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Convention Income

THE EXECUTIVE Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention reported total receipts from churches of \$22,849,419, with \$14,260,302 of that amount coming through the Cooperative Program for Southern Baptist Convention agencies in 1957. This compared with \$20,942,547 in 1956, with \$13,210,279 through the Cooperative Program.

The administrative section of the Executive Committee 1958 report was presented by Porter Routh, executive secretary, Nashville.

Among actions taken by the Executive Committee were:

1. Approving funds for Midwestern Seminary, created by an action of the 1957 session of the Convention. Funds were drawn from the Convention's operating budget from the Executive Committee reserve, and from the Baptist Sunday School Board. The Executive Committee also authorized the seminary trustees to take whatever legal action was necessary to obtain property for a campus. It authorized a loan which was down payment for the property.

2. Authorizing the Radio & TV Commission to spend \$100,000 allocated for capital needs in '58 for production of films.

3. Giving the library of the late Dr. Austin Crouch, first executive secretary of the Executive Committee, to Midwestern Seminary and deposited the balance (in accordance with Dr. Crouch's will) of his estate — about \$10,000 — to a special fund. Income from investment of this fund goes into the Executive Committee's operating account. Dr. Crouch died Aug. 27. He was one of the leaders responsible for formation of the Executive Committee and was called as its first executive secretary.

4. Authorizing New Orleans Seminary to use up to \$255,000 of reserves on construction of the seminary's new chapel.

5. Approving Southeastern Seminary's borrowing \$200,000 against its capital needs allotment for 1959.

6. Approving the request of the Hospital Commission that Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., be allowed to add two floors to its children's hospital, borrowing money against its future budget income.

Two other matters were referred to the Executive Committee by the Convention but the committee said it had no recommendation to present. These pertained to changes in the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention and to state representation on Convention agencies.

Routh reported that James M. Bulman, minister of East Spencer, N. C., brought suit last August "seeking to restrain the Executive Committee from

receiving or disbursing funds since it was alleged that the Southern Baptist Convention was improperly constituted."

Superior Court Judge Walter E. Johnston of Greensboro, N. C., dismissed the suit "for want of jurisdiction of this Court over the person of the de-

fendant." Bulman has appealed the lower court decision to the North Carolina Supreme Court, Routh said.

Also included in the report were recommendations for Convention action, and statements about the Baptist Jubilee Advance and the Forward Program of Church Finance. (BP)

Home Mission

THE HOME Mission Board reported to the Convention that it has opened work in New York City, launched a program to combat juvenile delinquency, appointed a liaison worker with Canada Baptists, employed an associate director of work with Negroes and a director of church surveys, and made progress in its "30,000 Movement" goals during the past year.

Highlights of the achievements include a reduction in the number of non-resident members of Baptist churches. The percentage has declined since 1954 when it was 31.9 per cent to today's 28½ per cent.

Simultaneously-conducted revivals are planned in Southern Baptist churches next spring. Meetings are scheduled by zones for Mar. 15-29 and Apr. 12-26. Jan. 5 has been set aside as Soul-Winning Commitment Day in churches.

"A preliminary survey of the territory served by the Home Mission Board shows the need for more than 30,000 new churches. In addition there is likely a need for at least 60,000 missions," the Executive Secretary Courts Redford

said.

Since Jan. 1, 1955, the Home Mission Board has made 717 loans to churches totaling \$7,905,750.

The Home Mission has a goal of 1,050 missionaries working among minority and language groups by 1964, Baptist Jubilee Year. As of Dec. 31, there were 776 missionaries in this type of work.

There were 43 city missions programs operating by the close of '57. The Home Board hopes there will be 90 such programs functioning in Jubilee Year.

"The attainments in rural missions have so far exceeded the goals fixed . . . that they have thought it proper and wise to reach in 10 years (1954-64) the goals that were originally planned for 25 years," he said.

Redford said the Board now serves in 43 states, 24 more than it did in 1940. It also has work in Cuba, Alaska, and the Canal Zone. The Board is anxious to establish more and more new churches in pioneer areas, with a goal of 6,600 churches in 1964. (BP)

Extension Education Program Explained

"THE SEMINARY Extension Department serves the whole Southern Baptist Convention in correspondence education and operates extension centers in 16 states," Director Lee Gallman, Jackson, Miss., told the Convention.

The department covers all states but those in which Southern Baptist colleges have their own extension centers.

The Seminary Extension Department is a joint undertaking of the seminaries owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Gallman said that the Seminary Extension Department is one of three educational groups "serving where two-thirds of our pastoral leadership is inadequately trained." The other groups are Bible schools or institutes, and extension departments of Baptist colleges.

As of Mar. 1 there were 2,407 correspondence students and 89 seminary extension centers which had operated in various communities in the 16 states. During the year 1957, nearly 3,500 students took work offered by the department, either at extension centers or through correspondence courses, he said. (BP)

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Call Sounded For 200 New Missionaries

REPORTING FOR the Foreign Mission Board, Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen described opportunities for Christian missions abroad which present great challenges to Southern Baptists.

"Doors are open in many countries where we have had mission work only a few years," he said. "The rise of Communist power in China thrust us into a vast missionary expansion in the Far East. The entire map of Africa is being restudied from a standpoint of missions advance.

"We are challenged by large areas in the Moslem world where limited witness for Christ is found. Doors have been opened in many countries in Latin America where only a beginning has been made."

Cauthen said "Southern Baptists ought to be sending no fewer than 200 new missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board each year. Our hope is to be able to appoint 130 in 1958. What we are doing falls far short of the potential God has given."

There were 1,186 missionaries under Foreign Mission Board appointment serving in 39 countries as of Dec. 31, the board's personnel office reported.

Cauthen called on Southern Baptists to pray for foreign mission work. (BP)

1171 Commissioned as Chaplains; 425 on Duty

"ACTIVE DUTY quotas for Southern Baptist chaplains in all branches of the services are filled." That's the word from Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains Commission of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. The Army and Navy continues to accept our well qualified applicants — the Air Force accepts only those to fill Baptist vacancies.

In his report to the Convention about chaplaincy work, Carpenter said there were 1,171 commissioned Southern Baptist chaplains, 425 of them on active duty — 153 with the Army, 95 with the Navy, 130 with Air Force, and 47 with Veterans Administration. (BP)

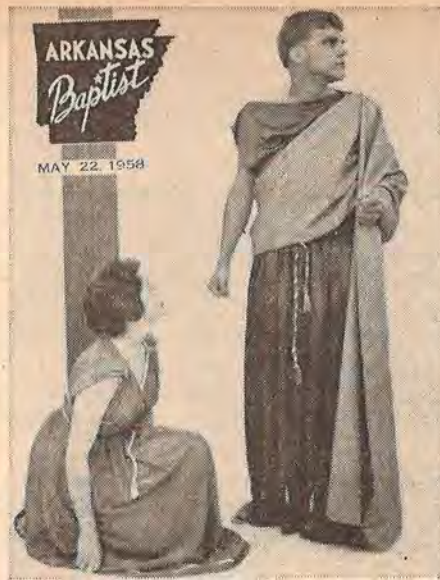
Midwestern to Be Ready For Students This Fall

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY, in its first report to the Convention, announced plans for opening to students this fall and told of buying campus property and selecting a faculty.

The report was presented by Millard J. Berquist, president of the new institution, located at Kansas City, Mo.

"It is hoped that we may commence construction of our first buildings in the fall of this year, to be ready for occupancy in September, 1959."

The seminary will use buildings of Calvary Baptist Church in Kansas City as temporary quarters. (BP)



WMU Reports Growth In All Organizations

THE WOMAN'S Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Convention, reported membership gains in all its organizations. It also reported the transfer of two phases of its work.

Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham executive secretary, presented the report. She reported that the total membership in all WMU organizations was 1,307,775 last year, an increase of 60,347 (4.8 per cent) over the year before.

By organizations, the increases were: Woman's Missionary Society, up 1.2 per cent to 729,139 women; Young Woman's Auxiliary, up 7.7 per cent to 70,777 members; Girls' Auxiliary, up 11½ per cent to 256,811; and Sunbeam Band (young children), up 8.6 per cent to 251,048.

Royal Ambassadors, missionary organization for Junior and Intermediate age boys, had been completely transferred to sponsorship of the Brotherhood.

She also reported that the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, once under operation of the WMU, had been transferred to the Convention proper.

The 1956 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions totalled \$5,240,745 but the 1957 Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions fell \$258,140 short of its \$2 million goal. (BP)

72,000 Patients Treated In Convention Hospitals

THE HOSPITAL Commission reported that over 72,000 patients were admitted to its two hospitals, in New Orleans and in Jacksonville, Fla., last year.

The report for the Hospital Commission was presented by Executive Secretary-Superintendent Frank Tripp of New Orleans. (BP)

(Additional Convention Reports on pages 6 and 7).

Ouachita Presents Ancient Greek Play

THE OUACHITA College Speech Department will present an original adaptation of the ancient Greek play "Antigone," by Sophocles, May 23, 24 at 8 p. m., as part of the commencement weekend activities. The adaptation was written by Dennis Holt of the speech department staff. The presentation is under his direction.

On Tuesday evening, June 17, the Ouachita group will present the same play in a special premiere performance at the National Thespian Society Dramatic Arts Conference at the Purdue University theater. This performance will be one of two special demonstration college performances. The other one will be Shakespeare's "Macbeth," by a dramatic group from Alfred Tech in New York State.

Mr. Holt has been assigned to do the Purdue performance for almost a year. The privilege came as a result of his featured high school performance of "The Glass Menagerie" from Malvern High School, which was the play and group chosen as the demonstration play in this same festival in 1954. Being selected as one of this year's demonstration college drama groups is a distinct honor for Ouachita. Such groups as the University of Indiana, University of St. Louis, and University of Pittsburgh have been the featured groups in the past.

In the cast for "Antigone" are: Betty Hill, Detroit, Mich.; Sonny Sejliff, Magnolia; Shelby Funk, Singers Glen, Va.; Jim Wallis, Beaumont, Calif.; Bob Graham, Conway; Carole Crockett, Ft. Smith; Kay Petty, Springdale; Betty Adney, North Little Rock; Bill Gilbert, Springdale; Homer Moore, Stuttgart; Jack Parsons, St. Louis, Mo.; and Carolyn Croft, Springdale. The student technical director is Marty Gilbert, from Fayetteville. The student assistant to the director is Jane Middlebrooks, from North Little Rock. Director of sound is Afif Srouji, from Nazareth, Israel, a senior at OBC.

Two World Meetings For Baptists Outlined

TWO WORLD meetings of Baptists were outlined to the Convention in the report of Arnold T. Ohrn, Washington, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

The first scheduled world meeting is the Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada June 27-July 2, 1958. "An attendance of not less than 5,000 young people from 50 or more countries on all continents is expected," Ohrn declared.

From June 26-July 3, 1960, the tenth Baptist World Congress is scheduled in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. "The program will be evangelistic in nature to give a great Christian witness to the people of Latin America," the general secretary reported. (BP)

"On the Right Side of Fifty"

A BAPTIST pastor who was interested in making a change of pastorates described his age as "on the right side of fifty." In his late forties, he thus innocently or unconsciously was bowing to the false reasoning all too common among churches that the pastor they call must invariably be "young." That was several years ago. Now, on "the wrong side of fifty" by a few years, he has retired from the ministry and has developed a thriving business in which age is no handicap. Let us hasten to say that this particular man's age was only one factor in his inability to continue in the ministry. But it definitely was a prominent factor.

Why should fifty or fifty-five or sixty be the age deadline for ministers that sets them apart and "on the shelf" so far removed from the thinking of pastorless churches and their pulpit committees as not to receive a prayerful thought in consideration for a pastoral call? All too frequently the terrible deadline is forty or even less. It is not unusual for the age requirement to be placed at "not over 35."

This is a strange phenomenon in a society that has seen great educational and health progress in the past half century that has added many, many more potentially useful years to the average life span. It is almost unique in a land where business, medicine, science, and politics, to mention but a few, regard the maturity which comes with the passing years as an asset and not a liability. Who would ever think of a physician as being "too old" to practice medicine merely because he has passed fifty? Consider the average age of our law makers on Capitol Hill, where many a public servant continues in places of maximum responsibility and usefulness well beyond the Biblical "three score years and ten."

Not the least of the regrettable aspects of the artificial age barrier that is frequently thrown across the minister's path is the fact that the nature of a minister's work is such that he must spend many of his youthful years securing the basic education essential to maximum success. Today the bachelor-of-divinity degree is regarded as the educational "standard." This requires three years of study in a theological seminary, beyond four years in college. That means that if a preacher goes right on through college with no interruption after high school, and through seminary with no break after college, he will be in the neighborhood of 25 when he graduates from seminary. If he should go on, then, to secure his doctor-of-theology degree, this requires at least three more years, making him a pre-maturely grey 28 by the time he is ready to enter his life work on a full-time basis.

Actually, few men ever finish all this education on such schedule, for various reasons. Frequently several years are required to find one's self. A check of the students at any of our seminaries will reveal that many of them were headed for careers other than the ministry, and, quite often, had actually become established in other careers before entering the ministry. Others because of financial difficulties require extra years to work their way through. This leaves an even shorter period to serve so that they find themselves regarded as "too old" ten, fifteen or twenty years after graduating from seminary.

Baptists as a people need to do some prayerful re-thinking of the requirements of the pastorate. We believe in a God-called ministry, in an educated and Spirit-filled ministry. We believe that churches and pulpit committees, as well as ministers, should seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the matter of where a preacher should serve and how long. If a man is God's man for the place, he is "on the right side of 50" regardless of his age. And, while this editorial has been addressed primarily to the age of the minister, it can also be said that if a man is God's man for the place, he is the right man regardless of whether he has been to the seminary or not.

Personally Speaking . . .

"God is Good to Us"

A FEW SUNDAYS ago I was the supply preacher for a church in north central Arkansas and met again, for the first time in many years, a man and his wife who had been fellow church members and dear friends of mine a long time ago.



They invited me to their home for lunch and we had opportunity to review the swift years since we had last been to-

gether.

"The Lord has been good to me," said the husband, who is now three score years and ten. "And he has been good to my wife," he added, quickly.

"Now I agree with you that the Lord has been good to you," I quipped. "But when you say He has been good to your wife — well, I don't know about that!"

He got the point and we had a laugh together.

"The Lord has been good to me." How often we say this or hear it said. But how childish we often are in judging or evaluating God's goodness.

Many a Christian thinks there is good only in the things that give pleasure or delight. Business is good — our health is good — "The Lord is good!" But it is not so easy for us to see that God is no less good to us in sickness, in adversity, in poverty, in sorrow.

Paul took a wide view of the experiences of life. He had learned as a Christian fully yielded to the Lord that God never ceases to be good to His children.

The difference for Christians is not that suffering and sorrow never come, but that ". . . all things work together for good to them that love God . . ."

Like the tree planted by the rivers of water, the Christian grows and prospers and fulfills God's purpose for his life, through the rains of life as well as the sunshine.

The trials that come to us serve to keep us from anchoring our lives to the things of this world, which are always passing away, and turn us anew into the haven of rest found only in Christ.

Romans 8:28 is a light for Christians they can count on in their darkest nights.

Erwin L. McDonald

Shut-In's Day

Dear Editor:

As representative of the Shut-In's Day Association in Arkansas, I will greatly appreciate it if you will remind readers that on June 1 International Shut-In's Day will be observed for the 16th year.

It will be appreciated if all pastors will mention Shut-In's Day in the church bulletin on or before Shut-In's Day.

Will you request every one to please send clippings and church bulletins mentioning the special day to me? — Miss Buel McGhee, Green Forest.

On to Pittsburgh

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We are planning to start a Southern Baptist mission in Pittsburgh, Penn., this coming summer. You can help us greatly by running notice of this in the **Arkansas Baptist** along with the request that if anyone has the names of Southern Baptist people living in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area, please send them to me. — Ray E. Roberts, general secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, 1680 E. Broad Street, Columbus 3, Ohio.

Prayer Request

DEAR EDITOR:

Your earnest prayers are requested for a first-time call to prayer and meditation of the seven Baptist bodies participating in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The meeting is to be held on the campus of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., June 18, 19, and 20. The meeting begins at noon on June 18 and ends at noon on June 20. Participating will be Evangelism and Jubilee Advance Committee representatives from the seven Baptist bodies. It is not a meeting of planning and promotion but a meeting of meditation and prayer. It will be more meaningful if you join in prayer for us. — Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, Tex.

A Call to Prayer

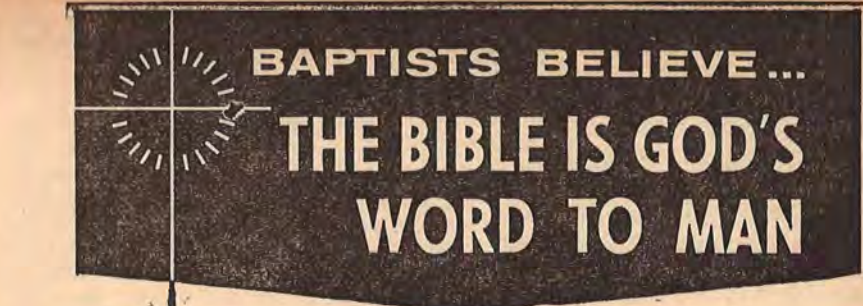
AS THE Baptists of North America join in a continental-wide program of Christian witness, to culminate in a sesquicentennial jubilee meeting in 1964, let us remember that prayer is the secret of victory.

Only prayer can ready us for the effective work of the Holy Spirit in calling forth the needed volunteers for life service from all of our more than 30,000 churches.

Only prayer can unite all of our churches in behalf of the establishment of 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964.

Only prayer can effectively prepare us for the evangelistic campaigns of 1959.

Since Sunday, June 1, has been design-



Baptists believe in a supreme Book, one that presents the laws of God for man to follow. They

believe that this Book is from God, and that it remains the same from one century to another. Though written long ago, it is just as supreme as when recorded.

It is not a book to be changed by congresses and courts, even if these are set up by churches or religious organizations. Nor is it a book for any single class.

This Book, of course, is the Bible. Written by many authors, it has sixty-six books that unfold real life stories. Their accuracy is supported by men of today who have explored the civilizations of nations that no longer exist.

Despite the various nationalities and languages of its writers, and the hundreds of years over which they lived, there is a remarkable unity in the Bible that indicates its inspiration by God, a truth that Baptists devoutly believe.



The Bible is a Book of history, telling how man and God have dealt with each other. It is a Book of law setting forth rules by which man must live in his relation both to God and his fellowman. It needs no supplement to bring its message to the twentieth century.

But the Bible's true significance is not measured by its historical accounts nor by its laws alone. The Bible is a Book about life. It tells us how we should live to bring happiness and justice to others and to ourselves.

No other book can match the Bible in telling us about death and how to secure everlasting life after death, or in describing a way for us to escape punishment for our wrong thoughts and actions.



The Bible has a life-giving quality as it centers about the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God who became a human being to rescue us from sin and the punishment that follows sin. It tells how Jesus died on a cross for his teachings and for the way of life he demonstrated. The Bible shows us the place of death in the scheme of life; it says that death is not the end of things, because it tells how that same Jesus rose from a grave and was seen and recognized by people after death.

The Bible opens to us the opportunity to believe in this same Jesus and to receive life in heaven after the end of our earthly existence.

As our preachers often say, "All the Bible is the Word of God and all of it is for all mankind." Its message means most to those who read it with a desire to practice the way of life it prescribes.

nated as a Day of Prayer in behalf of the 1959 Simultaneous Baptist Evangelistic Crusade, may each of our more than 30,000 Southern Baptist churches appropriately observe that day, along with the 45,000 other co-operating Baptist churches of North America. Jesus said, upon looking on the multitudes, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38).

Is it too much to hope that the doors

of all our churches may be open, day and night, on June 1, as our beloved members come and go from their quiet seasons of prayer?

Such a season of prayer — with the pastor leading, and with the deacons and other workers and members co-operating — could prepare the hearts of Baptists for a glorious era of soul-winning in 1959 such as they have not known until this day — R. Paul Caudill, pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

PENTECOST, 1958

By ANDREW M. HALL

(Scripture Reference: Acts 2:1-4)

WE THINK of Pentecost as a pivotal point in the history of Christianity. It was the dawn of a new era. The Apostles saw an unleashing of heavenly powers heretofore undreamed of—and heard a sound “as of a rushing mighty wind.”

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a digest of an address given by Dr. Hall, pastor of 1st Church, Fayetteville, at the annual Pastor's Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention, Houston, May 18.



DR. HALL

Some of the residents of the Southwest could stand and testify of first hand experiences they have had during tornadoes. Ask the residents of Judsonia, Arkansas about the peculiar feeling they had when they saw a “two-by-four” beam driven through a bale of cotton — a thing a cannon ball could scarcely penetrate. This is only a physical manifestation. How much more is our God able to let His power come into us spiritually!

Had linotype been in vogue at Pentecost I fancy that several editions of the news would have been necessary to handle the events. Extra! Extra! New developments in the Jesus case! Mighty spiritual hurricane follows ten-day prayer service. Galilean fishermen speak in many languages. Some claim miracle — others doubt. Extra! Extra!

It is not the purpose of Mr. Christian, 1958, to be satisfied with ancient accounts of Bible history. Dr. Halford Luccock tells of the young high school girl who visited a well known Civil War battlefield one summer. After she had seen the place of battle and heard descriptions of the attacks, she said to her father, “This is the first time I realized that the Civil War was not just reading matter.”

From the apparent lack of Pentecostal fervor in our time it appears that for millions the New Testament is just reading matter. We should open the pages of God's book with the same type of excitement and expectancy that a teen-age girl opens a letter from her sergeant-fiance who has been overseas for six months.

Christianity Caught

Paul said Jesus “showed himself alive” (Acts 1:3). For too many generations the church has been content to let Christ occupy a place on a pedestal or cross, all too often in the midst of burning candles. Lest we forget, Christianity not only conquered through its message, but through the warmth of that message. It was and is caught more than taught.

A newspaper account told of the recent passing of a wealthy woman in the East. Among other things the article mentioned that this woman had “added no new names to her invitation list during the past 25 years.” This made me wonder if a similar article could be written about certain of our churches — “no new names on the invitation list” — an indictment against killing complacency.

Pentecost was fully come. God was there. The people were there. The Holy Spirit was there. The King James version says “mighty rushing wind.” Weymouth says “blast.” At any rate there was an openness and glorious response. When God is present and men's hearts are right there is no need of worry pertaining to the little nibbling troubles which sometimes stand in the way of spiritual power.

Love Prompts Harmony

The spirit of Pentecost gives us a freedom and a love which makes possible harmony in place of misunderstandings. We will have no fear of facing any issue squarely. Have we reached the point in the history of our Convention at which we circumvent an issue simply because it is explosive? Traditionally we have argued, spoken strongly of our convictions, voted our majority ballots, and walked arm in arm to lunch together — whether of the same or of opposing opinions. We need to avoid ever reaching a point at which we would fear to speak, or feel secure only when enveloped in a mutual back-scratching society. At Pentecost:

They were all with one accord (Acts 2:1). It is a certainty that the members of the early church did not agree upon every small detail. However, they were agreed upon the saving power of Jesus Christ and His Ability to change men inwardly.

All of us have attended an outdoor symphony concert. How could I ever forget the old bandshell in Little Rock's MacArthur Park? There were so many children in our family that my parents found it easy to take us to the “free” concert on a summer night. There we were — people of different nationalities, sizes, ages, religions, and economic standards. There was the usual chatter and then suddenly the cymbals sounded and the music was playing. All at once we were “caught up” together by a common devotion — a love of music. This was the precise effect of Pentecost. They were together in Jesus. The analogy holds true today. Each Sunday there are millions of Christians who pour into our churches. Though there are vast personal differences they are drawn together by one common bond — to worship Jesus Christ as Saviour.

The late Dr. M. Theron Rankin told of an interesting experience in a Japanese prison camp in China. Certain

duties were assigned to the inmates and on one occasion Dr. Rankin was appointed with one other to go down a certain path and await food rations for the group. Suddenly from nowhere two Japanese officers stood before the American.

“You Breetish?” one of the men asked.

“No, American,” answered Dr. Rankin.

“You Chreestian?” the Japanese officer asked.

“Yes, Christian,” Dr. Rankin replied.

Then in staccato-like fashion the officer extended his hand, shook hands warmly with his prisoner, and said, “Me Chreestian, too.” For one brief moment while two nations were bitterly at war, these two smiled in knowledgeable friendship for they worshipped the same Christ. In a very vivid sense they were of “one accord.”

The people at Pentecost were lifted by an unseen power. The Spirit must break through to us where we are. But we, like they, must be receptive. How can God get through to flesh that is habitually pampered and spoiled? How can He burst asunder our traditions which are sometimes more sentimental than fundamental? How can He break into our air-conditioned churches which are so comfortable and satisfying? How can we reconcile Pentecost with sordid reading matter, pornographic literature, men's “entertainment magazines,” and similar material so frequently found in church members' homes? How can God pour out His Spirit upon us when we carry His money in our hip pockets? How can the Spirit of God bless our nation when our sense of values is so distorted that we could pay more money to swash-buckling Elvis Presley than to Dwight Eisenhower?

Pentecost Can Come

Can Pentecost come in 1958? Is it some historical event which cannot be repeated? No. It can come when the same conditions are met. We do speak in tongues. The American Bible Society now has translations in over 1,100 languages and dialects. That is a miracle. I saw old Mexico City agog recently when Billy Graham spoke to surging, record-breaking crowds. The EI Presidente of Mexican Dupont, an American, was converted. So was a diplomat's son and a barefoot Aztec Indian woman. Pentecost can come.

In Madison Square Garden I saw people saved by the thousands. There were impressive and expressive faces. In London I saw people get more excited about going to the big stadium to hear Billy Graham than I could have imagined. Pentecost can come.

Governor Gary of Oklahoma went out recently on a regular church visitation night and won a family to the church. Pentecost can come.

Forward Program Report Given

MANY CHURCHES have doubled, and in some cases even tripled, their annual budgets through using the newly-developed Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists, Merrill D. Moore reported to the Convention. The average increase in amounts pledged to the budgets was 84.1 per cent, according to Moore.

Moore is director of promotion and associate executive secretary of the Executive Committee, Nashville. In his position, he helps lead the Convention in Cooperative Program promotion and in the area of the Forward Program of Church Finance.

"This program was offered to churches of the Convention generally for the first time in the year 1957," Moore explained. "This followed its development upon Convention instructions in 1955, and its use in a select group of 44 churches in test campaigns in the fall of 1956."

The program is designed to be used by churches in fall campaigns to pledge their church budgets for the following year. "Many churches reported 'We doubled our budget.' A number reported 'We tripled our budget,'" according to Moore.

Uniformly and almost unanimously pastors reported: "The greatest results of the Forward Program were not monetary, but spiritual," he continued.

Clinics and training sessions in use of the Forward Program have been, and are being, held in various states over the Southern Baptist Convention to familiarize pastors, church leaders, and denominational workers with it. Moore

cautioned that the program is a tool which produces results in proportion as it is used properly. "It is not a magic formula, but a program of work," he said. (BP)

Baptist Colleges List Honorary Doctorates

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The following is a partial listing of honorary degrees being granted by colleges and universities related to Baptist state conventions.

Furman University, Greenville, S. C. — Roy O. McClain, pastor, 1st Church, Atlanta, and Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., pastor, 1st Church, Greenville, doctors of divinity; Sidney Walter Martin, president, Emory University, Emory University, Ga., doctor of laws, and William Marion Whiteside, Columbia, S. C., retired superintendent, South Carolina Baptist Hospital, doctor of humanities.

Mercer University, Macon, Ga. — Josiah Crudup, president of Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga., and Bela A. Lancaster, superintendent of schools, La-Grange, Ga., doctors of laws, Harry V. Smith, Atlanta, executive secretary, Georgia Baptist Foundation, doctor of divinity.

Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. — Thomas B. Maston, Ft. Worth, professor of social ethics, Southwestern Seminary, doctor of literature; W. Ray Bryan, Bethesda, Md., director of cancer research, U. S. Department of Health, Education & Welfare, and J. M. Wolfe, professor of anatomy, Albany (N. Y.) Medical College, doctors of science.

Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex. — J. C. Cantrell, Dallas, executive secretary, Texas Baptist Foundation, L.L.D., and W. Neil Record, pastor, 1st Church, Tulsa, Tex., doctor of divinity.

Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee — Richard Thomas Hopper, pastor, 1st Church, Ardmore, Okla., and John Allen Pennington, secretary of Brotherhood and evangelism, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, doctors of divinity; Col. Carey Law O'Bryan, Jr., Air Force, Washington, D. C., doctor of law.

Louisiana College, Pineville, La. — T. C. Pennell, pastor, Ingleside Church, Shreveport, La., doctor of divinity.

Howard College, Birmingham, Ala. — J. W. Lester, pastor, Colbert Heights Baptist Church, Tusculumbia, Ala.; Samuel E. Maddox, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.; Richard Crowe, pastor, First Baptist Church, Albertville, Ala.; Charles C. Bowles, pastor, Hunter St. Baptist Church, Birmingham, and H. Van Eaton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jasper, Ala., all doctors of divinity; Woodrow E. Elliott, superintendent, Shelby County board of education, Columbiana, Ala., L.L.D. degree, and Claude H. Estes, Jr., Birmingham realtor, doctor of humanities.

Enrollment at Institutions Shows 3 Per Cent Growth

"ENROLLMENTS IN 70 Southern Baptist educational institutions reached in 1957-58 a record total of 59,371, surpassing the 1956-57 figure by 2,036, or 3.6 per cent," according to the report to the Convention by its Education Commission.

R. Orin Cornett, Nashville, Commission executive secretary, presented the report.

"This non-duplicating 12-month total of regular students does not include 6,941 students enrolled in special, non-credit, and extension classes, or approximately 3,400 enrolled in the Seminary Extension Department," Cornett continued.

By classifications of institutions, enrollment comparisons with the previous year were: seminaries, up 5.4 per cent; senior colleges, up 3 per cent; junior colleges, up 5.1 per cent; academies, up 7.7 per cent, but Bible schools, down 8.3 per cent.

Things "worthy of notice" in Southern Baptist higher education during the year were listed by Cornett as "moderate gains in enrollment, significant increase in financial support, generally rising costs of operation, and a perceptible tightening of standards."

Support of Baptist institutions by the various conventions operating them increased 9.9 per cent from 1956-1957 — from \$11,742,769 to \$12,905,972.

"Other donations, gifts, and grants totalled \$8,142,140 for 1957, up 8.7 per cent; income from tuition and fees increased 11 per cent to \$16,810,364; and income from endowment was \$3,294,901, up 12.5 per cent," according to Cornett.

Cornett reported that the Southern Baptist Convention will open a new seminary — its sixth — this fall in Kansas City, Mo. Elsewhere plans are materializing for new Baptist colleges in Louisville, Ky., and in Houston and Dallas, Tex. (BP)

Consultants Recommend Keeping Carver Separate

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Chicago management consultant firm, has recommended that Carver School of Missions and Social Work here continue as a separate institution, and not be consolidated with any seminary.

Carver School is operated by the Southern Baptist Convention on a campus next door to that of Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville.

The recommendation was one of about 20 the management consultant firm presented after completing a survey of Carver operations. The report was presented to Carver trustees.

Trustees went on record that "Carver School is absolutely needed in denominational life." It should be devoted, they said, to advanced missions and social work.

Home Board Evangelism Office Calls Yearby

DALLAS —(BP)— Vernon Yearby, state secretary of evangelism for Alabama Baptist convention, Montgomery, has joined the staff of the department of evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, here. He is the son of Dr. I. L. Yearby, who until recently was Arkansas' secretary of evangelism.

Leonard Sanderson, HMB secretary of evangelism, said Yearby will prepare materials for local church programs.

Yearby is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, and Southwestern Seminary. Before joining the Alabama Convention staff, he was pastor of 1st Church, Florence, Ala. He is a member of the trustees of Southwestern Seminary.

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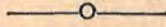
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*Children of deceased child take their parents' share.

†A surviving wife or husband takes 1/3 of real estate for life and 1/3 of personal property absolutely. Neither share is subject to debts of the deceased wife or husband.

Married Man or Woman Survived by No Children or Their Descendants

ALL PROPERTY



(1) A surviving wife takes 1/2 as against other heirs. As against creditors, she is endowed with only 1/3.

If the real estate is an ancestral estate, the surviving wife takes 1/2 for life only as against collateral heirs, and 1/3 for life only as against creditors. Upon her death this share goes to the heirs of the blood of the ancestor from whom it was derived.

A surviving husband takes 1/2 absolutely as against other heirs, except as to wife's ancestral real estate he takes 1/3 for life. As against creditors he takes only 1/3 of real estate for life, and 1/3 of personal property absolutely.

(2) If the estate be a new acquisition, the parent's portion ascends to the father and mother for life in equal shares. Upon the death of one parent the share enjoyed by said parent passes to the survivor for life, and then both shares descend in remainder to collateral kindred in the following order—brothers and sisters or their descendants—grandfather, grandmother, uncles and aunts.

If the estate comes by the father it descends to the father and his heirs—if by the mother it descends to the mother and her heirs.

If only one parent survives the entire portion ascends to the surviving parent and then descends in remainder to the collateral kindred as above.

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Children of a deceased child take their parent's share.

Widow or Widower, Without Children, or Unmarried Man or Woman Survived by Father, Mother or Both
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If the estate be a new acquisition, the parent's portion ascends to the father and mother for life in equal shares. Upon the death of one parent the share enjoyed by said parent passes to the survivor for life, and then both shares descend in remainder to collateral kindred in the following order—brothers and sisters or their descendants — grandfather, grandmother, uncles and aunts. If the estate comes by the father it descends to the father and his heirs—if by the mother it descends to the mother and her heirs. If only one parent survives the entire portion ascends to the surviving parent and then descends in remainder to the collateral kindred as above.

Married Man or Woman Survived by No Kindred of any Degree
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● **MRS. JULIA E. Stanfield**, 74, wife of A. N. Stanfield, who held a number of pastorates in Arkansas, died in the Municipal Hospital, Guymon, Okla.

In their church activities in Arkansas, the husband served pastorates in Dalkirk, McGehee, Rison, Kingsland, Lockesburg, Gentry and Magazine, prior to going to Guymon where he served several years as pastor of 1st Church until his retirement.

● **PASTOR PAUL FOX**, of Calvary Church, Little Rock, fractured his right leg just above the ankle in a fall recently at his church. At the time this was written, May 13, he was still in Arkansas Baptist Hospital, but was expecting to be able to go home during the week. Supplying his pulpit on May 18 and 25 is his father, Evangelist Arthur Fox, formerly of Morristown, Tenn., and now of Georgetown, Ky.

● **DR. W. HAROLD HICKS**, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, will be the baccalaureate speaker for Central High School, Little Rock, Sunday night, May 25. The weather permitting, the service will be held in Tiger Stadium, beginning at 8:15 p. m. Dr. Hicks' subject will be, "God's Challenge to Youth."

● A \$50 **LOVE** gift was presented Pastor Doyle B. Bledsoe, 1st Church, Booneville, on his first anniversary with the church, May 4.

● **E. S. RAMSEY**, deacon in 1st Church, Marshall, had his eighty-ninth birthday recently. Brother Ramsey has been a Christian about 70 years and had been a deacon about 36 years. He is an Associate Sunday School teacher. He goes with the Pastor to Zion's Light Baptist Church nearly every Sunday afternoon and teaches a Sunday School class there. He taught public school 47 years.

● **DR. HERBERT H. Haney**, associate pastor of the 1st Church, Marianna, has been named professor of English at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, beginning in September. Dr. Haney is a graduate of the New Brunswick Teachers College, Fredericton, New Brunswick. He earned his B.A. degree at Acadia University, Nolfville, Nova Scotia. In 1941 he earned the B.D. degree from the Acadia Divinity School. He has earned the B.D. degree and Th.D. degree from the New Orleans Seminary. Dr. Haney is a former pastor of 1st Church, Arkansas City,



DR. HANEY

Mrs. Lena Barnes Winburn, Pastor's Widow, Dies

MRS. LENA BARNES Winburn, 76, Little Rock, widow of Dr. Hardy L. Winburn Sr., died May 13. She was a former resident of Arkadelphia where her husband pastored 1st Church for 30 years.

She served as dean of women at Ouachita for 10 years. Survivors include four sons, Hardy L. and Sinclair Little Rock; Wade, Arkadelphia, and William Winburn, Chattanooga; three daughters, Dr. Martha England, New York, Mrs. Van Wright, Benton, and Miss Nancy Winburn, Alamogordo, N. M.

MARY LOUISE Wilson, Marvel, won first place in the 19-24-year division of the Training Union State Speakers' Tournament at the Youth Convention, April 25, and will represent Arkansas at Glorieta during Arkansas Training Union Week, June 12-18. She is a graduate of Ole Miss. The subject of her speech is "God's Valuation of a Human Life."



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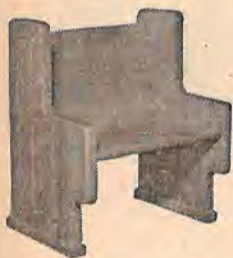
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Revival Reports

JOSEPH A. Hogan, pastor, 1st Church, Marshall, did his own preaching in the spring revival and C. R. Passmore, choirster, led the singing. Crowds were larger than any time during the ministry of the present pastor. There was one profession of faith and one by letter during the meeting. Since the meeting the church has had seven additions, five for baptism.

PASTOR J. HARVEY SCOTT, of 1st Baptist Church, Petersburg, Tex., was the evangelist for a revival meeting May 4-11 at Central Church, North Little Rock, Dr. C. Gordon Bayless, pastor. There were 10 additions to the church; 8 by baptism and two by letter. The largest crowds in recent years attended.

DR. C. GORDON BAYLESS, pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock, was the evangelist April 20-27 for a revival meeting in 1st Baptist Church, Pampa, Tex., where Dr. E. Douglas Carver is pastor. There were 40 additions, 26 by baptism. Gene Bartlett, secretary of the Church Music department for the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, led the singing.

Dr. Bayless served as pastor of the Pampa church from 1937 to 1942 and this was the second time he had been back to lead an evangelistic campaign. According to Dr. Carver, the largest crowds in the sixteen years of his ministry at the church attended the recent revival.

DICKSON RIAL led 1st Church, Harrison, in a youth-led revival which ended Apr. 6. Gayle Bone directed the singing. Twenty-one additions by baptism, six by letter and one by statement were reported by Pastor Bill Cook.

VILLAGE CHURCH had 14 professions of faith, 12 joining the church by baptism, and 45 rededications during the revival ending Apr. 20. Allen McCurry, 2nd Church, Searcy, was the evangelist and Willie Knox Andres, Shreveport, led the singing. Robert W. Collard is pastor.

TWELVE PROFESSIONS and three additions by letter were recorded by 1st Church, Booneville, in a recent meeting led by Ray Branscum, South Highland, Little Rock. Gerald Howell, Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith, led the singing. Pastor D. B. Bledsoe said the 682 attendance in Sunday school was an all-time record.

RED RIVER Church, Hope Association, reported 13 additions, seven by baptism, at the recent revival. Frank Breithaupt, Shreveport, was evangelist.

SIX ADDITIONS by baptism and five by letter were reported following a revival meeting at Mill Mission, Lewisville. Dwight Clark, mission pastor and music director for 1st Church, did the preaching.

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Evangelism Plans

YOUR SUPERINTENDENT of Missions has been asked by the Executive Committee to serve as secretary of



DR. CALDWELL

evangelism until the survey committee makes its report. It will be impossible to fill Dr. Yearby's shoes and do all that he has been doing, with my other responsibilities, but I will do my best, with your prayers and cooperation. We must not let evangelism become secondary. The flames must become brighter, our efforts should be increased, and the results should be greater.

Most of the Associational Simultaneous Crusades for 1958 are over. While we must keep the spirit of evangelism going through the rest of the year, we should be planning now for the great nation-wide crusades in 1959. We will secure for you a calendar of activities for the 1959 Crusade. Remember that June 1 is a day for special prayer for next year's crusades. Pray for power, pray for the spirit of cooperation.

We would caution all about delay in setting up the plans in the associations and churches. Plan an associational clinic. Get the churches committed. Secure your evangelist. Don't wait!

Building Aid Requests

In Carroll County, the associational missionary and some interested people in the Rudd Community are building a beautiful mission in a strategic location. Many of those working on the building are unsaved men. This will be the only Baptist Church in the southern part of Carroll County. The call has come for help and we must respond.

Batson Mission, which was started last summer by the associational missionary, is located on the mountain, north of Clarksville. The small, but enthusiastic group of worshippers there want a building in which to carry on their services.

Pendal Mission is on Highway 65, between Marshall and Harrison. The Leslie Church, which sponsors two other missions, is the mother of this one, which is 35 miles away. Recently ground has been given and plans have been made for a permanent building. They are looking to the Department of Missions for financial help.

Altus Church in Clear Creek Association has had a hard struggle in recent years. Much of the time the church has been pastorless and would have ceased altogether had it not been for a few faithfuls. During these years the roof has leaked, the foundation began to crumble, and now something must be done if the building is saved. A full-

CHURCH MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Director

Adult Conference

THIS IS the fifth in a series of articles on the South Arkansas Music Conference on Ouachita College Campus, June 16-20, and North Arkansas Music Conference at Siloam Springs, August 19-26.



MR. McCLARD

The Adult and Leadership Division is for any person beyond the high school age. It is for the musician and the non-musician, the trained and untrained.

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10:15, beginning conducting, or choral procedures; 11:15, ministry of music, or arranging and composition; 12:15, lunch.

1:15, song interpretation, or choral techniques for junior and senior high choirs; 2, recreation; 5:30, dinner.

6:30, worship; 7, choir; 8, combined choirs; 8:30, stunt night, talent night, recitals, concerts, surprise features; 10, to bed; 10:30, lights out.

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time pastor is on the field and a request has come for help.

Pleasant Ridge Church in Black River Association was organized in 1955. They have been worshipping in an old Methodist building constructed in 1895. Now the church is planning a new building and is asking for liberal help from state missions.

A new church in Jonesboro, worshipping in an old store building, states that it will build soon and would certainly appreciate help.

Ida Church, Little Red River Association, was started as the result of a tent revival by Jesse Reed. The membership is small and is worshipping in the school house. The request has come, "If we purchase the school building, could the Department of Missions help in closing the deed?"

Space will not permit to list all the requests on hand. The total of the requests, already received, is more than the entire amount set up in our budget for the year. It will be impossible to comply with every request. The old, well established churches should keep in mind that the "destitute" places should come first.

Mrs. Mary Short, WMU Leader, Dies

IN THE early afternoon of Thursday, May 8, a true "Handmaiden of the King," Mrs. J. E. Short, Pine Bluff, was called to her Heavenly home. For 25 years she had served through the state organization of Woman's Missionary Union and even longer through her local church and association — and always wholeheartedly. Her wise counsel was given with conviction and after prayerful consideration. Her loyalty to and love for Kingdom work was unsurpassed.

In 1931 Mrs. Short was elected president of Southeast District WMU, and as such vice-president of the state organization. She filled that place until 1942 when her fellow Baptist women elevated her to the state presidency, and thus vice-president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. Her field was expanded, her zeal and earnest endeavor



intensified. The records contain many accounts of her wise leadership during those years and even later when she was chairman of the Methods and Finance Committee (now the executive committee) of the executive board, and as adviser of the State Federation of Business Woman's Circles. In 1954 she was elected a life member of the WMU executive board and was very active in the group until her death.

Her interests were not circumscribed by any one organization. Her first love and loyalty was to her Saviour whom she served through all organizations and channels of her church. She was the teacher of a large woman's Sunday school class. She had served on several state denominational boards and in civic organizations.

Memorial services were held at the 1st Church, Pine Bluff, May 10. The presence of a great host of friends was evidence of the esteem with which she was held. Hearts were saddened, but "This is the comfort of friends, that though they may be said to die, yet their friendship and society are, in the best sense, ever present because immortal."

Mrs. Short is survived by her husband, a brother, J. W. Howell, Searcy, and a nephew, Johnnie Howell, whom the Shorts have reared.

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BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS

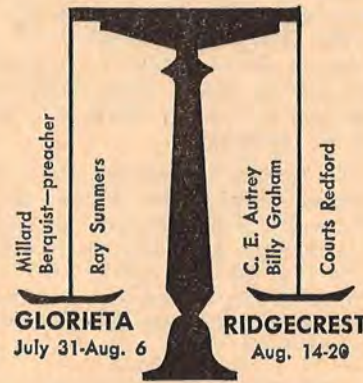
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THEME: FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

June 1 The Final Judgment
8 Sinless Perfection: Direction or Deception?
15 The Holy Spirit
22 The Nature of Hell
29 The Nature of Heaven

City	Station	Time
Arkadelphia	KVRC	3:00 p.m.
Batesville	KBTA	10:00 a.m.
Benton	KBBA	1:30 p.m.
Conway	KCON	7:00 a.m.
DeQueen	KDQN	
El Dorado	KELD	2:30 p.m.
Fayetteville	KFAY	9:30 a.m.
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
Hope	KXAR	5:00 p.m.
Jonesboro	KNEA	9:30 a.m.
Little Rock	KLRA	9:00 p.m.
Mena	KENA	1:30 p.m.
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Seasonal Opportunities

ALTHOUGH THIS seems to be a year when there is to be a quick transition from winter to summer, without the benefit of spring, most of us are ready to admit that summer is arriving, even a little ahead of schedule. And with the coming of summer there opens up a wide variety of opportunities for service which are peculiar to the season.



MR. TULL

First, there's Vacation Bible School, an activity which can be made one of the most fruitful of all the endeavors of church life and work. Children love it. They love the singing, the Bible study, the marches, the mission study, the handwork, and every other activity of Vacation Bible School.

Then there are summer camps! There will be six Royal ambassador camps this summer at the Arkansas Baptist Campground. Schedules and registration sheets are in the hands of pastors and counselors. We hope that your church will have boys at each one of the camps.

And don't forget the Assembly at Si-loam Springs. There will be two weeks of assemblies, during which emphasis will be given to several of the functions of our churches, pointing to better and more effective work.

Then there's the annual State Brotherhood Encampment, scheduled for Arkansas Baptist Campground, July 25 and 26; and the Second South-wide Royal Ambassador Congress, in Fort Worth, Texas, August 11-14; also Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest, June 19-25, and Brotherhood Week at Glorieta, August 14-20.

RA CONGRESS REPORT

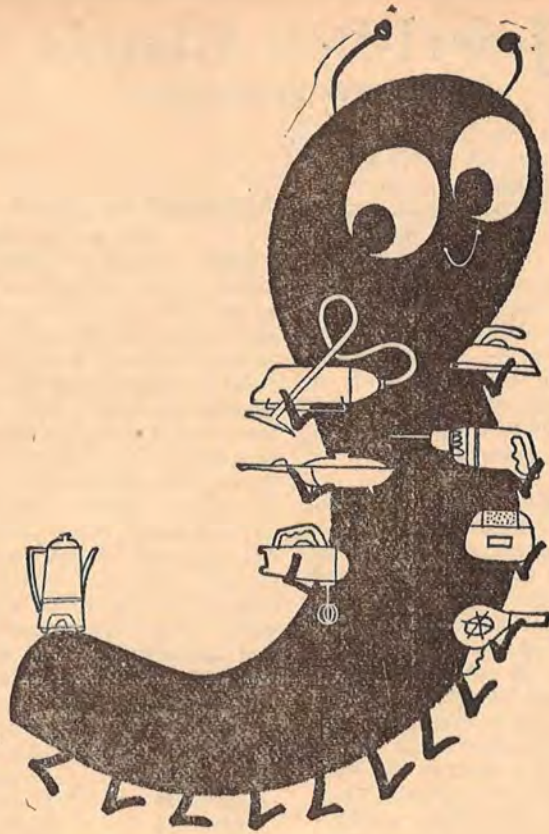
The State Royal Ambassador Congress on May 2-3, was a very good meeting. Due to the closing of so many highways and the very bad weather the attendance was much smaller than usual. There were about one hundred and seventy-five in attendance. Ingram Boulevard Church, West Memphis, led the attendance with 24 present.



MR. HARLAN

The State Officers elected for the new year were: Donald Harlan, Calvary Church, West Memphis ambassador-in-chief; Danny Fowler, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, first assistant; Bill Wesley Philliber, Calvary Church, North Little Rock, recorder; and Glenn Lindsey, 1st Church, Monticello, herald.

The Congress next year will be held on May 1-2.



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Jewel-Box Clouds

By COZETTE HOLMES MOTT

IF YOU'VE looked up into the heavens and seen feathery soft clouds sprinkled with glistening colors of pink, rose, emerald green, and other colors, you've looked at one of the most beautiful creations of the sky and heavens. You're sure to remember, "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time" (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Jewel-box clouds — or iridescent clouds as they are called — cover a large part of the sky when they occur. They are not limited to one dense cloud formation, but they spread as far as the eyes can see.

Jeweled clouds are a particular kind of cloud pattern. They resemble feathers, or tufts of feathers, and they seem to form in bands, like sheep gathered in the sky. They are found at greater heights than most of the clouds we see every day. And they are cold, thin — very thin — clouds in comparison with the more dense rain clouds.

Their water content is small, and the water droplets that make up the clouds are also small. Very seldom do they indicate rain. They are usually fair-weather clouds — unless they suddenly increase in size, becoming dark, dense, and heavy with rain.

Jeweled clouds are formed by light rays from the sun being bent around rain droplets. When rays of sunlight are broken up by raindrops, the colors in the powerful sun rays are split up into colors.

Someone has called these jeweled clouds, "God's flower gardens in the heavens."

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THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



"Er, Herbie, I think there has been a slight mistake."

Alphabet in Green

By Leona Meals

ONE OF Mother Nature's favorite colors is green. That is why she clothes so many things in that color. She is also a first-class artist, using a great variety of shades of green. These range from a definitely bright green to yellowish, brownish, and grayish green. For centuries artists have tried to capture these colors on canvas and to blend them with one another as harmoniously as does Mother Nature.

This green color scheme is carried out, not only in the leaves, grass, vegetation, and the waters of the vast oceans, but in rocks and minerals as well. There are so many green rocks and minerals in the world that the whole alphabet is represented in the following list.

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| 1. agate | 14. nephrite |
| 2. bloodstone | 15. olivine |
| 3. chrysocolla | 16. prehnite |
| 4. diopase | 17. quartz |
| 5. emerald | 18. ricolettaite |
| 6. flinkite | 19. serpentine |
| 7. garnet | 20. turquoise |
| 8. hornblende | 21. unakite |
| 9. isinglass | 22. variscite |
| 10. jade | 23. wavellite |
| 11. kyllite | 24. xanthophyllite |
| 12. leadhillite | 25. yttrifluorite |
| 13. malachite | 26. zircon |

Some of these rocks and minerals are common, easily found and quickly recognized. Others are rare and hard to identify because they are covered with other material, known as matrix. Some of these green rocks and minerals are on the surface. Others are deep in the earth, where they were formed under great heat and pressure a long time ago. These have to be mined.

Next time you are in the mountains, at the desert, or at the seashore, look for Mother Nature's green rocks and minerals. Pick up as large a variety as possible.

Perhaps a friend, who has a rock and mineral collection, or a rock dealer could identify them for you. In no time at all, you will be well on your way toward assembling and learning your alphabet in green.

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● THREE MORE churches in Washington-Madison Association have added the Arkansas Baptist to their church budgets. They are South Side, Friendship and Immanuel.

● TUPELO CHURCH has finished their parsonage. The congregation also has redecorated the interior of the church, installing new pews. Pastor Vernon Wasson has been on the field about five months.

A Smile or Two

Something to Count On

A WASHINGTON reporter just back from Cape Canaveral, remarked to the National Press Club that he had made an interesting discovery among the electronic brains and Buck Rogers-like equipment at the Florida missile base. It was an ancient Chinese abacus, encased in a glass wall cabinet. On the cabinet were these instructions: "Break Glass in Case of Emergency." — Quote

HALF A loaf is better than no coffee break at all. — Cy N. Peace

A LUXURY is anything you don't need that you can't do without. — Franklin P. Jones

NOBODY IS entirely wrong. Everyone agrees with us about something. — D. O. Flynn.

SOME YEARS ago a Congressman, whose primary came right in the middle of the session, had a difficult decision to make. He put it like this in a stump speech when he finally got home:

"My friends, I pondered long the question, should I stay in Washington and protect the taxpayers, or come down home to look after my little petty political interests? In these meditations I drifted into Statuary Hall where the great marble effigies of the heroes of the past are preserved. I paused in front of the statute of Thomas Jefferson to put the same question to him. I could almost see his marble lips move and his voice came crystal clear: 'Stay here.'" His opponent, however, had a very good answer: "You'd better elect me instead of a fellow who goes around mumbling to statues." — Brooks Hays

"IS THIS a healthful climate?" inquired the tourist, hopefully.

"Healthful! Why when I first came here I couldn't walk, had to be fed because I couldn't lift a spoon to my mouth — I couldn't even talk!"

"Really!" replied the tourist enthusiastically. "How long have you been here?"

"All my life — I was born here." — Baptist & Reflector

THE CLERGYMAN was an expert in human relations who was disturbed during a sermon by some noisy persons. He did not scold or manifest any sign of anger.

"I am always reluctant," he said quietly, "to expose those who misbehave during services, because of an experience I had some years ago. A young man who sat in front of me was laughing and making grimaces. I was annoyed and rebuked him severely. Later I was told that I had made a grave mistake. The man I had reproved was an idiot."

The noise-making subsided. — Baptist & Reflector

Living by God's Laws

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Deuteronomy 6:11

In these recent weeks of study, we have been given by divine revelation, in a general way, what God expects of His people. Soon after their departure from Egypt God revealed His law to them through His servant Moses. After giving them their laws, He then provided for them a program of worship to keep them close to His teachings. These people were then tested as to their faith in God's promises, and found miserably short.

These Israelites failed God at Kadesh-Barnea, and as a result were turned back into the wilderness for a long period of time. They were now forced to live by God's law. They had no alternative.

On their journey, they come now into the plans of Moab, where they seem to have time to hear a series of lectures by Moses. These lectures sum up the laws of God and interpret them so the people can have no excuses for not obeying. These laws were given as a guide for this nation in its worship and conduct. These laws appealed to the Israelites to obey the Lord and to serve Him faithfully. Here in the wilderness is brought to their attention the imperative importance of the very first commandment: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The necessity for obedience to this one God and their undivided love for Him is impressed upon them as a condition of receiving God's blessings.

Conditioned Blessing

God has always purposed to bless His people, but only in proportion as they serve and obey Him. Great and strong emphasis is placed on observing and teaching God's law to their immediate followers, and to perpetuate it into the future generations. Moses seemed to understand quite clearly the weaknesses of the people he was leading. He knew that their natural inclination was away from God. Such has been and continues to be the nature of the human race.

The wisdom and authority of God was strongly represented in the commandments and statutes given on Mount Sinai.

God intended that these people should take these statutes seriously. They were to be followed faithfully. They were given to the people for their encour-

agement to engender respect for God, and to grow a righteous nation. God has such a purpose for all of His laws.

This admonition and exhortation shows us quite clearly what our first duty to God is. In Ecclesiastes 12:13, we have this Scripture, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." We can never hope to approach God unless we respect His holiness and His majesty and are willing to voluntarily follow Him in obedience and keep His commandments.

Message for Today

We could well afford to spend quite a lot of time on this statement, because it is as applicable today as it was when these people were traveling in the wilderness long ago. We are as forgetful of God's laws as they were, and we have less reason for our forgetfulness than they had. They had been away from slavery for a very short time, and we have been living in a free land all our lives, and our parents and grandparents for many generations back of us.

Moses emphasized the necessity of them keeping the law before them constantly, and teaching them to their children. Deuteronomy 11:18: "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes."

His insistence here is that we make God's law a part of our life, and that our hands shall constantly use His word; also that our eyes should be windows through which God's law should be reflected. The following verse, Deuteronomy 11:19, "And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou riseth up."

Here, we not only have a command to keep the laws of God, but to teach them to our children. I am of the opinion that God is emphasizing the fact our children are given to us as a trust, and that we as parents are responsible to God for the teaching of His law to them.

In this passage he intreats to be constantly teaching His words while we are sitting in our house, or walking about the farm or business, or when we are retiring for the night, or arising in the morning. This teaching of God's law to our families is a constant program. We do ourselves an injustice if we do not follow this passage through. Note the very next verse, "And thou shalt

write them upon the door post of thine house, and upon thy gates." Here we are admonished to keep God's law posted in our own home, where our family can constantly have it before them, but not to overlook the fact that visitors might be coming our way, and to have God's law so well posted that a casual sojourner can see it there. We can have many opportunities to exploit God's law by keeping our Bibles handy and reading in our family devotions when company is there as we do when alone.

Reasons for Demands

We cannot well afford to overlook the 21st verse, because God gives us here some of the reasons for making these demands upon us: "That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth." Deuteronomy 11:21. Here we have a promise given to those who through their unbelief were turned away from the Promised Land, that their children might receive that which they had forfeited. Their mistake of not trusting God can now be turned profitably into teaching a future generation.

This, to us, should be a profitable lesson. We have missed many good things in life because of our shortsightedness and unbelief, but we should be teaching this present generation the necessity of keeping God's laws exactly as they are given.

This generation, and the one immediately preceding us, has been a generation of "short cuts." So many professed Christians have been and still are trying to magnify the non-essential. The violation of a law given in Moses' day is still a violation and will meet with the same condemnation. So many times we are prone to try to justify ourselves by the age in which we live, but God has given His laws that are applicable to all ages. Each generation is held equally accountable.

There is not a single one of the Ten Commandments that we would vote to dispense with. God, seeing our long-time need for such laws, gave them to us to keep through all generation.

In order to make them more simple to keep and to teach, Jesus summed them up, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first commandment. The second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

In these statements, Jesus did not do away with a single one of the commandments. To be a good neighbor, we cannot break a single one of the ten commandments given to Moses, and to love the Lord with all our hearts, soul, and mind, we again have to keep them all.

God gave us His law to be kept through all generations. We live by keeping God's law. Let us be good spiritual citizens, and not spiritual outlaws.



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Optimistic Note

Wide Interest Seen in Baptist Work

AS I TRAVEL over the state I am impressed with two or three things of deep significance. First, there is an excellent spirit among Arkansas Baptists. The attitude of the people toward our total Southern Baptist work is encouraging. In spite of the unusual spring rains and the retarding effect of the recession there is an optimistic spirit. I detect a general feeling that people believe God has great things in prospect for Arkansas Baptists. Everywhere the spirit of cooperation is evident. All of this adds up to great promise.



DR. WHITLOW

Another thing, the people are interested in the progress of our work. They have many questions to ask. They are entitled to every bit of information we have concerning our work. They want to know about the plans for the work of our Department of Evangelism. Even though we have already stated the action of the Executive Committee on this matter, many do not know the plans. The Executive Committee has asked Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions, to assume this added responsibility until the "do-it-yourself" survey of our Baptist work in Arkansas is completed. Thus, it will be some time next year before the final decision is made concerning this phase of our work. However, we all may be assured the work of evangelism is in good hands. Dr. Caldwell did an excellent job of promoting evangelism before the department was set up as a separate work in our state.

Likewise, the people are interested in the Co-operative Program receipts. For the first four months this year we have received a little more than for the same period of 1958. However, our increase was during the months of January and February. The total receipts for March and April this year were hardly up to that of last year.

In all likelihood the total mission contributions of our churches will be affected more by our degree of good stewardship than by the economic conditions. All of this leads us to encourage the churches to give serious consideration to promoting the Forward Program of Church Finance in the church this year. Brother Ralph Douglas is in charge of this particular phase of our work. He will be glad to confer with any pastor or church concerning this matter and lend any assistance possible.

In a neighboring state all but seven churches contributed to world missions through the Co-operative Program last year. It would be a noble thing if our associational missionaries would make this an objective in their associations this year — a 100 per cent participation in mission giving. —SAW

Stewardship

We Have Something to Sell

THIS IS A DAY of experts. Our American people can and do promote almost everything in a big way. The fashion designers came out with the chemise-sack dress that give the women a "sacked-up" appearance. We took one look and thought, "Well, it will take some expert promoting to sell that to the modern woman."



DR. DOUGLAS

promotion.

Yet, when we look at the churches, we feel that somewhere down the line that some of the power of promotion has been lost. Stewardship and tithing have been preached from the pulpit, taught in Sunday School classes, preached in Stewardship revivals, and yet only about 22 per cent of the tithe of Baptist income goes through the church.

Now, along with other things, Baptists have an opportunity to enter into a promotion plan that has heavenly designs. We speak of the Forward Program of Church Finance. We say "heavenly designs" because the plan is a scriptural approach to the whole doctrine of stewardship.

Many Baptists who are not now concerned with the matter of stewardship can be enlisted if approached in the right manner.

A very prominent and wealthy business man was a church member but too busy to attend church and too wealthy to tithe. The young pastor started praying for the man and became genuinely concerned about him, and finally made an appointment with the church member.

The preacher sat in the plush environment of the executive's office and laid the claims of God upon the austere heart of the man. He told the man of note that he was laying up treasures on the earth and was failing to lay up treasures in Heaven, therefore he could never find the joy of his salvation. After suggesting that the man start attending the church services and giving his tithe through the church, the preacher asked, "Aren't you willing to take God's way of stewardship?"

The wealthy man sat in silence. The preacher again pressed God's claim and then the millionaire took a piece of paper and wrote on it and gave it to the preacher — "I am too deeply concerned to speak." Needless to say the great business man became a good steward and one of the greatest Christian laymen of his city.

The Forward Program of Church Finance enlists the good stewards of the church to help the pastor promote and preach the doctrine of stewardship. —RD

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