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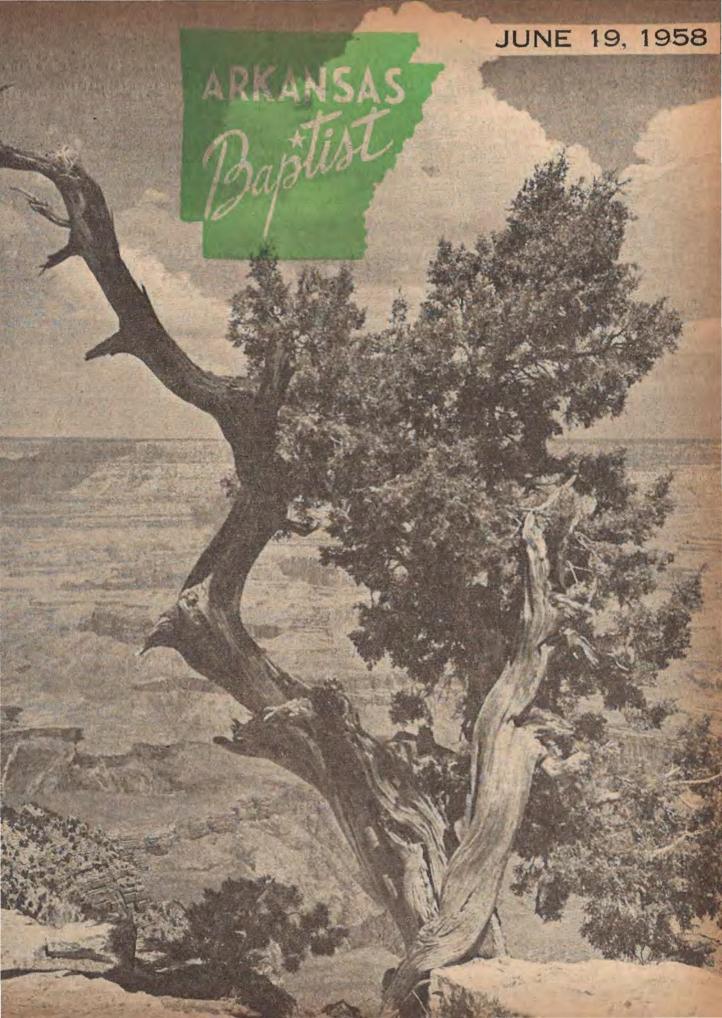
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# Thirteen Southern Seminary Faculty Members Relieved of Duties in Action of Trustees

By C. R. DALEY (Editor, Western Recorder)

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — IN AN unprecedented action in the 99-year history of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, thirteen theological professors were dismissed by the board of trustees on June 12. The dismissals became effective immediately though salaries are to be continued through July 31, 1958, or to a later date if deemed wise by a committee of the board.

The professors dismissed are those who have been involved in a controversy with seminary president Duke McCall during the past several months. One section of the trustee statement provided for the possibility of reinstating one or more of the thirteen professors in case genuine reconciliation is effected with their faculty colleagues and the administration.

Never a day dawned more gloriously and the Kentucky sun never shone more beautifully on the lovely campus of the seminary but darkness and despair were the prevailing order of the day as the trustees convened for a meeting destined for an outcome unparalleled in the annals of Southern Baptist theological education.

Hope and hopelessness mingled in many hearts through the day until the trustees emerged at 11:15 p. m. with the fateful decision. Other than the trustees and the faculty members, only a handful, including a few students and two reporters, was on hand to hear the news that would rock the campus and stun thousands of alumni and a great number of the nine million Southern Baptists.

#### Statement of Trustees

The full text of the report of the trustees is as follows:

"1. That Professors J. Morris Ashcraft, T. O. Hall, J. Estill Jones, John M. Lewis, William L. Lumpkin, William H. Morton, John Joseph Owens, Heber F. Peacock, Theron D. Price, Guy H. Ranson, Taylor C. Smith, Henry E. Turlington, and G. Hugh Wamble be dismissed from their respective positions as members of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary effective June 12, 1958.

"2. That the salary of each of these men be continued through July 31, 1958, or until such time as the executive committee and-or the financial board of the trustes may deem wise.

"3. That in the hope that genuine reconciliation between one or more of these men and their colleagues of the faculty and administration may yet be effected and that they may be able to harmoniously and work effectively within the framework and intent of the actions of the board of trustees, including the charter and bylaws of the seminary, that an appropriate committee of the board of trustees be authorized to reinstate any one or more of these thirteen men as members of the faculty of the School of Theology of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at a salary and rank not to exceed the salary and rank authorized for a given individual through the March, 1958, session of the board of trustees, and that such reinstatement be upon the basis of full confidence of the said committee that the reinstated member or members of the faculty can co-operate with the administration and serve in good conscience as a part of the faculty.

"4. That it be recorded that in the event trustee action is needed to provide for some situation relating to a sabbatical leave or hardship wrought upon the family of any one or more of these thirteen faculty members the financial board and-or the executive committee of the board of trustees are specifically authorized and empowered to take such appropriate action."

Professors Involved

The official faculty status of the professors dismissed, their home states and the years of their joining the faculty

Owens, professor of Old Testament, Oklahoma, 1948.

Morton, professor of Archeology, Missouri, 1948.

Price, professor of Church History, Arkansas, 1948.

Turlington, associate professor of New Testament, Florida, 1949.

Smith, associate professor of New Testament, Louisiana, 1950.

Jones, associate professor of New Testament, Oklahoma, 1951.

Ranson, associate professor of Ethics, Texas, 1952.

Lumpkin, associate professor of Church History, Virginia, 1954.

Ashcraft, associate professor of Archeology, Arkansas, 1955.

Peacock, associate professor of New Testament, Arizona, 1956.

Lewis, associate professor of Theology, Florida, 1956.

Hall, associate professor of Old Testament, North Carolina, 1956.

Wamble, associate professor of Church History, Georgia, 1956.

Several of the professors served as instructors at the seminary before being officially added to the faculty. Others in the group taught in Southern Baptist colleges before joining the seminary faculty. All of the professors

(See Southern Seminary, Page 10)

### Kendall Berry Given **High SBC Position**

Kendall Berry, well known Baptist layman from 1st Church, Blytheville, who was recently re-elected to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elevated to the vice chairmanship of the Executive Committee at its organizational meeting in Nashville last week.

A faithful and consecrated member of his home church, Mr. Berry has distinguished himself in sacrificial service on the Executive Committee. During recent months he has given much time and direction to the Southern Baptist Survey, being a member of this strategic committee.

Elected to the chairmanship of the Executive Committee was Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Elwyn N. Wilkerson, pastor of Parkland Church, Louisville, Ky., was named recording secretary.

### Missionary-Minded Church

FRANKLIN, Va. - (BWA) - The Franklin Baptist Church is not a large church by numerical standards. But Dr. Ira D. Hudgins, its pastor, and other leaders have led the congregation into a wonderful missionary spirit and a conviction that every dollar that is spent for current expenses at home should be matched with a dollar for missions. Last year, for instance, the church had a budget of \$26,000 for local expenses, and, counting an especially large Lottie Moon Christmas offering, gave a total of \$29,000 to missions.

CLIFF BRANNON, well known evangelist among Southern Baptists, will conduct a revival in the Towson Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, June 30-July 6. Harlan Abel is pastor.

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#### Cover Story

A STORY of endurance in face of adversity is told by this picture of a gnarled tree growing from the rocky rim of the Grand Canyon. This breath-taking view of one of the natural wonders of the world will make an interesting side trip for those going to Glorieta this summer.

### Baptist Peace Proposal Commended in Congress

WASHINGTON — (BP) — Baptists and other private groups can do much to help "create a climate of opinion in which international understanding can be furthered."

This is the essence of a speech in the Senate recently by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) who expressed hearty approval of action of the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston, Tex., in appointing a special committee to study the problem of world peace and what Baptists can do about it.

Rep. Brooks Hays, president of the convention, asked the convention to authorize such a committee, and later a group of nine ministers and laymen were appointed to report to the con-

vention next year.

Kefauver told the Senate, "As a Baptist and as an American I am very much pleased to see the Southern Baptists take this action . . . Our Government has not satisfactorily dealt with these problems, often for reasons beyond its control. It is a very promising thing to witness private organizations, and particularly religious organizations such as Southern Baptists, recognizing that they too can contribute to a world in which understanding and confidence can exist."

CLIFFORD E. Tucker, the organist and choir director, Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, has resigned July 31, 1958. He will begin his new duties next September as professor of music at the New Orleans Seminary.

### In This Issue

WOULD YOU vote for a Catholic for president? Read the editorial on page 4 for some reasons on why it could be a threat to our way of life.

SUBMARGINAL WAGES for pastors is nothing new, but Henry V. Langford, Chatham, Va., has come up with a suggestion. This week's "Baptist Crosscurrents," page 6, features his discussion of Baptists acting on this matter.

DISTINCTIVE BELIEFS set Baptists apart from many religious groups, and, according to many, have provided the basis for Baptist growth. Another in a series on doctrines taught by the Bible will be found on page 5.

### Record Attendance Expected at Toronto

TORONTO —(BWA)—, Registrations to the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference here already have topped the 5,000 mark. The opening session is June 27.

Douglas Gow, arrangements chairman, announced a total of 5,122 paid registrations as of May 29, and guessed the final total may exceed 6,500.

A total of 70 different countries are represented.

Theme for the five day meet is "Christ for the world — Now!"

At least one session will overflow the Varsity Arena on the University of Toronto campus — the Sunday evening service in which Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, a Baptist layman, speaks on world peace. Maple Leaf Garden, with a capacity of about 17,000, has been engaged for that session so that visitors also may attend.

The meeting will open Friday evening, June 27, with a Roll Call of Nations and the keynote address by Rev. Joel Sorenson of Stockholm, chairman of the BWA Youth Committee. It will close Wednesday evening with an address by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Daily programs will begin with a worship service led by nationals from various countries and a Bible Hour led by Dr. W. W. Adams of Southern Seminary, Louisville, based on Colossians.

# Religious Education Association Meet Set

SPEAKERS AT the Southeastern Religious Education Association meeting at Ridgecrest, July 23-24, include Dr. Leonard Sanderson, Dr. C. C. Warren, Dr. Robert Cook, Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Dr. A. V. Washburn, Dr. Albert McClellan, Dr. J. M. Price, Mrs. Frank Leavell, and many others.

The sessions will begin Wednesday, July 23 at 2:00 and end at 4:30 Thursday, July 24.

The meeting is for those engaged in the field of Religious Education work. Conferences will be held for educational workers, secretaries, youth workers, children's workers, state and convention workers and musicians.

### May Receipts Show Hike

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Total receipts at the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office here for May showed a marked increase over April receipts, and were also running ahead of receipts in May a year ago.

Treasurer Porter Routh announced total receipts last month of \$2,533,098. The remainder was in specially designated gifts.

May, 1958, gifts were \$671,000 greater than for the previous month. Cooperative Program receipts were up \$246,000 and designations increased \$425,000.

Comparing May, 1958, with May, 1957, the month's total receipts were \$93,000 greater this year than last. Cooperative Program gifts in May, 1958, were \$114,000 more than in May, 1957, but designations were down \$21,000 this year.

Total for 1958 to date — five months — is \$14,458,616 including both Cooperative Program and designated offerings. This is \$1,182,285 (or 8.91 per cent) more than for the same five months in 1957.

During May, Arkansas contributed a total of \$72,267 including \$48,612 through the Cooperative Program and \$23,654 in designations.

### Jacksonville Church Dedicates Building

FIRST CHURCH, Jacksonville entered their new educational building May 11. Pastor R. J. McMillan officiated at the ceremonies.

The building is constructed of solid masonry with 10,500 square feet of space on two floors. Cost of the building, excluding air-conditioning, was \$90,500. The first floor contains an Adult Department for 150 with five class rooms and assembly and young people's department for 100 with four class rooms and assembly, a library, kitchen, rest rooms and stage for dramatic productions. The upper floor has two junior departments for 100 each, two primary departments for 60 each, a beginners department for 60, rest rooms and educational director's office.

A Catholic for President?

There seems to be some indication that the next president of the United States may be the first Catholic ever to hold this place. If the two leading political parties — the Democrats and the Republicans should both choose Catholics for the top place in the presidential race, the election of a Catholic to the presidency would almost be a foregone conclusion.

Naturally, this prospect is stirring up quite a bit of concern among those who feel that a Catholic, because he is of a faith recognizing the pope as supreme earthly authority in both religious and secular affairs, would be a dangerous threat to the life of a democracy which is built on the doctrine of separation of church and state. For this reason, Catholicism is almost certain to be a major factor when the parties hold their nominating conventions.

We are indebted to Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, and W. Barry Garrett, associate director, of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D.C., for a summary on a debate on "Religion and the Presidency," presented on the NBC television program, "Lawrence Spivak's 'The Big Issue'," June 1.

Stating the question for debate, Mr. Spivak said: "In theory there

are no religious qualifications for the office of President or Vice President. In practice we have never elected a man to either office who is a Catholic or a Jew. Is this because of the accident of politics? Is there a good reason for it? Is it because of deep-seated prejudice?"

On the side that said religion should make no difference in qualification for the presidency or the vice presidency were Frances B. Sayre, Jr., dean of the Washington Cathedral of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Congressman Eugene J. McCarthy, Catholic, from Minne-

sota.

On the opposing side were Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, and Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

Dean Sayre argued that religion should not become a barrier or divider to separate people from one another and that national unity should not be broken by Protestants drawing a line against either Cath-

olics or Jews.

He contended, further, that Roman Catholic allegiance to the pope is only ecclesiastical and not political as to a foreign power, and that no Christian can grant to the state an absolute right over conscience. He asked, "How can non-Romans reserve the right of conscience to them-

selves and deny it to Roman Catholics?"

Said Dr. Mackay: "If a Roman Catholic President were elected in this country, could a situation be created which would radically affect the traditional relationship between church and state?" Many people fear that this might happen, he said, because of the unique nature of the Roman Catholic church, which is a state as well as a church. The Roman Catholic church makes unique claim of being superior to the state, Dr. Mackay said, pointing to a quotation from the pope: "The Church can not approve the complete separation between the powers (church and state)." In Spain, where the majority of the population is Roman Catholic, the State must recognize that the Roman Catholic faith is the sole religion of the Spanish nation, he continued.

In the last quarter of a century, Mackay said, there has appeared in American life what has been characteristic of Latin countries for centuries, the tremendous reality of clericalism. He defined clericalism as "the pursuit of power, especially political power, by a religious hierarchy, carried on by secular methods and for purposes of social domina-

Representative McCarthy expressed the opinion that the question should have been that of religion and citizenship in the United States, whether either Catholics or those of other Christian denominations can fulfill the full obligations of citizenship. He said there is no constitutional question involved in the debate, since constitutionally there can be no religious test raised with regard to holding office in this country. A Catholic can freely accept and freely take the oath of loyalty to the (Continued on Page 6)

### The Measure of Crisis

ONE MEASURE of a person is what constitutes a crisis in his every-day life.



Some wives get awfully upset if they find live minnows in the bathtub or loose fish hooks on the sofa.

Some husbands get awfully aggravated when they go home expecting a hot, tasty meal and find a note in a familiar, feminine hand announc-

ing that she has gone shopping and there is some cold hash in the ice box.

We had a lot of crises down on Bunker when I was growing up in blue denim overalls and knee britches.

We almost had a civil war, for instance, over dipping cattle, in the statewide tick eradication program. We weren't partial to ticks — we just didn't like being told we had to dip our cows.

Then there was compulsory vaccination for smallpox. We just didn't care for anything compulsory, even if it was something for our own good. A lot of Bunker parents gave their kids standing orders that they were to break away from their teachers, at the Lone Gum school, and "come home" if the doctors and nurses came to the school to vaccinate everybody.

It was quite a crisis in some minds in the community when the Lone Gum school directors decided to place permanent and burglar-proof screens, on all of the school windows. What would happen if they got all the windows stopped up like that and the house

caught on fire?

I remember hearing my mother discuss this with some concern with a neighbor woman. "Don't let Erwin hear this or he won't go to school," I overheard mamma say. And that gave me my first notion of rebelling against going to school. But it didn't work. A few lashes from a peachtree limb, administered by mamma where it was calculated to get quickest results, made me glad to get back to school, screens or no screens.

Seriously, we ought to be concerned lest we be concerned about the wrong things in life. And since there are a lot of downs with the ups, we need to be able to take life in stride.

The Prophet Jeremiah asked of an

easy-going, soft generation:

"If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trusteth, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" (Jeremiah 12:5).

A long time later, Paul admonished: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." —ELM

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

### Pads and Pencils

Dear Brother McDonald:

Perhaps you have already planned to do this, but just in case it may have escaped your attention in the rush, would you insert a notice in the next few issues of the paper suggesting that those who plan to attend Siloam be sure to include a pencil, a Bible in which they can mark and make notes, and perhaps a small note book among the things which they plan to bring. This will be only a reminder for the "veterans," but the first-timers might not think of it at all. It will be a great help to those of us who teach .-Robert L. Hartsell, South Side Church, Ft. Smith.

### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

QUESTION: You say in a recent column that "nowhere does it tell wives to obey their husbands." How could you



write such a thing? This is to deny the very Bible itself and to preach false doctrine. What about Titus 2:5 and 1 Peter 3:1-6? Either I have the wrong version of the Bible or I cannot understand plain English.

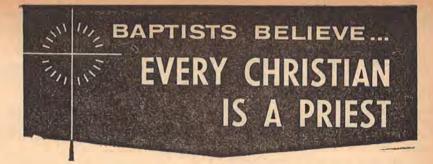
ANSWER: In the
DR. HUDSON Titus passage you
mentioned the only passage in the

King James Version of the Bible that uses the word "obey" — in speaking of the husband-wife relationship. And unfortunately this is a false translation, as every other translation shows. Look them up. Don't take my word for it.

The Williams translation says, "subordinate to their husbands." This is
about as good as this can be translated. The Souter Greek lexicon says
this verb means "I put in a lower rank,
I rank under," a military term. The
instruction to wives is the same as to
all church members toward one another. "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of the Lord" (Eph.
5:21). This is the same Greek word
that tells wives to "subject themselves"
to their husbands.

You see, the idea that wives are to obey husbands like little children are to obey parents, or slaves their masters, is simply not a part of the New Testament. You ought to use a translation that was made since 1611. The new ones do not cost any more and are known by every living Bible scholar to be superior to the King James Version.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)





The Bible plainly sets forth this great doctrine. Every Christian is his own priest, and

therefore needs no one else to act as a priest for him to stand between him and the end. The Apostle John wrote of Jesus Christ that he "made us kings and priests unto God"-(Revelation 1:6). The Apostle Peter wrote to early believers, "Ye are ... a royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9). The Apostle Paul wrote, "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). We do not need someone on earth now to petition God in our stead. Since every Christian is a priest, he can intercede with God for himself. He can approach God directly through Christ the great High Priest. Christ alone has authority to forgive our sins.

The Christian priesthood forms a brotherhood of all Christians and not a religious



rule of priests, or hierarchy. The New Testament churches did not set apart any special persons as

priests. Baptists follow their example. They believe that every Christian is his own priest, and that the pastor is no more a priest than any member of the church.

The priesthood of the believer rests upon truth; Christ spoke to each individual when he declared, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). The gifts

and knowledge of God come directly to each individual Christian. No third party is necessary. "He (the Holy Spirit) shall teach you all things . . ." (John 14:26). The priests of



the New Testament — all Christian believers know God in spirit and in truth. Theirs is

the knowledge of experience. The first followers of Jesus learned this great spiritual truth. Jesus said "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 16:17).

Because each person can approach God for himself, no man can act for another in spiritual matters. A husband cannot be a priest for his wife. A mother cannot be priest for her child. A minister cannot do for members of his church what God expects them to do for themselves.

All Christians are priests. As such we can draw near to God with boldness, through our High Priest, Jesus Christ, to offer sacrifices of praise and good works. The person who has not become a follower of Christ may go to God directly in prayer and declare his desire to follow Christ. The priesthood of believers is a doctrine of spiritual vitality, not of mere religious forms. Each believer becomes a priest and his body becomes a human temple in which God lives. The great Christian Apostle, Paul, wrote: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you" (1 Corinthians 3:16).

#### More Moores

REV. AND Mrs. W. Trueman Moore, missionaries to East Pakistan, announce the birth of a son, Lee Arthur. They may be addressed, c-o Rev. Troy C. Bennett, P. O. Box 99, Rama, Dacca, East Pakistan. Both are natives of Greenwood. Mrs. Moore is the former Jane Bassett.

#### Carver Alumni Elect

ALUMNI OF the Carver School of Missions, Louisville, have named the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. Brandon Price, Paducah, Ky., president; Miss Miriam J. Robinson, Raleigh, N. C., vice president; Miss Bertha Wallis, Atlanta, Ga., recording sections and Miss Norma Jean Baker, Louisville, Ky., resident secretary-treasurer.

### Example for Arkansas?

COVINGTON, Ga. - (BP) - All doctors' offices, beauty parlors, and barber shops in this Georgia community have the weekly Christian Index, state Baptist newspaper, available to patrons to read.

1st Church, Covington, is paying for the subscriptions from its annual hudget.

"Knowing that it is a universal habit for people to read whatever is handy while waiting in these public places, we thought it only proper to try to give them the best reading matter avail-able — the Christian Index," Pastor Edgar A. Callaway said.

### Catholic for President?

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United States, because he is bound by no other civil authority, he declared. There is a relationship between church and state, both being self-sufficient in their own spheres but each being concerned with many things in common, such as the moral wellbeing of citizens, he continued. "There is just as much danger in rendering to Caesar the things that are God's as there is in rendering to God the things that are Caesar's," he concluded.

Archer said that the Constitution protects the right of Catholic, Protestant, Jew or non-churchman to run for any political office. "But to say that there is no religious test for an office does not mean that one may not make questions regarding the effect of a religion upon the conduct of the office," he countered. He declared that the following questions should be addressed to all candidates for public office:

- 1. How do you stand on the use of public tax funds for private, sectarian institutions and teaching? Do you accept the basic American law that no man shall be required to pay a tax to support another man's religion?
- Would you now or at some future time be inclined to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican and thus tie churchstate relations, contrary to our tradition and to our law?
- 3. Do you believe that the American free public school institution and system is a bulwark of American democracy, or are you a disciple of religiously segregated schools? Do you stand for the principle of separation of church and state? Are you a free man - can you make your decisions impartially? Can you attend any church that you may wish to attend, and can you enforce any civil law, even when that law conflicts with ecclesiastical law, dogma of the church, or other medieval disciplines?

Archer asserted that Americans are suspicious of censorship, question the church, and hesitate when a majority creed imposes its discipline on all others within the community.

# **Baptist Crosscurrents**

### Suggestions on Pastor's Salary

T HAS been estimated that we have over 10,000 Southern Baptist pastors who are paid sub-marginal wages. This deplorable condition is not a new one, for it has long existed among the Protestant clergy.

Baptist pastors are some better paid, according to the national economy, than they were 25 years ago, but still the sad plight exists. It is little comfort to find that Southern Baptist pastors are paid better than some of the other denominations in the South.

Every church has a direct responsibility to its minister to supply him a livable income. A moral element is involved when a church gives less than a fair and decent income. The best investment any church can make is in its pastor's salary. While no man has a right to get rich preaching the gospel (or serving any charity) he does have a right to a livable income. Some small churches are striving for a minimum pastor's salary of \$5000 annually. But there are thousands of rural and city churches who feel that \$3600 is adequate. Most churches supply a pastor's home but his automobile expenses more than cover the amount of the home. Out of the minister's \$3600 must go approximately \$1200 for transportation. If he tithes and buys the necessary books, he has a remainder of about \$150 per month. With a larger income our pastors would be free from worry of economic pressure, thus enabling them to do a better work in the ministry.

People need to be reminded likewise that most churches expect the services of two people when they call a pastor now-a-days. The wife of the preacher is expected to be on hand at all occasions and be all things to all people. Many churches seek a minister who has a wife especially trained in religious work just as her husband is,

but make no extra allowances as to pay.

What can be done?

It would be a great help if our state and southwide denominational leaders would make a study of this condition and make certain reommendations to help worthy pastors enjoy a better standard of living. A word from our executive secretaries, state editors, department heads, seminary and college professors and leaders in the Sunday School, Home and Foreign Mission boards, and other influential Baptist leaders would mean a great deal toward accomp-

lishing this worthy goal.

Just as no man has a right to buy his wife a fur coat until he has first paid the rent and brought in the groceries, so our leaders have an obligation to aid pastors in receiving a livable income before they put on the pressure for missions. If we as Southern Baptists have anything to answer for at the judgment bar of God, it is our aggressive mission program abroad and our neglect to pay standard pastor's salaries at home. In fact, the pastors and denominational leaders who are receiving adequate incomes are morally obligated to help those who are not.

Each state convention could appoint a committee to make a study of the comparable incomes of the Baptist pastors and those of other professions. This committee could report its findings with recommendations to the state convention. The state conventions could make recommendations to the church (just like they recommend everything else) — that they adopt a minimum goal for their pastor's salary. This can be done without "dictating" to the churches and in the same spirit as the Forward Program of Church

Every reminder of this crippling problem will call attention to a very much overlooked part of the church budget in most churches. With increasing requests for larger gifts for missions and our institutions it remains the most neglected part of our endeavors. - Henry V. Langford, Chatham, Va.

### European Baptists Plan for Evangelism

By GAINES S. DOBBINS Golden Gate Seminary

"BAPTISTS REPRESENT Europe's chief hope of spiritual and social recovery," declared Dr. Henry Cook, secretary of the European Baptist Federation and featured speaker of the evangelism conference held at Ruschlikon Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, recently. From 18 countries and speaking 12 languages, representatives came for in-

Convention Arrangement Opens New Year's Day

LOUISVILLE - (BP) - The general arrangements committee for Baptists here, looking forward to the heavy demand for hotel and motel accommodations during next year's Southern Baptist Convention, has set Jan. 1 as the opening date for making requests for reservations.

### 1st, Houston, Dedicates 10-Story Church Plant

HOUSTON - (BP) - Another tall brag comes out of Texas and Baptists can proudly lay claim to it.

1st Church here, site of the pastors' conference and other meetings during the recent Southern Baptist Convention, held dedication services on its new 10-story church and educational building in downtown Houston.

This 2,600-seat sanctuary, largest church auditorium in Houston, is now one of the tallest churches in the country.

It has a roof garden, covered by a wire canopy, complete with barbecue ovens and courts for volleyball, badminton, tennis, and other outdoor sports.

tensive planning to make 1959 "The Year of Evangelism" throughout the British Isles and the Continent.

"In every generation God has found a way," said Dr. Joel Sorenson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Stockholm, Sweden, and chairman of the committee on Evangelism of the Federation. What will be his way to bring the people of Europe out of their fear, distress, and spiritual darkness? These answers were explored:

Prayer that will make available divine resources.

Preaching that will communicate the Christian gospel with power.

Teaching and training that will include all ages.

Personal witnessing in the spirit of Christian friendliness.

Counseling to help people solve their desperately difficult problems.

The first concern of the conference was to rediscover a theology for evangelism. European Christianity is strong on theology and suspicious of emotionalism. Professor F. S. Fitzsimmonds of Spurgeon's College (Seminary) mined deeply into the New Testament for its basic teachings concerning the meaning and purpose of evangelism.

Southeastern Seminary

Names Binkley Dean WAKE FOREST, N. C. —(BP)—Olin Trivette Binkley, professor of Christian sociology and ethics at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has been named dean, according to President S. L. Stealey.

Binkley came to the faculty of Southeastern in 1952. Before that, he held a similar teaching position at Southern Seminary.

### The Pros, the Cons and the Common Drift

THERE ARE three classes of people who have to do with the settling of every issue. They are the pros, the cons and the common drifters. One cons and the common drifters. would probably best term the latter as the rabble.

These, the rabble, the drifters, are the ones who decide the political, moral and religious questions. If the pros can win them, then the pros, for the moment, are in the majority for they are many. If the cons can get them, then the cause is lost. Among them are found the curious, the dubious, the onlookers, the inept, the impositives.

Jesus made clear what it means to have these drifters and what it means not to have them. Matt. 12:24-30. He has just performed a great miracle which had led the drifters to all but cast their lot with him, but the Pharisees, the cons, turned a trick accusing Jesus of employing the power of Beelzebub. The rabble took this bait, hook, line and sinker. Nothing was left to the Lord of life but to classify them all, Pharisees and rabble, as against him.

Against Democracy and Capitalism, Communism is frantically baiting the rabble. Against moral decency a host is baiting the same with whiskey ads, lewd pictures and love literature. Against true religion is introduced socials including dancing, cocktails and free love.

Politicians and candidates for office are well aware of the value of winning the rabble. The parade is now on. Charges and counter charges are being made. Promises are rife. Anything to win these weaklings who do not have a mind of their own but whose will, turned but for a little while will, as always, settle the issue.

Once in awhile, thank God, through prayers and tears and earnest efforts the right prevails in its appeals and good things do come to pass. "Vox Populi," Amen!-W. B. O'Neal

### THE BOOKSHELF

Segregation and the Bible, by Everett Tilson, published by Abingdon, 1958,

It goes without saying that a book of this type, dealing with a searching of all of the Scriptures for their teachings on race relations, will be of no help to those who have fixed opinions on the subject and are guided by their emotions and not by intellects. Even the reader with an open mind will not accept all that is found within the covers of the book. But the timeliness of a treatise on this subject is not debatable.

The author is a Methodist minister and an associate professor of Biblical theology at Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

A Survey of the Old and New Testaments, by Russell Bradley Jones, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich., 1957, \$5.95.

Here is a book by a widely known Southern Baptist minister that is designed both for classroom use and for use in the private study. It attempts to unify the various parts of the Scripture and emphasizes its central theme in such a way as to give an understanding of the whole.

The author is head of the Department of Bible and Religious Education at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

The Beginnings of Christian Art, by D. Talbot Rice, Abingdon, 1957, \$7.95.

Christianity through the centuries has furnished a frame of reference and an impetus for creating art. Christian art in the West from the Renaissance onward is familiar to us. This book is the story of its earlier development a relatively unfamiliar tale, yet an enthralling one, concerned with a most important aspect of the art and thought of the civilized world.

Leading in Public Prayer, by Andrew W. Blackwood, Abingdon, 1958, \$3.

Widely known and respected for his teaching and writing in the fields of preaching and worship, Dr. Blackwood rings the bell again with this "practical guide toward more effective public prayer."

Part I takes up the various types of prayers used in public worship, with a careful examination of their place in the worship service. Part II offers detailed suggestions for the minister's own preparation for leading his congregation in prayer.

Books received:

Rhythms of the Universe, by Frank L. Fordyce, Vantage, 1958, \$2.

A Modern Concept of God, by John

I. Gross, Vantage, 1958, \$2.95. Short Talks for Banquets, by Louis Paul Lehman, Zondervan, 1958, \$1.

Meetin' Time in the Ozarks, by Othel T. Dixon, Greenwich, 1958, \$2.50.



EL DORADO'S 2nd Church dedicated this new 1,050-seat sanctuary June 8. The air-conditioned structure also contains educational and administrative space. Dr. Paul Geren, Baylor's executive vice president, who grew up in 2nd Church, delivered the dedicatory address. A new organ was dedicated the same day. Lehman Webb is pastor.

- SOMETHING NEW in the promotion of Vacation Bible School in the Concord Association was tried when the workers that had previously held clinics at the Trinity, Fort Smith, 1st Church, Booneville, and the 1st Church, Sallisaw, conducted a Vacation Bible School Clinic for the Negro churches of the Fort Smith area. Seven Negro churches were represented and there was a total registration of 61 people present.
- DR. AND Mrs. V. Lavell Seats, missionaries to Nigeria, may now be addressed, 4824 N. Gladstone, Kansas City 16, Mo. Dr. Seats is a native of Tuckerman.

MISS ALBERTINA Hare, field consultant, Church Library Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be



one of the faculty members June 26 through July 9 at Siloam Baptist As-Siloam sembly. Springs. She will teach the Church Manual. Library Miss Hare was educational director for two and a half years at the North Trentholm Baptist

MISS HARE Trentholm Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C., before coming to the Sunday School Board in 1955.

- THE SOUTHERN Baptist Theological Seminary Centennial Scholarship Award of \$800 was presented to Andrew Kerr, Little Rock, in the annual Awards Day program at Ouachita May 12. The award is granted by the Seminary upon recommendation of the members of the faculty of the Division of Religion and Philosophy at Ouachita Baptist College. The award is based on the following criteria: must rank among the top five of the ministerial students who are graduating; shall have given evidence of leadership ability; shall have been active in student activities while in college; shall have given evidence of loyalty to his college; shall have shown evidence of denominational interest and loyalty. Chaiho Kim, senior from Mena, received the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award. This honor is given to an outstanding student in business administration.
- DR. ROBERT C. Riley, professor of political science at Ouachita, will attend summer school at the University of Paris, France for study in comparative Western European Governments. Mrs. Riley, the former Claudia Zimmerman, of Little Rock, will study with Dr. Riley. Dr. Riley attended the Little Rock high school, and received his doctor of education degree from the University of Arkansas in 1957. His study at the University of Paris will be an extensive comparison of the Western European Governments.

### Revival Reports

GORDON STREET Mission, Harrison: Billy Walker, evangelist; five by baptism, several rededications.

1ST CHURCH, Cullendale: Freddie Gage and Jimmy Snelen; 63 professions of faith, 15 by letter and one by statement. Rededications totaled more than 200. A record of 601 in Sunday School and 355 in Training Union was set.

EAST SIDE, DeWitt: Louis Parish, evangelist, Eugene Wise, singer; six additions by baptism, two by letter.

### 130 Graduated From Quachita

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY seniors received degrees at commencement exercises at Ouachita.

Dr. Paul Geren, executive vice president of Baylor University, gave the commencement address in Mitchell Auditorium.

Preaching the baccalaureate sermon was Capt. James W. Kelly, one of the nation's outstanding Navy chaplains.

Honorary doctor's degrees were conferred on J. E. Berry, independent oil operator of Smackover and El Dorado and on Capt. Kelly.

D. C. McATEE, 1st Church, Lanett, Ala., recently observed his second anniversary. Outstanding gains have been made under the ministry of this Arkansan. The first year 87 came by baptism. There have been four men who have gone into Christian service. Over 20 other young people dedicated their lives for special service. Mr. McAtee is president of the Lanett Ministeral Alliance, moderator of the East Liberty Association and is chairman of the radio and television committee of the Valley Ministerial Alliance.

### Westmoreland Heights Church Organized

A NEW church, Westmoreland Heights, was organized in Mena June 1. The new church is located in a recently developed subdivision.

On April 12, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roach gave four lots for the church. A building, with seven Sunday School rooms and an auditorium seating 200, was ready for use May 30.

Paul Shipman was moderator for the meeting and delivered the organization sermon. The constituting body consisted of 11 coming with letters in hand. Four more came on the opening day with the promise of letter.

The new church voted to give not less than 10 per cent of all offerings to the Cooperative Program.

### Fitzgerald Resigns Hot Springs Pastorate

After serving as pastor of the Park Place Church, Hot Springs, for the last 6½ years. James H. Fitzgerald has re-



or before September 1. Mr. Fitzgerald came to the Park Place Church from the Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, after a pastorate there of nearly five years.

Since coming to Park Place there have been 627 addi-

MR. FITZGERALD have been 627 additions, 261 by baptism. Present membreship is 1,264; the Sunday School enrollment is 820; Training Union 300; W.M.U. and auxiliaries 185 and the men and boys work 100. All the old buildings have been either remodeled or redecorated. A new organ has been bought and installed. Gifts to the Coperative Program have been increased from \$4,085.22 in 1951 to \$5,720 in 1957. The budget has increased from approximately \$25,000 in 1951 approximately \$50,000 in 1957. Total gifts to all purposes is in excess of \$277,534.23.

A new auditorium seating 1,000 people and costing over \$200,000 has been erected.

Mr. Fitzgerald has served as president of the Hot Springs Ministerial Alliance, and as moderator of the Central Baptist Association. He may be reached at No. 7 Park Place, Hot Springs.

### Pastoral Changes

CANFIELD CHURCH, Hope Association, has called C. W. Bishop, Greenville, Tex.

HERSHEL WILLIAMS has accepted the call of Immanuel Church, Magnolia.

BEECH STREET, Texarkana, has called Tom Ward as assistant pastor and youth director. He is a graduate of LSU and has completed his first year in Southern Seminary. (CB)

- evangelist, is spending the summer helping in meetings in Brazil. Those that would like to get in touch with him, may reach him at Caixa 50, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- ALMYRA CHURCH plans a note burning June 22. The church borrowed \$14,000 for five years, to complete a part of the church plant. This was paid off in 2½ years. In paying off the debt gifts to missions were increased. The church gave to missions last year \$8,595. Dean Newberry, former pastor, will bring the message for the service.

### Ordinetlans

1ST CHURCH, Jacksonville, has ordained L. L. Huey, Jimmie Cochran, James Dennie and Robert Cole as deacons.

GOSNELL CHURCH, Mississippi county, ordained Roy E. Baker Jr. to the full gospel ministry on May 18. Mr. Baker is pastor of Antoine Church and a student in Ouachita. Leaders in the service included: William L. Kries, moderator; Orland Beard, clerk; Gene Schultz, examiner; T. J. Richardson, ordination prayer; Tom Grimes, presentation of the Bible, and Harold Presley, sermon.

### Missionary Leake Sees Fruits of Ministry

MISSIONARY AND MRS. A. L. Leake, Fayetteville, are having a fruitful ministry as indicated by a report from Brother Leake.

On a special mission tour to visit new churches in Kansas recently, Brother Leake saw more than 100 young people step out to surrender their lives to the will of God.

Recently Mrs. Leake spoke at Beech Street Church in Texarkana at a county-wide meeting of business women and later at John Brown University in Siloam Springs. Following the latter service, more than 75 are reported to have presented themselves for dedication to the Lord's service.

MISS RUTH Vanderburg, Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia, may be addressed, Djalan Tengku Umar 7A, Bandung, Indonesia. Miss Vanderburg is a native of Little Rock.

DR. V. E. Wolber, 1938 graduate of Ouachita and currently pastor at Marshall. Tex., has been named chair-



man of the division of religion at Ouachita Baptist College. Dr. Wolber, who succeeds Dr. Joseph T. McClain, will begin his duties about the middle of July. Dr. McClain has accepted a position as chairman of the New Testament department at Midwestern

DR. WOLBER ment at Midwestern

Seminary, Kansas City.
While a student at Ouachita, Dr.
Wolber served as president of the statewide Baptist Student Union. He transferred to Ouachita after two years'
study at the University of Arkansas.

He received the master of theology degree from Southwestern in 1945 and received the doctor of theology degree in 1950.



LINDA SUE GILL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Gill, Jr., is presented with her scepter by Mrs. R. E. Hagood at the GA cornation service in Dumas Church.

Volunteers Aid Many at Hospital

A WEARY woman had spent two sleepless nights watching her husband, who was critically ill. Through her exhausted eyes she could see the friendly face of a woman dressed in a cherry red uniform. She had seen several such uniformed women in the long hours during her vigil. Now one of these uniforms was coming toward her. A friend ly greeting was spoken, kind words of comfort and solicitude were offered. A loving arm helped the tired wife to a place of greater comfort.

Because of the personal interest and concern demonstrated by this uniformed lady, the pain of the experience of this relative was lessened. Who was the cherry red woman? A nameless volunteer, a member of the Auxiliary of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, at work.

Jesus said, "The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things." The annual report of the Hospital Auxiliary reveals some of the "good things" done by these women last year. More than 7,000 hours of service were given to the hospital by 98 volunteer workers. This is part of the 150 total membership of the Auxiliary.

The adult volunteers work in service areas such as: hostess, escort, physical therapy, and information points. The newest project under development is a patient library. Junior Volunteers, called "Candy Stripers," work during the summer months and week-ends.

Officers for the new year are: Mrs. Clyde Scott, president; Mrs. J. W. Littleton, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Raymond Preddy, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Irving Spitzberg, secretary; Mrs. Willie Merle Snow, treasurer.

### **New Testament Tithing**

DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON Christian Counseling Service, Kansas City, Missouri

THE STRONGEST passage in the New Testament on tithing, to me, is 1 Corinthians 9:13-14: "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the gospel" (RSV).

Who are these people who serve the temple and the altar? Numbers 18:20-32 answers this question. They were the children of Levi. They were not allowed to have property as were the other eleven tribes. They were to live off of the tithes of the remainder of the Israelites. This was made very plain to the Jews.

Now, who does Paul refer to as "the Lord"? Without doubt, this reference is to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This means that Jesus gave definite instructions to His disciples. The Gospels do no record precisely what Jesus said. But the Apostle Paul, whom we believe to be inspired, said that "the Lord commanded" that those who preach the gospel should live off the tithes and offerings of the people, just as the sons of Levi did in Old Testament days. How could the Word be plainer than that?

Jesus was a practical person. If he

had left no means of supporting His work, it would have been strange.

"Those who proclaim the gospel" is an intereting phrase, especially in the light of Christian history. The good news of Christ is proclaimed in conversation, in music, in teaching, and in writing, as well as by those who stand in the pulpit. This is to be done by laymen as well as by preachers and missionaries.

In the course of time, the need for leaders who give their full time to the ministry has become increasingly urgent. Publishers of Christian literature, teachers in Christian schools, workers in Christian hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the aged are bearing the good news too. In the local churches there is a greater need for ministers of education, ministers of music, visitors, counselors, and a variety of services that require specialized training.

How are these programs of training and service to be paid for? By tithes and offerings. Ten families, theoretically, could normally support one minister and his family. And they could live at the same economic level as the ten families. Then, larger churches could add staff, build buildings, and support workers around the world.

All of the work of Christ depends on the individual tither. "The Lord commanded" - "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:14

of its investigating committee vindicating McCall and calling for efforts for reconciliation by June 12. Several meetings took place between McCall and some of the professors without substantial progress. The last of these reconciliation efforts occurred between McCall and part of the group in a meeting on the evening of June 10.

This meeting lasted past midnight. It is reported that the teachers were willing to continue under McCall but would not retract their statement of charges against him.

In the trustee meeting of June 12 each of the professors was heard separately and the group was heard together. Again they seemed unwilling to retract charges against McCall and held out for some assurance from the board for relief in the future from wrong use of administrative authority. They also insisted on all staying or all leaving. The trustees seemed disappointed in being unable to break the unity and save at least a part of the group.

### Decision Felt Inevitable

The feeling apparent on the part of many of the trustees was that the decision was inevitable. They considered that every proper effort had been made for reconciliation by the president and themselves. One trustee estimated he had spent 100 hours in dealing with the crisis. Another seemed to express what most of the trustees felt when he said it was the most difficult experience of his entire ministry.

The trustee vote was not unanimous for the final decision but an overwhelming majority voted for the verdict. Less than a dozen of the 55 board members were absent from the meeting though several had to leave before the end.

A meeting of the executive committee of the trustees is scheduled for sometime in July when presumably an effort to rebuild the faculty and other matters relating to the crisis will be considered.

Counting two professors who resigned earlier to accept posts in other seminaries, fifteen of the thirty members of the theology faculty are gone, including the Old Testament department, the entire Archeology partment, the entire Church History department, four-fifths of the New Testament department, half of the Ethics department and a third of the Theology department.

Contacted by a reporter following the announcement of the decision, the dismissed professors held out little hope for reinstatement of any of the group. "We are thirteen people hoping for pastoral or teaching jobs," one was quoted as saying. The professors persisted that their protest was on principle and that they were thinking of the future of the seminary. They said they would pray for the future of the seminary and admitted a sense of relief that final action had been taken.

The professors are all married and have a total of 37 children. Some admirers of the professors still hope for reconciliation. Three of the thirteen were not on the scene, two being abroad and one in religious services in other states.

### Midwestern to Launch \$1.75 Million Program

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - (BP) - Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will embark soon on a \$13/4 million campus building program. It hopes to occupy its 99-acre campus here in September, 1959, and for these buildings to be ready then.

Seminary President Millard J. Berquist said the first stage of construction — for which the \$13/4 million will be used — is to include an administration building, library, auditorium, two office-classroom buildings, a dormitory, and two or three apartment units for married students.

MISS IRENE Branum, Southern Baptist missionary to Korea, has left the States for her field of service and may be addressed, Baptist Mission, APO 59, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. Miss Branum is a native of Leslie.

### Southern Seminary

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are alumni of Southern Seminary except Hall, who is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. A number of the group has had additional training in other graduate schools of America and Britain. Five of the professors received promotions in March of this year.

The controversy between President McCall and the faculty members has been in the making for some time but took on critical aspects first in March of this year when the faculty report to the trustees referred to low morale prevailing among faculty members and pointed to the administration as a cause. Subsequently it took an even more serious turn when an investigating committee of trustees which visited the campus was presented a document signed by thirteen professors with specific charges against President McCall.

When the investigating committee of the board indicated that a report favorable to the president would go to the full board in a Houston meeting, the professors addressed each trustee with a letter restating their position and emphasizing the seriousness of their convictions. The trustees in the Houston meeting accepted the report

### Hospital Loan Plan Approved by Committee

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Government loans to sectarian hospitals will be available on a long-term, low-interest basis, if current proposed legislation in Congress is enacted into law.

H. R. 12694, introduced by Rep. John Bell Williams (D., Miss.) has been reported out of the sub-committee on health and science to be considered by the full House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Rep. Oren Harris (D., Ark.) is chairman of the full committee.

H. R. 12694 is an amendment to the Hill-Burton Act, which provides government grants to non-profit hospitals. The new proposal will make the same money available to sectarian hospitals as a loan as well as a grant.

One of the reasons for this special legislation is that many Baptist hospitals could not conscientiously accept government grants, but they would be willing to accept government assistance

in the form of a loan.

# Score of Scholars Translate Bible Anew

MORE THAN 20 scolars, all versed in Hebrew and Aramaic languages, have combined their skills in the translation of the Berkeley Modern Speech Bible, scheduled for release in January of 1959. Headed by Dr. Gerrit Verkuyl, veteran pastor and teacher, this staff has devoted more than ten years to the translation of the Old Testament, which completes this Version of the Bible.

Dr. Verkuyl, whose New Testament translation was issued in 1945, is a New Testament Fellow of Princeton Seminary, a master of arts at Princeton University, and earned his doctorate at the University of Leipzig. He has enlisted the aid of scholars from our major denominations in the translation of the Old Testament. Southern Baptists among those who have been working on this major Bible project for the last 10 years are:

Derward W. Deere, Th.D., Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California, and Clyde T. Francisco, Ph.D., South-

ern Seminary, Louisville.

### SECOND ASSOCIATION FORMED IN CANADA

EDMONTON, Alberta, CANADA—The second Southern Baptist association in Canada has been organized in this capitol city of Canada's oil province. Messengers from the Westwood, South Park and Argyll Baptist churches in Edmonton formed the Midwest Baptist association. Later the Westbourne church and its Cambrian Heights mission in the foothills city of Calgary, Alberta, and the Faith church in the university city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, affiliated with the new association.

### 300 in Three Years

EAST MAIN Mission started after a survey was made in the Spring of 1953 that indicated the urgent need in this area of El Dorado.

A sequence of events led to the beginning: a borrowed tent, a revival meeting, purchase of suitable lots, and the appropriations of \$20,000 by the Mission Committee of the 1st Church.

I must confess the first time I was approached about the possibility of coming to this new church field, I was somewhat offended, that "me" with my friendly-signed seminary degree and "great" ability would leave my present, comfortable, debt-free, air-conditioned pastorate and come to a handful of people that might have numbered 50, counting the small children. Yet when I drove over the community and saw the unbelievable possibilities, the sacrificial spirit of the people, I felt a high and holy privilege to have been selected as their pastor.

We utilized one end of the 38 by 60 feet concrete block building for an auditorium, seating approximately 100 with folding chairs. But the people came and began moving their church letters; many joined by baptism. Since that time a new \$35,000 unit has been added, that serves as a lovely auditorium, an \$8,000 dwelling purchased for a children's building, and a \$20,000

pastor's home.

We began and have sustained the latest methods and techniques of grading and promotion in Sunday School and Training Union. Two years ago we initiated an integrated choir program.

In April of this year, after a little

### 27 Countries Included In World Medical Tour

WASHINGTON, D. C., USA—(BWA)
— Twenty-seven countries in Asia, Europe and Africa are on the itinerary of
the Baptist World Alliance medical tour
which departs from San Francisco June
24 and returns via New York about October 1.

The team of five dedicated Christian doctors will visit medical facilities in all these countries, consult with local medical men on their achievements and their problems, exchange latest knowledge in the rapidly developing medical field, and offer their own medical skills where needed and requested.

The team includes:

Dr. Charles Black, a surgeon of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dr. John G. P. Cleland, a surgeon and obstetrician of Oregon City, Ore-

Dr. Eugene H. Dibble, a surgeon and medical director at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Dr. Robert A. Hingson, professor and director of anesthesia at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Gabe Payne, pediatrician of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. more than three years of organized work, (actually 16 months old as an organized church), we hit an all-time high attendance of 334 in Sunday School and 206 in Training Union. Since the beginning of this work in 1955, there have been 91 additions by baptism, 274 by letter, and 2 by statement. The membership of the church is 328. Last year there were 105 additions to the church, and already this year there have been 64 additions. Last budget year reached \$25,000 with 11 per cent directed through the Cooperative Program. Property is valued at \$117,000 with immediate plans to launch the Forward Program of Church Finances in order to build the next educational unit by the end of the year.

It is impossible to inscribe all the joys and accomplishments in statistics. am fully aware that not all new missions will grow this fast or big. Others will grow even faster and larger. This I know, that across our land in thousands of needy areas, there are unrealized opportunities for new churches and missions. If only we would exercise the vision and make necessary efforts and sacrifices to do it, our dream of establishing 30,000 new missions, churches, and preaching stations by 1960 will become a reality. May I prayerfully suggest that this would be a good time to take a survey, and in your new church year's budget include a sizeable item for a new mission.

Former Arkansan On Tour of Holy Land

MRS. R. T. Baker (nee Ruth Keeling), Albuquerque, N. Mex., will leave New York City June 13 by TWA for a two

month's tour touching three continents, visiting mission and fields other places of interest. Bible areas covered will include Rome, Athens, Corinth Egypt, Lebanon, Sy-Trans-Jordan, ria, The Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea,

MRS. BAKER Jerusalem, Mt. Calvary, Mt. of Olives, Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Hebron, Samaria, Bethel, Sychar, Shiloh, Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum, Mt. Carmel, Tel-Aviv and Haifa.

Mrs. Baker, a graduate of Stamps High School, attended Ouachita.

She is now editorial assistant of the Baptist New Mexican, official State paper of the New Mexico Baptist Convention. She is the daughter of Mrs. L. M. Keeling and the late Rev. Mr. Keeling, veteran pastor in Arkansas.

Mr. Baker, a native of Arkadelphia, was a former all-State high school football star. He attended Ouachita and is now State manager of the Pyramid Life Insurance Company.

### MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

SEVERAL OF our associations have not reported a chairman of evangelism. We need the names of all the



he names of all the chairmen at once. It will be impossible to promote the 1959 Crusade without the proper organization in each association. Please elect your chairman of evangelism and all the necessary committees.

Your superintendent of missions and evangelism will meet with the Prayer Committee of the Jubilee Advance Program in Louisville, Ky., June 18-20. We must get organized for the crusade but the most important thing is that we begin praying for divine wisdom and power. Did you pray for the Crusade, June 1?

Missionary C. E. McDonald, White River Association, and Dale Barnett, pastor of Yellville, have cooperated in beginning a mission in the Tomahawk Community. The attendance has averaged above 80 and a number have been saved. Dale Barnett is doing the preaching with the Yellville Church sponsoring the mission.

This is a period of Vacation Bible Schools. We offer the suggestion that every church look about and see if there is not a territory where a Mission Vacation Bible School could be held. Isn't there a vacant school off somewhere that you could go for a Vacation Bible School? Have your considered helping a Negro church put on a School? There is always an opportunity of service if the churches will just look on the field.

Associational Missionaries should plan to attend either the Glorieta or Ridgecrest, Home Mission Board Conferences. The Glorieta Conference is July 31-August 6; Ridgecrest is August 14-20.

### TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

NINE OUT-of-state workers, including eight from the Sunday School Board, will direct eight Training Lead-



ership Workshops at 2nd Church, Little Rock, Tuesday, September 30, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

In connection with the workshop, the associational officers' clinic will be held that day at 2nd Church, Little Rock. The Sunday

MR. DAVIS School Board will pay 3 cents a mile for as many as two cars of associational Training Union officers from each association. The clinic will be for associational directors and missionaries. Associational department leaders will attend heir department workshops. For example, an associational Intermediate leader will attend the intermediate workshop, led

by Mrs. J. E. Lambdin of the Sunday School Board. Stanley Jordan, Shreveport, will be the inspirational speaker.

During that entire week, these Sunday School Board workers will be leading in an association-wide Training Union school for all of Pulaski County each night, and everyone is invited to attend.

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By Nelson Tull

### Camping Season Has Arrived

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the Arkansas Baptist Camp, near Ferndale.

The Brotherhood

The Brotherhood Department is grateful for all the help that has been extended to those who have been so busy at the job of getting the camp area in readiness. A few people worked hard

and well. The camp is ready.

This will be the second summer of camps at the Arkansas Baptist Campground. We are still very much in the pioneering stage. Everything is rough and rustic. However, we are in much better condition for the camps this year than last year. A tabernacle has been constructed, and an adequate swimming facility has been built. The swimming pool is about 54,000 square feet in area. It is spring-fed, and is a beautiful lake.

Everything at the camp has been designed for the comfort and safety of those who attend. We are looking forward to a great summer.

We hope that your church will be well represented with your boys at the camp.

#### Special to Brotherhood men

Don't you think it will be wonderful, indeed, for your Brotherhood to see that one or more boys attends one of the Royal Ambassador Camps this summer? We are thinking particularly of boys who cannot come unless they have some financial help to pay either for their transportation to camp and back or to pay for their camp fees.

It will mean much to any boy to go through Royal Ambassador Camp, to be brought under camp discipline, to participate in camp activities, and to be very close to the Lord and to His will. Such an experience can well change the life of any boy, by helping him to discover God's will for his life, and by leading him to a place of wholly willingness to do God's will.

Think it over, men!

A BROTHERHOOD associational fish fry will be held at Stamps June 26. G. Avery Lee, 1st Church, Ruston, La., will be the speaker.

WENDELL ROSS, 16, youngest ordained Baptist minister in Arkansas, was elected president of the American Legion's 1958 Boys State. Ross is president of the Little Rock. Central High School student body. (DP)

#### WMU

Miss Nancy Cooper, Secretary

### Arkansans at YWA Week

MRS. R. E. Hagood, state WMU assistant, served as director of the Arkansas delegation attending the con-



vention-wide YWA
Conference at Ridgecrest, June 12-18.
Accompanying her
on the chartered bus
were: Marjorie
Barnes and Nancy
Brooks, Fort Smith;
Pattye Burdick and
Sammie Kay Carter,
Conway; Anne Ellison, El Dorado; Car-

MISS COOPER of Hopkins, Pine Bluff; Janice Ingram and Marilyn Patterson, Des Arc; Mickey Loomis, Arkadelphia; Clemmie Nell Johnson, Cabot; Teresa Hill, Helena; Nona Boudra, Lynn Compton, Gay Crosslin, Gail Moran, Alice Reaves, Marty Rainey and Joan Sullivan, Little Rock.

Among the conference leaders were Mrs. S. Ladd Davies and Mrs. Ralph Douglas of Little Rock. The Arkansas group assisted in a special festivity on Saturday afternoon. Outstanding denominational and world mission leaders were featured on the program which was directed by Miss Doris De-Vault, convention-wide Director of Young Woman's Auxiliary and formerly state Youth Secretary in Arkansas.

#### STIMULATING READING!

Biographies offer entertaining and soul-stirring experiences! Grace Mc-Bride — Missionary Nurse by Lila Watson was recently released and is available at the Baptist Book Store for \$1.25. Although Miss McBride served just two short years as medical missionary in China before she died of typhus fever in Siberia, her ministry was so vital and her dedication so great that Young Woman's Auxiliaries for nurses in hospitals officially adopted her name. This is the story of her life and work and

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### The Miller in the Window

By Cozette Holmes Mott

Mother wiped the cooky dough off her hands and went to see. The little miller was getting a drink from a tiny dewdrop on the screen. David came in for a drink of water, and stopped to watch.

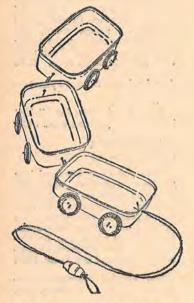
"What is it, Mother?" he asked.

"It's a miller or moth, David."

"Will it bite?" asked Diane.

"No," replied Mother.
After watching the miller awhile, Mother eased open the screen to see if the insect would find its way outside. The miller chose to stay by the tiny drop of water.

"Foolish moth," she said, "don't you know the sun will dry your drop of water. The whole wide world of free-



### A Train From Sardine Cans

By Lorraine Bate

YOU CAN make this train of sardine cans as long or as short as you want. Be sure to open the cans with a wheel-type can opener rather than a key so that you will have smooth, rounded edges. Most sardines from Maine come in cans that are opened in this way.

First, with a small nail make a hole in each end of the cans. To put on the wheels, which are really buttons, attach four toothpicks to the bottom of each can with cellophane tape, two on each side. Daub the holes in the buttons with glue and stick the toothpick end through one. Let the glue harden.

Straighten a paper clip and put it through the holes in the ends of the cans, bending it to join the cars to-

Draw a shoelace through the front end so that you can pull your train.

dom awaits you, and you won't leave."

David took a pencil and helped the miller find its way out.

Mother said, "David, you know people act very much like the miller some-

"They do?" said Diane wonderingly.

"Yes," replied Mother. "The little miller chose to stick by the litle drop of water instead of flying out into the big world of freedom. People sometimes hang on to a bad habit instead of giving their hearts to Jesus. Remember Paul Mason, David, when you invited him to Sunday school? He said he would rather stay at home and read his comic books?"

"Yes, Mother, and when I invited him to Royal Ambassadors, he said he would rather go fishing, but, Mother, I helped the miller." David looked puzzled. "I wonder how I could help Paul see that Christians have fun, too? I know. I have my Ambassador Life magazines. There's a real good story in the last one. I'll take it to Paul, and maybe he'll get interested. Maybe he --would like to go to camp, and maybe later he'll become a Christian, too."

Mother smiled as she latched the screen, and said, "Thank you, little Miller, for your lesson today."



### My Bible

By Leon M. Gambrell

My Bible is a precious book, A message from the Lord;

I like to read its pages dear, Rememb'ring it's God's Word.

It tells me of a Saviour's love, His love for even me;

Tells of the Holy Spirit, who Helps me his love to see.

I take my Bible to the church;

I study every day; I read some verses from God's Word

Before I bow to pray. I hope you have a Bible, too, And read its stories true;

They are so interesting, and

Become a part of you.

### A Smile or Two

Generosity Begins at Home

BETTY: "I believe my husband is the most generous man in the world." FRANCIE: "How's that?"

BETTY: "Well, I gave him a dozen of the loveliest neckties for Christmas, and he took them right down and gave them to the Salvation Army."-The Right Hand

Go West, Young Man

THE BOYS at the roundhouse observed that one of the crew was unusually glum, and asked what was bothering him.

"I think my wife is tired of me," he replied.

"What makes you think so?" inquired

a maritalwise friend. "Every day this week," he answered,

"She has wrapped my lunch in a road map."-Leopard Spots

Making the Headlines

A FEW days ago I had occasion to appear before the Senate Commerce Committee which was considering legislation regulating the advertising of alcoholic beverages. In the course of my remarks I told the committee of the world-wide character of the problem of alcoholism and referred to my observations in Russia, pointing out that Khrushchev has had to take notice of the problem. The Washington Post, reporting my testimony the next day, gave it this headline: LIQUOR EVIL UNITES KHRUSHCHEV AND HAYS .- Brooks Hays

STUDENT: What kind of a dog is

that, sonny?

LITTLE BOY: A Police Dog.

STUDENT: But he doesn't look like a police dog.

LITTLE BOY: No, he's in the Secret Service.—Baptist Student.

Routine As Usual

A BURLY fellow walked up to the teller in a bank one quiet afternoon, took a quick look around and muttered: "This is a stickup! One scream and I'll fill you full of lead. Now hand over all the dough."

The little bank clerk gasped, but managed to pull himself together. "C-could you k-kindly go to the n-next window?" he whispered. "I'm on my 1-lunch hour."

Watch Your Language

AUNT: "And what brought you to town, Charlie?"

CHARLIE: "Oh, well I just came to see the sights, and I thought I'd call on you first."

Who's Art?

A CYNIC was standing in front of an exhibition of local art talent labeled, "Art Objects."

"Well," he announced to the attendant in charge, "I can't say I blame Art for objecting." —Cappers Weekly.

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### Who Are the Strong?

By ANDREW HALL

1st Church, Fayetteville

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(Judges 15:11-15; 16:15-21)

Hollywood would have made a great bid for his services. What a man! Samson as a judge was not like any other leader of his day. He never organized his people for any purpose.



DR. HALL

itary campaign or participated in an organized battle. Never did he arbitrate in disputes as other judges had done. His primary claim to fame was his great physical strength and the fact that he was touched by the Spirit

He never led in a mil-

of God.

He had taken the vows of the Nazarite, not to let his hair be cut nor to drink strong drink. Daniel Rhodes (Earnest Worker) points out that Samson's physique impressed people greatly, and many tales about his exploits were told and retold around the family hearths. He was a man of great possibilities and great strength and was called of God. He was an exciting personality, capable of leadership, and he lived in a time that needed direction. Sadly, Samson just never quite filled his mission.

Many a man in our day has fallen prey to the same pitfalls which damaged Samson's life. He was a lone wolf who enjoyed pestering the Philistines, not primarily because of concern for his people, but for the sake of bolstering his own ego. In times of crisis Samson gave way to his own passions instead of being ruled by the Spirit of God. In a very real sense he was an exhibitionist who flexed his muscles for self glory. Above all, he was an easy prey for women. At this point he knew not the meaning of temperance - but gave himself to self indulgence.

One of the tragic aspects of this lesson is in the realization that Samson failed to measure up to the leadership (also sub-standard) of the other judges. Canaanite opposition to Israel was given a death blow by Deborah. The tribes of Moab and Ammon were dealt with by Eglon and Jephthah.

Judges 6-8 tells about Gideon's handling of the "marauders from the Arabian desert." While these leaders lacked some of the finer sensibilities of their forebears, they nevertheless followed to a degree the will of God. Notice, for example, how Gideon tore down the altars of Baal during the

night and built there instead an altar to God. His subsequent choosing of proper troops numbering 300 men showed a close follow-ship of God's direction. God directed Gideon in the battle. It is apparent in the study of this portion of the Bible that strength in Israel was always connected with obedience to God. The same is true for our day. When we faithfully worship and serve God we are stronger when temptations come our way.

Samson's conflicts with the Philistines were intermittent. Biblical history reveals that they were expert fighters. It is known that they gained considerable fame for their use of iron weapons. In the later history during the times of Saul, Samuel, and David they proved to be the bitterest of enemies. In Samson's day they were getting settled in Palestine and engaged only in some scattered and annoying incidents. At this stage Samson and his people often laughed at the Philistines in their failures.

It should be pointed out, however, that a growing realization was being born in the minds of the Israelites. They learned the danger of ignoring the leadership of God in their lives. Perhaps the principle so well exhibited in Samson is this: No man is strong enough to fight the battle of life apart from God.

The underlying tragedy in the life of Samson is the fact that he possessed so much promise. The account of his early life is reminiscent of the stories of Samuel and John the Baptist. All three were Nazarites, bound by dedication to God. At this juncture of Israel's history a leader was badly needed. Regretfully, Samson squandered both his physical strength and his spiritual power. He became another Esau and permitted his fleshly ways to lead him to spiritual shipwreck. "Potentialities do not determine what a man will be, but only what he might be." His life should remind each of us that every man has his weak spots.

Achilles' mother dipped him in the River Styx hoping to make him invulnerable to his enemies. However, she held him by his heel and it was there that the fatal arrow of Paris struck him. In all likelihood Samson would have agreed with the man who said, "The world's greatest water power is a woman's tears." Simon Peter considered himself a brave man but he became cowed in the presence of a maiden at the time of Jesus betrayal. "Let him that standeth take heed lest he fall."

A pulpit committee was enroute to hear a prospective pastor. A drunken driver struck them head-on sending them all to the hospital. If someone had told that driver earlier in the evening that he would be the cause of such an accident, he would have declared that drinking was his own affair and he could take care of himself. Yet every thinking person knows that the sober people are paying the bills of alcoholism.

Who are the strong? The strong are the ones whose strength is in the Lord. Samson could well have been the author in sentiment of the song, "I want what I want when I want it." His was a life of unbridled license. His modern counterpart is the one today who lives his own life in his own way apart from the will of God. We learn by Samson's actions what not to do as well as what we should do.

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BILLY SPICER one of our Southern Baptist churches. He has been sponsored at the Institute by Mr. Clarenge Higgins, Ft. Smith Boys'

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dom service is the dedicated manpower within our churches. When men become willing instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit the kingdom of God advances. As Paul put it, "it is not yours but you" that God wants. When God has a man He has all that a man

To enlist the manpower of the churches behind the program of the churches is the aim of Baptist Brotherhood. One has stated the goals of Brotherhood in these words. Brotherhood goals . . . are dedication of God's men, stewardship and evangelism. Dedication makes it possible for God's men to lay hold of God's work and do it effectively. Dedication makes stewardship possible. Stewardship enables God's men to use what they have dedicated for the advancement of God's work according to God's plan. Stewardship makes evangelism possible. Evangelism is the turning of all one is and has to the sacred business of winning lost people to Christ; then to the church; then to a lifelong service. Dedication, stewardship, evangelism that's the Brotherhood program."

The Brotherhood Department of our Convention began its functions on April 1, 1946. Brother Nelson Tull has been its only secretary. His unceasing labors from the beginning have resulted in noble achievements in this area of our work. Giving him wonderful assistance at this time is his associate, Brother C. H. Seaton, and his capable office secretary, Mrs. Lera Stokes.

The annual report made to the Convention in 1946 showed there was a total of 53 churches with brotherhoods, while only three associations were organized. The report to the 1957 Convention revealed a total of 582 churches with Brotherhoods and 42 of our associations had organized for this work.

The Brotherhood Department assumed the full responsibility for Royal Ambassador work in Arkansas Jan. 1, 1956. The 1957 report indicated there

were 563 Royal Ambassador chapters in our churches. Herein is provided perhaps one of the greatest opportunities our men have to make a world-wide contribution to the cause of Christ. Most of our male missionaries have had some training in the R.A. organization prior to their decision to become missionaries. This work shall never reach its potential until the men of our church become informed concerning the mission program of our denomination, and exert a strong leadership influence on our boys through this program.

This department has the responsibil-

ity of providing the camping program for Royal Ambassadors. Last year the first camps were conducted at the Arkansas Baptist Camp west of Little Rock with 154 junior and 60 intermediate Royal Ambassadors enrolled. Our camp and assembly programs are a must in the life of our denomination if we are to meet our full responsibility to our youth. Perhaps there are few places that \$200,000 could be spent more wisely and well at this time than in providing adequate facilities to give our young people the right kind of camping program.—SAW

## Don't Let Claim Lapse

N ONE of Mark Twain's books en-



titled, "Roughing It," he tells the story of a foolish man. A miner staked out a rich claim but lost it because he failed to carry out his part of the agreement. A short time after the claim was allowed to lapse, it proved to be valuable property. But it was too late

DR. DOUGLAS". But it was too late and the miner received nothing from it.

How easy it is for us to allow a claim to lapse. For instance, "He came unto his own and his own received him not," says in a different way that the Jews allowed their claim to lapse. Again when Jesus spoke to the multitudes and his disciples, he said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together. even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold your house is left unto you desolate, For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 23:37-39). "And Jesus went out and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down" (Matthew 24:1-2). Jerusalem, the Golden, Jerusalem, the hallowed, Jerusalem, the privileged, Jerusalem, the blessed, allowed her claim to lapse.

#### Individuals Can Let Claims Lapse

In listing the names of the apostles in the Bible, Judas is always listed last, with the addition, "who also betrayed him," or "which was also a traitor." Judas is perhaps the greatest example of all those who let their claims tapse. His Christian life did not count for God, because he loved the world more than he loved Jesus—he loved money more than he loved God.

Many in our day love self, money, and the world more than they love God and his Kingdom. They refuse to give God their tithe, they refuse to lend their influence — which means that they are slowly but surely letting their claims lapse. Life with all its worldly pleasures will rise up to curse instead of bless.

#### Churches Can Let Claims Lapse

The Bible tells us that the Laodicean Church was "spewed out" "because thou sayest, 'I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing,' and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." What a tragedy — a church of the living God, made up of wealthy, influential church members, letting their church lapse. —RD

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