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Power in Prayer

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven (MATTHEW 7:21).

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me (PSALMS 66:18).

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart (JEREMIAH 29:13).

Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out (JOHN 6:37).

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not (JEREMIAH 33:3).

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (MARK 11:22, 23, 24).

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him (JOHN 5:14-15).

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you (II PETER 5:6-7).

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full (JOHN 14:13; 16:24).

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened (MATTHEW 7:7, 8).

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you (JOHN 16:23).

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you (JOHN 15:7).

★ 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

The number of farms in Tennessee operated by non-white farm operators dropped from 27,975 in 1940 to 27,529 in 1945. The number of non-white farm owners increased from 6,886 to 7,380.

Candy consumption in 1946 in the United States dropped to 2.4 billion pounds, about 17 pounds per capita.

Tuition fees in the U. S. colleges and universities have increased an average of 28 per cent since 1939, according to President Truman's Commission on Higher Education.

The Twentieth Century Fund estimates that the average work week will probably drop to 41 hours in 1950 and 38 hours in 1960.

It is estimated that 20,000,000 cars carrying 60,000,000 will take to the road this summer on vacation trips. It is estimated that U. S. tourists will spend 10 billion dollars in 1947.

In the World of Religion

President Miguel Aleman has disavowed as baseless rumors that negotiations are being made for reestablishment of relations between Mexico and the Vatican.

The Joint Religious Radio Committee of the Congregationalists, Methodists, Presbyterians USA, and United Church of Canada will hold a workshop at the University of Chicago August 4-28.

Southern Presbyterians reported a gain of 62,248 in their membership last year. They now report 613,701 members in 3,542 churches in 16 states. Per-capita giving climbed to \$42.82 last year.

The Presbyterian Church USA voted to bar women ministers in their meeting at Grand Rapids. An effort will be made to add 1,000,000 members within the next three years.

Lutherans have named Dr. Oscar Fisher Blackwelder to replace Dr. Paul Scherer as preacher on the Sunday Vespers.

The House of Representatives has failed to approve funds for the completion of the 1946 Census of Religious Bodies. The Census Bureau hopes that the Senate will add the funds necessary.

The Farm and Ranch of Dallas, Tex., is sponsoring a Soils and Souls Sunday on June 29. Information kits may be obtained by writing to Editor A. B. Kennerly.

Baptist Highlights

The Baptist Church at Leedy, Okla., was completely demolished in the cyclone which struck that community last week. The parsonage of Pastor Ira Clinton was also destroyed, but the pastor and his family were unharmed.

The Executive Committee met in Nashville, June 11-12. The Sunday School Board met June 5.

Willis Howard has offered his resignation as pastor of the First Church, Oklahoma City, to accept the call of the First Church, Columbia, S. C.

Total receipts through the Executive Committee through May were \$3,764,-

826.86 as compared with \$3,464,287.88 for the same period in 1946.

North Carolina Baptists have leased a property formerly used as a hospital unit near Wilmington for a summer assembly site. The site will be used in 1948.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence delivered the commencement address for the 23rd annual commencement of the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

Properties owned by Carr Collins and associates, including the Crazy Water Hotel in Minerals Wells, Tex., has been deeded to the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

William B. Lippard, editor of Missions, has been elected president of The Associated Church Press, the first Baptist in this office.

In Conclusion

Mrs. A. R. Swann of Dandridge, Tenn., wanted to do something for missionaries, pastors, and other religious workers, so she bought and furnished a beautiful home on the banks of Douglas Lake near Jefferson City, Tenn. The home can be occupied from a week to a month without charge, except food. Applications should be made to Dr. James T. Warren, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

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Asia and Orient Need Special Missionaries

A plea to the churches of America to send at least 1,000 highly-trained "missionary specialists" into Asia and the Orient during the next 10 years, was voiced by John H. Reisner, executive secretary of Agricultural Missions, Inc., at a meeting of the board of directors of the organization in New York. Mr. Reisner has just returned from a seven-month air tour through Burma, India, China, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines which he made at the request of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

"Already," he declared "Communism is pressing its claims on the rural people in all these countries and is making promises which neither it, nor anyone else, can possibly fulfill."

Mr. Reisner proposed that teams of missionaries and native Christians trained in agriculture, home economics, public health, and religious education be sent to rural communities to study the problems of village people, to work out answers to their problems of everyday living, and to train village men and women and youth to help themselves.

"A satisfactory agriculture and a satisfying rural life for the villages of Asia depends finally on their being built on ethical, moral, and religious foundations," he said. "The weakness of much rural reconstruction work is that it deals only with material things."

Agricultural Missions, Inc., is an independent, non-denominational organization which trains missionaries in the techniques of scientific agriculture.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE

A Devotion by the Editor

"Ask what I shall give thee."

What will you choose from life? Suppose you should be invited to ask for the one thing which you desire most. Immediately something would flash before your vision as very desirable. Then something else would bid for your choice, then another and another. You might change your mind 40 times in so many minutes.

It would be a profitable mental and spiritual exercise to go off to one's self and ponder this question, "What shall I choose from life?" Take a pencil and put down a list of things as they occur to you. Then study that list, appraise each item, and imagine yourself in possession of each item, one at a time.

Such an exercise would be a profitable study of one's self and of one's estimate of relative values.

The fact is that we are making our choices daily. We are constantly reaching for the things which we choose from life. Often we are left empty-handed, dizzy, and disappointed. Many of the things which we have grasped have fallen to pieces in our hands, or have run through our fingers like sand, and some have even burned and blistered and left their scars upon us.

Life itself is God's challenge to us to choose—life with its values to gain and its adversities to master. We cannot have the values without the adversities. Every rose has its thorn and the gold is embedded in stone. Shall we throw away the rose because of the thorn and discard the gold because of the stone?

Life stretches out before us in long reaches of marvelous vistas of the glories ahead. What shall we take and what shall we leave? We must take some things and leave others.

The richness of our experiences and the usefulness of our lives will be determined by the wisdom of our choices.

"In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee . . . Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad" (I Kings 3:5-9).

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Across the Editor's Desk

Sin and Its Cure

This much may be said about sin: everybody is practicing sin more or less, and all are practicing it more than they should.

However universal the practice of sin may be, it is not, as a rule, a popular subject for discussion. Just as people work all the week for money but don't like to hear it mentioned on Sunday, so they may practice sin all the week, but would rather not hear it mentioned in the pulpit on the Lord's day. In fact, we do a lot of things we don't want people to talk about.

There is a widespread tendency to minimize sin and the reason is very clear: a person could not possibly see his sins in the enormity of their blighting effects and still hug them to his heart and remain happy and contented in a life of sin. The only way for men and women to remain in their sins and reject the offer of forgiveness and salvation is to refuse to believe that their sins amount to much.

Sins are labeled as faults, mistakes, and other such mild terms. But the Bible everywhere pictures sin as "exceeding sinful."

Dr. J. W. Chapman relates that after an earnest sermon by a distinguished minister dealing plainly and pointedly with sin, one of the church officers came to the study of the pastor and expressed himself somewhat as follows: "We don't want you to talk as plainly as you did about sin, because if our boys and girls hear you talk so much about sin they will more easily become sinners. Call it a mistake if you will, but do not speak so plainly about sin."

The pastor took down a small bottle of strychnine, marked "poison," and showed it to his visitor saying: "I see what you want me to do. You want me to change the label. Now, suppose I take this label off and substitute another, say, 'Essence of peppermint,' do you not see what happens? The milder you make the label the more dangerous you make the poison" (Hallock).

In spite of this irrefutable logic, many people still label their sins as thrilling experiences, as joyous good times, and the like. But God labels sin as poison, death, destruction.

Sin is represented by the tempter as a pleasant and pleasurable experience. It was such an appeal presented to Eve in Eden: "And when the women saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof."

But the very thing that was good for food, pleasant to the eyes, and desired to make one wise, was the sin that blighted her soul, made her afraid of God, and plunged the whole race into sin and condemnation.

A missionary from the west coast of Africa

sent a friend of his in the states some serpent eggs. He laid them carefully aside thinking to preserve them as they were. But one day, when he went to show them to a friend, he discovered to his amazement that the eggs had hatched into serpents, and there were a heap of crawling things before his eyes (Hallock).

When one thinks to preserve the little innocent looking pleasures of sin, he will discover some day that they have hatched out into great serpents of eternal torment.

Sin is itself the torment of the soul. One's own sins will be one's tormentors and one's own self will be the battle ground of the eternally conflicting forces within oneself.

It is said that some misguided scientists have succeeded in producing what is called a diabolical fad. By grafting a portion of one insect onto the body of another, they have made a new organism in which are conjoined beings of directly opposite natures—miserable creatures, with the clash of irreconcilable impulses, and instincts that tear each other.

A spider-butterfly is imagined, with a passion for sunshine and a love for darkness, with a longing for roses and a thirst for blood, demanding inconsistent satisfactions; a creature perplexed within itself, afraid of itself, devouring itself (Hallock).

"For I delight in the law of God after the inward man," said Paul, and he continues, "But I see another law in my members, wearing against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members."

In his distress he cries out, "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Is there any relief, and from what source may it come? Or, are we destined to be tormented and consumed by the irreconcilable forces which are fighting their battle within our lives?

"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord," shouted Paul. He has found the light, he has discovered the way out of his difficulties, he comes to know Jesus Christ as the one who can conquer sin, subdue his own arrant tendencies, release his nobler powers, and give him life eternal.

Freedom of Religion

The historic position on education in the United States has been this: the state should provide, at public expense, equal educational opportunities for every child. Upon this premise our public school system has been developed. It has always been assumed that those parents who desire to give their children special teaching apart from and in addition to the instruction provided in the public

schools, shall themselves pay for that special teaching.

We have understood the constitutional guarantees of religious freedom and separation of church and state to mean that the government will neither interfere with the establishment of church schools nor will it support church schools. If any group of Christian people desire to establish a school where their particular religious beliefs can be taught, they have a right to do so. But they have no right to expect the state to support out of public tax funds such schools where these particular religious beliefs are taught.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam sums up the issue in this way: "Public support for parochial schools would divide the community into sectarian educational systems and destroy the unity essential as democracy faces the totalitarian threat to freedom." "Parents who refuse the benefits" provided by the public school system "should pay for such private schools as they insist upon."

The Catholic position was stated by the National Catholic Welfare Conference in 1943 in a letter to a senator: "The Catholic position is one of opposition to any measure of federal aid to education that would (a) interfere with local control of the purposes and processes of education and (b) fail to make mandatory the inclusion of Catholic schools in its benefits."

Rev. John T. McNicholas, Roman Catholic archbishop of Cincinnati, has this to say on federal aid for American education: "To deprive parents of true American freedom to educate their children in the schools of their conscientious choice because they have not the means to do so, is indirectly a violation of our freedom of religion," which means simply that if the government does not support the Roman Catholic schools, it is violating the "freedom of religion."

A sample of what the Archbishop means is the state of affairs in North College Hill, Cincinnati, where he took over the public schools. A personal investigation was made by Harold E. Fey and reported in the May 29 issue of the Christian Century under the caption: "Preview of a Divided America."

Tithing Sunday Eggs

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

Pastor A. J. Lee has five churches in Rabun County Association, North Georgia—Plum Orchard, Joy, Mountain Grove, New Tiger and Rocky Grove. He saw about the effort of Southern Baptists to enlist a million tithers, and he asked his people to tithe their Sunday eggs. Reports thus far indicate that his churches are exceeding all previous records in gifts to the Cooperative Program.

He also wanted to put The Christian Index in the budget of his churches, so he asked each family to give a fat hen, and he went around and gathered them up, and had ample funds to put the paper in every home.

Where there is a will, there is always the way to advance the cause of Christ.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth., has an enrollment of 484 in summer school. Dr. T. B. Maston is director of the session.

Missionary Otis Denney, who left his position as missionary of Hope Association to become missionary in Newton County where there are only five churches and not a single Baptist pastor, summarizes his three years' work in Hope Association: 324 professions of faith; 111 baptisms; 18 volunteers for special service; assisted in organizing six churches, 14 Sunday Schools, and 13 Training Unions; 18 churches and missions led to place Arkansas Baptist in budgets; 13 missions opened; 166 tithers enlisted.

G. Paul Starnes, Harmon, La., recently became pastor at Louann. There were eight additions Sunday, June 1.

Organizations of Galilee Church, El Dorado, had unusual attendance on June 1. With 172 enrolled in Sunday School, the attendance was 114; with 104 enrolled in Training Union, attendance was 91. Grant Pickens is pastor.

First Church, North Little Rock, has opened a library of 360 books. Miss Russeleen Baldrige, of the Baptist Book Store, assisted.

Arkansas gave \$27,560.98 to Southwide causes during May according to the monthly report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of this amount \$11,453.85 was given through the Cooperative Program and \$16,107.13 for designated causes. The Southwide total was \$862,204.38.

W. A. Harrell, secretary of the Department of Church Architecture, Sunday School Board, went to Hawaii June 11 under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board and the Sunday School Board for conferences with the Hawaiian missions regarding their several church buildings and the Honolulu Bible School development. There are six organized churches and several missions in the islands. Mr. Harrell will attend the summer Bible conferences in Hawaii, where he will teach Sunday School and Training Union work in connection with conferences and lectures regarding church buildings.

Art Jones, Jr., native of Warren, was ordained to the ministry June 1 by Rehobeth Church, Moorefield, where he has been pastor since March. The ordination service began at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with Richard Perkins, Van Buren, directing the music and Miss Martha Test, Springdale, playing the piano. The council was composed of Rev. T. J. D. King, Rev. E. P. J. Garrett, Rev. Coy Sims, Missionary Stanley Cooper, Rev. J. F.

PASTORAL CHANGES

G. Paul Starnes from Harmon, La., to Louann Church.

Garland Anderson from Joyce City Church, Liberty Association, to Elliot Church, also Liberty Association.

Sidney Oxendine from First Church, Dierks to Watson Church.

1947 Handbook

By PORTER ROUTH

In the 1947 Southern Baptist Handbook, the printers rearranged several lines in the financial statement showing combined assets of agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention which appears on page five.

A corrected sheet has been printed showing the 1946 assets correctly. If you have purchased a 1947 Handbook, write to your book store or to the Department of Survey and Statistics, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and a corrected sheet be sent to you without cost.

Queen, Rev. H. E. Williams, and Arthur Fullerton. Rehobeth Church has had a 400 per cent increase in Sunday School attendance since the young minister became pastor and there have been 11 additions to the church. Plans are being made for construction of a parsonage.

Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, has had 56 additions since January 1. The church has given \$4,344.64 to the Cooperative Program during that time, \$50 to city missions, \$150 to associational missions, \$50 to old ministers' relief, \$128.85 to the Honor Club; \$750 to help 15 young preachers, missionaries, and educational directors go to school, \$1500 to the Ouachita campaign, \$3,797.14 to the building fund, and \$1,976.38 to repairs and improvements.

East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., conferred the honorary degree upon Charlie K. T. Chi, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Shanghai, China. Dr. Chi is a pastor and an author and holds many places of high honor in his native land. The baccalaureate sermon was brought by Pastor D. D. Sumrall, First Church, Palestine, Tex., and the commencement address was delivered by President B. E. Masters, Kilgore Junior College, Kilgore, Tex. A twelve weeks' summer school, divided into two six weeks terms, began June 3 with a record enrollment.

During the past school year 33 men and women from Southern Seminary and the WMU Training School, Louisville, were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries. Of these, 22 were from the current graduating classes, two were from the faculty personnel, and nine were alumni from previous years.

Pastor R. O. Ekrut, First Church, Strong, writes: "The coming of the Arkansas Baptist into every church home is proving a great blessing to our people. It is developing a loyal group of Baptists and makes our work easier. There is no substitute for our Baptist paper.

WHEN IN DALLAS

Worship with Ross Avenue Baptist Church
Ross and Moser
HOMER B. REYNOLDS, Pastor

They Tithe

During three years as missionary in Hope Association, Otis Denney led 166 people to adopt tithing as their plan of giving to their churches.

The Baptist Press reports that Pastor George A. Hammon, First Church, Mexico, Mo. wants his church to be the first in the South to begin the "prove me" tithing crusade.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of the Department of Missions, reports that Cord Church, Independence County Association, had a "very solemn and sacred ceremony" in which more than half of the membership pledged to tithe their income to the church.

Second Church, Little Rock, M. Ray McKay, pastor, has incorporated the "prove me" tithing crusade in a three-fold Loyalty Legion program. Those who sign a Loyalty Legion pledge will promise to read the Bible daily, to pray daily for the lost and for a world-wide revival, and to tithe their income. The church has adopted a goal of 1,000 Bible readers, 1,000 who will pray daily, and 1,000 who will tithe. Loyalty Day will be observed June 22 and cards will be signed.

Independence Church, Hope Association, enlisted 12 tithers in recent evangelistic services.

The Arkansas Baptist is anxious to have stories on tithing progress.

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Missionary Claude Crigler, White River Association, has served as principal of three Vacation Bible Schools and helped in one revival during the past two months. Missionary Crigler and Rev. M. M. Hinesly held evangelistic services at Rea Valley Mission, and Cotter Church extended an arm to receive two members for baptism.

Gravel Hill Church, Central Association, C. H. Seaton, pastor, dedicated its new building at special services in May. Dr. W. J. Hinsley, Hot Springs, delivered the morning sermon. The afternoon program began with singing directed by Arch Cooper, Benton, which was followed by a history of the church presented by Frank Ewell, a report of the building committee given by F. M. Robinson, the dedication by Dr. Hinsley, Scripture reading by Missionary S. A. Wiles, dedication sermon by Pastor Jesse Reed, Park Place Church, Hot Springs, and the dedication by Rev. Allen McCurry. An offering of \$74 for the completion of the church building was received.

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The Divine Agency for Building a Better World

"Building a better world" has been the theme of many recent conferences and discussions. It is a matter in which all of us are vitally concerned. One agency after another has been set up for the accomplishment of this noble ideal. And we are all deeply interested in all these agencies, and are most willing to lend our support to any legitimate movement which can make any contribution to building a better world.

It would, doubtless, be presumption for me to say that I know all the plans and processes and the all-important agency for helping the world situation and building a better world. But it is not presumption for God to say that He knows.

In I Timothy 3:15 the great apostle, Paul, tells the young preacher, Timothy, that he is connected with an institution which is appointed for world betterment. That is not the direct statement of Paul to Timothy, but he does say that the church—Christ's church—is the "pillar and ground of the truth."

Now, you may ask what that has to do with building a better world. Well, it has an immeasurably lot to do with it. If we are ever to have a better world than we now have, that world must be built on truth.

A better world will be built on scientific truth, not on scientific error; on social truth, not on social error; on economic truth, not on economic error; on political truth, not on political error; on racial truth, not on racial error; on moral truth, not on moral error; on religious truth, not on religious opinion and error.

And the church of Jesus Christ is the divine agency for undergirding and propagating that truth. No other agency has the express purpose, nor the express program, nor the express equipment for building the kind of world some of us would like to see.

Church Or School?

Building a better world is primarily the work of the church, not the work of the school. That is not to say that the school has not, cannot and should not make its contribution to the world's betterment. It is to say that the school is not the divinely appointed agency for world good.

There are some who give education and the school first place. Seemingly, they think that education will cure all our ills. But education solves very few of life's real problems. And it has not turned out that education has brought only good to the world. The inventions and discoveries of education have turned on us to devour us.

I would remind you that the Germans are no brood of illiterates. Their schools and universities and educational attainments have universal fame. But their schools have been pillars of error—all kinds of error—rather than pillars of truth. The results are well known.

There has been quite a little agitation for and some experiment with what is known as week-day religious education in the public schools. I do not think this is the solution to our problem. I do not think that putting a class in Bible in every room in our schools will make very much contribution to world betterment.

I do think that a real Christian teacher in every room, teaching science and literature

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Arkansas Baptist Hour Message

By JAMES A. OVERTON

First Church, Mena

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and history from the Christian point of view and with Christian attitudes, will go a long way in helping us. It is not so much the kind of books we have in our schools as it is the kind of teachers, if our schools are to help us build a better world.

There is far more to be feared when a good book is in the hands of a bad teacher than when a bad book is in the hands of a good teacher. I feel there is nothing to be gained from the school invading the realm of the church. The school's contribution to world betterment is best made indirectly.

Church Or State?

Come a step further, and consider that building a better world is primarily the work of the church and not the work of the state.

Most of the plans and programs being considered now are being formed and promoted by the state, many of the leaders being professedly non-Christian. And though we want to believe in the sincerity of our leaders, and pray for the success of the plans for world betterment, we cannot wholly turn over to the state the making of a better world.

We are forced to recognize that the state is much to blame for the mess in which we find the world. The idea that the state is everything has plunged us into global war, bathed the world in blood, and put mourning

clothes on millions of broken-hearted mothers, wives and sweethearts.

No, the state is not the primary agency for building a better world. Like the school, it can help, but its contribution must be indirect. It can put around the church its arm of protection and justice while the church does its work. But it is the church's business to propagate the truth which saves the world.

How Shall the Church Do It?

If the church is the divine agency for world betterment, then the question of procedure clamors for answer. How shall the church go about building a better world?

Two procedures are imperative. One is improvement within. The task of world improvement cannot be accomplished, I fear, by our churches in their present condition.

The cold indifference, the callous lethargy, the sordid worldliness, and the sinful indulgences of our people must have an end. We must reevaluate the importance and effectiveness of our church organizations. We must have a revival of religious fervor until the cause of Christ and the church possess us completely.

The other procedure is expansion without. We must widen our sphere of concern and activity. We must lift our horizons and lengthen our cords. We must be willing to "cross the tracks" and the incorporation lines of our cities. We must push out to the crossroads and the heads of the creeks, to find the last man and tell him about Jesus.

Our churches must make their influence felt in civic and social affairs. They must permeate every phase of community life, and propagate the truth, putting it up against error, until men shall be free from the bondage of sin and the world has become a better place to live.

Pastor Holland is Speaker on Arkansas Baptist Radio Series Beginning June 22

The Arkansas Baptist Radio Commission will begin another series of four radio messages June 22. The messages will be presented by Pastor C. Z. Holland, First Church, Jonesboro. The subjects of his messages will be "Life's Relationships," "Why Men Pray," "The Problem of Pain," and "The Way of Life."

The 15-minute program of Gospel message and song of Arkansas Baptists is carried over 11 Arkansas stations. The program originates in the studios of KARK, Little Rock, and all broadcasts are by transcription. Music is furnished by the Ouachita College Choir. The program may be heard every Sunday over:

- KFFA—Helena, 7:45 a. m.
- KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
- KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
- KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
- KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KARK—Little Rock, 10:30 a. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 12:15 p. m.
- KFPW—Fort Smith, 12:45 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 12:45 p. m.
- KGHI—Little Rock, 1:45 p. m.
- KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.



Pastor Holland



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CHRIST *Is the Answer*

By PORTER M. BAILES
Tyler, Texas

Did you ever study mathematics with answers given to the problems in the back of the book? The one question we ask of every problem and seek to secure by solving it is, "What is the answer?"

When we worked our problems out we were eager to find the answer. We rejoiced when our answer was the same as the answer in the book. Thus in this world we are seeking an answer for our problems. We believe that Christ is the answer to every problem we face.

Study the "I am's" of Christ. Jesus was not a luxury but a basic necessity. He said, "I am the bread of life. I am the light of the world. I am the door. I am the way." What a necessity these things are to man's every day common routine living. A traveler without a way faces a problem. A hungry man without bread faces a problem, so Christ is the answer. What are some of the problems of today?

Labor Problem

The problem of labor faces us acutely at this time. I am sympathetic with labor. Labor has never gotten anything except what it squeezed out of capital. I do not know anything about unions, but I do know a principle and that principle is that labor has a right to strike.

But others have a right to work. We believe with all our hearts in the open shop law and right. Wherever the spirit of Jesus is manifested in industry by capital and labor, there is no problem. Christ is the answer to the labor problem.

Peace Problem

Christ is the answer to the peace problem. We believe in the United Nations organization. We believe that one day nations will learn to live peaceably together. No nation has ever won a victory permanently in an unjust cause since the time of Jesus.

At the 1939 Baptist World Alliance a messenger responded to the roll call by saying, "I am from a nation that was but is not now, but will be again." That was back when Hitler with his iron heel was crushing the life out of all the little nations around him. But Hitler is no more. The mad maniac failed ignominiously and the little nation that this messenger was from, Esthonia, is back again in its rightful place.

We believe that Jesus, and Jesus only, will bring permanent peace in this world. Our only and sole hope of a warless world is in the spirit of Jesus. The plan of good will and abiding peace, was given by the angels when they announced His birth—first: glory to God in the highest; second, peace on earth; and third, good will to men.

When men give the supreme place in their lives to God and cherish in their hearts good will to their fellowman, then may we expect to beat our swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks and learn war no more.

Education Problem

The serious problem of education is only solved by Jesus. Education has developed a civilization in which the trained technical

mind is the greatest source of danger that we have.

*Knowledge has this power,
This power I know;
To shoot a longer arrow
In a stronger bow.*

If this bow and this arrow, or atomic bomb, is in the hands of men who do not know Christ, this is a very dangerous thing. Power without wisdom to use it aright is always dangerous. The one hope of solving the problem of education is to develop the heart along with the mind and to endow people with spiritual wisdom as men are trained to manufacture material power.

Since science has split the atom, the church must unite the world in brotherhood. Christ is the answer to this problem of secular edu-

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- He is a path, if any be misled;
 - He is a robe, if any naked be;
 - If any be a bondman, He is free;
 - If any be but weak, how strong is He.
 - To dead men life He is, to sick men health;
 - To blind men sight, and to the needy wealth;
 - A pleasure without loss, a treasure without stealth.
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cation. We must make men Christians as we make them intelligent. Christian education is our answer.

Home Problem

Jesus is the answer to the home problem. In the home we face a serious problem or wonderful possibility. So many homes are like ships tossed by the winds and waves on rocks and are broken to pieces. Like ships, homes must be anchored or they will drift.

Think of the tremendous importance of the home. It is the primary and basic institution. It is a miniature republic where the head of the tiny republic rules in love and compassion and where in this order of society the child should learn obedience to authority and cooperation in effort and work.

It is a miniature school. It is the first school, the most important school and the school of higher learning. It is a school where the teacher and pupil have the holiest interest in each other. It is a school where morals are taught and caught. A child does not happen to grow into a good man. He is trained into the ways of a good man.

The home is a miniature church. The father is priest in his household. It is his privilege to train and teach his children religiously. He stands between God and his family. The father is to lead his little flock in devotion and praise to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. It is his high privilege to get his children to accept the unspeakable gift of a merciful God. If Christ is the center and heart of the home there is no home prob-



lem. He will solve every problem that any home ever faced, or ever will face.

Youth Problem

Christ is the answer to the problem of youth. That problem is "What shall I do with my life?" There is only one answer to that question and that is to find and do the will of Christ. So many young people now are finding their greatest thrill in doing the will of God.

One young man enumerated his thrills of playing football in high school, his first date, his first automobile with five horns under the hood. But of all the thrills, none equaled the thrill of finding his place and the plan for his life in the will of God. Christ is the answer, young people, to your problem of what to do with your life.

Juvenile Delinquency Problem

Christ is the answer to the juvenile delinquency problem. Sometimes we say boys will be boys and girls will be girls but there are different kinds of boys and girls to be. Some think that a crop of wild oats is essential to an experienced life but there is always a harvest, and the harvest reveals what has been sown in youth.

In a Rotary banquet of young citizens, two from each school of a county, the one characteristic of the majority of those outstanding boys and girls, was that they were busy and interested workers in the church of their faith. As I spoke to that group of select young people from over the county, I said, "There is no delinquency problem here." Thus Jesus is the answer to the juvenile delinquency problem and the only answer to this problem.

Possibilities in Christ

As we look around us in a world that is fraught with all sorts of dangers, our hearts quail within us; but when we read the word of God and know what God can do through regenerated men and women, our hearts are thrilled not at the problems we face but at the tremendous and wonderful possibilities that are ours in Christ. The gospel of the Son of God must reach the hearts of lost men and women if the future of the world is kept hopeful and bright as it moves on toward the unclouded day. May that day come soon that was revealed in prophecy when men would learn war no more.

Men of old prophesied the coming of Jesus and He came. They also prophesied the coming of His kingdom. Some day that will be realized, too. May that day soon come to brighten the world with peace and prosperity. Christ is the answer for when "the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth as the waters cover the seas, they shall not hurt nor destroy" in all of God's great world.

1948 Evangelistic Conference Plans

Perhaps announcement should be made now that a great state-wide evangelistic conference will be held in Arkansas next January 26-28. Dr. C. E. Matthews, of the Home Mission Board, is director of evangelism for the South, and this conference will be in cooperation with the plans for the entire Southern Baptist Convention territory. Practically every state will have such a meeting. This will be a great program of evangelism. Efforts will be made to have every Baptist preacher in Arkansas present.

Siloam Conference

The State Assembly program this year has three hours scheduled for the "preacher's period." Three people will speak during that period each day. Dr. Harry Rimmer will be one of the speakers and will likely lead the group in a study of the passages of Scripture which scientists question.

Dr. D. F. Risk, of St. Louis, Mo., will speak on missions, soul-winning and evangelism. Then someone from the Religious Education Department will lead a discussion on the organizational work of the church. From all indications this next assembly is going to be the largest and best ever held in the state.

Missionary Cooper Goes To Joiner

Stanley Cooper, missionary in Independence County, has accepted a call to the Joiner Church, Mississippi County Association. Bro. Cooper has done a good work as associational missionary. One new church has been organized. Two new churches have been built. Another is under construction, and several others have remodeled or made some physical improvement.

A few Sundays ago this missionary was asked to conduct a funeral out in a section of the county where he had never been. This scribe was with him. As we drove along he remarked, "I doubt that the people out here know what the Arkansas Baptist Convention is." We learned that there was a Free Will Baptist Church in the community. Before we left the cemetery Bro. Cooper had an engagement for a revival meeting in that church the next week.

Just the other day a letter came saying, "We are having a great revival out at the Free Will Baptist Church." Well, we are apt to have a new church as a result of a missionary going 22 miles out in the country to conduct a funeral.

Joiner Is Product of Missions

The church to which Cooper goes at Joiner is a live progressive and prosperous one in the Delta section. It is a product of our state mission work. Here is the history as I have gathered it: Rev. M. E. Wiles was missionary in Mississippi County. He became interested in getting some Baptist work established at Joiner, and eventually that interest resulted in a church being organized.

For some months he gave his time to them until they could call a pastor. Stanley Cooper was called as their first pastor. He served them until he went into the mission work. Then Bro. Wiles went to them as pastor until he entered his present work. And now Bro. Cooper has been called back. In the meantime the church has built a beautiful building and has material on the ground for

Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

a parsonage. The church has a budget of \$150.00 per week and is progressing in a fine fashion.

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Southern Seminary Increases Faculty

Appointment of two new members to the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, and the addition to the teaching staff of several new instructors will bring the full-time teaching personnel of the Seminary to 19, President Ellis A. Fuller has announced. Enlargement of the teaching force, with the completion recently of several new classrooms, will make it possible to divide large classes into smaller groups, increasing the teaching efficiency.

The new faculty members are Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, who will be assistant professor in Old Testament interpretation, and Dr. Findley B. Edge, assistant professor in religious education. Dr. Taylor Clarence Smith, Good Pine, La., is the newly appointed instructor in New Testament interpretation.

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Southern College Enlarges Program

The Board of Trustees of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, has elected Pastor L. C. Tedford, First Church, Corning, president. Pastor Aubrey Halsell, First Church, West Memphis, was elected vice-president for Arkansas, and Rev. Chester B. Pillow, Poplar Bluff, Mo., vice-president for Missouri. Ben H. Lincoln, Pocahontas, was made secretary and H. E. Williams, treasurer.

The Board approved additions to the staff and faculty. They are H. H. King, rural education; J. I. Cossey, missions; Mrs. J. I. Cossey, music and English; Ben H. Lincoln, dean and education, and Samuel Callicott, biology.

Salaries of faculty members were increased and a retirement system set up.

The treasurer's report showed that total receipts for the last year were \$110,379.22; that total expenditures were \$88,223.94, and that there is a balance of \$22,155.28. The administration has added approximately \$35,000 worth of personal property since the fire in December.

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The dream of a minister came true. Louisville Boys estate, modeled after Father Flanagan's famed Boys Town, Neb., has been dedicated on a rural site east of Louisville, Ky. The Long Run Baptist Association is sponsoring the project, with Rev. Edward J. Lee, chaplain of the Children's Center, in charge. Six boys are being cared for in the initial project, with 40 ultimately to be housed. It will function on a nondenominational basis. The sponsors have received some \$40,000 from contributors in 10 states which it intends to use in building up the property. The site was purchased for \$25,000.

Dr. Dillard Will Retire From Convention Office

By C. E. BRYANT

Dr. J. E. Dillard, long-time denominational servant and leader of the successful Hundred Thousand Club which played a big part in the retirement of Southern Baptist debts, will retire June 30 as director of promotion for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Dillard, who has held the Executive Committee post since 1936, is retiring at his own request because of ill health.

In addition to his work on the Hundred Thousand Club, Dr. Dillard has played a major part in leading Southern Baptists to a keener realization of the obligations of Christian stewardship. He also has led in planning the current campaign for "A Million Southern Baptist Tithers for Christ" and this fall's special three-month "Prove Me" tithing emphasis.

The Southern Baptist Convention, at its last meeting in St. Louis, voted unanimously the following expression of appreciation to Dr. Dillard:

"Southern Baptists assembled in the ninety-fifth annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis, Mo., on May 7, 1947, record their sincere appreciation of and pay grateful tribute to James Edgar Dillard, D. D. LL. D., preacher, educator, author, statesman.

"Born in Danville, Va., June 3, 1877, the son of a Baptist preacher, this distinguished leader of our beloved denomination has served with unusual efficiency and unquestioned loyalty as pastor of some of our great churches, as college president, and as a member of numerous boards, commissions, and committees, as president of the Alabama Baptist Convention, as vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and for the past 11 years as director of promotion of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"His tireless and self-sacrificing efforts in the promotion of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club were in a large measure responsible for the agencies of this Convention being 'Debt-Free in Forty-three.'

"His efficient and enthusiastic promotion of the Cooperative Program has done much to stabilize the financial structure of every institution, board and agency of this Convention."

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Investment of Life

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

If I could talk personally with the several thousand Baptist young women who are graduating this year from High School and College about the investment of their lives in Christian service, I would strongly urge upon those who are temperamentally and otherwise qualified to consider a career of nursing, which would lead to the further suggestion that you get in immediate touch with your state Baptist Hospital and ask for information regarding the next class in the School of Nursing.

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The Minute Men's Class of First Church, Nashville, had 110 present on May 25. The entire Sunday School had an average attendance of 355 in May which is the record attendance of the church. Herbert Lancaster, of Southwestern Seminary, became director of music and education June 8. W. E. Perry is pastor.

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

*Blessed is the man whose skylight is undimmed
by the dust of doubt or sin of disobedience.*

BRAIN: Dr. Charles Mayo says in the Allied Youth Blotter: "You can get along with a wooden leg, but you can't get along with a wooden head. . . It is the brain that counts, but in order that your brain be kept clear you must keep your body fit and well. A man who has to drag a habit around with him that is a danger and a menace to society ought to go off in the woods and live alone. We do not tolerate the obvious use of morphine or cocaine or opium, and we should not tolerate liquor drinking because, I tell you, these things are what break down the command of the individual over his own life and his own destiny."

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EMPHASIS ON RELIGION: Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., foremost teacher training institution in the South, will place emphasis on religion this summer by conducting vesper services on the campus each Sunday evening of the summer school term. Outstanding theologians will bring messages at the special services and music will be given by a special Peabody vesper choir.

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RESTLESSNESS DEPLORED: Measuring of preachers by the dollar mark and the restlessness of ministers leading to changing pastorates were deplored by Bishop Charles C. Selecman, Dallas, at the 38th annual session of the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference at Amarillo, Tex. Preachers, he said, should stay until they have finished their jobs, and congregations should not be too quick to have them moved.

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DIVORCE CURB: "Religious training, education, conciliation courts and uniform divorce laws are of more value than drastic laws in checking the increase of divorce and juvenile delinquency," S. S. Hahn, Los Angeles attorney, told a meeting sponsored by the American Institute of Family Relations. Laying stress on the value of religious instruction, Hahn said: "Every child has a right to know God and the application of spiritual teaching to present day living. Moral laws are infinitely stronger than statutory laws."

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TRUE PICTURES: J. E. Parrott, editor of the Tuckerman Record, weekly paper, says: "Liquor ads always show liquor being consumed in luxurious surroundings by immaculately groomed men and women. The impression is given that the drinking of liquor is responsible for the success of the individual."

"The dry forces should encounter with a series of ads showing what liquor actually does. It should show blear-eyed bums drooling over liquor in saloons. It should show them sleeping in gutters with flies crawling over them. It should show homes made destitute because of the lack of money that has been spent for whiskey instead of food and furnishings."

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LAY LEADERSHIP: The trend toward administering church affairs from the pew,

rather than the pulpit, was marked again in the 159th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., when the fourth lay moderator was elected. He is Wilbur LaRoe, Jr. He joins the ranks of other top Protestant lay leaders as Charles P. Taft, president of the Federal Council of Churches; John Foster Dulles, head of the Council's potent Commission on a Just and Durable Peace; and ex-Justice Owen J. Roberts, first layman president of the Episcopal General Convention's House of Deputies.

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TRAILER MISSIONS: As a part of a program of personal evangelism, "each one reach one," 10 Lutheran churches in Queens County, New York, will sponsor a trailer preaching mission during June. It is believed this is the first time a religious body has used a trailer in bringing the Gospel to the unchurched in a large metropolitan area.

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RELIGION OF CONGRESSMEN: Of the 531 senators and representatives who make up the 80th Congress, only 154 list church membership in their official biographies furnished to the Congressional Directory. The survey reveals that of those who specify their religious affiliation Methodist lead all other denominations. There are 36 Methodists, 26 Roman Catholics, 25 Baptists, 21 Presbyterians, and 18 Episcopalians. It is believed that 90 per cent of Congressmen belong to some church, but most of them don't talk about their religious feelings.

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JOURNALISM SCHOOL: A school of religious journalism, to be conducted in connection with the National Baptist Sunday School Board, is planned by the Oklahoma Baptist University. The school hopes to graduate trained journalists with a Baptist background who are ready to devote their lives to denominational journalism.

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YOUTH CENTER: A \$100,000 center and library for youth of all creeds has been opened in Algiers, across the Mississippi River from New Orleans, by Rev. Lee R. Shelton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Algiers. The project, dedicated to the church's first boy to die in the war, comprises a library of 12,000 volumes, a radio studio linked with local stations, game rooms, nurseries and class rooms.

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OPEN DOORS: General MacArthur has announced a policy which permits admission of American missionaries and their families to Japan, shipment of food, clothing, and other necessities and makes it possible for a church formerly active in missionary work in Japan, but presently without representation, to send representatives.

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LAYMAN EVANGELISM: Five thousand persons have joined the Presbyterian Church as a result of the work of 2,000 laymen train-

ed in evangelism, according to Rev. H. H. Thompson, director of evangelism in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

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MARATHON BIBLE READING: City Patrolman Frank E. Willett, Johnstown, Pa., has started his 29th cover-to-cover reading of the Bible. On his 28th trip through the Scriptures, Willett set himself a record in getting from Genesis to Revelation in 66 days. His best previous mark was 103 days. Willett reads the Bible instead of the morning paper while eating breakfast. He finds the morning hours best for spiritual enlightenment.

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ROMANCE OF LIFE: Pastor Aubrey G. Walton, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, told graduates of Little Rock Junior College in preaching the baccalaureate sermon: "Life is a romantic business. It is romantic because it is a glorious adventure, because life is what we make it, and because life lasts forever."

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PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY: "The Shack," a 24-room mission, including an auditorium, library, class rooms, recreation facilities and living quarters with a large swimming pool near by, located in a coal mining community near Morgantown, W. Va., has a pastor, Nevin Kendall. He terms his services "a ministry on the industrial front line."

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DAY OF PRAYER: The Christian Ministers' Brotherhood of Columbus, Ga., adopted a resolution asking President Truman to proclaim V-J Day, August 14, as a day of prayer.

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HOPE: Dr. John R. Mott, veteran American church leader, told 3,000 German youths in Berlin that "man's extremity is God's opportunity." He encouraged German youth to be hopeful for the future. "God always intervenes when human suffering is most intense," he said.

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DAILY BIBLE READER: Queen Elizabeth reads the Bible every day and "knows from experience" how helpful this custom can be. Addressing a crowded meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, commemorating the silver jubilee of the Bible Reading Fellowship, the queen said:

"These are challenging days in the history of the world. A new era is struggling to be born. Our nation and empire is called to give moral leadership to the world, and can only do this if it is true to its Christian tradition."

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MOVIE DECENCY CAMPAIGN: An organized campaign to keep indecency and the "caricaturing of religion" out of motion pictures was urged in Los Angeles by Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati, president of the Federal Council of Churches. He was addressing the annual meeting of the Los Angeles Church Federation.

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TEST OF DEMOCRACY: Charles Wells says: "A significant test of democracy in sports is being fought out in big league baseball over the appearance of a skilled Negro player, Jackie Robinson, in the major ranks. There has been no question about Jackie Robinson's skill as a player, or about his honesty, good sportsmanship and gentlemanly behavior . . . it is simply a matter of the color of his skin."

"It isn't just beauty that goes skin deep . . . sometimes it's sportsmanship or democracy,—or even Christianity—that are only skin deep."

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Miss Walden of Nigeria Will Teach "Builders of a New Africa" at Siloam

Miss Ruth Walden, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria since 1934, is a native of Roanoke, Va. She attended Averett College, Westhampton College, Peabody College for Teachers and the Woman's Missionary Training School. Miss Walden is engaged in educational and evangelistic work in Abeokuta. She will teach the WMS class at the Assembly in July, using the book, "Builders of a New Africa."

Other books and teachers are: Intermediate Royal Ambassadors and Young Woman's Auxiliary, "Winning the Border," Mr. and Mrs. Donato Ruiz, missionaries to the Spanish-speaking people, El Paso, Tex.; YWA, "Shining Like the Stars," Miss Eugenia Davie, Searcy; Intermediate GA, "Tell," Miss Josephine Gallaway, Pine Bluff; and "Stewardship in the Life of Youth," Miss LaVerne Ashby, Little Rock; Intermediate RA, "America Must Be Christian," Pastor Lawson Hatfield, Ashdown; Junior GA, "Everywhere Preaching the Word," Mrs. Alvin Hatton; Junior RA, "Livingstone the Pathfinder," Alvin Hatton, Little Rock. There will be a class also for the Sunbeams, teacher to be announced later.

Two special classes for counselors will be held at 5:30 each evening at the Assembly. These will be taught by Alvin Hatton, counselors and those interested in Royal Ambassador work, and Miss LaVerne Ashby, counselors of the other young people's organizations, young people's director, and others interested in young people's work.



Miss Walden

go on the air! The regular Baptist Hour can be heard over stations KUOA, Siloam Springs; WFAA, Dallas; KWTO, Springfield, Mo.; and KSD, St. Louis, Mo., at 7:30 a. m. CST, and WREC, Memphis, Tenn., at 8:30 a. m. CST on that Sunday with YWA girls from China, Brazil, Cuba, and America speaking, followed by Mrs. George Martin, president of Southern WMU.

The Girls' Chorus of Mars Hill College, directed by Miss Evelyn McLeod, will sing, and Mrs. Glenn Denham of Missouri will direct the verse choir. Every YWA should be at the radio to share in the program, and have her unsaved friends with her.

For Summer Reading

For inspiring summer reading subscribe to "The Window of YWA," "World Comrades," and

STUDENT HOME MISSIONARIES

By COURTS REDFORD
Home Mission Board

Approximately 300 students left their homes and college campuses about June 1 to go to the various mission fields of the Home Mission Board to serve two and a half months as associate missionaries with the regular workers of the Board.

Student home missionaries for the summer include 70 men and 230 women from 28 states, 61 colleges, and five seminaries and training schools. The average age of the men is 25, while that of women is 23.

To be eligible for appointment students must have completed the sophomore year of college work and must be at least 18 years of age, a volunteer for special mission service, and recommended by at least three well-known religious leaders.

The students will serve in practically every type of mission work now being done by the Home Mission Board with the exception of its work in Cuba and Panama.

Among the Spanish-speaking people there will be 68 student missionaries; among the Indians, 13; in the French field, 27; in city missions, 50; in Good Will Centers, 18; in rural and mountain areas, 66; in the western states, 47; among the Negroes, six; and others among Chinese, Japanese, Italians, and in summer camps.

The 200 students used last summer visited 22,000 homes, helped in 1,268 Vacation Bible schools, taught 70,000 young people, and reported 1,849 conversions.

Through this program it is the hope of the Home Mission Board to help missionary volunteers to

"Ambassador Life." These magazines bring you stories, information, and news direct from the mission fields of Southern Baptists, along with articles about young people's groups over the South and suggestions which will help you to build a better organization. Let's have your organization 100 per cent in subscriptions to our missionary magazines. Send \$1 today to the magazine you want, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

discover their aptitudes and interests and to find their places in life. At the same time, the help given the missionaries on the field and the results in soul-winning are stimulating and encouraging.

Home Mission Pictures

R. G. Van Royen, of the visual education department of the Home Mission Board, announces the release of two new color motion pictures. There are now four films available for use by the churches. Two are sound; two are silent. There are also 14 sets of colored slides, some of which have been adapted for use with the current series of mission study books.

Write Visual Department, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga., for catalog.

A New Book

The new book by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, *The Holy Spirit in Missions*, is now off the press and is being delivered to the book stores. Much interest has been manifest in the forthcoming publication. It is a delight to announce that the book is now ready for individual orders from the Baptist book stores.

Rural Life Conference

Among the features of home mission week at Ridgecrest, July 31-August 6, is the conference on rural missions. Through the generosity of friends the Home Mission Board is able to offer to pay one cent per mile each way on the travel expense of each rural pastor and associational missionary. Men trained in various fields of rural church work will lead conferences, and there will be time for open discussion.

Write Manager Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C., and make room reservations for this important week.

Mission Study Institute

Harmony Associational WMU reports a good attendance and splendid teachers for a mission study institute held recently at Southside Church, Pine Bluff.

Associational WMU Rallies

Boone-Carroll, Ouachita, Hope, Red River, Mississippi and perhaps other associations have reported good programs and attendance at the second quarterly rallies. For lack of space we have been unable to give details of these meetings.

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Win the Lost Through the Sunday School

Recently one of the pastors in our state, whose church had just experienced a wonderful revival with a good many additions, said to me: "Yes we did have a great meeting, but I don't think any meeting could be called a true success when after the meeting there are still over 160 lost souls in our Sunday School."

This good pastor had made a survey of his Sunday School during the revival and to his surprise had found this amazing number of lost on the Sunday school rolls above the primary department.

J. N. Barnette, of our Baptist Sunday School Board, says in the June Builder that there are close to a million opportunities for evangelism in our Sunday Schools. A little better than one-third of these are juniors, about one-third adults and the rest intermediates and Young People.

The Sunday School has the best organization, the best opportunities, the best fields, the best force, the best training for reaching, enlisting and winning these souls to Christ.

Why not, with the help of your Sunday School workers, make a thorough survey of your Sunday School for evangelistic opportunities? After you have this list, prayerfully and carefully work at the task of enlisting them for Christ.—Robert O. Barker.

More Hymn Sings

The quarterly associational hymn-sing grows more popular throughout the state. Recently three were held in various sections. With beautiful weather ahead and driving facilities again at our dis-

posal, the hymn-sing furnishes an excellent medium of fellowship in song to Christians who love to sing praises to God.

These song-fests are planned by the associational music director who either leads the singing or invites some competent person to lead. Each church in the association is asked to bring it's choir with a prepared number. This gives an opportunity for all the people to hear what other church choirs are doing.

Delta Association has recently enjoyed the fourth such sing this year under the supervision of Mrs. Ralph Verser of McGehee. The sing was held in Lake Village Church with Mrs. Shirley Adams, Portland, directing the congregational singing which was accompanied by Mrs. Lewis of Lake Village, organist and Mrs. Verser, pianist. Special numbers were given by the Portland choir and by the adult and youth choirs of McGehee. Seven churches with their pastors attended.

Boone-Carroll Association, under the leadership of Mrs. Roy Ezell of Harrison held it's third sing May 2. One hundred people from four churches in the association attended and entered enthusiastically in the program of hymns and gospel songs which were directed by Mrs. B. N. Nininger with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Ezell.

Harrison adult choir and the junior choir from Omaha brought special numbers. A feature of this sing was the Associational Elimination in hymn-playing for intermediates and juniors. Pat Murray, of Harrison, and Joe Hess of Eureka Springs were chosen to

represent the association at the state hymn-playing contest and Shirley Ann Paul, Harrison, was selected as an alternate.

Current River Association gathered for the second hymn-sing which was planned by Rev. C. F. Gwinup of Pocahontas. The Baptist Church at Success was the meeting place and a large crowd joined in the service. Complete report will be made later concerning this sing.

Harmony's Training Union Work

Harmony association, under the leadership of R. P. James, associational Training Union director, is having regular meetings and is doing good work. During the first quarter the emphasis is daily Bible reading and prayer. The second quarter emphasis is on prayer meeting attendance and soul winning. The third quarter emphasis is study courses, while the fourth is Christian stewardship.

A schedule of meetings has been planned for the entire year which include executive committee meetings, officers and leaders councils, and mass meetings. Summer field workers will spend two weeks in Harmony Association this summer.

Figures to Inspire

The Sunday School and Training Union of First Church, Siloam Springs, has had for the past three years this average attendance during the month of April. This is very encouraging and shows the growth of the church.

	S. S. Attend.	T. U. Attend.
1945	218	88
1946	238	100
1947	338	178

Summer Field Work

After nine days of intensive preparation, 32 summer field workers will work in the following associations this summer:

Concord—July 10-19; Little Red River — July 19-26; Harmony — July 26-August 2; Harmony — August 2-9; Bartholomew-August 9-16; and Bartholomew-August 16-23.

Fifteen teams of workers will visit, enlist the people, teach, train, organize, win the lost, lead the saved to a rededication of life, and seek to enlist 1000 people to read their Bibles daily.

The following young people will serve as summer field workers this summer:

Keith Sherman, Little Rock; Austin Ingram, El Dorado; Philip W. Sims, Fort Smith; Norvin T. Jones, Wynne; Preston Taylor, El Dorado; Sherman Bridgmon, Solgohachia; Roy Kilgore, Hot Springs; Jerry McLain, Newport; Jesse L. Kidd, Ed Dorado; Charles M. Lowrey, Pine Bluff; Henry L. Keehey, Fort Smith; Hazel Cain, Heber Springs; Judith Pierce, Memphis, Tenn.; Austin Maddux, Arkadelphia; James M. Bates, Sulphur Rock; Alla B. Earle, Camden; Billie Jean Brown, Fort Smith; Josephine Byrd; Dorothy Allen, Eudora; Hazel Williams, Knoxville; Betty Jo Hicks, Malvern; Marcine Swaim, England; Flora Jo Little, Springdale; Margaret Horne, Arkadelphia; Imogene Neves, Camden; Thelma M. Miller, Fayetteville; Martha Maye Freeman, Curtis; Melbaree Lands, Paragould; Sallie Dollins, Paragould; Laura Lou Bearden, Morrilton; and Lillian Strickland, Arkadelphia.

Vacation Bible School Reports

(From Official Reports Sent Religious Education Department)

Association — Church	Enrolled	Av. Attend.
Benton County—Twelve Corners	23	20
Caddo River—Oden	31	28
Current River—Corning, First	143	107
Dardenelle—Russellville—Danville, First	94	64
Gainesville—New Hope	88	77
Gainesville—Peach Orchard	76	49
Gainesville—Walnut Hill	46	36
Greene County—Standford	59	44
Greene County—Marmaduke	82	61
Little River—Horatio	106	81
Mississippi County—Central	99	74
Mount Zion—Mt. Zion	25	25
Ouachita Vandervoort	49	41

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H. E. WILLIAMS, President
 Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Letter to the Editor . . .

Harold Stassen Expresses Views

Dear Editor:

Thank you for forwarding me a copy of the May 22nd issue of the Arkansas Baptist.

It is precisely because I am not willing to compromise principles for votes that I made the statement that I did make to the Southern Baptist Convention.

I did not intend to make any reference to these two subjects but found upon my arrival in St. Louis that the morning paper had widely publicized the Convention action on these two resolutions and I felt that in good conscience, since I did disagree with the resolutions, I could not remain silent and by inference as a fellow Baptist be taken to support them.

Therefore, early in my address I made this statement: "Before proceeding with our discussion, in order that my views may not be misunderstood by inference, I wish to state simply and directly that I do not agree with the two resolutions which the press reports you have passed on the questions of diplomatic representation at the Vatican and the Supreme Court decision on school busses. I do adhere to the basic American principle of separation of church and state." (End of Convention remarks.)

It is my view that the Supreme Court made a very difficult decision in a close question and made it not on a basis of in any way breaching the wall for separation of church and state but rather the court made a determination as to just exactly where the wall should be placed.

The majority opinion of the court as issued on February 10, 1947, quoted with approval the words of Jefferson: "The clause of the Constitution against establishment of religion by law was intended to erect a wall of separation between church and state."

The court then analyzed the question of where that wall should be placed with reference to accredited parochial schools, pointed out that quite clearly the city could if it wished place policemen on the highway in front of a parochial school so that the children could safely cross hazardous traffic, that the city could furnish water and sewer connections for the parochial school buildings on the same basis of charge as other buildings, even though this did not cover the entire cost of those facilities and a part of the cost for the entire city was borne by taxpayers.

The court also pointed out that the city could furnish highways, sidewalks, and fire protection, on a similar basis. The court made it clear that the city could not contribute tax-raised funds for the

support of such an institution or its teachers.

Then the court proceeded to say that the Constitution cannot be interpreted "to exclude individual Catholics, Lutherans, Mohammedans, Baptists, Jews, Methodists, non-believers, Presbyterians, or the members of any other faith, because of their faith, or lack of it, from receiving the benefits of public welfare legislation."

They continued: "We must be careful in protecting the citizens of New Jersey against state-established churches, to be sure that we do not inadvertently prohibit New Jersey from extending its general state law benefits to all its citizens without regard to their religious belief."

Then the court concluded: "The state contributes no money to the schools. It does not support them. Its legislation, as applied, does no more than provide a general program to help parents get their children, regardless of their religion, safely and expeditiously to and from accredited schools."

"The first amendment has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impregnable. We could not approve the slightest breach. New Jersey has not breached it here. Affirmed."

Clearly it was a very close question to decide and it was decided on a basis of the great principle of separation of church and state in which we agree. When the Supreme Court has decided the case it is then my view that it is the part of all the citizens to respect the decision of the Court. I do not consider it to be in keeping with the dignity or the standing or the teachings of my great religious denomination to attack a decision of the Supreme Court after it is made.

If any new case of an attempt to reach beyond the school bus situation were to arise, then clear and vigorous presentation of that new case in the courts would be entirely proper and essential and we may well find in fact that the decision of the New Jersey case would be of great assistance in drawing the line.

As to the other question, it is my view that in this postwar situation of world emergency and suffering and of conflicting ideological views, if President Truman wishes to have a representative at the Vatican, that is not the kind of situation to which it is either constructive or helpful for our denomination to make protest, nor does it serve our supreme objective of reaching men, women and children with the everlasting message of our faith.

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Editor Answers . . .

Jesus Christ is Our Authority

It was clearly a breach of courtesy to inject your disagreement with the action of the Convention into your address. You were a guest of our Convention, an honor guest, a fraternal guest. It was not within the courtesies and proprieties of the occasion to take issue with actions and decisions of the Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention is an autonomous body and it does not invite guests to pass judgment upon its decisions.

You admit, Mr. Stassen, that the publicity given the actions of the Convention with which you disagreed prompted you to make your statement from the Convention platform. You were apprehensive lest by "inference" you should be "taken to support them." Why the apprehension in the light of said publicity except for the reason that you are a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

There is the obvious admission in the fourth paragraph of your letter that political considerations were the determining factors in your decision to make your statement of disagreement. Otherwise, why should you care what people would infer.

Concerning the Supreme Court decision, there should never have been any question as to where that "wall" of separation of church and state "should be placed." That wall was already placed by the Constitution of the United States, and it is not within the prerogative even of the Supreme Court to "place" it or displace it.

A parochial school is a church school where a particular religious group teaches a particular religious faith. Every dollar of public tax funds provided upon any grounds for parochial schools is to that extent supporting from government funds the particular religion taught in such schools.

It is fallacious to reason that to provide the transportation of pupils to church schools is on the same basis of public service as police protection, and water and sewer connection. The public schools are provided upon the same basis as other public services without regard for any particular religious belief or practice. Whereas, to pay the transportation of pupils to parochial schools is to favor a particular group which refuses the benefits of public schools and which insists upon private schools. If this logic were followed, one might insist upon a private water system at public expense.

No distinction is made among public school pupils on the basis of religion. If Catholic children attend the public schools they will receive the same service as Baptist and Methodist children. They

receive this service because of their eligibility as citizens of the community, not because they adhere to any particular religious belief.

But Catholics want to send their children to Catholic schools where they will be taught the Catholic religion. They have made an exception of themselves and they want the expenses incurred by this exception to be paid out of public funds.

If you are following the discussion of the "aid-to-education" bills now pending in the Senate, you are aware of the fact that Catholics have no intention of stopping with the payment of transportation of pupils to parochial schools. Catholics are making vigorous and unrelenting efforts to share in any federal fund which may be granted to the states for educational purposes. Their avowed purpose is to "make mandatory the inclusion of Catholic schools in its benefits" (the benefits of federal aid to education).

If a person or group of persons refuses the public service (the public school) which is provided by public funds and for all citizens alike, then the only fair and honorable thing for such a person or group of persons to do is to pay his own way.

The Supreme Court is not infallible. To supinely accept its decision when that decision violates the conscience of all Protestant and evangelical faiths as well as the Constitution of the United States, is to surrender one's own intellectual freedom as well as one's freedom of conscience. The "dignity," "standing," and "teachings" of our "great religious denomination" rest not upon the decisions of the Supreme Court, nor upon our accepting or attacking its decisions, but upon the revealed Word of God and the commissions of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

For the President to keep a representative at the Vatican is a recognition given no other religious body on earth. It is the recognition of the claim of civil and political authority by the Roman Catholic Church. It was to forever protect the citizens of the new world from that claim and from the exercise of that claim in any degree and by any religious group that the Constitution of the United States was amended to erect an impenetrable wall separating the church and the state.

Catholics are endeavoring to break down that wall. May I recommend for your thoughtful reading an article, "Preview of a Divided America" by Harold E. Fey in the May 28 issue of the Christian Century,

Editor.

Attorney Calls All Christians To Restore Faith

A challenge to restore faith in the home, city, world and church by "proving ourselves as Christians, worthy of the confidence of men" was given to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA, by Wilbur LaRoe, Jr., newly elected moderator, at its annual meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"Our task is to convince men that the religion of Jesus Christ provides a noble and satisfying pattern for life," he said. "Nothing will more quickly restore the faith of a frustrated soul than to put an arm around him and help him to his feet."

The Washington attorney and fourth layman to head the General Assembly declared the main trouble with the world is that so many men and nations have lost faith—"due in part to the fact that human affairs have been conducted so as to inflict suffering and cruelty upon millions of innocent people."

"Nothing destroys faith like injustice," he declared. "It is hard for men to have faith in God when they have lost confidence in the children of God."

LaRoe defined religion as the power "that picks up the loose ends of life and weaves them together into a meaningful pattern." He asserted religion is a very simple and intensely personal thing and urged that neither theology nor philosophy should be allowed to "spoil" religion.

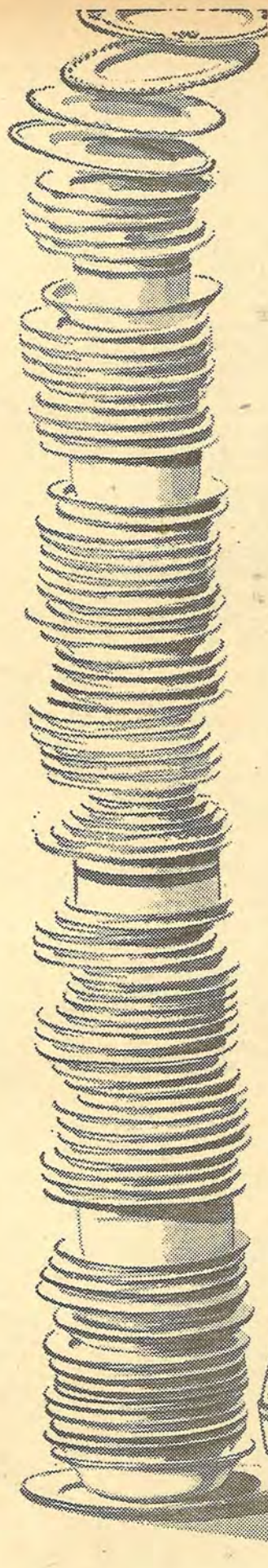
He asked parents to remember the Christian principle that each member of the family should be "the servant of every other member" and declared the chief cause of juvenile delinquency stems from the lack of a Christian home.

He said the typical pattern of politicians putting their own interests above that of the community is due in part "to the tendency of us Christian laymen to cast our ballots along party lines without much thought of our responsibilities as followers of Jesus Christ."

He called on laymen of all faiths to put matters of the church first and business matters second and pleaded that "both ministers and laymen" take their faith more seriously.

"Protestantism has lost its sharp edge. We have allowed our spiritual faculties to become atrophied and our spiritual goals to become vague."

Calling religion an adventure in faith and a challenge, LaRoe urged greater support for Christian churches because it "gives us laymen the spiritual dynamite we need if we are to be really effective for Christ."



Not Just a Bride... ...but a Career Woman!

This month thousands of young women all over Arkansas will be preparing for one of the greatest moments of their lives—marriage. To each of them go our very best wishes ... for a lifetime of happiness and comfort.

Yes, comfort ... for being a bride carries with it a big job ... a job that is really a career ... and that job is running a household. Of course, today's brides have a decided advantage over their sisters of years ago, because now when you settle down in your new home, you'll have many servants to help you make it easy work!

You'll probably enjoy automatic laundering, electric sweeping, and have helpers for dozens of other jobs that electricity can do so well and so cheaply. Yes, it's going to be a career, but it's not going to be burdensome ... thanks to dependable, low-cost electricity!



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Processes in National Life Work for Judah's Destruction

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

It was a sorry picture that confronted Zedekiah when, at the age of 21 years, he began to reign as king of the Southern Kingdom. But the picture continued to grow worse under his reign, for we read that "he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done." (2 Kings 24:19).

Unpopular Preaching

It was a difficult role that Jeremiah had to play in the closing days of the Southern Kingdom. Looked upon by his fellow countrymen as a traitor to the common cause, he continued to cry out against the sins of his people and to warn them of coming events.

Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, it will be recalled, had with brazen arrogance burned the roll which contained the divine message of the prophet Jeremiah and had refused to give heed to any of the message therein. However, Jeremiah continued to cry out as God's fearless spokesman.

Eventually, though, Irijah laid hold on Jeremiah and brought him to the princes who in turn, because of their exceeding great wrath, "smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe . . ." (Jer. 37:15).

After remaining in the dungeon for many days, Zedekiah the king sent for him and asked him secretly if there were "any word from Jehovah." To this Jeremiah boldly replied, "There is." Then the prophet went on to tell the king that he would be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

It is not an easy thing for a preacher of the gospel to stand up before his people and warn them of the consequences of their sins, and to go so far as to call their attention to specific sins.

But the prophets of old were not concerned with thoughts of self. Their consuming passion was to proclaim the full counsel of God as it related to His chosen people. They placed little premium upon their own lives.

Few are there who have the ability and the desire to hear, without resentment, the words of

Sunday School Lesson For June 22

2 Kings 25:1-12

God's prophet when the words deal with ones personal sins. Such preaching has always been and always will be unpopular.

Sin And Its Consequences

The fall of the city of Jerusalem constitutes an almost unbridged commentary on sin and its consequences. For 18 months the Babylonians had besieged the city. Conditions had grown from bad to worse. There was no food and the water supply was all but exhausted. The people grew weaker and weaker on account of disease and famine.

Finally a breach was made in the city wall and all the men of war fled by night through a secret passage "by the way of the Arabah."

The army of the Chaldeans, pursuing the king, soon overtook him in the plains of Jericho, and having scattered his army, they took him and carried him unto the king of Babylon to Riblah and "gave judgment upon him." The king's sons were slain before his eyes. Then they put out the eyes of Zedekiah, bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

Jerusalem was literally laid waste. It was left a mass of smoking ruins. Buildings were demolished, palaces were burned, and homes destroyed as if they were of no value.

The pillars of brass that were in the house of the Lord were broken into pieces and the brass carried to Babylon. The precious vessels of the temple were taken away—the gold as well as the silver. The beautiful pillars of brass together with the brass of the vessels that were taken was "without weight."

For 344 years the kingdom had stood, but it was now reduced to ashes. Defeat and destruction had been the lot of the people on every side as the priceless treasures of the house of God were taken as

plunder and city walls knocked down.

Nebuzaradan, the captain of the king's guards, saw to it that the temple was completely despoiled. Seraiah, the chief priest, and Zephaniah, the second priest, together with the three keepers of the threshold were taken along with other prominent personages to the king of Babylon to Riblah where they were smitten and put to death in the land of Hamath. Only "the poorest of the land" were left to be vine dressers and husbandmen. The rest of the people were carried away captive by Nebuzaradan.

What Of Today

One cannot read the story of the fall of the Southern Kingdom without asking the question, "What of today?"

According to a recent newspaper article "whiskey, beer, and wine took \$8,700,000,000 of the national income in 1946, an average of \$89 for every person over 18 years of age." These figures in comparison with the figures for 1945 show that the expenditure for whiskey has climbed 15 per cent, while that for wines has risen 48 per cent and beer two per cent.

In liquid terms, Americans drank 231,000,000 gallons of whiskey, 140,000,000 gallons of wine, Canada also reports an all time for liquor — \$373,000,000,000 in 1946. But the alcohol problems is only one phase of our American life that is of such grave concern to Christians.

On every side there is disregard of the marriage bond. Homes are going on the rocks for reasons that could never be justified in the sight of God. Adultery is prevalent and the Lord's Day is no longer observed as a day of rest and honor to our Saviour except by a mere remnant.

The financial needs of the churches are met by a minority of the members and many of those who claim to be followers of Christ rarely attend services at all unless it be on special occasions.

Southwestern Gets \$25,000 for Library

By RALPH D. CHURCHILL
Publicity Director

Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., last week received a gift of \$25,000 from the Business Men's Bible Class of Broadway Church, Fort Worth, to be used in the purchase of additional books for the seminary library.

The gift is an expression of appreciation of Dr. L. R. Elliott, seminary librarian, who has taught the Broadway class of Fort Worth business men for the past 15 years. On June 1 Dr. Elliott resigned as teacher. He gave as his chief reason the pressing duties as librarian of the seminary.

William Fleming, a long time member of the class, proposed a sum of \$25,000 to be raised by class members and to be set up by the seminary in a special account for the purchase of additional books, much needed by the institution.

The amount was raised in less than 10 minutes time when Mr. Fleming offered to match with \$24,000 the sum of \$1,000 to be raised by remaining class members.

An interesting side light to the gift is the fact that Dr. Elliott, on June 1, the day of his resignation, had completed exactly 25 years of service as the seminary's librarian.

The fund will be used to purchase books of permanent value in the fields of Biblical, theological and historical study. It will enrich the library's resources for advanced class work and graduate research.

This splendid and much appreciated gift comes at an opportune time. Such an investment by a group of successful business men who know the seminary is a work of confidence most encouraging. It is also regarded by President E. D. Head, Dr. Elliott, and their colleagues on the faculty as another evidence of God's providential favor on Southwestern Seminary, a child of faith and prayer.

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In spite of prosperous times, our churches still need more money. Our mission causes, brethren, really are suffering. Our churches can give more to missions than they are giving. They will do it when their members gain a true understanding of the Bible doctrines of stewardship and tithing.

We deduce from the Scriptures a two-fold statement. First, wherever the Lord's plan of financing kingdom work on tithes and offerings has been tried there has been enough money to satisfy the needs; and, second, wherever the people have failed to bring in the tenth for the Lord's work there has been trouble and failures and confusion and disaster. We turn to the Scriptures as well as to current examples for proof of both statements.

1. Wherever the Lord's people have brought their tithes into the Lord's house, for the Lord's work, there has been enough to satisfy the needs of the Lord's work.

We quote from II Chronicles 31:2, 14:6, 8-10: "And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the Lord.

"Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the Lord. And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. And concerning the children of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the Lord their God, and laid them by heaps.

"And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the Lord, and his people Israel. Then Hezekiah questioned with the priest and the Levites concerning the heaps. And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the Lord hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store."

Not only is it plain as can be that God's plan in that day was sufficient, but we challenge any New Testament church today to try and prove anything to the contrary.

2. Wherever the people fail to bring in the tithe there is trouble, failure, and disaster. For a Scripture proof we turn to the 13th chapter of Nehemiah. They had turned the house of the Lord into living quarters

for a troublesome character, and the house of the Lord was forsaken because the people had failed to bring in the tithe.

Now read verses 10 and 11: "And I perceive that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place."

The New Testament Also

But someone says: "Give me the New Testament proof." Here it is.

In a brief article we cannot cite all Scripture quotations, but we turn to I Corinthians 9. Here Paul is discussing a paid ministry in that chapter. He says: "Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock. . . For it is written. . . Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn."

Then we come to the verses that connect the Old Testament plan of financing with the New Testament services. They are verses 13 and 14: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple (the tithes)? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" This, he says, is the financial policy of the Old Testament economy. Then he links up the New Testament ministry with that by saying: "Even so, hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

We challenge any fair-minded expositor to disprove the fact that Paul was saying that the same method of supporting the religious workers in the Old Testament times was to be used to support them in the New Testament economy.

Genesis 1: 18-20 also puts it into the New Testament. Abraham was returning from the victory over the kings: Melchisedek, priest of the Most High God, met him, and reminded him that God who had given the victory was "possessor of heaven and earth."

Immediately Abraham, recognizing his stewardship "gave him tithes of all." Turn quickly to Hebrew 7:21—"The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedek." Melchisedek was a type of Christ, not of the Old Testament priesthood; that was not yet instituted. Abraham a, type of the New Testament believer (Rom. 4:3) paid tithes to a type of the New Testament Christ "and here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them; of whom it is witnessed that he liveth" (Hebrew 7:8). So Christ receives tithes.

"Ye pay tithes of mint, anise and cummin,

Cooperative Program And July 5

All Cooperative Program contributions for the month of June should reach our office by July 5. It is necessary to close the books for the quarter on that day. We trust that many of our churches that have not made their contributions during this month will be able to get a check to us before July 5.

and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith. These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." (Matthew 23:23).

Buckner Association

Missionary Highfill is doing a splendid work in Buckner Association. There have been several pastorless churches in the association for some months. This condition has kept the missionary very busy. He has done much constructive work in teaching and indoctrinating. John Byers has retired from the active pastorate, but is a valuable asset to the Baptist cause in that association. Bro. McClendon has been pastor at Mena, and at Springdale in other years. C. G. Davis has done a fine work as pastor at Waldron. He is intensely evangelistic, and is always on the job. At Hartford, Rev. L. P. Thomas is keeping the pews warm with his messages. Rev. Thelmar Amos, of Booneville, is doing a splendid work with Mt. View and Union Hope.

J. B. Hunt has proven to be a fine leader, and an excellent preacher for Friendship. At Bates, Cauthron, Hon, and Salem, Harmon Allen keeps the spiritual fires burning with his consecrated leadership. Dan Berry, of South Ft. Smith, is doing a magnificent work at Dayton.

Harold Plunkett is ministering to the saints at Fellowship in a fine way. J. E. Evans, of Oklahoma, is doing a fine work at Forrester, and Parks. Henry Keahey has been in Ouachita College, but has been serving Haw Creek Church.

Rev. Dewey Fox has been holding high the banner in Huntington. William Kersh has led the church at Midland in a signal manner. At Pilot View, Howard Toller, of Huntington, has had a constructive ministry. At Pleasant Grove No. 2, T. M. Finney of Booneville, has won the confidence and fellowship of the people. We should not forget to mention the fine ministry of W. A. Bishop, who is now on the retired list.

Recently some of the Arkansas and Oklahoma brethren took part in unvailing a memorial stone at the graves of the late Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Robertson at Howe, Okla.

The People of the World Are Wiser

(Excerpt from an article by Lawson H. Cooke, in the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal.)

At least 65 per cent of the men of the average church evidence very little interest in anything that the church is doing, or hopes to do. This is a regrettable condition and a problem that can be solved only by locating its cause,

There is unquestionably a reason for the non-enlistment situation in our churches, and the only way to correct the situation is to address our attention to its cause.

Objections may be raised to our turning to the amusement world, even to night clubs, for a solution of a problem within our churches, but often we might use some of their methods to a decided advantage to our church life.

Jesus once told a group of His disciples that they must be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. He did not remotely suggest that they must be serpents; only that they must use the wisdom of a serpent in their Christian life.


They Cater to Fundamental Desires

A recent popular magazine stated that 200,000,000 persons, including repeaters, visit night clubs throughout the country every year, and that they pay an estimated \$600,000,000 for their pleasure.

The question naturally presents itself: why will millions of people pay millions of dollars for pleasure? The answer to this question is that people are fundamentally pleasure loving, and these places of amusement and entertainment cater entirely to fundamental human appetites. Their program is entirely for physical enjoyment, never for moral and spiritual development.

The primary responsibilities of a church are to moral and spiritual development rather than to the physical. The fundamentals are worship, a knowledge of the Word of God, a personal experience with Christ, and obedience to His commands. These fundamentals are as definite and as much a part of one's personality as is the desire for physical pleasure. Therefore, the entire program of a

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church must cater to these moral and spiritual fundamentals.

They Advertise Extensively

The magazine article above referred to goes on to say that one night club in one year spent \$100,000 in advertising and \$800,000 for an orchestra and a revue.

We assuredly are not suggesting such an expensive orchestra, and certainly not a revue for a church. However, a well-trained orchestra within the membership of the church, and this is possible in most churches, would certainly add to the attractiveness and the appeal of at least the Sunday School and Training Union. We would not advocate this for the worship services of the church. A larger provision in the church budget for music would certainly add to the impressiveness of the more formal services.

Our suggestion here is that our churches spend more in advertising.

Perhaps 50 per cent of our churches, and many of them large city churches do not advertise even to the extent of having the name of the church on the front of the building.

Newspapers should be used freely and extensively in advertising not so much next Sunday's service and sermon subject, but great Christian principles and the Baptist interpretation of these principles.

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Here, in reverse, is one of the weakest spots in our church life. We speak too much of being over-organized which, of course, is not at all the condition. We are not over-organized, but under-manned. We do not have a proper distribution of responsibility.

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