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Cooperative Baptists

EACH CHURCH affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention is an autonomous institution.

This means the majority of the congregation sets the policy and the minority cooperates with the majority in carrying out the policies and objectives.

This Baptist distinctive is a New Testament principle. It must be believed, practiced and protected by every individual Baptist everywhere. This doctrine, ordained of God, is not to hamper kingdom work but to promote it. Under this plan the church is free to work with other churches of like faith and order on an associational level, state level, Southern Baptist Convention level, and world level.

This is the reason that we have over 31,000 churches in our Southern Baptist Convention.

But, in all fairness, our churches must not drift into the position of believing that just sharing money through Baptist channels is enough in the matter of cooperation. Long before the phrase “Cooperative Program” was adopted, Baptists worked together in carrying out the mission of their churches.

Before any Baptist association was formed in America, the churches had general meetings for inspiration and information. The first such meeting, on record, was held at Salem, N. J., in 1688. The first association of Baptists in America was the Philadelphia Association which was organized in 1707.

The second association was formed in Charleston, S. C., Oct. 21, 1751. The messengers declared, “The objective of this union is the promotion of the Redeemer’s kingdom through love and fellowship and by mutual consultations for the peace and welfare of the churches.”

Therefore, an association of Baptist churches came into being so that the churches could collectively help each individual church promote the Redeemer’s kingdom more effectively.

In 1960 we have multiple organizations and each one came into being to help the local church do a better job for the Master. Each organization came into being because Baptists heard the call of God and responded to that call. All of this should make us firm believers in all of our Baptist work and lead us to be real cooperative Baptists.

But, as poor, limited humans we must keep reminding ourselves that the organizations through which we work are not the ends, but merely the means to the end. Giving of money is God’s way of growing his children and we ought to recognize it and preach more on the stewardship of money. Cooperating is binding ourselves together to better carry out the Great Commission of our Lord through linking manpower with Godpower.

Being a good Baptist is more than having a name on a church roll—it is, among other things, cooperating in every phase of Baptist life.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary.

THE NEWEST building on the Ridgecrest Baptist assembly grounds is the recently completed Watauga Lodge, owned and operated by the Watauga Association of Elizabethon, Tenn.
On the Ordination of Deacons

By Ed F. McDonald, Jr.

Pastor, 1st Church, Newport

At some time in all churches the pastor faces the problems of ordaining more deacons. We use the word problems advisedly because there are many places where the wrong step would result in extended damage to the church and the Lord’s work. Without attempting to discuss their scriptural qualifications it is our purpose to present here one method of selecting the deacons to be ordained.

When the church of the opinion that the pastor was not trying to strengthen himself by ordaining men who would be favorable to his ideas, it seemed that the time was right to present the matter in a regular deacons’ meeting. It was then that we recommended that the deacons consider the matter for a month and then decide at the next regular meeting the number of deacons to be ordained, and the manner by which they were to be selected.

When the deacons came to consider the subject various methods of nominating the deacons were presented. There was the possibility of their being named by the deacons; by a committee appointed; or, by nomination from the floor in open meeting. After discussing each of these at length, another plan was adopted and the deacons presented to the church the following recommendations:

That the church ordain and set apart approximately six new deacons to be selected in the following manner:

1. That the church membership will be furnished a list of the men of the church who are not now deacons.

2. The church membership will select 10 men on this list and turn their selection in at a designated time.

3. The 10 men receiving the highest number of votes will then constitute the nominees of the church.

4. An individual record of each man nominated will be submitted to the deacons without their knowledge of which individual they are considering; this knowledge will be retained in the church office with the nominee assigned a number; and when the deacons have made their selection the names of those selected will be given from the corresponding number in the church office.

5. Those chosen by the deacons will then be recommended to the church for ordination.

You will notice that the recommendation which was adopted did not bind the church or deacons to ordain any certain number, giving freedom to draw the line wherever necessary. When the matter was presented to the church in regular business meeting the question was raised, “Are we adopting the rotation system now?” The pastor as moderator replied that such was not included in the recommendation at this time.

In order to carry out the selection, a ballot and the list of the male membership were prepared and placed in the hands of the members. The day was set for all ballots to be in and a sealed ballot box placed in the vestibule. When election day had passed the pastor, church secretary and a third unbiased church member counted the ballots and determined the 10 receiving the highest number of votes. From these the deacons could select and recommend back to the church for ordination.

In order that the deacons might not be prejudiced by personal friendship for any nominee, “the cold facts” about each of the men must be presented in keeping with the fourth part of the recommendation. It was the feeling of the pastor that still another step should be taken. So it was that an article on the “Pastor’s Ideal Deacon,” by Robert S. Scales, which was published in the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma was duplicated. In addition to the article the pastor added a 10-point outline of the deacon relative to his character, giving scriptural references. The following four-point committal was attached:

1. If elected a deacon in my church, I will be found faithful to all the services (Sunday School, Training Union, preaching, Prayer Meeting) unless providentially hindered.

2. I will support the church financially with tithes and offerings.

3. Believing in the democracy of a Baptist Church, I will follow the majority rule with a cooperative spirit.

4. I shall endeavor, with God’s help, to measure up to the confidence placed in me and bring glory to my church, my Saviour, and my God.

Privately the pastor visited each of the 10 nominees and presented them with the information listed above. Each was informed confidentially that he was one of the 10 but that this did not assure him of being recommended by the deacons. They were urged to study the material in hand and then sign the committal pledge if they could honestly do so. In the course of the visitation one of the 10 men voluntarily eliminated himself because he was not scripturally qualified. The other nine men all signed the commitment and returned it to the pastor. Now the list was prepared with a number for each nominee and a chart showing their activities on the following six points:

1. His attendance at church services and prayer meeting.

2. Stewardship of his finances as of now.

3. Organizations served or attended.

4. His family’s activities in our church.

5. How long a member of this church?

6. Would he sign the commitment card?

As the deacons met to consider the nominees, they were given a copy of the same information handed to the nominees privately.

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Meditations Following The Arkansas Primary

and for the whole country. Of course, if an individual holds to the thesis that “all is fair in love, war and politics,” he really has no problem on this score, for he has no religion—worthy of the name, that is—to mix with his “politics.” Nor does he have any politics, in the high and good sense of that word.

In considering what a Christian’s rightful duty is in the realm of public and civic affairs, one should have the approach that is appropriate always in asking what one’s duties are in any realm. It might help to remember that, according to God Himself, there is “nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.” And “whatever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets [even during hot ‘politic’] shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.”

There is always the need to study our motives. God does not judge us so much by what we do or leave undone as he judges us on why. This applies to all of our deeds, and certainly to our voting and the use, abuse or misuse of our influence in politics. Satan is always grieved when people do the right, but he does not worry much about Christians who do what they should do, but for the wrong motives. He is far more aware than many a “good” church member that God judges us primarily according to the thoughts and intents of our hearts.

Do not lose sleep over how the election went on Tuesday of last week. Whether you got what you wanted is not so important, really. But whether God is pleased with how the Christians of Arkansas used their rights and privileges and how they faced their sacred responsibilities as Christian citizens should continue to be of great concern to us all. In the searching of our hearts, if we find we have been untruth to God in politics, either through neglect or abuse of our duties, let us repent and re dedicate our hearts to God as full-time Christians who with His help are striving to be Christians in all areas of life. — ELM

SCRIPTURE WITHOUT COMMENT

The Christian and the civil law

Every Christian ought to obey the civil authorities, for all legitimate authority is derived from God’s authority, and the existing authority is appointed under God. To oppose authority then is to oppose God, and such opposition is bound to be punished.

The honest citizen has no need to fear the keepers of law and order, but the dishonest man will always be nervous of them. If you want to avoid this anxiety just lead a law-abiding life, and all that can come your way is a word of approval. The officer is God’s servant for your protection. But if you are leading a wicked life you have reason to be alarmed. The “power of the law” which is vested in every legitimate officer is no empty phrase. He is, in fact, divinely appointed to inflict God’s punishment upon evil-doers (Romans 13:1-7, Phillips Translation).
— By The Evangelical Press Association —

THROUGH the years, the Belgian Congo has been the scene of the most extensive and fruitful missionary work carried on by the Christian Church anywhere in the world.

Pioneers like the famed David Livingstone, H. Gratton Guinness, missionary-explorer George Grenfell, Thomas J. Comber, Plymouth Brethren F. S. Arnot and Dan Crawford, Methodist Bishop William Taylor and Southern Presbyterian Dr. William Morrison first explored the recesses of this part of the Dark Continent; and in their train came scores of others—such as the colorful C. T. Studd and pioneering Dr. Titus Johnson, to mention only a representative pair.

The advance of Christian missions brought schools, hospitals, leprosaria, literacy and Scripture distribution to the Congo in one of the most intensive and many-faceted examples of missionary enterprise ever recorded. Recent figures showed a total of 2,146 outside missionaries and 20,269 Christian National (native) workers working side by side in efforts to reach the Congo's estimated 17,000,000-plus for Christ.

But shortly after the establishment of the Congo as a new African nation, minor rioting broke out which soon exploded into chaotic confusion.

The rioting itself was sudden, unpredictable, spasmodic. Mission agencies, some with 75 years of service behind them, found themselves in the dilemma of suddenly having to decide whether or not to withdraw their forces. To move the missionaries unnecessarily in a situation that might suddenly calm would be expensive, time-consuming and perhaps pose psychological problems in future missionary-National relations. On the other hand, to under-evaluate the seriousness of the situation would be to place many missionary lives in jeopardy.

The situation varied from area to area, from mission to mission. Some missionaries were merely evacuated to safer African areas; some 122 missionaries and their children were flown to the United States on July 21.

To fully assess the missionary situation as the crisis continued was difficult at best, but in general these were the major developments by July 23:

Forty-one missionaries and 36 missionary children of the Evangelical Free Church of America moved out of the Congo temporarily to seek refuge in Bangui, French Equatorial Africa.

Presbyterian U. S. (Southern) missionaries early in the situation evacuated posts in the critical areas of Kasha, Moma, Luebo, Mutoto and Katube. Women and children of the Lubondai station were evacuated, but the men were "staying for the time being." Famed Southern Presbyterian "flying missionary" Dr. Mark Poole, who collaborated with Korean War hero John W. Davis in flying more than 200 missionaries and children out of Presbyterian and Methodist missions in the Congo, declared that "the loyalty of the Christian Africans is unshakable," but "calculated dissatisfaction has been spread" among the Congolese army.

Male missionaries of the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) elected to remain, but some of the wives and all of the 34 children of the group's 96 missionaries were evacuated to other African stations.

The Rev. Vernon Sprunger, Elk-hart, Ind., executive secretary of the Congo Independent Mission, operated jointly by several Mennonite groups, said all its personnel were presumed safe.

As the missionaries evacuated, their varying reports reflected the differing situations from one area to another.

Rescued by helicopter and brought to Accra, Ghana, one group of 73 American Protestant missionaries told how three American Baptist families at Sona-Mpangu (160 miles from Leopoldville) were attacked by 13 Congolese soldiers who beat them with rifle butts and trampled on them.

Donald Ellis of Indianapolis said the soldiers forced them to lie on the ground. He reported that his wife and another woman missionary (Rhoda Nielsen of Cedar Falls, Ia.) were struck by soldiers during the incident.

Ellis' ten-year-old son Davie reported: "They beat up our daddies. They made them lie on the ground and marched all over them."

Others in the group said that when local Congolese protested that the missionaries were Americans, one of the soldiers retorted: "Americans—so what? You're still white."

But in a group evacuated to the United States, the Rev. Ira Cross of Ceres, Calif., a missionary in Leopoldville since 1948, said he and his wife were "not molested."

When the crisis developed, Dr. (Continued on page 24)
Arkansas All Over

PRESIDENT OF Southern Baptist College's Baptist Student Union is Jerry Greer of Pine Bluff. Jerry is a science major and will attend chiropractic college after graduation.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary, BSU.

JERRY THOMAS, of Magnolia, is the Baptist Student Union president at Southern State College. Jerry is majoring in math and secondary education. He plans to enter the teaching field after graduation.

Wichita Church Leaves ABC

WICHITA, Kansas (EP) — The First Baptist Church of Wichita, which failed in its efforts to persuade the American Baptist Convention to leave the National Council of Churches, has itself withdrawn from the American Convention.

Members of the church, one of the largest in the American Baptist Convention with 4,300 members, voted 739-294 to end their affiliation.

At the recent meeting of the Convention in Rochester, N. Y., the church had supported a move to have the denomination cease promoting the ecumenical movement in its Sunday School literature and other magazines.

The motion failed by an overwhelming majority, and a layman in the church told reporters that this left the Wichita church's affiliation with the American convention "in jeopardy."

The church has not indicated whether it would seek affiliation with another Baptist convention or association.

Pacific Coast Workers Named

PORTLAND, ORE. (BP) — Roland P. Hood has been promoted to associate executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington here. He will continue to serve as secretary of missions and stewardship for the convention.

C. E. Boyle, who has been assistant executive secretary in addition to serving as editor of the twice-monthly Pacific Coast Baptist, convention newspaper, will devote his full time to the editor's role.

Both changes are effective with the 1961 budget.

The convention's executive board, which voted these personnel changes, approved a 1961 budget of $243,000 of which $165,000 is expected through the Cooperative Program. It is subject to adoption by the convention.

The 1960 budget is $242,144 with $152,092 anticipated through the Cooperative Program. The Southern Baptist Convention share of Cooperative Program receipts is 15 per cent.

Pattersons Injured

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Robert B. Patterson, Jr., family, of Nashville, was involved in an automobile accident near here July 23. The Patterson car was practically demolished in the collision with a tractor trailer.

The Pattersons, accompanied by Mrs. Patterson's sister, Miss Ruth Abbott, of Memphis, were returning from Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly, where Mr. Patterson had participated in a Sunday School conference.

Mrs. Patterson, listed in a critical condition at Midstate Baptist Hospital here, suffered head and chest injuries and broken bones. Mr. Patterson, Philip (10 years), and Miss Abbott were treated and dismissed. Robbie Anne (11 years) is still hospitalized for broken bones.

Mr. Patterson is superintendent of Vacation Bible School expansion at the Baptist Sunday School Board here.

The Cover

THESE stained-glass windows forming one side of the auditorium of 1st Church, Fayetteville, constitute one of the unique features of Fayetteville's newest church building, where Baptists of Arkansas will gather for the annual state convention, Nov. 15, 16, 17. Dr. Andrew M. Hall is pastor.

For pictures of the building and a detailed story, including the listing of hotels and motels available for the state convention messengers and visitors, see the feature on pages 12 and 13.
1st Church, LR, Has New Associate

CLAUDE ANTHONY, minister of education at 1st Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La., for the past seven years, arrived in Little Rock, July 23, to assume his duties as minister of education at 1st Church. During his ministry in Lake Charles enrollment in Sunday School and Training Union increased 54 per cent and 48 per cent, respectively.

Mrs. Anthony and their daughter, Carolyn, will arrive in Little Rock in a few weeks.

Baptist Foundations

Report Total Assets

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Baptist foundations have assets of more than $66 2-3 million, according to a report from the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives. The report covers a period ending Dec. 31, 1959.

The assets range from $26,646 reported from the foundation of Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists to $44 million (two-thirds the entire amount) in Texas.

The Southern Baptist Foundation in Nashville, agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, has assets of $4,131,999. The other foundations included in the total are state Baptist convention agencies.

Illinois Baptist

Budget Is Record

CARBONDALE, ILL.—(BP) — Directors of Illinois Baptist State Association will recommend a 1961 state budget of $754,000 to the association in its annual session in the fall.

The new proposed budget exceeds the 1960 budget of $495,000. The Cooperative Program goal for 1961 is $700,000, to be split on a 65-35 per cent basis between state Baptist work and that of the Southern Baptist Convention, respectively.

Taking the first step in transition from dormitory care to cottage type housing, the Board approved construction of a boys' cottage at Illinois Baptist Children's Home at Carmi.

It will be named for Mrs. Laura B. Garrison, East St. Louis, who bequeathed $36,000 of the $52,798 needed for construction. The cottage is expected to be completed by Mar. 1.

The board also voted to borrow $500,000 to finance the construction of a Baptist Student Center and Chair of Bible at University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. The contractor has already cleared the site for the new structure. Ground-breaking ceremony will be on Aug. 9.

Miss Eva Marie Kennard was employed as Baptist Student Union secretary at University of Illinois. She comes from a student secretariaship at Texas State College for Women in Denton.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Illinois, which is a department of the Illinois State Association, has been placed in the 1961 state budget for an amount to cover all expenses. The board voted to do away with what has been known as the "Illinois apportionment" for WMU work.

Seek Broadcast Permits

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Two evangelistic groups have asked the Federal Communications Commission for permission to construct commercial FM radio broadcasting stations.

The Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association is planning a powerful 65,000 watt station in Tulsa, Okla., while The Pillar of Fire, Inc., another evangelistic organization, wants to establish a smaller 4,760 watt station in Cincinnati.

Less Than a Postage Stamp

Dear Sir:

We would like to know the cost per family for the Baptist paper per week.

If the cost is not over 4¢ per family, we would consider a month trial.

Yours truly,
Gib Williams, Pastor
Three Creeks Baptist Church
Junction City, Arkansas

Dear Bro. Williams:

Thank you for your inquiry about the Budget Plan subscription rate. We sincerely hope that you will take advantage of our free trial offer.

The price is less than 4 cents per family per week. It is only 14 cents per family per month.

Fifty names, for example, would cost only $7 per month. You may pay monthly, quarterly or annually.

All you need do to get the free trial started is to send your mailing list and agree to consider during the free period putting the paper in your budget. If the church votes to do this, you will receive another month free. If not, there is no obligation other than we ask you to give us the final decision.

Our Baptist people do not like to buy "pigs in pokes." Let us show you what we offer by sending the paper free for one month to all your families.

—The Editor
Dr. W.O. Vaught

Gives Convention Prayer

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is the text of the invocation given by Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, at the Republican National Convention in Chicago, July 28. Dr. Vaught is 1st vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.]

Our Father in heaven, in this hour of our great need, we humbly bow before Thee, first of all, to confess our sins. Thou hast told us that if we confess our sins Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. O God, we confess our sins individually, and as a body of people gathered here in Chicago, and as a nation now bowed before Thee.

Grant, O God, help us in this hour to heed the plain teachings of Thy Book. Help us to heed Thy word that "if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek Thy face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Almighty God, we come seeking to see Thy face. We cry tonight with Isaiah of old, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

Our Father, we humbly thank Thee for these United States of America. We thank Thee, O God, that our forefathers came to this land and carved out for us a land of freedom. We thank Thee for the pioneers of liberty who gave us a land where the Church would take its hands off the state and the state would take its hands off the Church. Grant, O God, that divine guidance be given our national leadership that individual freedom may be preserved for every man in our whole land.

Our Father in Heaven, we pray for peace in our nation and in all the earth. We thank Thee for the noble efforts of the President of the United States for the cause of peace with justice. God grant that these efforts may bear much fruit in the lives of men everywhere. God hasten the day when the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and they shall not hurt nor destroy in all MY holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Grant, O God, that the time shall come when they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Almighty God, if it be Thy will, place Thy restraining hand on the forces of Communism and totalitarianism around the earth. O God, we pray that those now behind the curtains of fear and oppression may come to know the truth. O God, break into their minds and hearts with the truth as revealed in the teachings of Christ, and bring them to liberty and light we pray.

And now we humbly pray for these who will speak to us tonight. May they feel the power of God bearing them up. Give them wisdom to discern right from wrong.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways; Reclothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives Thy service find, In deeper reverence praise, Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget.

And this we pray in that one name that is above every other name, Jesus blessed name. Amen.

Harold D. Stephens has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church Mission in Searcy. He is a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and has served on the pioneer mission fields in Oregon for the past three years. Mrs. Stephens is the former Shirley Price of Searcy. They have two children, Tanya and Vanessa.

Gayle Bone has recently accepted the position of Minister of Music and Education at 1st Church, Searcy. He is a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth. While at the seminary, he served as Music and Youth Director of Live Oak Baptist Church, Gatesville, Tex. Mrs. Bone is the former Jehree Aday of Clinton, Ark.

Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, recently had a revival with Rev. O. C. Cooper, Hempstead, Tex., as evangelist. Music was under the direction of Rev. Bill J. Smith, the pastor. Sixteen additions, 12 by profession and four by letter, were reported. Over 300 made pledges to attend prayer meeting.

Attendance Report

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Arkansas Baptist
ARKANSAS GRADS—Arkansans were graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during summer commencement exercises July 15. They are, from left, Billy Jeff Campbell, North Little Rock, BD; Klois L. Hargins, Ingalls, BD; and William H. Cook, Little Rock, ThD. Absent when the picture was made were O. Damon Shook, Little Rock, BD; and William H. Cook, Little Rock, ThD. There were 137 degrees and diplomas distributed.

Arkansas Missionary Writes From Africa

A missionary's work is never done.

At least, such is the indication in a recent letter from Nan Owens, Southern Baptist missionary in Nigeria. She is a native of Junction City, Ark., and has been in Nigeria three years.

In a letter to friends in the States recently she says they have a new worker, Marie Van Lear, from Virginia. She was transferred from Reagan Memorial Baptist Girls' School, Lagos, to fill in at Agbor for those going on furlough.

In June, she writes, 21 students at the Baptist Girls' School made decisions in a revival. A native evangelist from Abeokuta preached.

She excitedly describes the perils of setting up a butane stove. And now, after she and Ruth Kube finally have completed its assembly they are ready to "hold forth anytime on the advantages of gas over wood."

The school sports team took 11 cups at the regional meeting and nine of the girls were in the all-Nigerian competition. The debate team won a match from the Catholic girls' school. The school choir sang at the Nigerian Baptist Convention and other students ushered at the WMU Convention.

In her letter, dated June 26, she said that the following week would be Vocation Emphasis Week. Scheduled to speak were a nurse, pharmacist, lab technician, housewife, and foreign mission appointees of the Nigerian Baptists Convention.

Minister Fired On

DARIEN, Ga. (EP)—A Methodist minister who spoke out against vice from his pulpit after being warned not to preach anymore about "gambling and clip joints" escaped uninjured when five rifle shots were fired into his bedroom in the early morning recently.

"I'll keep on preaching along the same lines," said the Rev. C. B. Studstill, pastor of 1st Methodist Church here. "This is no time to let up."

Mission Draws Summer Tourists

By Theo Sommerkamp

KANSAS CITY, MO.-(BP)—A mission for summer tourists at a popular lake resort is one of the newest innovations in the Southern Baptist Convention's movement to establish 30,000 new churches and missions during an eight-year period.

Bethany Baptist Church of Kansas City is sponsoring the Mission at Lazy Acres, near Edwards, Mo. Lazy Acres is a tourist spot on Lake of the Ozarks in West Central Missouri.

J. T. Elliff, pastor of the sponsoring church, said that services—Sunday School and both morning and evening worship—are held in the home of the manager of the Lazy Acres Motel.

Bud Anderson of Kansas City, an employee of Kansas City Power & Light Co., who has been called to the ministry, learned of the need through some contacts at Lake of the Ozarks.

A member of Bethany Church, Anderson drives to the resort each weekend to hold services. "It has just started, and already there are 40 in attendance," Elliff reported.

Because it has enrolled some year-round residents of the lake area, there is a possibility that the Baptist Summer Mission may develop into a permanent year-round one.

Response to it has convinced Elliff that a survey needs to be made in the large resort area to locate spots for other summer missions. "Perhaps, this could be done in 20 places around Lake of the Ozarks," he added.

Bethany Church publicizes the Summer Mission through an advertisement on the church page of the Kansas City Star ever Saturday, endeavoring to reach persons taking a weekend trip to Lake of the Ozarks.

1ST CHURCH, DeQueen, reports 35 additions to the church during an 8-day revival recently. The pastor, Dr. E. Butler Abington, preached and Herbert Johnson led the music and worked with the young people.
The TEN tribes are not lost. James, in fact, must have known where they were. He addressed a letter to them.

Yet you get the impression from much that you read that ten of the twelve tribes were lost. Occasionally you hear them referred to as the "lost ten tribes of Israel." As for that matter, you may get the same impression from reading the Old Testament.

Following the fall of the nation Israel to Assyria, the ten tribes were forced to intermarry with other peoples. The gradual result was a complete amalgamation of the races and an utter loss of tribal integrity on the part of these tribes of Israel.

In subsequent history these scattered people of Israel came to be referred to by the technical term diaspora. The term means "dispersion," or "the scattered ones."

Now diaspora is precisely the term used by James in the salutation of his letter: "To the twelve tribes of the diaspora" (James 1:1). However, as you read James' letter you immediately sense that it is written to Christians, perhaps to Christian Jews, but not to Jews, per se.

So, what are we to conclude? Well, it seems quite clear that according to James the diaspora is composed of Christians scattered throughout the world. And, in a sense, they also are the twelve tribes of Israel.

Then the tribes of Israel are not lost. Rather are they found, in the truest sense, in the churches of Jesus Christ.

Georgian, Tennessean Claim First Places

RIDGECREST, N. C. — (RBA) — A Georgian and a Tennessean claimed first places in the Southern Young People's Speakers' Tournament and Intermediate Sword Drill finals held here July 23.

Nathan Deal, of Sandersville, Ga., placed first in the Speakers' Tournament, while Don Carter, of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., placed first in the Sword Drill.

Texans took second places in both events. Miss Ann Gayle Ryan, of Lubbock, placed second in the Speakers' Tournament, while Miss Brenda Moore, of Sagamore Hill Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, placed second in the Sword Drill.

The Tournament is based on content, composition, and delivery of speeches. Those participating in the Ridgcrest Speakers' Tournament previously placed first in their local church, associational, district, and state events. Carlton Carter, director of young people's work, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., co-ordinates this competition.

The drill is based on knowledge of the Bible, with emphasis upon accuracy and speed. Versil S. Crenshaw, director of intermediate work in the board's Training Union department, directs this competition.

Ridgcrest Baptist assembly is owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist convention.

Protestant Mayor

DUBLIN (EP) — The predominantly Catholic city council of Dublin for the second time in four years elected a non-Catholic as mayor.

Maurice E. Dockrell, 52, a prominent Protestant, assumes this post for the coming year. In 1956, Robert Briscoe, who is Jewish, held this office.

Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, Ohio, head of the Fair Campaign Practices Committee, had defended Butler's remarks as "surprisingly objective."

Former Cincinnati mayor and former president of the Federal (now National) Council of Churches, Mr. Taft said, "We have read the complete text of Mr. Butler's statement and the text of the statement that elicited it."

"From this we conclude that Mr. Butler was making political and sociological observations in his reply," said Mr. Taft, "and that he was neither making nor reporting a threat to form a Catholic voting bloc."

"His remarks were surprisingly objective," he added.

Renewing the POAU protest, however, Dr. Lowell said, "Mr. Butler predicted that if Sen. Kennedy were denied the nomination, there would be a 'bloc Catholic vote' against the nominee in November."

"If this organization were to say that if Kennedy is given the nomination, there would be a 'block Protestant vote' against him in the November election, your group would immediately charge us with injecting prejudice and bigotry in the campaign," said Dr. Lowell. "We only want to know why you cannot be impartial in your appraisal of such events. How can such a tactic be 'surprisingly objective' for one person and 'religious bigotry' for another?"
Missionaries
In The News

THE following Southern Baptist missionaries are in the news:

Rev. and Mrs. Ebbie C. Smith, appointees for Indonesia, have a third son, Robin Falvey, born July 16. Their address is Box 577, Blum, Tex. He is a native of Houston, Tex.; she is the former Donna Rodman, of Branson, Okla.

Rev. and Mrs. Oren C. Robison, Jr., of Nigeria, have returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed at 32 U. Augusta Terrace, Greenville, S. C. He is a native of Okmulgee, Okla.; she is the former Martha Boaz, of Murray, Ky.

Dr. and Mrs. John D. Hughey, Jr., of Europe, have returned to the States for a brief furlough. Until August 20 they may be addressed at 905 West Ave., North Augusta, Ga. Dr. Hughey, native of Edgefield, S. C., is acting president of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. Mrs. Hughey is the former Evelyn Wells, of Columbia, S. C.

Thomas O. High recently received the Doctor of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., writing his doctoral thesis on the history of educational work related to the Nigerian Baptist convention. Formerly a missionary to Nigeria, Dr. High is now in Guinea. He is a native of Spartanburg County, S. C.

Rev. and Mrs. William P. Malone, Jr., new missionaries in Argentina, have chosen the RIO Negro-Neuquen area as their field of service and are moving there from Buenos Aires. Their address is Casilla 111, Neuquen, Provincia de Neuquen, Argentina. Both are natives of Texas, he of Jackson County and she, the former Janis Metcalf, of Fort Worth.

Dr. Roy B. McKeown, 34, director of the Los Angeles Youth for Christ program, was elected first vice president; Rev. Dave Breese, 32, director of Youth for Christ in Chicago, Ill., secretary; and Dr. Robert McCullough, Tulsa, Okla., was chosen treasurer. (EP)

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Youth for Christ Officers

Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, Wheaton, Ill., was elected to his fourth term as president of Youth for Christ International by a unanimous vote of delegates at the organization's 16th annual Convention at Winona Lake, Ind.

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TO GLORIETA—These Arkansans attended the third Sunday School Week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M. last month. They were accompanied by Lawson Hatfield, Secretary, Arkansas Baptist Sunday School Department.

August 4, 1960
Fayetteville Prepares

Fayetteville 1st—Old (left) and New

$500,000 sanctuary
The church plans to raze the older auditorium.

The ground floor of the new building is used for educational facilities, including classrooms, assembly rooms and a nursery.

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Concerns Of The Liquor Problem

I AM desperately frightened that at this hour of the world one of the great leaders—in his cups a great deal of the time—may let things go. Alcohol at high level international conferences just doesn't look good to me.

I am concerned about the economic loss due to liquor—sick of seeing our car insurance mounting up. I don't believe our economy can stand this thing.

I am concerned about political corruption. The liquor and the gambling interests are the two greatest causes of political corruption.

There is the moral degradation due to liquor. From my own recent experience I am concerned because two fine young men in the ministry are through because of liquor. Liquor ruined them and their families. One wonders where the end will be.

The moral cost is more than society can bear. Alcohol is a symptom and it is also a cause. This I know: we can't become a nation of weaklings and do anything significant for the welfare of the world. As a minister I believe that next to the Christian doctrine of God is the Christian doctrine of man. Man is not to be exploited by profiteers, nor by totalitarians. Man is sacred. Jesus taught this in the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

Man is precious in the sight of God. We can't just sit back and be placid about this liquor problem. It's a deep concern. It's time we did something to call a halt to this exploitation of our fellow men. The whole realm of social problems, health problems, religious problems, stemming from liquor, builds up a tremendous burden of concern. I am not a pessimist, but I am deeply concerned.

There are many approaches to the liquor problem. Some believe in moderation and quote scripture to prove it. Others say you can't go against age-long customs. I am always suspicious of these arguments, especially if the proponents own liquor stocks.

I believe the first approach is to get the profit out of the business—there are such tremendous profits. The liquor traffic exploits its market to the full. Its philosophy is: "Let the devil take the hindmost."

We must show that there are no basic profits for society in the liquor business. We have the right to insist that captive audiences in the homes of America must not be forced to listen to this exploiting propaganda.

We must try to get our people to face up to this issue honestly and squarely, as to their habits, their investments, their property.

We must insist on adequate education both in church and in school. Truth is truth and facts are facts. There are no simple answers, but these are the tasks we must perform. These are the positions we must take to meet the challenge of this generation—Dr. James F. English, Superintendent, Connecticut Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, submitted by Dr. Wm. E. Brown, Executive Director, Christian Civil Foundation of Arkansas, Waldon Bldg., Little Rock.

At Protestant Funeral

LONDON (EP)—An event took place here which was believed to be the first in history—the Roman Catholic Church in England was represented officially at a Protestant funeral.

Three Catholic laymen representing William Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, attended the funeral of Sir Marcus Cheke, a Protestant who died in Rome while serving as British Minister to the Vatican. The service was held at the Anglican Church at Bickleigh, near Plymouth, England.

Pope John XXIII visited Sir Marcus in Rome shortly before the Britisher died, at the age of 54. In appreciation of this gesture, Queen Elizabeth II of England sent the Catholic pope a special message.

Congressional Medal To Heroic Four Chaplains

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—The nation's highest military decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor, will go to the four heroic chaplains of the U.S.S. Dorchester who died in the sinking of their ship Feb. 3, 1943.

It had been held that the four chaplains were not eligible for the Congressional Medal of Honor because it may be won only in combat with the enemy, and the chaplains, although under fire at the time from an enemy submarine, were non-combatants. Now President Eisenhower has signed a special act of Congress awarding the decoration to the four: the Rev. George L. Fox (Methodist), Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Clark V. Poling (Reformed Church in America) and John P. Washington (Roman Catholic).

The four were last seen with their arms linked in prayer on the slanting deck of the ship, after they had forced their own life jackets onto the backs of men who had come up from below decks without them.

Several earlier bills to award the Medal of Honor to the chaplains had failed of enactment because of the legal technicality. Sens. Styles Bridges (Rep.—N.H.) and Stuart Symington (Dem.—Mo.) solved the dilemma by introducing a bill to provide that Congress authorize a special Medal of Honor, of a design to be approved by the President.

Time and place of the ceremony to which survivors of the four clergymen will be invited is being left to the discretion of the President.

SIXTY-SIX students graduated from Hong Kong Baptist College July 12 in the school's first commencement exercises. Twenty-nine of them had completed work in civil engineering, 18 in sociology, nine in mathematics and science, six in business administration, and four in foreign languages and literature.
MR. COBLE

REV. Harold H. Coble has resigned as pastor of First Church, Cullendale, after serving the church six years.

His new ministry will be at First Church, Marshall, Mo., effective Aug. 14.

The Missouri Church has 1,447 members and has voted to enter an extended building program including two educational wings and a new sanctuary costing an estimated $650,000.

During his work at Cullendale 209 were baptized. A sanctuary with an educational wing was completed in 1957 valued at $250,000. A 3-bedroom home for the associate minister was built in 1959.

He has served as moderator of Liberty Association and president of the Camden Ministerial Alliance. He is a member of the Executive Board and the Board of Advisors of Southern Baptist College and is president of the state pastor's conference. In Liberty Association he is chairman of the board of trustees of Beech Springs Camp and chairman of Evangelism.

Assembly Site Near Air Force Academy


Willis J. Ray, Denver, executive secretary, Colorado Baptist General Con-

Gospel Into China

FAR East Broadcasting Company's new 100,000 watt radio station KSBU has officially gone on the air, beaming the Gospel message from its Okuma, Okinawa, location to the China mainland.

William J. Roberts, vice president and executive secretary of the nearly 15-year-old organization, announces: "Just 12 years to the month from the time the first of FEBB's 15 stations started broadcasting the Gospel in the Orient, KSBU — situated on the island outpost of democracy — gave the winds a mighty voice from a four-tower directional antenna system increasing its 100,000 watt transmitter power to an estimated effective radiation of over a million watts, centering on Shanghai."

"Chinese people, under the heel of Communism, can now receive the Gospel on their millions of standard radio sets," he added. "Fanning out north by Peking and south of Canton, KSBU's nighttime coverage penetrates several thousand miles inland."

From the beginning in 1945, Far East Broadcasting Company's vision, according to Roberts, one of the founders of the organization with John C. Broger and Robert H. Bowman, has been to establish missionary radio stations at key locations in the Orient. In Manila, where it had been granted the first missionary radio franchise ever to be issued by the Republic of the Philippines, FEBC now operates eleven transmitters, broadcasting the Gospel in 36 languages and dialects of Asia on 43 program hours each day throughout the year. (EP)

Tournament Winners

RIDGECREST, N. C. (RBA) — Jerry Frady, of Birmingham, Ala., and Jackson Touchberry, of Sumter, S. C., respectively took first places in the finals of the Southern Baptist young people's speakers' tournament and intermediate sword drill here Saturday night.

Frawdy, state winner of Alabama, competed against winners of the tournaments in Illinois, Missouri, Maryland, Florida, and Kentucky.

Touchberry, state winner of South Carolina, competed against winners of the drills in Georgia, Missouri, Maryland, Florida, and Alabama.

Second place winner in the speakers' tournament was Wilma Leslie, of Campbellsville, Ky., while Done Woodruff, of Sycamore, Ga., placed second in the sword drill.

Church Formed At Yokota Air Base

KANTO Plains Baptist Church was formally organized July 24 just outside Gate 5 of the U. S. Air Base at Yokota, 30 miles west of downtown Tokyo. The outgrowth of a Baptist military fellowship started two months ago.

The new church will minister to Japanese, as well as to military personnel in the community.

A people-to-people program directed by Missionary Worth C. Grant (called as pastor) had increased attendance from the original 35 members of the fellowship to about 230 by the Sunday before organization. These were challenged to give their best to Christ by Dr. Winston Crawley, Orient secretary for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The church has purchased a site for a modern building, and construction will begin soon. Another project is an area-wide crusade August 28-September 4, with Brothers Dick and Bo Baker, a musician-preacher team from the States, as evangelists.

Assisting in the formation of the church, in addition to Mr. Grant, were Pastor Milton E. Dupriest, of the sponsoring Tokyo Baptist Church; Dr. G. H. Hays, Baptist mission treasurer.
"Risk Your Mistakes"

QUESTION: I am a young 18 years old and I am in love with a boy who is just a few months older than I. My mother told me to stop going with him after we had gone together one year. I did. Since we broke up I haven't found anyone I like. What can I do? I don't want to make the wrong move so I would like for you to tell me what to do.

ANSWER: I wish someone would tell me what to do too. At least, a part of me, the childish part of me, does. It may sound strange for a counselor to say, but one human being cannot tell another how to keep from making a wrong move. Not usually. In counseling we try to help people to become mature enough to trust themselves in making decisions. All of us have to risk error and failure. Only God knows. We human beings have to judge, think, support, trust, hope.

I'll tell you what to do. Think. Pray. Listen to your mother but judge and act for yourself.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

Fayetteville Motels

Arrow Court—Highway 71 North
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Carol Motel—Highway 71 South
Castle Court & Cafe—Highway 71 North
Center of City Motel—221 S. Block
Chief Motel & Chief Restaurant—Highway 71 North
Circle-C Ranch Lodge—Highway 71 North
College Avenue Motel—334 N.

Brotherhood Chicken Fry Scheduled For August 12, Near Huntsville

The second annual Brotherhood program and dinner for the Northwest Arkansas Region will be held Aug. 12, beginning at 2 p.m., at the proposed Southwide Brotherhood Camp Site near Huntsville.

The grounds, consisting of 1822 acres, are just off of Highway 68, about 8 miles west of Marble.

The program will open with a recreational period featuring swimming, conducted tours of the grounds, and a crossbow contest and demonstration. A song service beginning at 3 will be led by Zeph Fisher, soloist from Hutchinson, Kan. An entertainment feature will be an act by Barry Morris, of Hannibal, Mo., noted ventriloquist-magician.

At 4 p.m. the meeting will be addressed by Rev. Lucien Coleman, Sr., of Memphis, assistant executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission. A barbecue chicken dinner will be served at 5 p.m.

Joseph Coleman, of Tulsa, Okla., will be the featured speaker at the night service beginning at 7 p.m. Introductions will be made by G. C. Hilton, of Fayetteville and Springdale, president of the Arkansas State Brotherhood. Mr. Morris will present entertainment features.

One of the highlights of the day, expected to add color to the program, will be the appearance of a team of Indians from Muskogee, Okla., to take part in the crossbow contest.

For those who wish to make a full day of it, the arrangements committee suggests that fishing is good on King's River, which runs across the property.

Fayetteville Prepares for State Convention

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Building committee for the new auditorium was headed by Frank Suttle, as chairman, and included O. E. Williams, Mrs. Garvin Shipley, Mrs. W. E. MeWhorter, Russell Pugh, W. C. Whitfield, Jr., Mrs. E. H. Sonneman, Mrs. Fred Hunt, Bill Dalton, Bryce Davis, Charles Williams, Luther Freeman, Hugh Stubblefield, Mrs. Evalee Campbell, Russell Oldham and Dr. Hall.

College

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Fountain Motel—Highway 71 North
Iris Motel—Highway 71 North
Maple Court—Highway 71 North
Motel Monterey—Highway 71 North
Motor Lodge—13 Trenton & Highway 71 North
Ranch House Motel—Highway 71 North
Rest Haven Motel—Highway 71 North
Restful Zephyrs Court—Highway South
Sands Motel—229 N. College
Springdale Motel—Highway South Springdale
Sunrise Court—Highway 71 North
Town House Motel & Cafe—217 N. College
Twin Arch Motel—521 N. College
Vet Vue Motel—1140 N. College
Mountain Inn Hotel—29 E. Center (off the square)
Holliday Inn—Highway South Springdale
Rel Gray Victim Of Speeding Driver

A TRAFFIC accident on a country road near Ruston, La., Thursday night of last week claimed the life of Dr. Rel Gray, 49, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, and a former president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. According to information received here, Dr. Gray was a passenger in a truck being driven by a friend and which was struck at an intersection by a speeding automobile driven by a teenager, James W. Davis, Jr., of Ruston, who has been charged with negligent homicide.

Wallace Herbert, 16, of Ruston, a passenger in the Davis automobile, was also killed. E. E. Williams, driver of the truck, was reported in a critical condition following the wreck.

A native of Fordyce, Dr. Gray was graduated from Warren High School, Ouachita College, and Southwestern Seminary. At the spring commencement exercises of Ouachita College in 1957, he received the honorary doctor-of-divinity degree.

His Arkansas pastorates included 1st Church, Rogers, and 1st Church, Helena. He was president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention two years, 1956 and 1957. He had been in Ruston for the past two years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Alice Webster Gray; two sons, Rel Larking, 19, and Daniel Webster, 15; a daughter, Carol Jean, 10, of Ruston; and his mother, Mrs. Ethel Gray, of Warren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, with Dr. Stanley Jordan and Rev. Neil Jackson, both formerly of Arkansas, in charge. Burial was at Warren.

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1960 RA Camps

THE 1960 series of Royal Ambassador camps; sponsored by the Brotherhood Department and held at the Arkansas Baptist Campground, came to a very successful conclusion at the end of the intermediate camp, July 22.

Enrollment at the three sessions this year was 275, including the staff. All camps were well attended, and taxed the present facilities at the campground.

The total number of decisions at the camps was 80, including 15 conversions. Two boys surrendered to the ministry, two surrendered to be missionaries, one surrendered to be a minister of music; 30 boys yielded themselves for full-time service; and there were 30 rededications.

The Brotherhood Department is grateful for every adult worker. We are grateful for pastors who left their churches to give a week of service at Camp; and for Royal Ambassador counselors and other workers who came.

The boy potential in the RA camping program of Arkansas Baptists is inexhaustible. The responsibility of Arkansas Baptists is great indeed in this area. We of the Brotherhood Department are praying that our people will visualize the meaning of a more worthy camping program to our state, to the churches, and to our denomination.

—Nelson Tull

Canadian Doctor
First ‘Good Man’ Honor Recipient

FORMOSA (EP) — A young Canadian doctor, 30, will be the first foreigner ever named a “good man” by the Chinese Committee.

Dr. Al Friesen of the Hualien (Formosa) Hospital of the Mennonite Mission receives the commendation for honoring “good people and good work.” He has repeatedly donated blood to poor patients who could not afford to pay for the necessary blood to save their lives.

The doctor’s self-sacrifice was reported to the Chinese Committee recently after he had saved the life of a pregnant woman by donating 600 cc of blood at one time.
Expansion Week—Aug. 21-26

RECENTLY, I received a letter that shocked and disturbed me a great deal. Some of the statements in the letter should cause much concern about the music program in our churches. Although I want to share with you some of the statements I will not reveal the source of the letter.

This person writes: We have a problem... We are in some of the last remnants of a type music program where the songs our people sing are neither spiritual nor have a scriptural background... We know this music has torn up good churches... Our church has the habit of changing song leaders in the middle of the services, sometimes during the invitation... Revivals are hopeless unless direct control is given to the choice of songs... our pianist can't play correctly... She has the habit of playing during prayer just any song that strikes her fancy and that is not spiritual in the least... When they do venture to use one of our Baptist songs it is played so slow and choppy that we can't sing it... Please Mr. McClard help us.”

My heart goes out to this person and to this church. The problem is personal and should be handled with great care. Musical taste and discrimination of good and bad music for spiritual worship varies according to backgrounds and education of music leadership and congregation. There is a remedy or solution to the problem. It is not in a negative condemnation of what is bad, but rather a positive approach to the church music ministry in every church regardless of size or background of people. There are definite steps that can be taken to grow a musical and spiritual church. We do not have space to enumerate these steps here but we would call attention to the major emphasis before our churches in August that will in itself be a positive solution to the problem mentioned here. The suggested activity this month is Music Expansion Week.

Although August 21-26 has been placed in the denominational calendar as the time for Music Expansion Week you may prefer another date in your church.

Music Expansion Week is a new program. This is the time of planning, enlistment, and training for the music leadership. The emphasis is on music leadership rather than congregation participation. Emphasis will be on enlistment and development of the congregation during September, Church Music Month. Before the rank and file of church members can be enlisted, there must be an organization to utilize them; leaders must be trained in the functions of their offices; a program must be developed; and objectives must be defined.

Write today for the Music Expansion Week pamphlet. If this event is not planned now, make plans to observe Music Expansion Week later in the fall.—LeRoy McClard, Secretary

Each of the five workshops will be directed by a worker from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., assisted by a state approved worker and other leaders from Arkansas.

It’s the opportunity of the year because of the program. Actual units of work will be planned for October, November, and December.

It's the opportunity of the year because the new secretary of the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Dr. Philip B. Harris, will bring the noon day message.

The only expense you will have will be your transportation and meals. Bring two car loads of your leaders to Little Rock on September 27.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

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JAMES KENT has been ordained to the ministry by the Kelley Height Church, Ft. Smith, Ark. Kent, a first-year student in Concord Seminary Center, has accepted the pastorate of Spadra Church, Clear Creek Association.

Murl Walker, pastor of the Oak Cliff Church, served as moderator. Paul Wilhelm, missionary in Clear Creek Association, preached the sermon; State Missionary Wiles interrogated Mr. Kent; the ordination prayer was offered by young Kent's father, Rev. A. D. Kent, Lavaca; Deacon Dorvan Ashlock presented the Bible and sermon; interrogated Mr. Kent; the young Kent's father, Rev. A. D.

The 100th anniversary of 1st Church, Lavaca, was observed on a recent Sunday by Pastor Claude Stewart and members and friends of the church.

The church, known for many years as Oak Bower Church, was organized in July, 1860. It was in the Dardanelle Association until 1870, when the Concord Association was formed.

The church began with 27 charter members and now has a membership of 661.

Some of the early-day pastors were: J. M. Clevinger, F. L. Kregel, A. L. Brown, P. C. Mays, and T. H. B. McAllister.

Brother Brown served a total of 10 years in two pastorates.

Some of the pastors since 1900 were Nathan Keller, Karl McLeod, Jim Crawford, Jim Brewer, A. P. Elliff, John Basinger, Robert Scales, O. M. Stallings, C. D. Peoples, Jack Hull, H. Grayson, A. F. Muncy and F. R. Sawyer. Bro. Sawyer was the first full-time pastor, in 1943.

Karl McLeod, F. R. Sawyer, C. D. Peoples and Robert Scales, pastor of Trinity Church in Oklahoma, were the speakers for the day.

E. O. Armstrong, a Ft. Smith business man, has been ordained by the Northside Church as deacon.

Jay Moore served as moderator; G. W. McAlister introduced the candidate to the council and church; Pastor Orville Haley led in the interrogation; Deacon Glenn Puckett of East Side Church offered the ordination prayer, and Kenneth Kern, pastor of the East Side Church, preached the sermon.

A Sunday School teacher has taught in Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, for 48 years. She is Mrs. Maggie Plunkett, the former Maggie Campbell, who was reared in Ft. Smith.

She has taught Juniors, Intermediates and Adults. She was elected as an assistant adult teacher after retiring. She was honored recently by the church and Sunday School. She is a charter member of the church, which was organized 50 years ago.

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Someone may say, “It’s four o’clock in the afternoon because the four-o’clocks are open,” or “It’s six in the evening, for the honeysuckle is in bloom.” Of course, we cannot tell the exact time by the opening of flower blossoms as we can with a clock, but we can tell flower time.

Flower time is much the same all over the world. The amount of cloudy weather and sunshine have a great deal to do with the opening of flowers. Four-o’clocks do open around four in the afternoon, and honeysuckle is an early evening opener.

Among the earliest clock flowers are the dandelion and morning-glory, which open around four o’clock in the morning. Many colorful poppies open about five in the morning when the sun is rising. Some poppies open later in the morning, around nine o’clock. Marigolds and pinks open between six and eight in the morning. Iris blooms open at three or four in the afternoon.

Of all the time-telling flowers in our wondrous world, the white water lily is one of the most beautiful and most accurate. These fragrant summer blossoms on their rubbery stems are found in ponds and in coves of lakes. Usually they open about six o’clock in the morning, close around midnight, and open again early the next morning.

If you have an opportunity to watch these huge buds, don’t miss the miracle of white water lilies awakening from sleep. You will want to say with the psalmist: “Many, O Lord, my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done” (Psalm 40:5).

Prayer of Thanks
By G. J. Groenewoud

For food and drink, for home and friends,
For happy days that know no end,
For health and strength, for sun and shade—
All these, kind Lord, thy hand hath made—
And now my voice in thanks I raise
To sound my gratitude and praise. Amen.

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Sunday School Lesson

**God's Love For His Children**

(An Old Testament Picture of the Love of God)

Hosea 11:1-2

By REV. PAUL McCRAY, Pastor
Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith

When thinking or speaking of God's Love for His people we automatically think of the cross as the highest and holiest expression of God's love. On Calvary we see love at its best. In the Old Testament we see glimpses of God's grace and love but do we not see anywhere in the Old Testament the love of God more clearly and graphically portrayed than in the prophet Hosea.

**I. Fatherly Love 11:1-4**

The book of Hosea is filled with various symbols that describe God's relationship to Israel. God is described as a devoted Husband (2:19); a merciful redeemer (8:2); Israel's Maker, (8:14); their Savior, (13:4); The Lord, their God (14:1). But the most tender intimate relationship that Hosea uses to describe God's love and nearness to his people is that of a faithful Father. In our text we observe a number of comparisons. As a loving father God recalls Israel's infancy and says, "When Israel was a child I loved him, and out of Egypt have I called my son" (11:1). Like an earthly father God looks beyond the present evil situation that Israel is in and with warm pathos sees Israel as a child. As any natural father God continued to call in spite of Israel's deaf ears (11:2). "It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up into my arms but they did not know that I healed them" (11:3).

Israel like a forgetful child, and like so many of us today, forget the one who was their very sustenance; He who taught them the essentials of life and cradled them in his arms of kindness, led them by compassion and love. Like rebellious Israel God's people today need to be reminded of God's fatherly love for us.

**II. Chastening Love 5-7**

Chastisement is corrective as well as punitive. Chastening is an evidence of God's displeasure but it is likewise proof of his love for us. Any father, who is truly concerned about the welfare of his child, frequently must punish the child for its own good. As a matter of fact if God doesn't chastise us, we are not His. The writer of Hebrews says, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Heb. 12:6).

In the Old Testament God's chief method of chastising his people was captivity by a heathen nation. God promises, "The Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. And the sword shall abide on his cities" (11:5-6). God uses various methods today but He still chastens his erring people.

**III. Everlasting Love 11:8-12**

Israel is bent on backsliding (11:7) and has broken every commandment: She has been guilty of having other gods, (3:1); worshipping images (8:5). They have been guilty of swearing, lying, killing, stealing and committing adultery, and their priesthood and religion is utterly corrupt, and thus corrupts the people: "Like people, like priest" (5:9).

Israel is utterly useless — God describes them as an adulterer, a harlot, a backsliding heifer, transgressors, a half baked cake, a sily dove, a useless vessel, a wild ass, a fruitless tree, an empty vine, a deceitful merchant, chaff, and unwise son; and yet God cries, "How shall I give thee up, oh Ephraim? How shall I deliver thee, Israel? How shall I make thee as Admah? How shall I set thee as Zeboim? Mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together" (11:8). God is saying that these cities that were destroyed along with Sodom and Gomorrah is the judgment that his backsliding people deserve.

However, God's feeling of anger turned to pity and compassion.

Where can you find a stronger assertion of everlasting love, apart from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord?

**Conclusion**

Hosea shows us that like a father, God loves us. Being a faithful father He chastens us — this is an evidence of fatherly love, and just as an earthly father loves a wayward son, even more God's love for his children is everlasting.

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DEACONS—
(Continued from page 3)
The pastor informed the deacons of the steps taken and the record of each nominee was placed in the hands of the deacons. In trying to choose between the nine, the deacons explored several avenues of approach.

When they tried to say we will take six who have been members longer it was pointed out that they would be overlooking someone who received more votes than did the six. Other methods ended in about the same problem. At this point the pastor reminded the deacons of the question that had been raised from the floor about the rotation system. He suggested that they might recommend the ordination of all nine and the adoption of the rotation system to become effective Oct. 1.

It should be stated here that the rotation system had been discussed in numerous deacons’ meetings and an article had been written on the subject and published in the church paper; therefore, it was not a new thing to be considered. The deacons, knowing that all nine of the nominees were worthy men, chose the plan suggested by the pastor and the church unanimously adopted the recommendation.

The nine were ordained on Aug. 23, 1959, and in the months that have followed there has not been a bit of dissent relative to the manner of choosing the deacons. While this is not projected as a perfect plan, it is hoped that it might help someone struggling with this problem. It is scriptural in that the church chooses from among their number 10 or whatever number is decided upon by the same church.

THE CONGO—
(Continued from page 5)
Titus M. Johnson, veteran Evangelical Free Church missionary and now an instructor at Trinity Theological Seminary and College in Chicago, was back in the Congo for a year’s service in a hospital operated by the Swedish Mission Covenant Church. After a dramatic escape, he wrote to friends in America:

Jesuit Suggests Reading Plan

NEW YORK (EP) — A Jesuit priest-editor has suggested a plan for solving the “thorny” problem of which version of the Bible should be read in public schools.

Addressing a national meeting of Protestant educators here, the Rev. Walter M. Abbott, S. J., suggested that a “certain number of Biblical scholars” — Protestant, Catholic and Jewish — work together for a “common Biblical reader” containing only certain scriptural passages, which would be suitable for reading in public schools in states where the procedure is either mandatory or permissive.

“This could be done soon,” he said, “and therefore we could have a ready answer to the problem of what translation of the Bible should be used in the public schools.”

Father Abbot, an associate of America, national Catholic weekly, addressed some 100 delegates to the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches’ Committee on Religion and Public Education.

He emphasized that his proposed translation must be a “national venture” containing only “certain passages.”

“Things got beyond all limit and description … White people beaten and put in jail, women abused, nobody safe … Bayonets were put to ribs, guns pointed at us from all sides. ‘Doctor or missionary,’ they said, ‘it does not matter who you are or what you do. It is your skin.’”

One thing was certain. However the immediate crisis might be resolved, missionary work in the Congo would demand prayer support as never before. Approaches and procedures would have to be re-evaluated in the light of this strongest ever Nationalism; every effort would be made to preserve all the gains of the past three quarters of a century.

To their Christian friends all over the world, the missionaries of the Congo were saying, “Brethren, pray for us” as never before.

Baptists Bond Issue

DALLAS, Tex. (EP) — The Texas Baptist Church Loan Corporation has approved a $2 million bond issue to help new and growing Southern Baptist churches in California and other Pacific Coast states finance construction programs.

A. B. White of Dallas, the organization’s vice president, said West Coast churches had flooded the Church Loan Corporation with requests totaling nearly $2 million since he visited the area last March.

DR. PAUL M. Stevens, director of the Radio-TV Commission, and Truett Myers, the agency’s TV consultant, are currently on the West Coast completing the 1961 TV film schedule for The Answer series.

Three dramatic films and a documentary are among those now being finished. Paul Harvey of Chicago, Ill., well known news commentator, is narrating the filmed documentary account. It shows scenes from a world journey made last year by several doctors to share their knowledge and skills with medical missions wherever they stopped. The film, provided through cooperation of Baptist World Alliance, is to be called “Project: Brother’s Keeper.”