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# ★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

A condensed summary of trends and events taken from publications and original sources each week by Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

## Facts of Interest

A survey of 621 colleges and universities indicates that 15 per cent of the students are in need of psychiatric care, according to the National Conference on Health in Colleges. Only two per cent of the students actually suffer breakdowns. The survey showed that 28 per cent of the approximate 1,200,000 veterans are married. Sixty-six per cent of the married veterans live off the campus, and approximately 40 per cent have children.

The Veterans Administration has figured that the last veteran of World War I will probably die by 1995, and the last World War II veteran by 2030. By 1957, the number of veterans and members of their family who will be prospective applicants for government benefits will number 62,500,000.

And according to Victor Roterus, University of Michigan, there will be three times as many people in the United States above 50 years of age in 1975 as there were in 1920. He predicts a growing population in milder climates and larger sale of books as older people have more leisure time.

The Department of Commerce reports that American women spent \$21,500,000 to beautify their hands in 1946, with greater use of nail-enamels.

Income payments to individuals for the first quarter of 1947 were at an annual rate of \$177,000,000,000, about seven per cent above the 1946 total. Consumer credit also soared

\$330,000,000 in March to make the total at the start of April \$10,047,000,000, a gain of \$3,059,000,000 during the year.

## In the World of Religion

King George VI has summoned the British to a national day of prayer on July 6 to "humble prayer and sincere dedication to Almighty God." Church leaders have called all citizens to return to the standards of the Ten Commandments and of Christ's teachings, to repent of irreligion and to turn to God in prayer.

The Roman Catholic Church has been accused of political activity in this country and abroad in a report adopted by the council of bishops of the Methodist Church. The report pointed out legislation passed in Spain and Argentina at the insistence of the Roman Catholic Church which limited religious freedom.

The 159th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. will meet at Grand Rapids, Mich., May 22-29.

Anna M. Jarvis, originator of the Mother's Day idea in 1907, still lives in West Chester, Pa. Blind and deaf, the 83-year-old lady regrets that the day she started to honor her own mother has been commercialized.

"Live Christ-Teach Christ" is the theme for the 21st International Sunday School Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, July 23-27.

Dr. R. L. Decker, Kansas City, was re-elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

## Baptist Highlights

Dr. G. Ward Fenley, editor of the Baptist New Mexican, has been appointed head of the public information service for the University of New Mexico.

Barry Garrett has been elected editor of the Arizona Baptist Beacon.

Two prominent Southern Baptist pastors, R. C. Howard, Oklahoma City, and John A. Davison, Selma, Ala., died last week.

The Southern Baptist Convention met in St. Louis May 7-11 and voted the following:

Launch an all-out campaign to enlist every Southern Baptist in tithing for October, November, and December.

Re-elected Louie Newton, Atlanta, Ga., as president with C. Oscar Johnson, Mo., and T. V. McCall, Fla., vice president; Porter Routh and Joe Burton, secretaries.

Voted to meet in Memphis, May 19-23, 1948, with W. R. Pettigrew, preacher of Convention sermon and Herschel Hobbs, alternate.

Created committees to study whole field of theological education; possible site for western assembly; common problems with Northern Baptists; Kansas application; church organizations; plans for enlarged program of evangelism; Negro ministerial education; and Baptist papers circulation.

Enlarged function of Social Service Commission through increased budget and established foundation for enlarged work of Baptist Historical Society.

# A GENEROUS LIFE

A Devotion by the Editor

"Joseph is a fruitful bough—whose branches run over the wall."

If you were passing along by an orchard, and if there was a peach tree whose branches were hanging out over the fence, and if these branches were loaded with luscious ripe peaches, what would you do? You would do exactly what I would do, help yourself to the peaches which were hanging over the fence.

This throws considerable light upon the blessing which Jacob pronounced upon Joseph. He said, "Joseph is a fruitful bough—whose branches run over the wall." This indicates a generous life, an unselfish life. This father is saying that he does not want his son to live a narrow, restricted, selfish life, fenced in and shut off from the needy world. He wants the life of his son to overflow in generosity and refreshment to the weary passerby upon the highway of life.

A friendly smile may refresh the soul of a person who is weary from bearing a heavy burden. A cordial greeting, a hearty hand clasp, a word of encouragement, may bring reassurance and hope to someone who is in need of spiritual strength. Sometimes a whispered prayer will refresh the soul of another, or an invitation to attend church, or a word of commendation.

We should never be afraid to be generous. It is the "liberal soul" that shall be "made fat." Our generosity should extend beyond the "wall," the legitimate bounds at which we have the right, under law, to cease to be generous. But if we are generous, according to grace, our lives will over reach the legitimate boundary and bring a blessing of refreshment and encouragement to every weary passerby.

"Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a wall; whose branches run over the wall" (Gen. 49:22).

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Fifty additions, 36 for baptism, were counted in evangelistic services at Central Church, Magnolia. Pastor W. R. Vestal, First Church, Searcy, was evangelist. Frank Adams directed the music. Many rededicated their lives, and a young lady dedicated her life to special Christian service. L. L. Hunnicutt is pastor.

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# Across the Editor's Desk

## Graduation—A Challenge to Youth

Graduation! It is a thrilling experience. At this season of the year thousand of young people are graduating from high school, other thousands are graduating from the colleges and universities. Still greater numbers are yet in school or have already entered the fields of business the professions or trades.

There is a challenge in the writing of Paul which may well be addressed to all young people. Writing to Timothy, his young friend, Paul admonishes, "Let no man despise thy youth." The word which is translated "despise" means "to think." A preposition which means "down" is prefixed to the word meaning "to think."

Paul's meaning becomes clear: "Let no man think down on thy youth"; hence, to despise and discredit you. Paul puts his challenge in the negative form to emphasize the positive. He is challenging his young friend to so live and build his character that the world will have to think up in order to reach his level of life.

### *The World Looks to Youth*

The world will respect and honor the young people of any generation and will give them their chance in life, if it has to think up to them. The world will despise the young people and trample them under foot, if it has to think down in order to reach the level of their life.

We older people want you young people of our day to so construct your lives that we will find new hope and inspiration and courage in you. We want you to become the greatest physicians the world has ever known for the relief of human suffering and disease. We want you to become the most honorable lawyers the world has ever known to stamp out crime and to establish law and order. We want you to become the greatest statesmen the world has ever known to establish international justice and peace. We want you to become the greatest industrialists, tradesmen, and craftsmen the world has ever known to more equally distribute the resources of the world. We want you to become the best husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, the world has ever known to establish the best homes of all times. We want you to become the greatest Christians the world has ever known to establish in a greater way than ever before the Kingdom of God upon earth.

Paul anticipates conditions in the future which make it imperative that the youth rise to the challenge, "Let no man think down on thy youth." He says: "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, give heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron."

In the midst of such world conditions there are countless thousands of humble, burdened

and suffering souls earnestly praying for the rise of a generation of young men and young women to whom the world may look up with confident expectations of relief from the suffering, carnage and death of the present age.

### *Youth Must Think Straight*

Paul writes a letter to another young man named Titus. In his letter to Titus he uses almost the same phraseology as in his challenge to Timothy: "Let no man despise you." There is, however, a slight difference by the use of a different preposition prefixed to the same word which means "to think." The preposition here used means "around." Again the Apostle's meaning is clear: "Let no man think around you," or out-think you, or think circles around you.

We are presented here with a picture of the crooked thinkers and traitors of life, out-thinking our young people, or out-witting them. Their obvious intention is to create a state of confusion and then get the drop on young men and young women and ensnare them before they can recover from their confused thinking.

Therefore, the Apostle says to his young friend, "Let no man think circles around you."

There are many people who are sold out to the interests and influences which have as their sole purpose to ensnare young people and make them think crooked about life and life qualities and satisfactions. This is not a new development in human society. The prophet Isaiah (5:2) says, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"

This is the very thing that Paul is speaking of when he says to Titus, "Let no man think circles around you." The Christian youth should get things straight in their thinking, and if they do they will prove that the Christian intelligence can out-think the sinful intelligence of the world.

Therefore, don't let any man make you believe that you can build a better world on the basis of evil. Don't let any man make you believe that you can build a better government with crooked politicians who are without honor. Don't let any man make you believe that you can build a better life on selfishness, greed and graft. Don't let any man make you believe that you can build a better home on the practice of promiscuity. Don't let any man make you believe that you can build a better church by compromising with sin. Don't let any man make you believe that you can be a Christian without Christ in your heart.

### *Let Christ Be Your Lord*

If we combine this dual challenge of the Apostle, we would say to the young people of

every generation and to the young people of every community: Let your character and your conduct rise to such heights that the world will have to think up in order to reach your level of life. Thus you will give hope and courage and faith to the world and lift the thoughts of men to higher plains. Let your thinking be straight, clear, and true to that which is right, and the crooked thinking of the world will not be able to confuse you and darken your hopes and ideals. Let Christ be your Lord and your Saviour, let Him live in your heart, and your character and conduct will rise, and your thinking will be clear and straight and right.

### *If One Must Fight . . .*

## Why Not Fight the Devil?

Rev. Frank Norris was true to form in St. Louis and acted consistent with his long and ignoble record of seeking publicity by the crudest and most un-Christian methods. He has been playing this game for the past 18 or 20 years at least.

Dr. Louie D. Newton distinguished himself by his calm Christian attitude, as did the other ministers present when Mr. Norris barged in on the pre-Convention pastors' conference. Mr. Norris got his publicity, his photographers got their pictures, and the reporters got a thriller for their papers.

You have seen a little whirlwind dip down and stir up the dust, carrying a few leaves and pieces of loose paper about in wild disorder. After a few seconds the miniature cyclone spent itself without anyone being hurt or being disturbed. The sun was not darkened, the temperature not changed, and business went on as usual. So it was in St. Louis with Southern Baptists.

There would be little point in referring to Mr. Norris and his tactics except to point a moral. It is a great pity that any man should be so warped in nature that he cannot live without a fight. If one must fight, why not fight the devil? He is powerful enough to engage all the fighting powers of us all; he is capable of satisfying the pugilistic tendencies even of Frank Norris. We are giving the devil the advantage when we waste our energies fighting one another.

Preachers who turn upon their fellow preachers and become ministerial pugilists are "missing the mark." They have allowed their attention to be distracted and have, therefore, lost sight of their real opponent.

The same tragic mistake is made by pastors who are always fighting their church congregations. It is a poor substitute for a gospel sermon when a preacher goes into the pulpit with a tirade against his people, or when he airs from the pulpit the gossip of the community, or when he spends the precious time in the pulpit discussing political issues.

There is no substitute for Christian behavior on any occasion or in any relation of life. There is no substitute for the gospel when the minister enters the pulpit. The word of God is the "sword of the spirit." If we cannot conquer the enemy with this "sword," it is useless for us to try any other weapon.



# NOTES OF ADVANCE

Claud Bumpus has resigned the pastorate of Altheimer Church to enter Southwestern Seminary in September. He is now available for supply and evangelistic meetings and may be reached at Box 315, Altheimer.

Ravenden Springs Assembly will hold its 1947 session July 10-18. Last year 457 people registered, among which were 28 preachers. The Assembly has three dormitories for women, two for men, a big 30 by 90 feet dining hall, a concrete reservoir for water supply, and other useful equipment. A large tabernacle is now under construction.

Maxwell Baker has resigned as associate pastor of First Church, McGehee.

Calvary Church, Alexandria, La., had 83 professions and additions to the church, 40 by baptism, in revival services with Bron Clifford as evangelist. Dr. Charles R. Shirar is pastor.

Rev. C. L. Stocks, 75, last charter member of Norphlet Church, died recently. Though blind since the age of 18, he was an ordained minister for 50 years. His pastor, Loyal Prior, says: "Bro. Stocks was ever faithful and loyal to his church. Until the last he almost never failed to attend services. He loved lost people and frequently talked with them on the streets and in their homes, urging them to accept Christ and salvation. He was missionary-minded, and both by example and influence led his church to be liberal in its missionary policy."

Speakers for the commencement program for the School of Nursing of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., May 25-27, were Dr. E. Gibson Davis, preaching the baccalaureate sermon, and Dr. E. D. Head, president of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, bringing the commencement address.

Four young men, students of Ouachita College, have been secured by Caroline Association to hold revival meetings, teach study courses, conduct Vacation Bible Schools, or do any other work that the churches desire during the summer months. These young men will go in pairs; one will preach and the other direct the singing. They are Charles Hall and Charles Vermillion, preachers, and Earl Murphy and David Tate, singers. The Executive Board of the association is anxious for the churches to use these young men. Churches desiring their services should contact Pastor W. M. Pratt, Lonoke.

Arkansan Delbert McAtee, pastor, First Church, Haileyville, Okla., preached in re-

## PASTORAL CHANGES

Earle Herrington from Fort Worth, Tex., to Central Church, North Little Rock.

S. R. Wallis from First Church, Clarksville, to Temple Church, Springfield, Mo.

George Boyd from Hoxie Church to Nettleton Church.

Claud Bumpus from Altheimer Church to enter Southwestern Seminary.

James Fitzgerald from Marked Tree Church to Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro.

vival services at Talihina, Okla., where T. S. Scott is pastor. There were 50 decisions, 20 for baptism. Tom Ed Vaughn led the singing.

Arkansan Curtis Puryear, pastor at Kiowa, Okla., writes of a recent revival in his church which was led by Evangelist Lonnie Lasater, Clinton. There were 69 additions, 62 by baptism, and six other professions of faith. Pastor Puryear says: "The Arkansas Baptist comes to my home and I appreciate it very much because it helps me keep up with my preacher friends and the churches where I served in the state."

Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, Ga., former pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, and native of Arkansas, was featured in an article in the May 8 issue of The Christian Index, Georgia state paper.

Arkansas gave \$13,369.54 to Southwide causes in April according to the monthly report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Convention. Of this amount \$11,931.78 was given to the Cooperative Program and \$1,437.76 to designated causes. Southwide total was \$632,909.10.

Since January 1 when Roger A. Butler became its pastor, First Church, Bauxite, has had 48 additions, 32 for baptism. Twenty-seven of these were received in a recent revival in which the pastor did the preaching and F. C. Pipestem, Fairfax, Okla., directed the music. Sunday School attendance averaged 343 in attendance during April while that of the Training Union averaged 132. Bus routes are operated to supplement the work of enlistment. A Hammond electric organ has been installed.

## Pioneer Minister Dies

Rev. D. W. Bolton, retired Baptist minister, died at his home in Texarkana, May 6, after an illness of several months, though he had been confined to his bed only about two weeks. Funeral services were held in Beech Street Church with Pastor Bruce H. Price, Rev. Roger M. Baxter, and Rev. G. C. Ivins taking part.

Mr. Bolton came to Arkansas in 1907 from Oklahoma. His first work in Arkansas was to help organize the Hope Association and he became its first missionary. During the years he served churches in Dermott, Star City, Eudora, Pine Bluff, Huttig, DeQueen, Wilton, and was at one time missionary in Harmony Association. He also served churches in Louisiana and Oklahoma.

He was born in Russellville, Ala., and often returned to his native state for revival meetings. He was educated in Bacone University, Muskogee, Okla., Ouachita College, and New Orleans Seminary. Bro. Bolton was known as a strong preacher, a devoted pastor, and faithful minister. In recent years he often preached when he was not physically able.

He is survived by his wife who lives at 1004 Cleveland St., Texarkana, two daughters, four sons, and 14 grandchildren.

## Pastor Price to Speak On Southwide Program



Pastor Bruce H. Price, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, will speak on the Southern Baptist Convention Radio Hour June 1. "Christ in the Home" will be his subject. All husbands and wives throughout the area from Baltimore, Maryland to San Antonio, Tex., and from Kansas City to Miami, Fla., are invited to be special guests in the Baptist Hour audience on that date.

The Baptist Hour program may be heard in Arkansas over Station KUOA, Siloam Springs; WFAA, Dallas; KWTO, Springfield, Mo., and over KSD, St. Louis, Mo.; at 7:30 CST and WREC, Memphis, Tenn., at 8:30 CST.

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## Lives Were Changed In Ft. Smith Revival

By B. V. FERGUSON, Pastor  
First Church, Fort Smith

First Church, Ft. Smith, recently engaged in a glorious revival led by Dr. I. L. Yearby, pastor, Trinity Church, Oklahoma City. Dr. Yearby is a unique and forceful gospel preacher. He drew large congregations and delighted the people with his messages.

Thorough preparation was made, a religious census was taken, and a week of cottage prayer meetings and personal effort preceded the meeting.

There was deepening of spiritual interest from the first service. There were many high hours. One young man running a liquor store came forward on Sunday morning and made a public confession that he was immediately getting out of that business and wished to be received as a member of the church. His coming and announcement thrilled the great congregation.

During the two weeks' meeting 77 people were added to the church, 55 of this number by profession of faith.

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# "Why We Love the Bible"

By R. C. CAMPBELL, Pastor  
First Church, Little Rock

WE LOVE THE BIBLE because it is the foundation of our faith. "The Word of our God shall stand forever." The Bible is our basic foundation. Christianity is not built upon a sandbank. It is built upon the granite rock of God's eternal Word.

This foundation is not superficial; it is solid. It is not transitory; it is eternal. It is unshakeable. Like the Rock of Gibraltar, it has stood the tests of time and the tides of the centuries, the wars of time, the fickleness of human nature, the storms and stress of generations, the rise and fall of nations, the crumbling of empires, the tottering thrones, and the tread of dictators.

Do not molest it. This foundation is as eternal as God is eternal. "Bless the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: And let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord."

Its foundations are too deep to be shaken by any crises, catastrophes, cataclysms. We rest not upon crutches men have made. We rest securely upon God's eternal Word.

The foundation of God's Word is a basis upon which we may firmly plant our feet. On such a foundation, faith will warm with iridescent fires; the winter's bitter winds caused by sin will bedeck our midnights with stars of hope, and will ignite a blaze of light which will penetrate the darkness of death, splendor our future with glowing radiance, enrich and ennoble life with its melody of song, and guide us onward and upward in sunshine and shadows, sickness and health, hopeful days and fearful nights.

An Irishman built his fence three feet high and four feet wide. When asked why, his answer was: "So that if anyone kicks it over, it will be higher than it was in the first place." The Bible has been kicked about, but this has resulted in its rising higher and higher in the estimation of the people.

*And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The Anvil stands unharmed — the hammers gone!*

John Wannamaker, who made vast purchases for the government and for himself, ranging high into the millions, said that the purchase of a little red-letter Bible, about eight inches long and six inches wide, at the cost of \$2.75, which he paid for in installments, was the biggest purchase he ever made. That little red-letter Bible was the foundation on which his life was built, and it made possible all the vast service that he rendered during his life. He said, "Every other investment of my life seemed to me, after mature years, only secondary."

"In this little book," said Edwald to Dean Stanley, holding up his Greek Testament, "is contained all the wisdom of the world."

WE LOVE THE BIBLE because it is the foundation of life. The Psalmist said: "For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light."

It is said that when Columbus discovered the river Orinoco, someone said he had found an island. He replied: "No such river as that flows from an island. The mighty torrent must drain the waters of a continent." So the fountain which flows from God's Word is not finite but infinite. It springs from the depths of divine wisdom, love and grace, and is but a hint of the power and love that lies back of it.

A. McAuslane said: "If the Bible were to be as totally eclipsed as the sun has sometimes been . . . the world mind would be what Greece was when Homer sang, Demosthenese spoke, and Plato taught, ignorant of God, of the nature and destiny of man, and groping its way like a bewildered, yea, blind traveler, towards the unknown land."

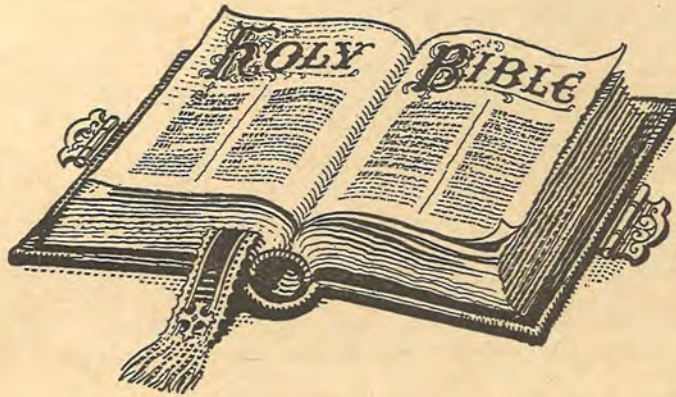
We are told that England, in the days of Elizabeth, became the people of a Book, and that Book was the Bible. Its literary and social effect was marked, but the effect of the Bible upon the character of the people at large was revolutionary. "The whole temper of the nation felt the change." One wrote: "A new conception of life, a new moral and religious pulse, spread through every class."

From this fountain has flowed all the institutions of mercy, agencies of goodwill, boards for the world's evangelization, high hopes for life, and confidence for death and eternity. It furnished the water of life for George Peabody, Florence Nightingale, John Howard. This fountain changes the thistle into a rose; deserts into flower gardens, icicles into calm south winds, poison into honey.

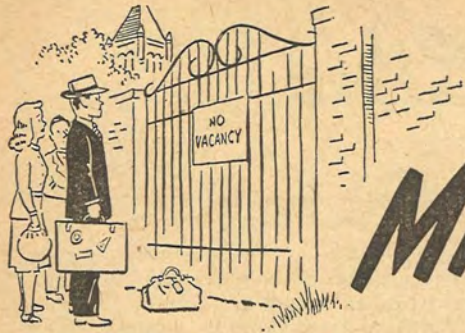
Dr. Hight C. Moore says: "The Bible is the Water of Life. Don't sweeten it. Don't poison it. Don't divert it. Don't try to purify it. Don't try to analyze it. Pour it out and pass it on." Well may we study its contents, practice its precepts and examples, proclaim its message, glory in its triumphs, and magnify its Master.

WE LOVE THE BIBLE because it is the fulfillment of our hopes here and hereafter. "Now we see through a glass darkly, then face to face we shall see and know as we are known." "It doth not yet appear what we shall be."

The Bible meets every condition and need of men. Open its pages and you stand in the library of the greatest subjects, the laboratory of the most meaningful discoveries, the art gallery of the greatest heroes and heroines, the flower garden of the greatest florist, the observatory of the most discerning astronomer, the studio of the sweetest musician, the pages of the profoundest philosophy, the archives of the most treasured documents. Here you find the Christian's Magna Charta, the world's supreme personality, the emblem of the greatest glory, the message of the farthest reach, the subject of profoundest moment.







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*This is the first in a series of four messages by Pastor Overton being heard in eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.*

The state of confusion in the minds of many unsaved people about how to be saved presses the need for a plain word about the way of salvation. To me, it seems a tragedy that theories and teachings have arisen which would cloud the way of salvation for a single soul. But we must admit that the way has been clouded.

Many people who have an earnest desire to be saved are laboring under many false conceptions. To some, the way of salvation is such a dark and mysterious and deluding matter they shy off from venturing into it. Others have become confused trying to harmonize the divergent theories of men. Still others have tried some man-made plan and have been sorely disappointed.

In the fifteenth chapter of Proverbs, verse 19, the Bible says that the "way of the righteous is made plain." And in the prophecy of Isaiah, chapter 35, verse 8, the Scriptures give encouragement to all of us, especially to those who are weak, by saying that the way is so plain that "the wayfaring man, though unlearned, shall not err therein."

These words of Scripture ought to help all who are confused. If the way is plain, and the way you have in your mind is confusing, does it not stand to reason that your way is not the right way and that you ought to forget it and seek the plain way?

I am endeavoring to help you to see and accept the plain way of salvation in Jesus Christ. I have no intention of arguing. I simply want to make the way plain and urge you to accept it.

### Two Things Necessary

There are just two things necessary for ones salvation. The first is a recognition and confession of sin. Of those people gathered in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, Luke said: "They were cut to the heart, and said . . . What shall we do?" These people had been listening to Peter as he told them that Jesus whom they crucified was risen from the dead, and that God had made Him both Lord

# The Way Made Plain

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By JAMES OVERTON  
First Church, Mena

and Christ. Thus, they came to recognize their sin, and then to confess it. Without this, nobody can be saved.

The second thing necessary to salvation is to turn away from sin in repentance and to turn to Christ by faith. Does someone ask, "Is that all?" I answer, emphatically, "That is all." When these people had confessed their sin and inquired about what to do, Peter answered, "Repent." When the Philippian jailer asked what to do to be saved, Paul told him—now in a repentant attitude—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Now, repentance is such a change of mind with reference to sin that we turn away from it, and faith is simply putting out an empty, trusting hand to Jesus Christ and depending implicitly upon Him to do for us what we could not do for ourselves.

### Doubts Considered

Many unsaved people seem to be confused about the willingness of Jesus to save them. They often ask, "How can I know that Christ will save me?"

Well, the Bible says He will. That is the reason Jesus came into the world and died on the cross. He said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Peter wrote, "The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." At the command of Jesus, John wrote in the last chapter of Revelation: "Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of

the water of life freely." In that most familiar passage in all the Bible, John writes: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Some seem to be troubled about the matter of security. They are troubled about the theory which is commonly called "falling from grace." They are uncertain about accepting the Scriptural truth sometimes stated as "once saved, always saved."

Who would want a salvation which did not save? Who would want it any other way but "once saved, always saved?" And if you will leave all your notions, preconceived opinions and suppositions to one side and let the Bible speak, you can have the answer to this problem at once. The Bible says: "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Jesus says: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish."

Paul says: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Salvation is not something tacked into us to be pulled off by everything which comes along. Salvation is new life from God. It is new life which only God can give, and which only God could take away, and He says that He will not do it.

So, nothing hinders your being saved. Nothing hinders you from being the happy recipient of eternal salvation this very moment. The way is plain. The plan of salvation is offered to all, sufficient for all. The terms of salvation are in reach of all. Open your heart to Jesus, and He will forgive your sins.

And, now, may we yield our hearts to God in a moment of prayer:

*Our Father, we pray that thou shalt take this message and make it effective in the heart and for the salvation of every unsaved person who has listened. And we ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.*



## A Million for Ouachita



By J. R. GRANT

We have this year tried to serve 1123 students (including summer session), the largest enrollment in the history of Ouachita College. The 1947 senior class of 112 breaks all records. Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor, First Church, Little Rock, preached the baccalaureate sermon, Sunday morning, May 25. Honorable John W. Snyder, Secretary of Treasury, a member of President Truman's Cabinet, delivered the commencement address Monday morning, May 26.

Our hearts' desire and prayer to God is that Ouachita Baptist College will be able to offer Christian education to all our young people who come knocking at the door. The State Baptist Convention sees the situation. It is, therefore, promoting a three-million dollar campaign to build and endow so as to take care of those who really need and want Christian education at Ouachita.

The large enrollment is the result of a gradual increase over a 12-year period and it not a temporary condition. The future enrollment looks still larger. Most dormitory rooms are already reserved for next year. Many rooms are reserved one and two years in advance. Even the summer session, beginning June 2, is crowded. Ouachita is now busy every month of the year. Surely this is as it should be.

In recent months we have completed a large building containing 18 apartments, also another housing project of 43 apartments. The girls' new dormitory, partly finished, now houses about 100 girls. A large two-story building to be finished by August 15 will give temporary relief for our crowded conditions in home economics, library, science laboratories and classrooms. The million dollar campaign is going on to erect a science hall, a library

building, a boys' dormitory and to add \$500,000 to Ouachita's present endowment of \$560,000.

Ouachita can never again be a small college. By a little support from her many friends and careful management by the administration, Ouachita College can hereafter take her place among the South's best colleges. Ouachita College Board and faculty are not so much interested in the numbers enrolled as in the numbers on the campus getting worthy training for Christian leadership. The world is not so much in need of college graduates as it is in trained Christian men and women. Our aim is to have a Christian atmosphere in every room on the campus.

Ouachita College is ours. By working together we can make it worthy of our boys and girls. They deserve to have good teachers, well paid; good buildings, well equipped.



# Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

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## New Head for Education and Promotion

In the May meeting of the Foreign Mission Board Dr. Frank K. Means, head of the Department of Missions of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected secretary of the Department of Education and Promotion of the Foreign Mission Board. He will take up his work in July and, after a trip to the Baptist World Alliance already arranged, he plans to assume his duties in Richmond September 15.

Dr. Means is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and has a Th. D. degree from Southwestern Seminary, part of his post-graduate work having been taken in the Southern Seminary. He is one of the best equipped men to be found anywhere in the ranks of missionary students and we rejoice to have him join our staff in Richmond.

## Dr. Marshall Resigns

We regret to lose from our foreign mission family Dr. J. W. Marshall, who was recently elected president of Wayland College, Plainview, Tex. His resignation as personnel secretary of the Foreign Mission Board was effective May 15.

During the four years he has been with the Foreign Mission Board he has made a tremendous contribution to the missionary interest, especially among college and university students. During that time hundreds of our choice young men and women have enrolled as mission volunteers and the number of available men and women for mission fields is steadily growing.

The Foreign Mission Board made arrangements to take care of his work, temporarily at least, by the election of Miss Edna Frances Dawkins of North Carolina, a graduate of Meredith College, who has had special training and successful experience in personnel work.

## Receipts Are Increasing

Mr. E. P. Buxton, treasurer of the Board, reports receipts through the Cooperative Program of \$778,194.95 for the first four months this year, compared with \$724,103.60 for the corresponding period last year. Southern Baptists have a growing conviction concerning unusual world needs and responsibilities, a conviction that is measured by increased giving.

Let us all join in stressing the scriptural teaching concerning tithing, for our world mission income must be greatly increased if we are to send out the missionaries so much needed.

## Growth In Nigeria

Dr. George W. Sadler received recently a letter from Mr. I. N. Patterson describing the recent Nigerian Baptist Convention as the best he had witnessed in his years of service. Two hundred and fifty-nine churches were represented and 650 delegates.

"I don't think we have ever had a finer spirited Convention. Our people are developing a new self-respect, they are discarding

## State Papers Help

We were grateful to learn at the Convention that the total circulation of the Baptist state papers is now approximately 750,000. Our mission boards are indebted beyond measure to Southern Baptist editors for the large space which they give so generously. As our people become informed concerning open doors and adversaries around the world, they will give more generously of life and time and money to the great world mission causes.

Anglican tendencies, tithing is greatly on the increase, and we are now daring to launch out into new fields and enterprises," Mr. Patterson said.

"We are delighted with the news of the appointment of the 12 new people. In spite of the rapid growth of our missionary personnel, we still have room enough and to spare for these new appointments. As a matter of fact, so many of these will be needed for replacements that we still will not be able to occupy some of our proposed new fields until further help is available."

## Optimism In Spain

Mr. J. D. Hughey writes from Spain: "As I try to take stock of the situation here, I am impressed with certain assets, the most important of which are the enthusiasm of the evangelical Christians, the presence of many young people in the churches, the present interest of non-Christians in evangelical Christianity, and a general optimism concerning the future. I am impressed also with certain liabilities, the most important of which are a shallowness of thinking, the shortage of trained pastors to meet the opportunities of the present moment, and the continuing threat of governmental interference or oppression.

"I think that Spain may be on the verge of a spiritual awakening. I would feel a little more confident of the future if the enthusiasm of the Christian people were matched with knowledge and understanding. Our greatest need is to train the young people, especially the young men who want to become preachers. In every place I have visited I have found young men who were eager to begin special studies at the earliest possible moment. In these young men is the hope of Spain. I think the training of a new generation of preachers is our most important task."

Among our visitors recently was Pastor Manfredi Ronchi of the Via Teatro Valle Baptist Church, Rome, Italy, one of the most scholarly and consecrated leaders in Italy. He comes from one of the most illustrious families in Rome and is himself a well trained man, having been a lawyer before he became a Christian. Pastor Ronchi is secretary of the Italian Baptist Union representing 8,000 Italian Baptists.

The S. S. Stovers left May 11 from Miami to Rio, to be permanently stationed at Bello Horizonte. Recent arrivals are the L. M. Bratchers from Rio de Janeiro, now at 11

## Overseas Relief

The Foreign Mission Board, at the request of the Convention, continues to sponsor the denomination's efforts for overseas relief through Christian channels in the following specific ways: (1) Money gifts through the local church, designated for relief. (2) Material relief gifts from churches through the Church World Service Centers of New Orleans, New Windsor, St. Louis, Modesto, Calif., and elsewhere. (3) Love gifts in packages direct to Baptists in Europe and in Japan, the names and addresses of needy families available from the Baptist World Alliance office, 715 Eighth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Ridgeway Drive, Louisville, Ky.; and L. L. Johnson from Recife, to join Mrs. Johnson at 203 South Adair Street, Pryor, Okla.

At the May meeting of the Board two new missionaries were appointed to Nigeria: Miss Cornelia Barker, R. N., Ridgeland, S. C., and Mrs. Charles W. Knight, whose husband is already a missionary, having served one term in Nigeria. Miss Barker will go out early in June to be married to Dr. Harold B. Canning, medical missionary who has been in the Niger Delta several months and has already done a marvelous work in winning friends to the great Physician. Dr. and Mrs. Knight plan to go out this fall.

Word has come from Mr. Peter Belicov, our representative in Romania, pointing out that there is desperate need and also indicating that he and his fellow-workers are prepared to distribute relief.

## First Church, Benton, Has Splendid Record

First Church, Benton, had 228 decisions in evangelistic services with Pastor Forest A. Lowry, Tower Grove Church, St. Louis, Mo., preaching, and Rev. Robert Kees of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, directing the music.

Of the decisions registered, 123 were additions, with 91 for baptism. There were 113 rededications.

During the 12 months that Virgil A. Rose has been pastor of the church there have been 400 additions to the church.

## Immanuel, Pine Bluff, Utilizes Young People

Young people had complete charge of activities at Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, during a recent Youth Week. Two services were held daily, one at 7:30 a. m., and the other at 7:30 p. m. The theme of the morning services was "The Living Christ," and the theme of the evening services was "Bible Study." Every message was given by a young person.

Special junior services were held from 3:45 p. m. to 4:45 p. m., Monday through Friday. Church officers from the youth groups were Jimmy Jenkins, pastor; George Harris, Sunday School superintendent; Don Brown, Training Union director; Jimmy Freeman, custodian; Carol Thomas, clerk; Glenn Reynolds and Wallace Steffey, choir directors; and Charlen Atkinson and Mary Rosalyn Reed, pianists.



Our Southern Baptist . . .

## Program of Evangelism

By C. E. MATTHEWS  
Home Mission Board

It has taken one Baptist on an average of 22 years to win another to Christ and the church throughout the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. Surely, no one is satisfied with such a record. It must be evident to us all that something different in the way of a program must be adopted if we are to contribute our part to a spiritual awakening that must come to this world. To this end, on May 7, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted the report of the Southwide Committee on Evangelism which carried the following recommendations:

"1. That a definite program of evangelism be emphasized and promoted as a needed unifying force.

"2. That a foundation for a program of evangelism be laid by this Convention by recommending that each state in the Convention that has not already done so, take under advisement the establishing of a Department of Evangelism and the electing of a superintendent of evangelism in order that the work in this field might be properly promoted.

"3. That this Convention recommend to the states that each association have two officers: namely, an organizer and a chairman. These officers are to be elected by the Executive Board of the associations in order that the program might be perpetuated from year to year.

"4. That this Convention recommend that the churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention be encouraged to use all existing and proven methods of soul-winning that God may see fit to bless and that the chief emphasis be placed on the associational simultaneous evangelistic crusade.

"5 That this Convention go on record in endorsing the program of evangelism now sponsored by the Baptist Hour under the co-leadership of the Baptist Radio Commission and the Home Mission Board. We further recommend that this Convention go on record as urging our pastors and churches of the Convention to cooperate in every way possible to the end that every lost soul we may be able to reach be given an urgent invitation to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord and all Baptists be enlisted in the service of Christ in the churches.

"6 That the Southern Baptist Convention continue this committee in the study of evangelism on the matter of creating a Department of Evangelism, which would operate under the direction of the Convention.

"Finally, the reason for these recommendations is: (1) that we as Baptists might have a unified program of evangelism that will enable us to mobilize all of our 26,000 churches and six million Southern Baptists into a mighty concerted and correlated effort to winning a world to Christ. (2) That a unified program of evangelism will enable us to teach methods which will keep us abreast of the conditions in a changing world. With a unified program we shall be enabled to write and use literature, teach in fellowship meetings in crusades, in state-wide and Southwide evangelistic conferences."

The adoption of this report means that now for the first time in the 102 years history of the Southern Baptist Convention we have a definite program of evangelism.

Without a denominational program it is impossible to correlate effort among states,

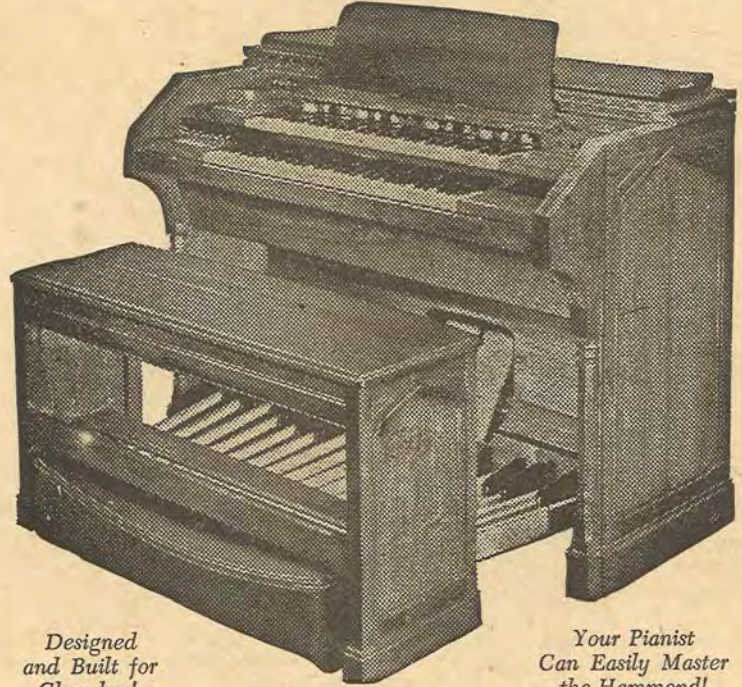
associations and churches, a thing that is positively essential if we are to meet present conditions in a changing world. We can now write literature, conduct evangelistic conferences, and teach evangelism that will be practical in its application.

This will enable the Department of Evan-

gelism to pass on to all Southern Baptists any and all methods in soul winning that we discover to be helpful and practical. To this end the Department of Evangelism, under direction of the Home Mission Board, will soon have completed a book entitled, "A Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism."

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# Cuban Baptist Convention

By ALFRED CARPENTER  
Home Mission Board

Baptists in the four western provinces of Cuba met in their 34th annual Convention March 31-April 5. It was their first meeting without Dr. M. N. McCall, who had been their president since organization of the work. Hearts were heavy because of his absence, yet there was an atmosphere of rededication to the work.

## Adjustments Made

Many adjustments in the work were necessary. The Cuban brethren were wholeheartedly cooperative and manifest a triumphant spirit. They are a capable group, grateful to Southern Baptists for making their work possible, and dedicated to the task of carrying forward the work so effectively promoted under Dr. McCall's leadership.

First two days, Monday and Tuesday, were given to ministers' conference, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, Sunday School, and Training Union. At all general sessions the auditorium of the Baptist Temple in Havana was packed to capacity. Fifty-six of their 69 preachers attended the pastors conference.

Ninety-one attended the Brotherhood meeting. Their first Brotherhood was organized in 1939. There are now 19.

At the first session of the Women's Missionary Union 246 messengers were present. There are 48 societies in Cuba with 107 auxiliaries.

The Sunday School Convention announced 384 messengers at the first session. There are 149 Sunday schools with 8,600 enrolled. There are 59 Training Unions with 16 graded unions. Forty-three churches have one or more unions.

Each of the above gave triumphant reports of their work and adopted a forward, challenging program for the future.

## Annual Report

The building would not hold the first session of the Convention. Many were turned away. The Friday night session was dedicated to the memory of Dr. McCall and a rededication service for Cuban Baptists.

The annual report showed 69 churches with 5,673 members, 119 mission stations, and 369 additions during the past Convention year. The Cuban churches gave for all causes \$38,371.24. Their per capita giving is \$6.75.

In soul-winning it took 16 Cubans to win one.

Their immediate need from Southern Baptists is our continued prayers. For the future their needs are: A pastor for the English church; a teacher in the seminary; a promotional field worker; a field worker for WMU; a music

teacher in training school; a Cuban college and four faculty members; a Baptist book store; 10 additional church buildings and six pastors' homes; increase in pastors' salaries; and 20 additional scholarships.

## New Superintendent

Rev. Herbert Caudill, 18 years in Cuba, has been elected by the Home Mission Board as superintendent of the work. Rev. Van Earl Hughes is acting president of the seminary.

## A Challenge to the Churches

"What is the policy of this church? If you have a tithing deacon who puts in \$12 per Sunday, do you allow him to sit through both of the pastor's 30-minute sermons each Sunday, because he has paid at the rate of 20 cents per minute for the privilege of hearing those sermons?"

"And then if you have a poor junior boy who is the only Christian in a large, disinterested family, and who can contribute but 10 cents per week, do you order him out of the service during the first minute of the pastor's sermon on the grounds that his dime has paid for but half a minute, and that his time is therefore up?"

"Your indignant reply is: 'Certainly not! We want this lad to become informed and enlightened so that he may grow to be even more useful in life than this splendid contributing deacon!'"

"Well, I wonder why this church is not consistent! Why is it that you allow only the financially-able deacon to read the California Southern Baptist, Southern Baptist Home Missions, and The Commission while the lad is not permitted to know what his church is doing for and through state, home, and foreign missions?"

"Didn't you know that for 10 cents per month for the California Southern Baptist; for one and two-thirds cents per month for Southern Baptist Home Missions; and that for four and one-sixth cents per month for The Commission, or that for fifteen and five-sixth cents per month (less than the price of a package of gum each week) all three of these publications can be provided through your church budget for every family of your church?"

"Do you want yours to be a partially-informed, slightly-missionary, below-the-average church? If not, why not put all three of these in the church budget for each family, and accept this dollar bill to apply on the first month's payment?"

It was during a recent school of missions in California that a Home Mission Board field worker, Fred A. McCaulley, presented to the churches such a challenge.

## EDITOR IS AUTHOR OF NEW BOOK

By EDGAR WILLIAMSON

It was my happy privilege to read Editor B. H. Duncan's book, "From Bondage to Freedom" in its manuscript form and to encourage the author to offer it for publication. It has just come from the press.

Everyone may read this book with profit. It is written not only for the preacher but for all young people and adults, for the saved and those who have not accepted Christ as Saviour.

It is a book easy to read. Much is said in few words. The author's style is different; it is interesting and pungent. Every Christian and unsaved person should be encouraged to read it.

We wholeheartedly and unreservedly recommend to Arkansas Baptists and others this book, "From Bondage to Freedom," written by a successful Arkansas pastor, now editor of the Arkansas Baptist. May it have many editions.

## For Busy Readers

By J. R. GRANT

For a decade we have heard Rev. B. H. Duncan give his challenging messages from pulpits, college halls, and over the radio. There has been a growing demand

that these timely messages be put in permanent form. His new book, "From Bondage to Freedom," is an answer to this demand.

Because these messages are somewhat condensed and written in the layman's vocabulary, they are a real blessing to busy people. They are well written, logically organized, scientifically true, theologically sound, but above all they are practical, gospel messages which the world so much needs today. No earnest reader can study them without living closer to the Lord. "From Bondage to Freedom" merits a place in every home.

## Colorful and Clear

By ROBERT O. BARKER

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## Cradle Roll Book Ready

The book, The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School, by Elizabeth W. Von Hagen, is ready.

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The division of the Cradle Roll and Nursery departments revealed that many churches had a Nursery and called it a Cradle Roll. The churches are not reaching the homes where the parents are not Christians for the simple reason that such parents are not attending Sunday School. The need of parents who are not Christians, and the unaffiliated Baptists not in Sunday School, make up the major field of service for a Cradle Roll department.

We urge that:

1. Pastors teach it to the Cradle Roll workers and a number of potential workers.

2. Associational officers plan to have it taught in all association-wide training efforts.

3. Superintendents study it and see that it is taught.

4. Cradle Roll workers study it and teach it to their workers.

"A Christian Home for Every Baby" is a right aim. A Cradle Roll in every church is an effective approach to this aim. The future is in the children of today.

Do You Have A . . .

## STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Many Sunday Schools are close to the Standard. There are probably some who are now doing standard work but have not checked recently to see where they now stand. There are a good many who lack only a point or two which, with a little work, could be reached. Why not check to see? A close check will reveal many things. The strong and weak points will be revealed. Explain this to the workers and challenge them to strengthen the weak places.

Keep the Standard wall chart before school. If one or more of the charts are needed, please write your state Sunday School Superintendent. These charts should be placed where all of the Sunday School may see them. Keep the Standard before them by frequently calling attention to it. Explain the points still lacking and call on the school for help in reaching them.

The purpose is to reach souls for Christ and His Kingdom. The standard does not require a school to do anything which a good Sunday School should not do anyway. Every point on the Standard is aimed toward a better program of work with one great objective in mind: "To win lost souls for Jesus' sake."

A Sunday School may be a great Sunday School now. The attendance may be larger than ever. More people may be reached than ever. However, anything short of our best for Christ is wrong, especially in a sinful world which is fast growing pagan. The best Sunday School will do better work as it does Standard work. If the Sunday School is to do better work, to be a better school, then for Jesus' sake work toward the Standard.

### Study Course Awards

During April 2,573 Training Union study course awards were issued from Arkansas, making a total of 5,999 for the first four months this year. This compares with 5,696 for the first four months of 1946. The 2,573 awards issued were as follows: administration 83, adults 897, young people 456, intermediate 497, junior 640.

### Important Announcement

If you have a reservation for the third Training Union week at Ridgecrest (July 24-30), and you need a way to go, or if you have room in your car for additional passengers, please notify your state Training Union Director, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

### Splendid Record

With an enrollment of 82 in Training Union, First Church, Atkins, has recently conducted a Training Union study course with 75 enrolled, an average attendance of 60 with 60 awards earned. Mrs. Leroy Tyson is Training Union director and Cecil A. Archer is pastor.

### Suggestions Concerning Study Courses

1. Where more than one church is represented in a class, each church should be listed on a separate blank.

2. When more than one age group, that is, adult, young people, intermediate, or junior is represented in a class, each age group should be listed on a separate blank. This applies only to books where joint credit is allowed. For example, "Building a Church Training Program," where credit is given to juniors, intermediates, young people and adults, "Pilgrim's Progress" for young people and intermediates, Alcohol the Destroyer" for intermediates, young people, and adults, and for the books "The Eternal King," "Books of the Bible," and "My Bible" for young people and adults.

3. In a class where the teacher desires an award from a different church, the teacher's name should

be listed on a separate blank.

4. In requesting Training Union study course awards, the request should be made on a Training Union Request for Awards Blank. Write to your State Training Union Director for these blanks.

### Congratulations!

#### New Standard Attainments

Congratulations to these schools that have recently reached the Standard:

**Standard Sunday Schools:** Walnut Valley Church, Hot Springs, Rev. Ed F. Vallowe, pastor, Herman Voegele, Superintendent; First Church, Rector, Rev. E. Clay Polk, pastor, William French, superintendent.

**Standard Classes:** Kinozelian, Young People's Department, Second Church, Little Rock, Mrs. Elmo Cox, teacher; The Brides, Young People's Department, Second Church, Little Rock, Mrs. Vernon Hall, teacher; Queen Esther, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Mrs. B. Glover, teacher; Daughters of Ruth, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Mrs. Della Snellings, teacher; Pure Gold, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Mrs. S. A. Moss, teacher; and Valiant Knights, Intermediate Department, First Church, Smackover, F. F. Hicks, teacher.

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Pleasant Valley Church, Little Red River Association, is progressing generally. Sunday School attendance increases steadily, three deacons have recently been elected, a Vacation Bible School was conducted May 26-30 with two sessions each day. There will be all-day services, dinner on the grounds, and ordination services June 1.

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WMU Convention . . .

EAST MEETS WEST AT CONVENTION

"We Met in St. Louis"

By Mrs. H. M. KECK

Fortieth anniversaries of Young Woman's Auxiliary and of Woman's Missionary Union Training School were impressively observed on Sunday afternoon, May 4, in the beautiful Opera House of the Municipal Auditorium in St. Louis where 2,000 women from 20 Southern states had assembled for the first session of the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Juliette Mather, young people's secretary, presented the Young Woman's Auxiliary demonstration. After officers were seated on the platform, the tall curtains parted to reveal a large choir of 200 YWA members, some in black caps and gowns, some in white uniforms, others in white dresses, representing the three branches of YWA.

There are in the South 4,603 auxiliaries with a membership of 56,000. Several young women on the platform gave expression to the missionary value of YWA training. One said: "The greatest people I have ever known, the finest books I have ever read, the richest experiences I have ever had came to me because of YWA."

Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn, school principal, presented the WMU Training School demonstration. She told the history of the processional used by each graduating class for the last 36 years. During this program 150 graduates of the school, many of whom are stationed in far-off mission fields, took part in the processional.

With the aid of several Training School students, Dr. Littlejohn outlined a world map "service flag" showing where 253 former students have gone to 21 foreign countries since the school began 40 years ago. In that time there have been 3,032 students enrolled, about half of whom completed the two year course.

Miss Irene Chambers, formerly of Arkansas and now field representative of the Home Mission Board, spoke of meeting one of the first four Training School students who described for her the conditions and problems of those "early days." Miss Chambers stressed the importance of mission work in the Southland where there are 31,000,000 people unaffiliated with any church. She quoted a scientist who said: "Every time I look at a radio or a radar set, I'm reminded not of what has been done, but of what can be done."

Dr. J. B. McLaurin of Canada spoke Sunday night of his impres-

sions of India, China and Japan gained during a recent six months' tour of these countries. Dr. McLaurin, who is executive secretary of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was for many years a missionary in India. Quoting the famous text of William Carey, he stressed the phrase "Lengthen the Cords." In an address he emphasized the phrase "Strengthen the Stakes," saying: "We have been lagging behind in the work of the kingdom. Get on with it, until every spot on earth knows."

Judge Camille Kelley, juvenile court judge, of Memphis, who has gained a wide reputation for her work in decreasing juvenile delinquency in her home city, also addressed the Convention. Using the theme, "Action Now," she urged an affirmative attack on juvenile delinquency and all human relations.

Mrs. Paul Weber of St. Louis voiced a charming "welcome" on Monday morning's program, relating an incident in the early days of St. Louis when four Indians came to visit and said: "We want to know the way to heaven. Send someone to tell our people."

Mrs. George W. Sadler of Virginia spoke of experiences while in the Orient, declaring that we "have a back-breaking responsibility and a breath-taking opportunity there." Mrs. Edgar Godbold, chairman of community missions, introduced Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, who said that we "face the greatest spiritual emergency that any people ever faced" and that "our nation is the only one that is able to point others to Christ." He challenged WMU to sponsor the One Million Prayer League—1,000,000 out of 6,000,000 Baptists praying every day for the world.

Using the theme "Tidings of Redemption" Mrs. Henry Lin, wife of the president of Shanghai University and herself president of the National Committee of China's YWCA, spoke of the things WMU has done for China and the great spiritual needs there yet. Mrs. Irene Hanley, missionary for 11 years to Jewish people, told of their great need for a personal God. Mrs. George Wilson, using Indians in costume, told of the mission work among the Indians of New Mexico. Following these talks, Mr. George Wilson sang most impressively "I Am Redeemed But Not With Silver."

Mrs. W. J. Cox, WMU treasurer, on Monday afternoon introduced Miss Lois Chambers, 20-year-old China-born daughter of Mrs. Christine C. Chambers, missionary in China for 26 years. Miss Cham-



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J. W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, shakes hands with Dr. H. H. Lin, head of the University of Shanghai, China, at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis. Mrs. Lin is at the left. Dr. Lin spoke on the Convention program, and both he and Mrs. Lin spoke on the program of the WMU Convention.

bers has received the coveted Elizabeth Loundes Scholarship because of her outstanding college work. Another student of equally high rank to receive the scholarship this year is Campbell McMillan, son of a foreign missionary. He is the third McMillan to receive this very high honor.

Introduced as the man who made more money during the war than anyone living, Dr. Henry Lin, of Shanghai University, explained that for three years he directed the printing of China's currency, bonds and tax stamps during office hours and managed the University after hours. Concerning China, he said: "Millions are starving. They are easily the prey of Communists. Send us more missionaries and doctors and teachers. The need for Christianity in China is great."

Other speakers on the program were Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Washington, D. C., speaking on "Tidings of Peace"; Dr. Ryland Knight of Virginia, who feels that the difficulty in our world today is not material but spiritual; Rev. Vernon Richardson of Baltimore who said "It costs to be a Christian—but it costs most to God. He gave his Son"; and Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who used the theme "World Fellowship." He brought greetings from Russian Baptists who told him they "believed what you believe and love everything you love."

Miss Pearl Todd, speaking for China, Mrs. R. E. Owens for Pales-

tine, Mrs. Elton Johnson for Brazil, and Miss Eva Sanders for Africa told of ways of "Publishing Glad Tidings" in those countries. Two other missionaries with a "Message Glorious" were Miss Hannah Plowden of Hawaii, our emergency mission station, and Mrs. Paul Bell of the Canal Zone, the cross-roads of the Pacific.

Climaxing the three-day meeting, new appointees of the Foreign Mission Board were presented by Miss Blanche White. The Foreign Mission Board, in April, set apart 56 new missionaries, the most ever appointed at one meeting. Fourteen of these were on the platform at this time and three of them told why they were asking the Board to send them to foreign lands as Christ's representatives.

Older missionaries stood on the platform with these newer ones while Miss White asked the audience to stand also, pledging themselves never to treat the newer ones as negligently as they had the older ones.

In prayer, Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, rededicated each person to greater missionary service.

The Soviet Commissar of Education said recently: "I find that religion is like a nail; the harder you hit it, the deeper you drive it in." This is given as an explanation of Russia's change of treatment of religion in that country.



## Associational Brotherhood Tours

Your Brotherhood secretary is at this writing engaged in a Brotherhood tour of the Greene County Association, in company with Associational Missionary V. E. DeFreece. The tour is taking us to every section of the association; and will close at a special associational Workers' Conference at East Side Church, Paragould. The theme of the conference is "Fishing for Men."

A tour of this kind is designed to acquaint the churches of an association with the cardinal facts about the Brotherhood movement, and to initiate in as many churches as possible a movement toward Brotherhood organization, also to lay the ground-work for the associational Brotherhood. An associational Brotherhood tour helps to make a whole association Brotherhood conscious.

Such a tour will be held in Mt. Zion Association the week of June 1, where Bro. J. I. Cossey, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro, is sponsoring Brotherhood development throughout the association.

### Brotherhood Bulletin

The Brotherhood Bulletin, official organ of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas, is in the hands of the printers, and will be in the mails shortly. Due to lack of stabilized secretarial help in the Brotherhood office, the publication of the Bulletin was necessarily suspended until such secretarial help could be found. This help is in the person of Miss Melvadeen Talbert, who is serving as office secretary to both the Brotherhood and Mission Departments.

The Brotherhood Bulletin will be a bi-monthly publication, and will carry news of the progress of Brotherhood work throughout Arkansas and the Southern Baptist Convention. Our present mailing lists include all Arkansas Baptist pastors, all state and all associational missionaries, all associational Brotherhood officers, and all presidents of local church Brotherhoods.


Anybody else who desires to be placed on the mailing lists of The Brotherhood Bulletin should send his name and address to the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas, 212 Radio Center, Little Rock.

### Work of Extension Committee

The extension committee of a church Brotherhood has the responsibility of helping neighboring churches to organize Brotherhoods.

May we suggest that your extension committee be led to do just that. Within reach of your church there is a church which does not have a Brotherhood. It may be well for your Extension Committee to talk the matter over with the pastor of that church and sell him on the Brotherhood idea.

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Then that pastor can arrange for a meeting of his men; and the Brotherhood of your church will be there to help lay the ground-work for the organization of the new Brotherhood.

A live Brotherhood will want to reproduce itself in as many churches as possible.

### A Well-Rounded Program

The activities program of a church Brotherhood should consist of a well-rounded program of work for each committee. For instance, if the community offers the opportunities, the evangelistic committee may be charged with all of the following: personal soul-winning, household missions, community missions, institutional missions, street and shop missions, community surveys, assisting in church revivals, helping other Baptist churches in revivals, distribution of Bibles or portions of the Bible, evangelistic tracts, etc.

Each Brotherhood committee should be made thoroughly aware of its duties and obligations; and the chairman of each committee should confer frequently with the activities vice president, and with the Brotherhood president and the pastor, in order that the work of his committee may be kept going in all its phases.

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### Help for Baptist Home

By L. B. SNIDER

We are happy that some of our friends are remembering our children with their seasonal produce, fruits, vegetables, etc.

Strawberries are now in season and we hope our friends who raise them will be able to share some of them with our children.

Other fruits and vegetables will mature or ripen a little later. Frying chicken season also will soon come in. These fresh foods not only meet physical needs of our children and staff, but they also bring happiness to us in a number of ways.

We shall be glad to pay express charges and return empty crates, etc.

## OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION



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Dr. Louie D. Newton (center), pastor, Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, Ga., was re-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in St. Louis. At right is Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor, Third Church, St. Louis, who with Dr. Thomas V. McCaul, left, pastor, First Church, Gainesville, Fla., were named the vice presidents.

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# BAPTIST STUDENTS UTILIZE VACATIONS

By FRANK H. LEAVELL, Secretary  
Southern Baptist Student Work

Results from the work of Baptist students last summer are truly staggering. Eleven thousand two hundred and eighty of them volunteered and did some phase of work for their denomination. While reports of juvenile delinquency are alarming, the behavior of the better class of our young people is glorious.

From the various state Baptist student secretaries, from the Home Mission Board, and from the Vacation Bible School headquarters some statistics, though incomplete have been assembled. This data all but tests the faith of the most credulous person.

Last summer a grand total of between 11,000 and 12,000 Baptist college students spent at least a part of their vacation serving their denomination. A mighty army goes forth to war! A great part of this service was rendered gratis. Some were paid expenses. Others were paid above expenses, but meagerly. The motive on the part of the students was missionary service. If these students had worked only 15 days each,—some worked all summer—and if they had been paid only \$1 per day it would have cost the denomination exactly \$169,200.

## Youth Revivals

A very popular phase of this summer work is the youth revival. This movement really had its genesis in Mississippi back in 1931 when two Baptist student secretaries organized and led a group of alert students in voluntary summer revivals. Now it is a mighty movement covering the South and going far beyond.

Reports, signed on the dotted line, from 16 states, four not reporting, show that 204 youth revivals were held. In these meetings 306 students did the preaching, led the music, taught classes in soul-winning, did visiting and personal work, and directed recreational programs. There were 7,441 individual decisions recorded. Of that number 1,566 were professions of faith, and there were 1,173 baptisms. Noblesse oblige!

## With Home Mission Board

A report from Dr. Courts Redford, of the Home Mission Board,

affords definite inspiration. That board employed for a part, if not all, of the summer 203 alert students. They were first trained and then sent forth.

They worked in 19 states. They taught 5,701 classes in which were enlisted 70,683 pupils. This teaching resulted in 359 life dedications and in 1,849 professions of faith. Baptisms were not reported.

## With State Mission Boards

In many states students worked under the direction of the several departments of the State Mission Boards. This work consisted largely of teaching study courses, followed by needed organization of various units of activity. Totals of this work afford real inspiration. There were enlisted in these classes 14,000 pupils.

If these are added to those reported above by the Home Mission Board it makes a total of 85,086 people who received instruction at the hands of these college students last summer. These workers organized 52 new Sunday Schools, 255 new Training Unions, and 36 new YWA organizations.

## Vacation Bible Schools

The contribution by the Baptist students to the Vacation Bible School movement is a colossal one. Sibley Burnette, of that department, with superlative appreciation, gives statistics of work done by students in that field.

There were 10,140 college students who worked in 8,478 Vacation Bible Schools, an average of 1.2 students per school. Those figures tell their own story. But more significantly, for our present study, they speak for the students themselves!

## Modern Missionary Mission

Two other phases of the 1946 program of the Baptist Student Union are interesting and revealing. First, that "Modern Missionary Mission" of an evangelistic team of Texas students who went to Honolulu last December. Organized by W. F. Howard, state student secretary for Texas, and accompanied by Dr. Woodson Arnes of Waco, and William Hall Preston of the Department of Student Work at Nashville, four stu-

dent evangelists went out on this significant, history-making mission. The students were Jackie Robinson, Howard Butts, and Bo Baker of Baylor University, and Reiji Hoshizaki, graduate of Baylor and now a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

These students did the preaching. The meeting lasted a week. There were 100 professions of faith 144 re-dedications, and 12 commitments to full-time Christian service. Thus the youth revival movement of Southern Baptist students gloriously became international. May it yet girdle the globe!

## Student Retreat at Ridgecrest

The other item of inspiration in the 1946 program of the Baptist Student Union is the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest in June. There was an attendance of 2,950, including the students who were on the staff. It was there that 539 dedicated their lives for full-time Christian vocations. It was there that these students invested \$7,330 through the Baptist Book Store. It was there that they gave \$1,528 to world relief. It was there that, on a single Sunday, those students dropped in at the morning and evening services a total of \$1,785.

It was there that they pledged \$2,000 to equip a Baptist Student Union Center at the University of Shanghai. Later they gave, through the Foreign Mission Board, not \$2,000 but \$2,423.

## Guardians of National Destiny

Our youth are the guardians of our national destiny. Our youth are the trustees of our posterity. Despite the cries of the pessimistic, who have lost faith in the youth of today, it seems that some majestic guardians and some glorious trustees are being developed in whose hands our national destiny and our posterity will not suffer loss.

This is a far cry from a few years ago when our denominational leaders were disturbed, depressed, if not distracted, over the lethargy, the antagonism, and even the apostasy of our college stu-

dents from whom must come so vital an element of our leadership.

Southern Baptists may well take courage and thank God for their college students, now numbering 200,000, who are served by the Baptist Student Union as promoted jointly by the State Mission Boards and the Department of Student Work of the Sunday School Board.

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## Texarkana Church Has New Pastor

By OTTIS DENNEY  
Missionary Hope Association

Since Pastor Orlin Allen came to South Texarkana Baptist Church, Hope Association, last January there have been eight baptisms with seven more awaiting baptism. A new home has been built for the pastor.

Bro. Allen and his wife came to us from First Church, Channing, Tex. During his stay there he averaged baptising one to every seven members in the church, raised \$8,000 on a building fund, and set a splendid record as a pastor.

Pastor Allen has A. B. and M. S. Degree from the University of Arkansas and has had two years in Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Allen is a graduate of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, and has attended the University of Arkansas and Southwestern Seminary.

The people of South Texarkana Church are very happy over their new pastor and are leading forward in a great way in the Master's work. We are proud to have them in our association.

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# God Intervenes to Prevent Annihilation of His People

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

There must have been some tense moments throughout the tribe of Judah as the people learned of the fate of Israel. The Assyrian captivity had been brought too close home to them for comfort. Moreover the influx of foreigners who were brought into Samaria must have caused the tribe of Judah great concern.

With a mixed population there would follow a grave problem with reference to worship. Every nation would have "gods of their own" and we read that the Sepharvites "burpt their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim."

## A Good King

Judah had the comforting assurance that in Hezekiah there reigned over them a good king.

Twenty and five years old when he began to reign, he reigned over Judah in Jerusalem a total of 29 years. The words that characterize his reign are strikingly different from those that characterized the reign of Israel's kings Zechariah, Shallum, Menaham, and Pekahiah: "And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that David his father had done" (2 Kings 18:3).

Hezekiah proceeded immediately to remove "the high places" and to break down the pillars and cut down the Asherah. He broke in pieces also the brazen serpent that Moses had made, for the children of Israel were burning incense unto it.

Hezekiah "clave to Jehovah" and sought to keep His commandments even as Jehovah had given commandment unto Moses and departed not from following Him.

Because of his faithfulness to Jehovah, Jehovah was with him and "whithersoever he went forth he prospered." The Philistines were unable to withstand him for he smote them unto Gaza "and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city" (2 Kings 18:8f.).

## Alarm and Comfort

It was in the 14th year of King Hezekiah's reign that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against

## Sunday School Lesson For June 1

2 Kings 19:5-7; 32:37; 20:12-17

all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. This was a grave crisis for Judah.

Hezekiah sent to the king of Assyria saying "I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear." And as a result the king of Assyria required of Hezekiah 300 talents of silver and 30 talents of gold.

Hezekiah literally emptied the house of Jehovah of the silver that he found therein together with that of the treasures of the king's house. He cut off the gold from the doors of the temple, and from the pillars which he had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

When the defiant message of Rabshakeh reached the king's ears, Hezekiah "rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Jehovah."

Following this he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet saying "This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of contumely."

The words of Isaiah constituted just the message which Hezekiah needed for he said, "Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith Jehovah, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear tidings, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land" (2 Kings 19:6-7).

## Hezekiah's Prayer

Sennacherib, hoping to frighten Hezekiah into fearful submission, sent messengers again to Hezekiah. Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, but his reaction was not that which Sennacherib might have anticipated.

Immediately he went up into the house of Jehovah and spread

the letter before the Lord and poured out his soul in prayer saying, "O, Jehovah, the God of Israel, that sittest above the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. Incline thine ear, O Jehovah, and hear; open thine eyes, O Jehovah, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, wherewith he hath sent him to defy the living God" (2 Kings 19:14ff.).

Hezekiah was a mighty man of prayer. He had confidence in the strength of Jehovah and in his ability and willingness to meet any crisis that might confront His people. His prayer is one of the most eloquent to be found in the Bible.

## "And It Came To Pass"

Following Hezekiah's prayer, the prophet Isaiah sent to him saying "Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard thee" (2 Kings 19:20).

Isaiah assured that deliverance would be his, that Sennacherib would be discomfited and all his hosts. The destruction of the hosts of Sennacherib and Sennacherib's own death, as portrayed in 2 Kings 19:35-37, set forth the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy.

The angel of death smote the camp of the Assyrians and the 185,000 of them were found dead when the other men of the camp arose early in the morning. Dead bodies on every side and consternation so great that Sennacherib and the host that remained returned and dwelt at Nineveh. Even Sennacherib did not survive for long for while worshiping at the house of Nisroch, his god, he fell by the sword of Adrammelech and Sharezer.

## Letter to the Editor

### Commends Work at Sanatorium

Dear Editor:

I thought perhaps the Baptists of Arkansas would be interested in the wonderful work that Bro. Joe Fred Luck is doing here at the Sanatorium.

Being a patient I have not had the opportunity to observe all of his activities, but I do hear reports of them. At eight o'clock Sunday morning, Bro. Luck teaches a Sunday School class in Brown-Shibley, a men's building. That afternoon at five he holds a service in the auditorium.

Bro. Luck is well prepared for this work here. He can better understand and appreciate the needs and conditions of the patients, because his mother was a patient here at one time. Also his experiences as an Army chaplain have proved valuable in dealing with the many different types and classes of people here.

The greater part of his work is something that is really hard to write about. It is a continuous round of visiting patients who are in destitute circumstances, patients whose wives or husbands have left them because of their extended illness, and older men and women deserted by their children, patients who are dying, and of course those patients who have no special trouble or need but enjoy a friendly visit once in awhile.

It isn't just anyone who can meet these varied conditions daily and know just the right thing to do and say, but certainly Brother Luck has proved himself capable of meeting this need.

Melvin Scaggs,  
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## CADDO RIVER ASSOCIATION

We spent the week-end in Caddo River Association. We remember that a few years ago when we visited Caddo River Association there was not a full-time church in the association. There were only two or three resident pastors. It is different now.

We were in Glenwood on Sunday morning. Pastor Calvin Ussery is leading the church in all phases of the work. The membership is solidly behind him, and the church has a new outlook and a new unity. They are now wholeheartedly for our Convention work, and there is a brighter day ahead under the leadership of this faithful young pastor.

In the afternoon we were with Forest Hill church which is a very small country church on the hillside. We met some very fine Baptist people in this little church.

On Sunday night we were with Pastor A. L. McDaniel in Mt. Ida. One of the outstanding examples of progress among our churches is that of Mt. Ida Church. Pastor McDaniel is enjoying the hearty support of the membership of the church, and of the people of the town.

It became necessary to enlarge the church plant, and they are finishing up a new educational annex, and are rebuilding the main auditorium. This not only gives them space for their Sunday School and Training Union work, but also gives them an opportunity to seat the enlarged audience at the preaching service. McDaniel began his daily Vacation Bible School with 70 enrolled the first morning. This young man is one of our most aggressive and faithful leaders. He is moderator of the association.

On Monday we attended the Workers' Conference at Little Hope church in Oden. C. H. Moore is pastor there and at Pine Ridge. Bro. Moore lives at Ink. One of the largest audiences that we have seen in a Workers' Conference was present. A very instructive and inspiring program was carried through. Pastor James Overton, Mena, and his assistant were visitors in the meeting; so were Bro. M. L. Wallis, and Missionary L. A. Thompson of Ouachita Association. Pastor Essman, Amity, and Pastor Medford, Norman, are two of the aggressive full-time pastors in the association.

E. W. Lord, and W. H. Travis, Ouachita College students, are active pastors in this association. Carlos Jones, Norman, is pastor at Black Springs, Liberty, and Mt. Gilead. James Miller, Opal, is pastor of Lower Big Fork, and Sulphur Springs.

J. P. Emery is pastor of Refuge, Washita, and Concord. Bro. Emery is one of the oldest pastors in that section, but is one of the best. He is a genuine Christian leader with much settled experience, and yet he is fresh and young in his outlook and in his service.

Caddo River Association is growing. It was an inspiration indeed to be with these leaders. T. F. Cooper is tops as a missionary. He is a hard working man, and is aggressive in all his work.

## Hell Is:

A lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).  
 A devouring fire (Isa. 33:14).  
 A bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1).  
 Everlasting burnings (Isa. 33:14).  
 A furnace of fire (Matt. 13:41, 42).  
 A place of torments (Luke 16:23).  
 Where they curse God (Rev. 16:11).  
 A place of filthiness (Rev. 22:10, 11).  
 Where they can never repent (Matt. 12:32).  
 A place where they have no rest (Rev. 14:11).  
 A place of everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46).  
 A place of blackness and darkness forever (Jude 13).  
 A place where they gnaw their tongues (Rev. 16:10).  
 A place where their breath will be a living flame (Isa. 33:11).  
 A place prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41).  
 A lake of fire into which people are cast alive (Rev. 19:20).  
 A place from which the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and forever (Rev. 14:11).  
 A place where they drink the wine of the wrath of God (Rev. 14:10).  
 A place where they do not want their loved ones to come (Luke 16:28).  
 A place where there are murders, liars, fearful and abominable (Rev. 21:8).  
 Where is Hell—At the End of a Misspent Life!  
 Do You Believe It?

## Arkansan Making Records

Rev. E. Butler Abington is pastor of Trinity Church, Lake Charles, La. It is the largest church in the city. During the month of April there was an average attendance of 641 in the Sunday School, and 241 in the Training Union. There were 36 additions to the church during the month. Abington is a tireless aggressive, wise leader, and a fearless, pungent preacher of the Word. His great church without hesitation follows his leadership.

## Jordan and Van Buren

One of our happy experiences was a recent visit to the First Baptist Church in Van Buren. When we arrived, it was pouring down rain, and had been raining for several hours. In spite of the rain a congregation as large as we have ever seen on ordinary occasions was present.

Besides this large congregation we saw many other evidences of the progressive leadership and powerful preaching, and consecrated ministry of Pastor Jordan. T. H. Jordan is one of our greatest preachers. The membership is increasing, and the Sunday School is growing, and new members are being added to the church. The people love Pastor and Mrs. Jordan with all their hearts.

## Hazen and Hampton

It was the privilege of the writer to assist Pastor Charles Hampton, Hazen, in a service in which four new deacons were ordained. Pastor Hampton has been at Hazen about a year. Marked progress in the work of the church has been made during his service there. He is one of our very best young preachers. He is wise, and spiritual in his leadership. His people are following him.

## Rev. D. W. Bolton

Many of us in Arkansas knew D. W. Bolton. He has been pastor of a number of churches in the state. He passed to his reward early this month. He had been ill for sometime, and had been in the Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock, a few days. We understand that he was in Louisiana when he passed away. Bro. Bolton was a powerful preacher. His ministry in the last few years was around Texarkana. His friends will miss him.

## Matthews Memorial

Pastor Whitehorn reports that the Matthews Memorial Church is ready to build. The contract has been signed, and the work has been started. It will be brick veneer. There will be 12 Sunday School rooms, which will also be brick veneered. Whitehorn is doing a constructive work in that section of Pine Bluff.

## Vestal and Searcy

Have you seen the new church building in Searcy? Would you think that Searcy was a conservative church? Well you ought to look in on the situation there.

This splendid congregation under the invincible leadership of Pastor W. R. Vestal has erected one of the most beautiful and commodious temples in all this section of the country. Their triumph in erecting a building which is a credit and an adornment to the town of Searcy has brought new inspiration, and fresh determination to the Baptists in and around Searcy.

Pastor Vestal's leadership has not only accomplished this particular victory, but it has put new confidence and hope, and purpose into the spiritual life of the congregation. The people say that Vestal's preaching is second to none.

## Moshier and Wilmot

Rev. Irwin Moshier has been pastor of the progressive church in Wilmot for six months. They have had twenty-three additions, seven of them for baptism. They have had an Enlargement Campaign, and a Program of systematic visitation has been carried on consistently. A new and enlarged budget has been put into operation. This new budget carries \$100.00 per month for the Cooperative Program, which is three times as much as the church had been giving for Cooperative Missions.