body. For instance, these two sentences from the report, "It is also a well-known fact that a part of the program of the last Baptist World Alliance was a departure from our time-honored historic Baptist principles. We therefore look with misgiving at the increasing evidence of liberalism in the meetings of the Baptist World Alliance."

### Drug for Fighting Gangrene Announced

A new drug which promises to revolutionize the treatment of infections which lead to gangrene, deep-seated chest infections, and dangerous blood clots in body cavities, has been made available to doctors by Lederle Laboratories Division of American Cyanamid Company.

The new drug, Varidase streptokinase-streptodornase, will liquefy dense accumulations of pus, blood and dead tissue around infected areas, thus permitting removal of the waste material through a needle with little or no surgery. Once this debris is removed, white blood cells and the so-called "wonder drugs," such as aureomycin, can directly attack the infection.

The new drug is a combination of the two enzymes, streptokinase and streptodornase, which are produced from one of man's worst enemies, a disease-producing streptococcus, by a fermentation process.

On the surface of the body, vicious-looking sores and ulcers can be quickly and safely cleaned with the drug. Not only is the dead material removed by its action, but the wall of the area develops healthy blood vessels which stimulate healing.

Another questionable recommendation in the report was "that this Convention authorize its Executive Committee to have a prepared list of suitable books and other materials for study on these questions." What are we about to do? Fall into the errors of the Roman church and set forth to our people a set of books that are approved and blackball others? We believe that Baptists with open Bibles, fervent doctrinal preaching from our pastors, and a free search into all matters that concern them, will come forth with the truth in their hearts and the approval of God upon them. We must be careful in what we do in this respect.

In referring to the National Council of Churches the report said, "The Council's main concern seems to be to form a union of protestant churches." We believe it is true that many of the leaders in the National Council have as one of their main concerns to unite protestantism into one church, but to say that this seems to be the main concern of the Council itself, without sufficient documentary proof to back up the statement, is not wise.

In removing all territorial limitations from the work of the Home Mission Board and all other Southern Baptist Convention boards and agencies the report gave as one of its reasons that the Northern Baptist Convention had changed its name so as to make it continental in scope. This hardly seems to be a fair interpretation of the reason for the change of name of the Northern Baptist Convention, and it certainly does not improve fellowship with those of the American Baptist affiliation.

In conclusion, we agree with the position the Southern Baptist Convention has consistently taken on matters of liberal theology, opposition with the National or World Councils of churches, and in expanding our field of operation into the entire nation and its territories. But we do say that we should be more discreet, diplomatic and careful in our pronouncements. "Speaking the truth in love" demands that we be Christian gentlemen in all matters and upon all occasions.

## Southwestern Seminary Fall Session Begins September 10

By RALPH D. CHURCHILL  
Publicity Director

Registration for the fall session at Southwestern Seminary will begin Monday, September 10.

For the information of those who expect to enroll the following rules apply: All new students MUST register on September 10, or wait until September 13, at which time a late registration fee of \$5 will have to be paid. All students previously enrolled at Southwestern will register on September 11-12 only. Application for admission must be in the Registrar's office at least 30 days prior to the opening date one expects to begin his work.

A record enrolment is anticipated. The total registration in the 1950 fall session was 1435.

### Silent Workers Class

There is a silent workers Sunday School class in the Bailey Hill Church, near Fort Smith. The interpreter for the class is Mrs. Ruth Smith.

The class meets at 9:45 for Sunday School and then attends the worship service at 11:00 o'clock.

### New Church Organized

The Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, James H. Fitzgerald, pastor, observed the organization of the Strawfloor Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, July 15, with four charter members and 30 members from the Walnut Street Church, who were received into the fellowship of the Strawfloor Church.

James F. Gibson was asked to serve as temporary pastor of the new church until after a revival in August, which is to be conducted by Missionary Carl Bunch of the Mount Zion Association.

### Belleville Silent Bible Class Begun

Mrs. Hallea H. Stout, R. F. D. 3, Russellville, assisted by Virgil Logan, pastor of the Belleville First Church, and J. W. Gardner, Little Rock, organized a silent Bible Class at the Belleville Church, Sunday, July 15.

Mrs. Stout and her husband, John W. Stout, helped pioneer the establishment of silent Bible classes. They organized classes for the deaf and the mute who depend upon sign language for religious instruction at Mena, Russellville, and Little Rock. Texarkana, Lake City, and Fort Smith have similar programs.

The Belleville class will meet every second Sunday at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Stout as teacher. She also teaches the Russellville class.

Eighteen members of the Russellville class and five persons with normal hearing attended the organizational meeting at Belleville.

### Youth Team at Biscoe

The First Church, Biscoe, Roy G. Adams, is scheduled to conduct an eight day Youth Revival beginning August 12. The team is composed of Truman Keahey, song leader and personal worker; Bill Pratt, organist and team director; R a c h a e l Quattlebaum and Mabel Taylor will serve as personal workers. All of these young persons are students in Ouachita College.

Dale Cowling, B. S. U. secretary, is director of the youth team.



Listen to the  
**BAPTIST HOUR**

Date: August 12

SPEAKER: Charles Wellborn

Subject:

"GOD'S RECIPE FOR PEACE"

Arkansas Stations:

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.

KENA, Mena

KXLR, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.

KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.

KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

Varidase will also be useful against old cases of osteomyelitis, sinusitis, certain types of meningitis, and chronic severe infections of the joints. When injected into an infected area, it brings about a chemical change in accumulated pus and dead tissue. The liquefied waste can then be easily removed and the infection treated.

# Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, *Superintendent*

## Services For The Deaf

The Department of Missions is already rendering a definite service for the deaf people in a number of places. The only financial outlay is in providing the traveling expenses of the workers from Little Rock to and from the towns where services are conducted.

The towns where services are conducted are: Lake City, Russellville, and Mena. The Baptist churches of these towns have been sponsoring the services by providing places of meeting and maybe transportation for those in surrounding areas.

Some time ago, this Department was contacted by some of the deaf workers, who go out to these towns, to see if bus fare could be provided from mission funds. The Mission Committee gladly voted to pay the traveling expenses of these people who are endeavoring to render this spiritual ministry. They are from the school for Deaf in Little Rock and because they are Christians they want to go anywhere to teach the Bible and preach the Gospel to the deaf people in the sign language.

Is there a need for similar services in your town?

## Next Employee

Many have asked when another rural evangelist would be employed. In the last meeting of the Mission Committee it was decided that the next employee major on establishing missions and churches in the cities and larger towns of the state. This Department plans to work with Pulaski County Association in establishing a church in the Cammack-Kingwood area of Little Rock and will ask the next employee to give first attention to this area. After a church is established in this fast growing section of Little Rock, he may go at the call of mission committees to other cities where a new church or mission is needed.

This does not mean that the Mission Department is losing interest in the rural areas, but we do see that this is a great challenge in the fast growing cities. The section in Little Rock mentioned above probably has over 7,000 people and there is no church in their midst. It is about five miles from the business part of the city and the nearest church is over a mile. Pray that the Lord may open the way to establish a great church in this area.

## Negro Christian Education

The State Executive Board has approved "Dollar Day for Negro Christian Education" and will recommend to the Convention that next June 15 be the time for a special offering for the two Negro Baptist Colleges in Arkansas. The Department of Missions will be glad to sponsor the campaign among white and colored Baptist churches.

Each year in June, special emphasis is given to Christian education. It certainly ought to be proper, one year, to turn our attention to the need of Christian education among the Negroes. If the Convention approves the idea, we will expect the Negro Conventions to approve it also and participate in the undertaking.

## Prayer for State Missions

The women will remember State

Missions in their Season of Prayer, September 17. Why not have a special State Mission program on Wednesday night, also. The offering goal is \$16,500. There is no doubt about this amount being raised. Pastors ought to co-operate with the women in seeing that a good program is put on in the church.

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Teachers of the Bible are messengers of God. They have in the Bible a revelation from God to pass on to the people of the world. And they have a commission to teach men his statutes and ordinances, to announce his warnings and promises, to proclaim his mercy and salvation, and to declare his way of life and duty. But for the teachers of the Bible, there would be a famine of hearing the words of Jehovah.

—Clifton J. Allen

Plan to Bring Family and Friends  
to our Old-Fashioned

BARBECUE DINNER

A Special feature of 1951

ORPHANAGE VISITATION DAY

LABOR DAY . . . SEPT. 3

As you think of Labor Day, think of Home; as you think of Home, think of Children; and as you think of Children, think of those who are homeless . . . then visit your Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. Note the happy Christian attitude of the children . . . their wise and appreciative use of your gifts . . . the clean, well-kept buildings, the healthy livestock . . . the numerous reminders that good citizens of Tomorrow are being trained here Today!

Would you like to help furnish the meat and trimmings for this event . . . a calf, a beef . . . or a hog? Potatoes, cold drinks, ice cream or money? We'll arrange to pick it up . . . but please let us know by August 20th how many we can count on from your church.

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## Joins Staff of Sunday School Board

Mack R. Douglas, Fort Worth, Texas, has been elected as co-superintendent of Sunday School work with Intermediates in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mr. Douglas was born in Fort Worth, Texas, November 27, 1922. His parents moved to Clinton, Mississippi, during his childhood, where he did his elementary and high school work. He later graduated from Mississippi College with the B. A. degree and from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with the M. R. E. degree. He has had about one year's study on the required work for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He has served as educational director in College Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, having served in like capacity in Jackson, Mississippi, and Dallas, Texas, before going to Fort Worth.

Mr. Douglas is thoroughly qualified by native ability, acquired skill, personal attitudes, years of experience, and his abiding interest in this age group, to fill this position in connection with the



Mack R. Douglas

work of the Board. He is highly recommended by members of the faculty of Southwestern Seminary and others who know him well.

Mr. Douglas took up his work in Nashville, May 21.

## With the Summer Field Workers

During the week of July 22-27, the summer field workers served in fourteen churches in Concord and Clear Creek associations. Total enrolment during this week was 716 with an average total attendance of 537. Total number of unions organized 6; conversions, 14; re-dedications 115, and three additions to the churches. A total of 492 awards were earned.

From July 29 through August 3, this corps of workers will be serving in Russellville-Dardanelle association.

H. D. Palmer, Missionary, Conway association, reports a Vacation Bible School held with the Bigelow church in which there was a total enrolment of 67, with average attendance of 53. At the close of the school the boys and girls were asked to write a letter stating what the school had meant to them. One of the Primary age girls had this to say "I enjoy Vacation Bible School—we learn to make things. I learned more about God, and I learned to work with the other girls and to share with others. When I am ten years old

I would like to work in the Vacation Bible School."

Missionary Palmer states that three Vacation Bible Schools will be held in the association for Negroes during the summer. These will be at Morrilton, Plumerville, and Stony Point.

## Central Association Music Festival

More than 200 people attended the regular Quarterly Music Festival for Central Association which was held Thursday night, July 19, at Central Church, Hot Springs. Spirited congregational singing under the direction of Adam Gebhardt, associate pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, occupied the major portion of the program.

Many fine choir numbers were presented by the Adult Choirs of Central and Second, Hot Springs; and by Third, Malvern; Antioch and First, Hot Springs, was represented by their Carol Choir, and First, Malvern, by an organ and piano duet.

The next Music Festival will be held on Thursday night, October 25, at Bauxite.

## SICMM September Is Church Music Month

Facing the importance of church music in every church service, and recognizing the need for development of leadership in this field, the Committee on Denominational Calendar of the Southern Baptist Convention has designated September as Church Music Month.

September is the ideal time for such emphasis. Adult and Youth Choirs are returning to regularly scheduled rehearsals and every department of church life is launching out into a comprehensive program of work. The entire church constituency should be enlisted in some sort of study of Church Music so that an intelligent understanding of its ministry may guide them in supporting such a program.

Here are some suggested ways to observe SICMM—

1. Promote the study of Church Music in some form during this month, using one of the text books from the Church Music Training Course.

2. Appoint a music committee whose duty it shall be to survey the music needs and to set up a church-wide music education program.

3. Plan to organize, train and use at least one Youth Choir in addition to the existing choral groups.

4. Make arrangements for some method of training pianists for service in departments.

5. Correlate the music for all church services so that leadership may be adequate and special numbers well-prepared.

6. Emphasize good congregational singing by having a time set aside to teach hymns to the group. One Prayer Meeting a month might be so used.

7. Have a Choir Dedication Service.

### OBSERVE SEPTEMBER AS CHURCH MUSIC MONTH

Write to Mrs. B. W. Nininger for free literature and helps in planning this month's observance.

## Mississippi County Music School

The first Simultaneous School of Church Music ever held in Mississippi County took place the week of June 11-15 and was reportedly a great success. It was planned by Mrs. Ed Williams the associational music director in conjunction with the state music director who provided the faculty which included Miss Odessa Holt, Mt. Ida; Mrs. A. M. Norton, Oran, Missouri; and Harold White, pastor of First Church, Luxora. Teaching was done each evening in three zones of the large association—New Liberty (Blytheville), Dell, and Wilson. Several hundred persons were enrolled in the classes and attendance was consistently high.

On Friday night, June 15, a combined Festival of Hymns marked the closing of the week's work. This festival, planned and directed by Miss Holt took for its theme: "Make His Praise Glorious" (Psa. 66:2). Brethren Russell Duffer, A. M. Norton, D. B. Bledsoe, M. R. Griffin, and Harold White assisted in the service which was composed of groups of hymns by the three choirs individually and by the entire group, Mr. Ray Mann, and Mrs. Gil Mastin, First Church, Osceola, music director and organist respectively, made valuable contributions to the program.

All those who were responsible for the success of the school are generous in its praise and recommend the Simultaneous School of Church Music as an annual event to all associations desiring to grow in the ministry of music.

## Coming Events

September 4—State Association- al Sunday School Leadership Meeting, Little Rock

September 18—"B" Night in the Associations (Sunday School)

October 15-16—State Sunday School Convention, Jonesboro

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

December 10—Training Union "M" Night

December 30—Student Night at Christmas

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# Annual Associational Meetings Begin August 30

Following are the dates and places of meeting for the various Associational meetings beginning August 30. The name and address of the Moderators is also shown:

Name of Association	Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting
Arkansas Valley H. L. Lipford, Brinkley	October 25	Turner
Ashley County J. W. Buckner, Crossett	October 9	Fountain Hill
Bartholomew Keith F. Babb, Warren	October 9	Enon
Benton County John V. Terry, Decatur	October 8-12 (Nights Only)	Siloam Springs
Big Creek L. D. Watkins, Viola	October 3-4	Viola
Black River J. V. Chandler, Hoxie	October 16-17	Old Walnut Ridge
Boone County Elmer F. Cox, Omaha	September 17-18	Eagle Heights (Harrison)
Buckner Karl McClendon, Mansfield	September 27-28	Waldron
Buckville Homer Speer, RFD, Hot Springs	September 27-28	Rock Springs
Caddo River W. O. Miller, Glenwood	October 15-16	Mt. Ida
Carey J. T. Elliff, Fordyce	October 11	Fordyce
Caroline Ernest Baker, Ward	October 24-25	Toltec
Carroll County Gray Evans	September 4-5	Berryville
Centennial Walter N. Hill, Stuttgart	October 18-19	Stuttgart
Central J. C. Melton, Hot Springs	October 4-5	Harvey's Chapel
Clear Creek W. L. Yeldell Jr., Clarksville	September 27-28	Coal Hill
Concord O. M. Stallings, Lavaca	October 11-12	Trinity (Fort Smith)
Conway-Perry John F. Cox, Morrilton	September 20	Perryville
Current River Leo B. Golden, Corning	October 11	Shiloh (Clay County)
Dardanelle-Russellville W. E. Speed, Russellville	October 13-14	Knoxville
Delta Theo T. James, McGehee	October 22-23	Eudora
Faulkner J. S. Rogers	October 25-26	Pleasant Grove (4 mi. No. Conway)
Gainsville Dr. F. H. Jones, Piggott	October 24-25	Piggott
Greene County Jeff Rousseau, Paragould	October 30-31	Alexander Chapel
Harmony Kenneth Gant, RFD No. 4, Pine Bluff	October 8-9	Dumas
Hope J. W. Royal, Lewisville	October 11-12	1st day—Beech Street Texarkana; 2nd day Hope
Independence L. H. Roseman, Batesville	October 25-26	(To be decided)
Liberty J. D. Tolleson, El Dorado	October 16-17	Norphlett

Little Red River W. F. Montgomery, Heber Springs	September 13-14	Valley Hill—6 mi. West of Heber Spgs.
Little River Russell Armer, Horatio	October 9	Murfreesboro
Mississippi County Russell Duffer, RFD, Blytheville	October 11-12	Manila
Mt. Zion James Fitzgerald, Jonesboro	October 11-12	1st day, Monette 2nd day, Jonesboro
Newton County Ernest Cheatham, Deer	October 20-21	Deer
Ouachita Arlie L. McDaniel, Mena	October 4-5	Board Camp
Pulaski County Guy S. Wilson, Little Rock	October 8-9	Little Rock
Red River Stanley M. Cooper, Arkadelphia	October 18-19	South Fork
Rocky Bayou W. C. Steward, Calico Rock	October 18-19	Melbourne
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy E. W. Taylor, Marshall	August 30-31	Zion Church (Fox, Arkansas)
Tri-County Ray Y. Langley, Parkin	October 9-10	Cherry Valley
Trnnity W. F. Carlton, Marked Tree	September 11-12	Marked Tree
Washington-Madison Stanley Jordan, Springdale	October 15-19	Fayetteville
White County Ernest Anderson, El Pason	October 11-12	Searcy
White River T. E. Funderburk, Cotter	August 30-31	Yellville
Woodruff W. T. Bynum, Augusta	October 25	Cotton Plant

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## Ouachita Hopes 4-Point Plan Will Restore Its NCA Rating

Re-admission to the North Central Association is Ouachita College's primary objective for the immediate future, Dean H. A. Haswell, who took over the College's administrative duties upon the retirement of Dr. S. W. Eubanks as president, has announced.

"The college is free of debt and in excellent physical condition because of the fine work of Dr. Eubanks," Haswell said. "The Ouachita Board of Trustees and the Baptists of Arkansas are united behind the institution in an effort to improve the school and regain accreditation."

Ouachita's program for regaining NCA membership, as outlined by Haswell:

1. Hold the present faculty and fill all vacancies.
2. Encourage last year's students to return to Ouachita this fall; enroll other Arkansas Baptist young people.
3. Solve the athletic problem in keeping with North Central Association standards.
4. Obtain an NCA consultant to work with the administration and faculty in strengthening the College program.

Ouachita Board committees are planning immediate construction of two dormitories for men and an administration building. The Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention recently recommended assignment to Ouachita of \$150,000 per year for five years.

### U. of A. Accepts Graduates

Ouachita lost its North Central Association rating last spring. The University of Arkansas announced, however, that Ouachita graduates would be accepted in the University Graduate School on the same basis it accepts its own graduates and transfer credits would be accepted in parallel course.

Dr. Eubanks announced that work of non-accredited schools when approved by the state university would be accepted by out-of-state graduate and professional schools.

Haswell said the main reason Ouachita lost its NCA rating was that operating funds were diverted to bolster the athletic program. "We are taking extensive measures to correct the athletic situation," he said. "There is a good possibility that Ouachita will regain North Central Association recognition within two years."

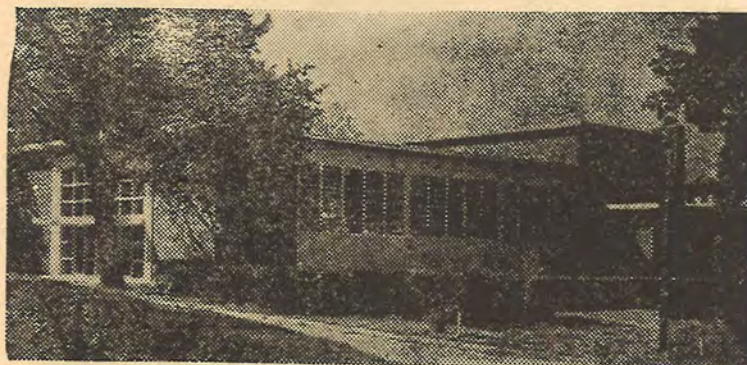
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### ● On The March Toward Arkansas' Finest Campus!

Great strides have been taken in making the campus of Ouachita the pride of Arkansas Baptists. Now with 21 modern brick buildings Ouachita has one of the state's best campuses. Within the last five years there have been six permanent structures added to the campus: girls' dorm, infirmary, apartment building, classroom building, library, and science hall. And for the immediate future the Ouachita Board is working on possibilities of constructing new boys' dorms and a new administration building.

### ● On The March Toward North Central Recognition!

An accelerated program to regain recognition by the North Central Association is underway at Ouachita. College officials predict that Ouachita may be recognized within two years. Until that time the University of Arkansas has announced that it will accept Ouachita credits. It is general policy for other schools to accept credits of an institution recognized by the state university, so **OUACHITA CREDITS ARE STILL GOOD.**

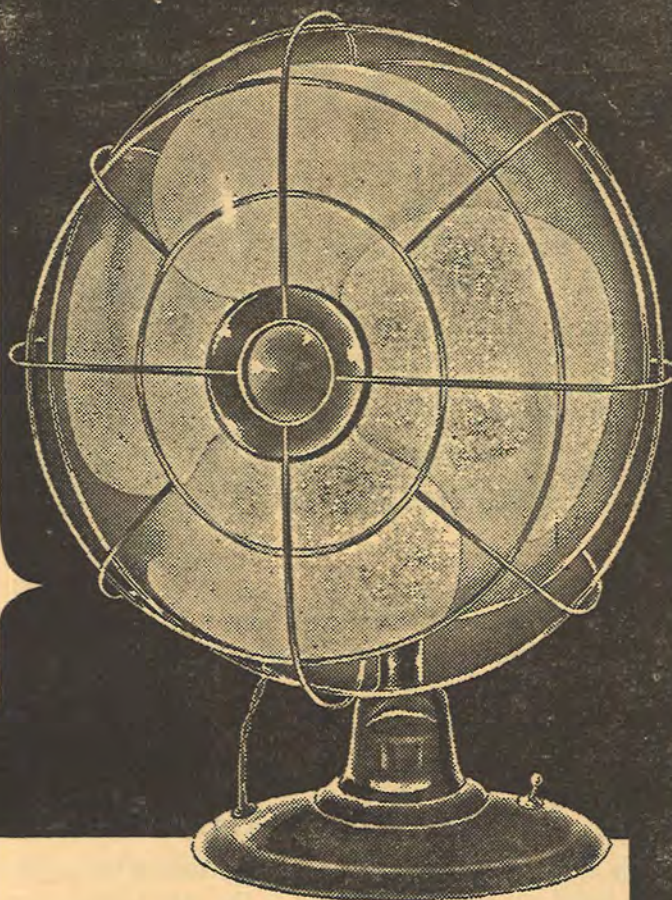
### ● On The March Toward A Large Student Body!

Indications from the registrar's office at Ouachita indicate a student enrolment around 500 for this fall. Dormitories are filling rapidly, and will soon be full if the present application rate continues. Within another year college officials plan for an enrolment of 750.

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Including Missions	1542	727	
Little Rock, Immanuel	1121	382	8
Including Missions	1316	513	10
Hot Springs, Second	705	167	2
El Dorado, First	782	204	4
Including Missions	843	236	
Little Rock, Second	693	151	
El Dorado, Immanuel	606	268	
Including Missions	645	297	
Pine Bluff, South Side	600	198	4
Including Missions	695	219	
Fayetteville, First	559	161	8
Hot Springs, Park Place	553	189	15
Paragould, First	540	403	23
Including Mission	700	466	
El Dorado, Second	519	234	3
Springdale, First	513	181	6
Including Missions	598		
Crossett, First	513	245	5
Camden, First	510	127	1
Including Missions	749	271	
Texarkana, Beech St.	509	228	2
Magnolia, Central	484	156	
Including Missions	537	172	
Fordyce, First	466	160	3
Hot Springs, Central	453	199	1
Forrest City, First	440	161	2
Including Missions	511	227	
Hope, First	422	137	5
Stuttgart, First	362	198	2
Including Missions	417	220	
El Dorado, West Side	361	115	2
Paris, First	355	110	
Including Missions	385		
Rogers, First	344	129	
Little Rock, So. Highland	330	118	6
Monticello, First	318	104	
Hot Springs, First	317	145	2
Texarkana, Calvary	279	97	
Pine Bluff, Second	268	130	
Mena, First	288	127	1
Bentonville, First	237	71	
No. Little Rock, First	211	78	
Little Rock, Hebron	206	74	
Hot Springs, Piney	204	144	
Gurdon, Beech St.	190	70	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	188	119	
Rector, First	175	82	
Augusta, First	161	57	2
Including Missions	193		
Cullendale, First	361	152	4
Strong, First	144	58	1
Pine Bluff, Bethel	138	91	
Curtis	126	79	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	100	68	
Magnolia, Immanuel	86	81	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	73	31	

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**The Keystone**

By CHARLES A. WELLS

The Christian ideology is what holds democracy together and makes it workable. When men reverence the Christian ideals above party platforms or partisan loyalties, a unity and strength comes into our political life which makes us resilient and unconquerable.

When men put political ambitions and partisan loyalties above the Christian ideal, there is danger ahead. Unless our leaders of both Republican and Democratic parties renew the grasp of this principle, the present public revulsion against much of our political leadership—in both parties—will grow, and with disastrous results.

The lack of public confidence today in much of our partisan leadership arises out of this failure. This country needs a revival of Christian principles as the keystone of our loyalties and objectives, rather than merely a victory for any one political party or candidate. Without this, no man, no one political party can save us; with this, any man or either party can serve us ably and well.

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God often visits us, but most of the time we are not at home.

—Baptist Bulletin.

## The Christian's Use of Talent

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

*Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.*

Be sure to read carefully the scripture portion.

The kingdom of heaven is illustrated by a rich man taking a long journey. He called unto him his servants and appointed them to be stewards over his possessions in his absence. To one person he gave five talents, or possibly \$5,000; to another he gave \$2,000; to another \$1,000 according to the ability of each to handle another's property. The five talent man doubled his master's possessions; likewise the two talent man. The master was delighted with their efforts because each had done his best with what he had to do with, according to his personal ability. He promised to reward them accordingly. But the one talent man buried his opportunity and refused to use it. "I was afraid . . . and hid thy talent in the earth . . ."

Above pictures the membership of the average church.

### Never Say "No"

Let us suppose that here is a young Christian (not necessarily young in years but just converted); an opportunity for service presents itself. He joyously, if fearfully, accepts it. He knows his weakness and limitations; he may be tempted to say "No", lest he learn too early in his Christian experience that he is a failure; but he feels a new responsibility with his new life and he really desires to serve the Lord. That job accepted, a sincere effort made to succeed, he finds that with the help of the Lord he CAN do something, and that knowledge is uplifting and inspiring. With his feet more firmly established on the ground and his head in clouds of ecstasy, he is confronted with another opportunity to serve in an additional place in the church and for his Lord. He has succeeded with a first job, so he cannot say, "I can't." And the Spirit refuses to allow him to say "NO," so he discovers thereby that he is a two talent man already. Give that person a few years of consecrated service and he becomes the ten talent man; a mainstay in the church; a man respected for his abilities to serve, and for his sound judgment and keen discernment. The first opportunity accepted merely opened the way for additional opportunities to a loftier service.

The two talent man doesn't have the varied abilities of the five talent man, he cannot do all

### Sunday School Lesson for August 12, 1951 Math. 25:14-15, 19-30

the things his fellow member is able to do, but he is faithful to do what he can, and he, too, is able to so develop as to become a four talent man.

### Three "Musts" In Christian Service

There are three fundamental factors that these two had to possess to succeed. They were faithfulness, willingness, and the spirit of co-operation. These are the very foundation upon which a useful life is built. One who isn't faithful and punctual in church attendance is defeated before he begins. How can any person expect to fill a position in the church unless he is present, and on time. Is there any thing more discouraging than a Sunday School teacher who is habitually absent or late? Did a Sunday School or Training Union ever succeed whose leader is habitually absent or late? Such a person is unreliable. There are those who will accept places of responsibility; they seem perfectly "willing" to serve, but they cannot seem to see the importance of being faithful. "Willingness" is helpless unless it is undergirded by faithfulness.

Then one must be able and willing to co-operate with others. Some of the best potential church leaders on earth fail because they cannot co-operate. A church is purely a co-operative affair. It doesn't belong to the pastor, nor to the deacons; no one person, nor small group within the church, can operate a church. It belongs to the Lord, and each person is a steward of God with his or her own personal responsibilities; and the person who fails to carry his responsibility as the one talent man did, will be "reckoned" with when his Master returns for an accounting.

### What Spells Failure?

Shall we analyze the one talent man? Then avoid being like him:

1. He was a failure. Not because he only had one talent, but because he refused to use what little he had for the Master. There are some who realize they cannot do the things which seem "big" and would make an impression on others, and they will not do the little things which they could do successfully. God never asks but one thing of anybody; that is that he do his best.

2. The man's master didn't expect too much of him; he was careful not to overwork the person; he was not given a great

task like the five talent man, but a simple place that he could have filled.

3. That man was unwilling to do the small task his master gave him to do.

4. He was unfaithful, unreliable, not dependable.

5. He was afraid. Was a coward ever known to accomplish anything for the Lord? That man was more willing to face a "reckoning" with his master upon his return for his failure than he was to risk making a mistake. Ever know a Baptist like that? One who cannot endure criticism, mistakes, and all the discouraging things that come to us in life's pathway? A good soldier must endure; for when we stand face to face with the Master of men's souls one day, life's petty annoyances will seem so insignificant; what matter then who has criticized us? Who cares in that hour whether or not we please anybody but Christ? The thing that shall rejoice our souls that day will be the words uttered in today's lesson: "Well done, thy good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

Our Lord has bestowed upon us

a diversity of gifts; all cannot do the same things; all do not need to do the same things lest some phases of the work suffer. But this lesson teaches that God will demand that we give an account of the stewardship of ourselves and our means. Dr. Paul Caudill in **Broadman Comments** explains the closing verse, "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not, shall be taken away even that which he hath." thus: "It is necessary for us to have open minds at all times so as to be receptive to divine truth. The scribes and Pharisees had closed minds and consequently were not in a position to grow in their understanding of spiritual matters. The man who does not keep adding to his store of knowledge soon loses what he thinks he has. To continue to reap, one must keep on sowing."

"Moreover, it is required of stewards, that a man be found faithful." One doesn't have to be a ten talent person to be faithful, that is the first requirement. When one is faithful to the Lord's service, he cannot help but develop some additional talents if he will accept the responsibility.

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#### CASH RECEIPTS

1951 Cooperative Program—Undesignated	\$183,028.97	
Designated Contributions:		
Arkansas Baptist College	\$ 150.00	
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	4,128.38	
Arkansas Temperance League	5.00	
Honor Fund (Old Debts)	1,746.26	
Orphanage	688.48	
Ouachita College	105.00	
Ouachita College Campaign	5,274.44	
Southern Baptist College	3,344.83	
State Missions	556.25	
American Bible Society	15.00	
Baptist Hour	50.00	
Foreign Missions	2,408.31	
Home Missions	566.82	
Old Ministers Relief	54.70	
<b>Total Designated Contributions</b>	<b>19,093.47</b>	
<b>Total Cash Contributions</b>	<b>202,122.44</b>	
Miscellaneous Cash Receipts:		
Ark. Baptist History		
(Sale of Books)	50.10	
Baptist Boards Retirement Plan:		
Employees Dues	619.65	
Employer's Dues	619.65	
Baptist Boards WSAP:		
Employees Dues	205.00	
Employer's Dues	205.00	
Central College Liquidating	363.92	
Central College Rents	3,815.49	
Federal tax withheld from salaries	1,004.70	
Home Mission Board — for State Missions	1,218.72	
Interest on Investments:		
S. A. Apple Fund	33.75	
State Mission Endow	66.25	100.00
Ministers Retirement:		
Members' Dues	5,351.11	
Churches' Dues	7,468.20	
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Members' Dues	1,405.51	
Refunds by R&A Board	52.06	
Special Contribution by Ark.		
Baptist Hosp. for MRP	20.01	
From R&A Board for MRP Adm. & Promotional Expense	403.85	
Office Building Rent	2,506.83	
Religious Education—for Student Secretary—First, Fayetteville	180.00	
Religious Education, Special:		
BSU State Retreat	829.85	
BSU Ridgecrest	1,548.60	2,378.45
Sunday School Board for Religious Education — Regular		
Education — Regular	3,210.00	
Sunday School Board for Religious Education—Extra Promotion	400.00	
<b>Total Miscellaneous Cash Receipts</b>	<b>31,578.25</b>	
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>		<b>233,700.69</b>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Administration Expenses	\$ 6,205.61	
Less Refunds	36.80	\$ 6,168.81
American Bible Society		15.00
Arkansas Baptist		1,645.00
Ark. Baptist Assembly		1,292.50

Ark. Baptist College		150.00
Ark. Baptist History		28.65
Ark. Baptist Hospital		4,128.38
Ark. Baptist Hospital of Nursing		6,250.00
Ark. Temperance League		5.00
Baptist Boards Retirement:		
Employees' Dues		619.65
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Baptist Boards WSAP:		
Employees' Dues		205.00
Employer's Dues		205.00
Brotherhood	2,700.24	
Less Refunds	363.50	2,336.71
Ministerial Student Aid		330.00
Central College Liquidating	13,210.10	
Less Refunds	15.08	13,195.02
Central College Rents		3,032.77
Federal Tax remitted to Collector of Internal Revenue		1,004.70
Foundation	608.19	
Less Refunds	1.33	606.86
Ministers Retirement Plan:		
Convention Dues		3,567.41
Members Dues		5,351.11
Churches Dues		7,468.20
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Convention Dues		1,405.51
Members Dues		1,405.51
J. S. Rogers Retirement		225.00
Office Building Expense		718.47
Orphanage		7,738.48
Ouachita College		37,621.87
Ouachita Campaign		5,139.98
Promotion and Convention		748.15
Religious Education	14,626.75	
Less Refunds	82.92	14,543.83
Southern Baptist College		5,844.83
State Missions	19,191.68	
Less Refunds	25.82	19,165.86
W. M. U.		4,700.00
Remitted to Executive Committee, SBC:		
Southwide Causes	64,894.17	
Baptist Hour	50.00	
Foreign Missions	728.32	
Home Missions	566.82	66,239.31
Remitted to Foreign Mission Board		1,679.99
Remitted to R. & A. Board for Old Minister Relief		54.70
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>		<b>\$225,456.94</b>

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