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JOHN GUSTAFSON

Assembly Soloist Named

JOHN GUSTAFSON, tenor soloist, minister of music at the 1st Church, Van Nuys, Calif., will be the featured soloist at both sessions of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs, June 28-July 1 and July 3-8.

Mr. Gustafson has recorded for RCA Victor and Capitol records. One of the highlights of his career was his participation in Walter Schuman's great chorus now released on long playing album.

He is the featured soloist in the annual Chamber of Commerce sponsored musical in Ft. Dodge, Ia. He is featured periodically on the Billy Graham "Hour of Decision" program and the Baptist Laymen's Hour aired over KABC, Los Angeles, every Saturday night. He is also active in Christian film work and Youth for Christ rallies.

Gale Dunn, minister of Music and Education for the Highland Church, Shreveport, La., will serve as director of music for both sessions. He will be assisted by an organist and three pianists. This year's music will be the best—don't miss it!

PASTOR BILL COOK, 1st Church, Harrison, recently passed his oral examination toward the ThD degree from Southwestern Seminary and will now begin work on his thesis.

M. T. MCGREGOR, Hope Association, completed 10 years as associational missionary on Mar. 1.

PAT MEHAFFEY, an ordained minister and a graduate of Ouachita, has assumed his duties as director of education and music at 1st Church, Hamburg. He previously had held a similar position with Ingram Boulevard Church, West Memphis, for several years. A native of Atlanta, Ga., he has had 17 years experience as a pastor and educational director. His wife is the former Miss Wilma Williams of Little Rock. (DP)

DR. J. M. PRICE, Southwestern Seminary, will teach Jesus the Teacher in 1st Church, Ft. Smith, Apr. 21-25. (CB)

PAUL E. WILHEM, Lamar evangelist, opened a two-week revival in State Line Church, Kansas City, on March 16. Pastor of the church is Anthony Simowitz, who formerly served in Arkansas.

A CHURCH survey recently completed by Ridgeview Chapel, Fayetteville, revealed 343 Sunday School prospects. Present Sunday School enrollment is 102.

TOMMIE HENSON, Washington-Madison Association, is in St. Louis for the week of Mar. 16-21 to serve as an enlargement consultant in the Southwest Church as a part of a citywide enlargement clinic and leadership workshop.

The Cover

Quadruple Citation



FOUR MEMBERS of the YWA at South Highland Church, Little Rock, who have been awarded the YWA Citation, received special recognition from their pastor in a recent morning worship service. The cover picture shows Mrs. Helena Purkiss, counselor of the Josephine Skaggs YWA, with the four honored, Lucy Cary, Dolores Johnson, Wilma Rorie and Shirley Jones.

South Highland leaders have pointed out that having four receive this high honor at the same time is most unusual.

A number of requirements must be fulfilled to qualify for the citation. Two are that each girl must lead someone to Christ and must assist in the organization of a new YWA.

These four young ladies helped the pre-med class of nurses at Baptist Hospital organize a new circle and met with the group several times.

In addition, the girls were required to select three other projects from a list of seven. They chose to secure four new subscriptions to The Window, the YWA magazine, to teach a mission book and to report on three mission books from the YWA Book Club.

They also presented a missionary play, "Like A Watered Garden," in which each had a part. During the first week in February, this play was presented to the Amboy Church, North Little Rock, and then in their home church.

HERBERT M. HANEY, associate pastor, 1st Church, Marianna, has been elected by the board of Southern College to teach English beginning in September. Dr. Haney is a graduate of Nova Scotia University, and has his B.D. and ThD. degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

SOUTH TEXARKANA Church held groundbreaking ceremonies Feb. 23, hoping to start the erection of a new auditorium in the near future. Leon Westbury is pastor.

L. E. LEMMOND, Sylverino, was elected Hope Association moderator at the executive board meeting Mar. 3. C. R. Burgess, Miller County sheriff, was elected Brotherhood president.

A NEW name for Southern College is being considered. A committee has been named to study the plan as suggested by the Cornett Report and to consider proposals for a new name.

SEVENTEEN COMMITTEES have been named to prepare for Tiger Day at Ouachita College Apr. 18. Letters will go out to principals of Arkansas high schools, to high school seniors, and to pastors of Baptist churches in the state.

JOHN DAVID WHITLOW, senior of Little Rock, has been elected spring semester president of the Rho Sigma, Ouachita College. Other officers include Charles Orr, Arkadelphia, vice president; Bill Blake, Hope, secretary; John England, DeQueen, treasurer; Jim Braden, Leachville, sergeant-at-arms; and Harold Johnson, Clinton, pledge master.

FOREST HIGHLANDS CHURCH, Little Rock, was constituted Feb. 2 in services presided over by O. C. Robinson, Jr., Pulaski Associational superintendent of missions. Darrell S. Ross was called as pastor, and it was announced that the Bellevue Church was to be disbanded and the property sold to Forest Highlands, who in turn will sell the property and move to a new location on Mississippi St. Plans already have been made for the construction of a new building to accommodate 350 in Sunday School and worship services. The new church came from the vision of the members of the Bellvue congregation and Mr. Robinson, to meet the needs of a growing area, it is reported. Since the constituting of the new church, 10 members have been received, five by profession.

Concord News Notes

ELVIE ADAMS, pastor of Temple Church, Ft. Smith, for four and one half years and moderator for Concord Association for two years, has accepted the pastorate of 1st Church, Plainville, Kan. During the Temple pastorate there were 152 additions by letter and 115 by baptism. The church spent \$13,-000 for central heat and air conditioning, and a second story was constructed on the educational plant. A nursery building to care for 110 children is nearing completion.

A NEW W. M. S. was organized recently in the Ratcliff Church. Mrs. John Febro, Associational W. M. U. superintendent, and Mrs. Maxie Moore, associate, led in the organization. Mrs. Alma Armbruster was elected president.

TWO FT. SMITH pastors, James Pleitz, Grand Avenue, and Murl Walker, Kelley Heights, will conduct revivals in Muskogee, Okla. in April, when the simultaneous revival for Muskogee Association will be in progress.

MRS. MAXIE MOORE has taught the book, *Look, Look, The Cities* in seven churches. She taught it to the BWC and Day Circle in Southside Church, Towson Avenue and East Side in Ft. Smith and in Muldrow and Webbers Falls, Okla. to 126 women. She also taught the book in 1st Church, Dardanelle.

TWO VBS CLINICS will be held in Concord in April. The first one will be held in Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, Monday, Apr. 14, and the second one will be held in 1st Church, Booneville, Tuesday, Apr. 15. The Nursery conference will be led by Mrs. O. C. Davis; Beginner, Mrs. Ray Carson; Primary, Mrs. T. E. Swofford; Junior, Mrs. Murl Walker; Intermediate, Mrs. Mason Bondurant; Pastors and Principals, Jay W. C. Moore. Inspirational messages will be by Mason Bondurant and Missionary Jay W. C. Moore.

Pine Bluff Church Votes to 'Share' Pastor

MATTHEWS MEMORIAL Church, Pine Bluff, has voted to pay the expenses for their pastor, T. R. Coulter, Jr., to go to Moab, Utah, Mar. 30 for a missionary evangelistic revival.

"It is our prayer," the church secretary wrote, "that with our sharing our pastor with this very small church, that Southern Baptists will be stronger in number, spirit, conviction and dedication in Utah at the close of this revival."

Mr. Coulter has been pastor of the Pine Bluff church since Sept. 22. During this time 28 members have been received, 10 by profession.

A \$50,000 auditorium is now under construction, and the congregation hopes to move in by July 1.



PARTICIPATING IN groundbreaking ceremonies at South Texarkana Church were, left to right, Leon Westbury, pastor; M. R. McGregor, associational missionary; Harold Bennett, pastor, Beech St., who brought the principal message, and Charles Sullivan, chairman of the building committee.

BURNVILLE CHURCH, Concord Association, A. D. Kent, pastor, has added the Arkansas Baptist under the budget plan.

Texarkana Church Holds Groundbreaking

SOUTH TEXARKANA Church held groundbreaking services Feb. 23 for their new church building. The structure is being financed by a \$40,000 Baptist Building Bonds issue.

Leon F. Wesbury, pastor, wrote that \$30,500 of the bonds were sold the first month. It is estimated that the new building will be completed in about 80 working days.

Harold Bennett brought the message at the groundbreaking service. The Scripture was read by T. N. Morrison; the invocation given by Kenneth Anthony, the committal prayer, R. J. Simpson, and the benediction, J. M. Stagner.

● W. D. WALLACE, who recently resigned after 14 years as pastor of 1st Church, Hughes, writes from Cleveland, Miss., expressing his appreciation to the Hughes congregation for their kindnesses. After the last morning service there, a deacon, speaking for the church, presented a beautiful plaque in recognition of the Wallaces work with the church and the community and then presented each of them with a \$500 bill. On the Sunday previous, the congregation had held open house in honor of the pastor and his wife.

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Census Bureau Reports on Mixed Marriages

A report by the U. S. Census Bureau based on a sampling last year by the Bureau, when it was testing the possibility of including a question concerning religious preference, indicates that six per cent of the married couples in the United States have different religious faiths, according to Evangelical Press Service, Stony Brook, N. Y.

The estimate of marital status indicated 26.9 million marriages in which both partners are Protestant, 8.3 million Roman Catholic, and 1.2 million Jewish. In mixed marriages, there are 2,255,000 between a Protestant and a Catholic; 57,000 between a Protestant and a Jew; and 41,000 between a Catholic and a Jew.

Difference of religious background is a very prominent factor in unsatisfactory family relations. The wider the gap between the religious viewpoints of the husband and wife, the more this is likely to be a cause for unhappiness. For this reason, the marriage of a Catholic and a Baptist has at least two strikes against its success before it starts, provided, of course, that the couple take, or come to a time when they will take, their religions seriously. One of the tragedies is that a Catholic and a Baptist may marry at a time when one or both of them are only nominal adherents of their faiths and discover later when they seek to give religion its rightful place in their lives, that they face almost an insurmountable problem.

When a Catholic and a Baptist marry, it is the Baptist who must, in effect, renounce his or her religion, for the Catholic Church recognizes no other church as being a true church and does not recognize a marriage as being acceptable except when it is performed in the Catholic Church. Any non-Catholic party to the marriage vows must agree that any children born to the couple will be brought up in the Catholic faith.

Although the statistics we are quoting here do not reveal how many couples marry and try to establish homes with one or both of them not being Christians, this is another angle worthy of the serious consideration of all who contemplate getting married. The marriage relationship is a partnership with God. Few would be willing to take as a life companion one who is an alcoholic with the idea of bringing about a reformation in that one's life after the wedding. The wise Christian will not knowingly take as a life companion a lost person with the idea of winning that one to Christ *after* the marriage.—ELM

New Concept of Mission

One of the most far-reaching ideas to come out of the current 30,000 Movement of Southern Baptist to establish 30,000 new preaching and teaching points by 1964, is a definition by Chairman C. C. Warren of what constitutes a "mission."

"Anywhere one or more church members go at regular intervals apart from the local church program to preach or teach the word of God, a mission is established," Dr. Warren said here recently, in a conference with Arkansas Baptist leaders.

Under this new concept, reaching the over-all goal of new missions comes far more within the realm of possibility. But, what is of more importance, the new definition points up the almost endless possibilities.

For a long time, a mission has been thought of as being a center with at least an organized Sunday School and the possibility of becoming a church. A survey made recently of the state of Arkansas by Dr. C. W. Caldwell, state missions secretary, and his associates revealed that there are about 225 points within the state where this type of mission or church should be started. But, under the new definition, there will be many more mission points.

Services now being conducted at jails, hospitals, old peoples' homes, etc., should be counted by local churches as "missions," provided that these services are conducted regularly.

May 1, 1956, is being counted as the starting time for the 30,000 Movement. Each church in the state will be asked to report in the number of missions it was operating as of that time, Dr. Caldwell has said, in determining how many have been started since the 30,000 Movement began. The new definition of what constitutes a mission should be used in making this report.—ELM

Personally Speaking . . .

Our Greatest Treasure

In the year 1284, legend has it, the town of Hamelin, Germany, was overrun by rats. The town fathers did everything they could to be rid of the vermin, but to no avail.



MR. McDONALD

Deliverance came from an unexpected source. A strange fellow forever afterwards to be known as The Pied Piper of Hamelin appeared on the scene and declared he could get rid of the rats. That was while the town was still under the curse, and the councilmen were all ears and open purses. They agreed to pay a tidy sum for the piper's remedy. So he took out his fife and began to walk through the streets toward the River Weser, piping a strange and monotonous tone. Immediately rats began appearing from everywhere. They kept coming until they were all following the Pied Piper in a tumultuous torrent.

With an eye for collecting his fee, the Piper led them into the river and all were drowned.

But when he went to collect, the aldermen had decided that now the rats were gone they would not pay the amount they had agreed upon.

The sad conclusion was that the Piper again marched through the streets and again he piped a strange note. This time all the children of the town went scurrying out to follow him. He led them out of the town to a mountain which opened and received them. The mountain closed behind them, so the story ends, and no one ever saw them again.

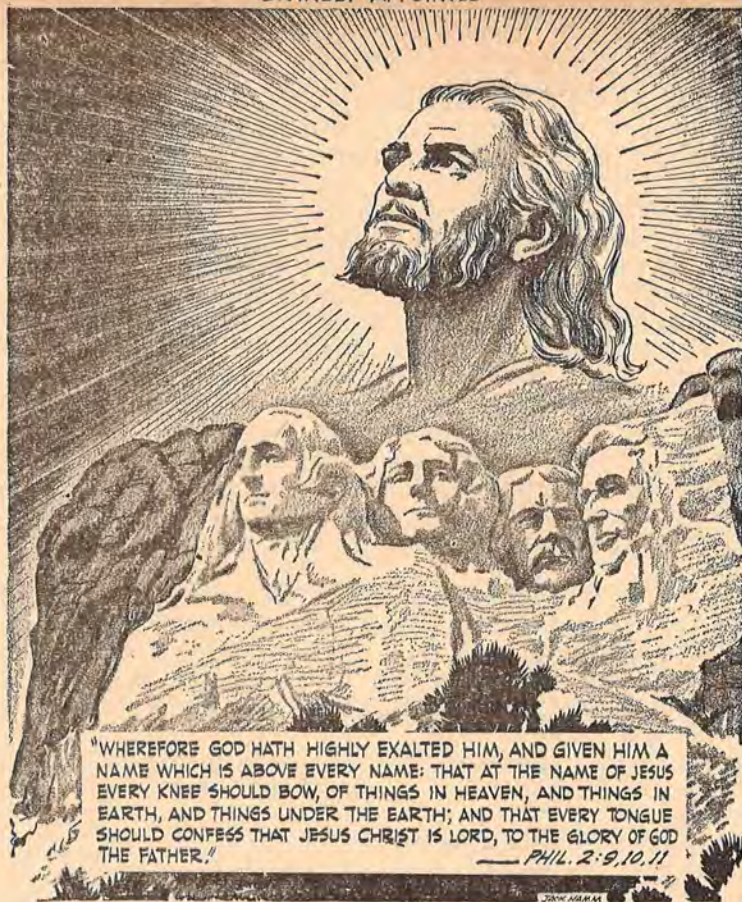
We do not have space to draw any lengthy conclusions. All will agree that our greatest treasure is our boys and girls and that there are many evil influences trying to lead them astray. One of the greatest safeguards for our children is our own love and understanding. We found this the other day in *Quests and Conquests*, by Dean Dutton:

"I shall make it my business to love and notice children. I shall know large numbers of them by name. In my absence I shall write them post cards with a 'God bless you.'

"I shall take it as one of my sweetest, richest, fullest ministries to be a real friend to little children.

"Sacred to the future of my country, sacred to the hearthstone of American nobility; sacred to a pure faith, noble character, and lofty aims and ideals, it shall be my high resolve to cultivate a helpful friendship with these angels of the morning of life."

Erwin L. McDonald



"WHEREFORE GOD HATH HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, AND GIVEN HIM A NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME: THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, OF THINGS IN HEAVEN, AND THINGS IN EARTH, AND THINGS UNDER THE EARTH; AND THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER."
 —PHIL. 2:9, 10, 11

"... at sundry times ..."

The two words rendered "at sundry times and in divers manners" (Heb. 1:1) are **polumeros kai polutropos**, which might perhaps be rendered "fragmentarily and multifariously."

As regards the latter adverb, we have already seen that it is illustrated by the singular differences of station and circumstances among those to whom God sent his message of inspiration; but it is yet further illustrated by the different ways in which that message came to them, and in which it is delivered to us.

It came sometimes in the facts of history, sometimes in isolated promises, sometimes by Urim, sometimes by dreams and voices and similitudes, sometimes by types and sacrifices, sometimes by prophets.

Sometimes it expands, through chapter after chapter, the details of a single day in an individual life; sometimes it crushes into one single clause the sweeping summary of the records of twenty generations.

At one time it will give the minutest incidents of one event in a single reign; at another it will heap the dust of oblivion over dynasties of a hundred kings.

We may compare its course to that of a stream which sometimes dwindles into a tiny rivulet, and sometimes broadens into an almost shoreless sea. But it is a stream whose fountains lie deep in the everlasting hills.

Its sources are hidden in the depths of a past eternity, and its issues in the depths of a future eternity. It begins with the chaos of Genesis, "vast and void"; it ends with a book which has been called "the majestic image of a high and stately tragedy, shutting up and intermingling her solemn scenes and acts with a sevenfold chorus of hallelujahs and harping symphonies."

But in this diversity, so important and so precious, we are led also to recognize another point of the extremest value for the right estimate of the Old Testament revelations — namely, its fragmentariness, or progressiveness. It was given to us **polumerows**—"in many parts." The revelation was not given all at once; it was not perfect and final; but God revealed himself to man part by part. It is grievous to recall how many a blood-stained page of history might have been redeemed from its agony and desolation if men had only remembered that the law of the Old Testament was as yet an imperfect law, and the morality of the Old Testament a not yet fully enlightened morality.—The Pulpit Commentary

Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Because I Know His Son

I HAD gone away early one Saturday morning in 1904. I was to begin my first school the following Monday. I found that the patrons wished to postpone the school a week and I agreed. I was returning home by train late Sunday night. I knew I would not be expected, so I devised a plan to test my father's hospitality.

As I approached home, a mile from the railroad station, the dogs came baying at me. I said never a word to the raging animals. I acted as hesitant as I thought a stranger would. Father appeared at the door and scolded the dogs to silence. Then I spoke, altering my voice so that he would not know me in the dark.

I asked, "Is this where Walter O'Neal lives?"

"Why, yes," he replied, "but Walter is not here. He went away yesterday to teach a school."

Still keeping my voice changed, I said, "I am sorry that he is not here. I went to school with him all the past school year at Mountain View. I had come down on the train, which was late, intending to see some friends out beyond Bethesda, but I had never been out that way and I was afraid I could not find them this late. So I just thought I

would come out and spend the night with Walter and go on in the morning."

Without a single question, not even to ask my name, my father replied, "Well, Walter is not here, but come in. You can stay all right."

If my earthly father would take me in as a stranger because I knew his son, how much more my heavenly Father because I know His Son!—W. B. O'Neal

Uncontrolled Desire

UNCONTROLLED DESIRE is evil's root, not money! It is the grasping lust for the object that drags us down, and not the object itself (I Timothy 6:6-11).

No inanimate object has moral qualities. Those qualities exist within men. Money is neither good nor evil. Neither are church buildings, automobiles, TV sets, books or any other object, natural or manufactured. Those things take on moral qualities only in relation to people. It is the use to which they are put which decides whether they are good or evil.

Money may be a blessing or a curse. The deciding factor is in man's attitude. And the man who doesn't have money can desire it just as uncontrollably as the man who does. Thus, this pitfall lies in the pathway of every man. Although it is no sin to be rich, neither is there any automatic virtue in being poor. Avarice afflicts the one as readily as the other.—Robert L. Hartsell, Ft. Smith



EXHIBITS INVITED FOR TORONTO CONFERENCE

TORONTO — Denominational boards and youth groups from all parts of the world who have materials for display at the Fifth Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto this summer are invited to write immediately to Bruce Neal, 190 St. George St., Toronto 5, Canada. Planners feel that an exhibit of materials being used in the various nations for promotional youth work will be helpful to all who see it.

EAST AFRICA NOW HAS A SUNDAY SCHOOL

DAR ES SALAAM, TANGANYIKA — The Baptist Mission of East Africa, a project of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, organized its first Sunday School as 80 people gathered in a rented house in Dar es Salaam, the capitol of Tanganyika. The school has a department for adults and another for children. The children's department is an outgrowth of the athletic program sponsored by the Baptist good will center in this Moslem community for the past six months. The 60 children enrolled range from two to 12.

KARL KAUPS IN AUSTRALIA

NEW YORK — Karl Kaups, minister of the Estonian Baptist Church, New York City, will visit Australia in March and April to hold services for the Estonian Christians and others there. The Australian services will be held in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Thirlmere.

CHURCH WELCOMES EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

AREQUIPA, PERU — The Baptist Church here opened its building to three Baptist families who lost their homes during the recent earthquake which shook this city. A child of a Baptist family was among the 28 killed. The Rev. M. D. Oates, Southern Baptist missionary, reports that despite the earthquake "Our church has continued each night with prayer and study courses on evangelism and sacred history."

NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION BOOM PREDICTED

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION will soar for the next ten years, a recent forecast by *Architectural Forum* magazine has predicted. Total U. S. expenditures for religious edifices will be \$920 million in 1958, a gain of 6 per cent over last year's record, it said.

The magazine's "fabulous" and "dazzling" forecast was based on an economic survey of population growth and movement.

Baptist Crosscurrents

What Became of Him?

WHAT BECAME of the Devil? What has happened to the Biblical doctrine of Satan? Has advancement in education relegated him to the realm of ignorance and superstition? Has the progress of science passed him by and left him in the land of Oblivion? Did he die somewhere along the way?

The word Devil occurs 31 times in the Bible, and the word Satan 16 times. But despite 47 references in the scripture, he is rarely referred to today except in epithets and bywords.

Ancient man peopled the universe with spirits, numberless and varied. Some of them were good, some were evil, and some were indifferent. Man's great concern was to avoid contact with evil spirits. He tried to kill some of them. Others he attempted to drive away. He wanted nothing to do with them.

The chief function of the medicine man was to cast out spirits or, to frighten them away. The Oriental built the roof of his house with the eaves slanting upward, that evil spirits might be projected back to the atmosphere and not come down to the habitations of men.

In the attempt to avoid superstition some people today have gone to the other extreme. They have swung from a universe thickly populated with spirits to a universe that has no place for the spiritual at all. If a thing cannot be explained, it is questioned. If it is outside the realm of man's natural understanding, it is beyond his acceptance.

A teenage boy goes berserk and sprays a lane of lead across two states. Before he can be apprehended 11 persons are shot and left to die.

A certain type of psychologist investigates the case and gives his conclusions. He points out that the boy's home life was an unhappy one; that the family was large and poverty stricken; the boy had been denied many things which other boys and girls enjoyed.

A certain type of psychiatrist gives his findings. The boy was beset by frustrations and that he had a devastating inferiority complex. Small of stature, redheaded, freckle-faced, bow-legged, he had never felt that he was accepted. Feeling that he had been ignored, he would demand attention—he would make the headlines, even if murder were required to do it.

In none of these analyses is there any indication that there was any power operating outside of the boy himself.

Men may ignore the Devil, but that does not mean that he will ignore them. They may explain him away, but they cannot evade him. The scriptures teach that there is a malevolent and powerful spirit working in the universe; and this spirit cannot be explained simply by frustrations, inhibitions, and split personalities. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

There is a moral sickness which has fallen upon mankind. That moral sickness is sin, and sin is of the devil. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8).

This malady cannot be cured by remedies applied externally. The help of the counselor, the psychiatrist's couch, the correctional institution—all have their place, but they do not have the complete answer. This comes only through a complete regeneration. This is accomplished only through the merits of Him who gave Himself to be "the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2).

The makeup artist may have camouflaged the Devil so that he is not recognized, but this does not mean that he is not around. Man may find difficulty in explaining him, but there is no difficulty in recognizing his trail of destruction.

—*The Word and the Way (Mo.)*

Revival Reports

FORTY-THREE additions, 34 by baptism, were recorded during the recent revival of Providence Church, one of the newest in Mt. Zion Association. The church joined the Convention last October. Billy Walker was evangelist, and Russell Massey directed the music. Other results included: seven pledges to tithe; 14 family altars begun; 11 rededications; one surrendering to full-time service; and four other professions of faith to unite with neighboring churches. Marion Berry is pastor.

NINE ADDITIONS by baptism, one by letter and seven rededications were reported in the revival in New Providence Church, Mississippi County, Mar. 3-9. State Evangelist Jesse S. Reed brought the messages and Red Johnson, Mountain Home, led the singing. F. M. Robinson is pastor.

MAJOR CLARE H. Armstrong, Jr., professor of military science and tactics at Ouachita College, has been extended in his present assignment until August 1959, according to information from 4th Army Headquarters. Major Armstrong is the first army officer to serve as president of the Faculty Club.

DR. H. E. Williams, president of Southern College, is currently conducting a revival at Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff. Derrel Watkins, associate pastor, is directing the music. Eugene Webb is pastor.

WENDELL WELCH, pastor of Sheridan's 1st Church, has been elected secretary and reporter of the newly-organized Sheridan Ministerial Alliance. (CB)

Foreign Missions

New Medical Facilities Dedicated in Philippines

"SCORES OF people gathered on the lawn before an improvised platform to hear the amazing history of Mati Baptist Hospital reviewed," wrote Mrs. Howard D. Olive, Southern Baptist missionary, of the recent dedication of additional medical facilities on the Philippine island of Mindanao.

This hospital had its origin in 1951, chiefly in the aspirations of two missionary nurses, Victoria Parsons and Virginia Miles. Two years later land was purchased and construction begun on the initial building, which is now used as a nurses' residence.

The formal opening and dedication of Baptist medical work in Mati was held on March 19, 1954. Since then a doctor's residence, laundry and attendant's building, and hospital building proper have been erected. The latter houses the lobby, pharmacy, emergency room, laboratories, X-ray rooms, operating room, a 25-bed wing, offices, and a recreation room which is used daily for chapel services.

"Operation Understanding"

Catholic and Protestant Exchange of Information Proposed

By W. BARRY GARRETT

WASHINGTON — Baptists and Protestants can learn a lesson from a recent development in Roman Catholic efforts. The latter part of 1957 the Catholic "Operation Understanding" started by placing 12,000 non-Catholic ministers on the mailing list to receive a weekly newspaper giving news, interpretations and explanatory articles about the Catholic faith.

This idea by our Catholic friends is good and should find an equal response on the part of Protestant publications. This could well be the beginning of a new era of Protestant-Catholic intercommunication that is sadly needed in the present generation.

It is a fact that there has been practically no communication from Protestants to Catholics or from Catholics to Protestants except invectives, innuendos, name calling, charges and countercharges. Proper and friendly communications between the two groups would clear the atmosphere and cause both sides to speak from the basis of fact rather than prejudice or suspicion.

Here is the Catholic plan. Dale Francis, a former Protestant minister and now a Roman Catholic convert, is editor of the Lone Star Catholic edition of *Our Sunday Visitor*. This new paper, edited out of Austin, Tex., is now being sent to a mailing list of 12,000 or more Protestant ministers, mostly Baptist, Methodist, and Episcopalian, as well as some in other groups.

Mr. Francis states that this "opera-

tion understanding" might not bring the Protestants any closer to the Catholic beliefs. "But even if it didn't bring them any closer, then at least they would be opposed to us for reasons that really existed."

It is the design of the Lone Star Catholic to emphasize important documents and movements within the Catholic church and to present a wide range of Catholic viewpoints, "giving the people a chance to weigh and think about the problems of the day." Departmentalizing of the news after the fashion of Time and Newsweek will come under such heads as "World," "Nation," "Latin America," "The Vatican."

If the Catholics are anxious for Protestants to understand their views and position, they should likewise welcome some similar effort on the part of Protestants to get the Catholic people to understand the Protestant views and positions. Likewise the Protestant people should be as willing and anxious to communicate with their Catholic friends.

Life, information and understanding do not travel on a one-way street. There must be two-way communication if there is to be a real "operation understanding."

We propose that the Baptist and Protestant people take upon themselves to make available to every Catholic priest in the nation as many evangelical publications as possible. Each publication could take upon itself the responsibility of asking its readers to assist with finances and with names and addresses for possible recipients among the Catholic constituency. Perhaps even the Catholics themselves in seeking to put on a genuine "operation understanding" would make available the names and addresses of their priests so the Protestant publications could be sent to them in exchange for the Catholic papers.

Protestant-Catholic relations have been tense through the years, sometimes justified and at other times perhaps not justified. Honest differences exist, but even though they are deep and abiding, we should agree to disagree on a friendly basis, and most certainly we should be intelligent as to the reasons of our differences.

Baptists and Protestants should welcome "operation understanding" with a response so generous on their part that every Roman Catholic in the nation could be made intelligently aware of the differences between his faith and that of others. Both Catholics and Protestants might even discover that there are areas of agreement and similarity between them, and there may be areas of cooperation where we could make the total Christian witness more effective in the world.



Four Major Addresses Scheduled at Houston

HOUSTON —(BP)— The order of business for the 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention provides for four major addresses and a special program on the "present world crisis."

The schedule of the Convention includes sessions starting on Tuesday night, May 20, and closing Friday night, May 23.

The major addresses will be the annual President's Address and Convention Sermon, and speeches by Ralph A. Herring and Former Convention President R. G. Lee.

Herring is pastor of 1st Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Lee of Bellevue, Memphis.

President Brooks Hays, Arkansas congressman, will make his address on Tuesday night.

Robert E. Naylor, Travis Ave. Church, Ft. Worth, is convention preacher. He delivers the annual Convention Sermon on Wednesday morning.

Herring addresses the Convention at its Friday morning session and Lee at its Friday afternoon session.

The special program "on the present world crisis" comes at the closing session of the Convention Friday night.

School of Theology Observes Jubilee Week

THE SCHOOL of Theology at Southwestern Seminary observed its Jubilee Week Mar. 17-21 in connection with the seminary's fiftieth anniversary celebration.

Speakers included Dr. Theodore Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance; Congressman Walter Judd of Minnesota; Dr. Leonard A. Duce of Baylor University; and Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, president-emeritus of Hardin-Simmons University.

The theology week is one of several special events planned for the Golden Jubilee year.

The School of Theology's enrollment this semester includes 1,155 students.

JUBILEE SPEAKERS for Southwestern Seminary's School of Theology Mar. 17-21 included (top row, l-r) Dr. Leonard A. Duce of Baylor University; Dr. Theodore Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance; (bottom row, l-r) Congressman Walter Judd of Minnesota; and Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, president-emeritus of Hardin-Simmons University.

BALTIMORE —(BP)— The Maryland Baptist, publication of Maryland Baptist Union Association here; plans to increase publication from monthly to twice a month effective Apr. 15.

Jubilee Group Adopts Fellowship Statement

CHICAGO —(BP)— Representatives of seven North American Baptist groups participating in the Baptist Jubilee Advance have adopted a statement calling for increased evangelism free of any rivalry between groups.

The statement was adopted at a meeting here of the joint committee planning the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The groups have pledged themselves to work toward common spiritual goals and to observe 1964 as Jubilee Year.

Participants adopted a second statement which sets forth the six objectives of the Jubilee Advance.

The objectives relate to concern for people who have not accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour, the "vital reality" of the Bible as a rule of faith and

practice, a renewed understanding of Baptist principles, spiritual growth of Baptist churches and their members, and spiritual fellowship and interdependence of the seven Baptist groups.

The joint committee called for a meeting in Washington Sept. 16 of the editors of all general magazines and newspapers published by the participating Baptist groups in the United States and Canada.

Objective of the one-day meeting of editors is to see what they can do through their periodicals to publicize the Jubilee Advance.

The joint committee adopted a bell and torch, with the words "For Liberty and Light," as a symbol of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

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How to Become A Soul Winner

By BILLY GRAHAM

God told the entire church to go out as soul-winners. And I think that if three things are kept in mind the simplest and humblest child of God can be a soul-winner.

First of all, he must realize the power of the Word of God, that the Word of God simply declared without argument has tremendous power.

Secondly, that there is the power of prayer. So many of us go out to witness without backing it up with long periods of intercessory prayer. The term "intercessory prayer" actually means interceding for lost souls. I think that is the desperate need of the hour on the part of the average soul-winner.

And then, thirdly, there is the power of the Holy Spirit. No person can be won to Christ without tremendous dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

Those three things, kept in mind, I believe the humblest child of God can become a mighty soul-winner.

● MISS MIRIAM Willis, Southern Baptist missionary to Paraguay now in the States on furlough, may be addressed at 2906 Clearview, Austin, Tex. She is a native of Little Rock.

● UNION CHURCH, El Dorado, to which Henry M. Evans went as pastor three months ago, has experienced rapid growth in recent weeks. On Sunday, Mar. 2, a new record attendance was set for Sunday School with a total of 180 present. The same day, Training Union had 93 present out of an enrollment of 101. Although there has been no revival meeting, there have been 22 additions, 13 by baptism. The church will have a revival meeting starting March 28, with the pastor preaching. The Arkansas Baptist has been included in the church budget.

Bentonville Church Has 'Best Revival'

TWENTY-THREE professions and a "good church revival" during the recent meeting in 1st Church, Bentonville, has prompted Pastor Bill Hickem to describe it as "one of the best."

Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr. was the evangelist and Mr. Hickem led the music.

"Dr. Vaught did a superb job not only as an evangelist but also as an inspiration for our church program," Mr. Hickem said.

The Bentonville Church is using the Forward Program of Church Finance this year and found that gifts have increased about 20 per cent.

Last year the budget called for \$750 weekly with gifts averaging about \$707. The new budget is for \$770, and giving under the Forward Program has averaged \$886.

The number of tithers has more than tripled, with 127 signing up to tithe.

Family Week Slated May 4-11

NATIONAL FAMILY Week, sponsored by the National Sunday School Association, will be observed May 4-11. The theme, "Put Christ in His Future . . . NOW!" is designed to emphasize the imperative of establishing strong Christian homes now to insure the future of our children and our nation.

Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of the National Association, declared: "Sunday school and church must be a family affair if the church is to make an impact upon the home life of America. If this is to be done the churches must become more concerned with the families of their neighborhood. This is the reason NSSA sponsors National Family Week each year."

Blytheville First Dedicates Building

FIRST CHURCH, Blytheville, long one of the state's leading churches, dedicated its new \$165,000 Educational Building on Sunday, February 28, under the leadership of Pastor Charles Frank Pitts.

A three-story brick structure built to accommodate children from nursery through the junior department, the new building is a link in the long-range building plans of the church. It had been under construction since November, 1946.

Although the building had been in use less than a month at the time of dedication, there has been a marked increase in attendance, the Sunday School averaging well above 700 attendance for the month of February.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Editor Erwin L. McDonald, of the Arkansas Baptist.

Leading the church in a responsive reading of dedication, Dr. Pitts said in part: "As the dedication of this building is vain without the solemn consecration of those whose gifts and labors it represents, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God: our souls, that they may be strengthened by the indwelling Christ; our bodies, that they may be fit temples for the abode of the Holy Spirit; and our labors and businesses, that they may be according to God's Holy Will, and that their fruit may tend to the glory of His name and the advancement of His Kingdom. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this building to the worship of God."

The prayer of dedication was by Charles Ray Newcomb, chairman of the deacons.

As special music for the occasion, the Chancel Choir, directed by Dr. Loyd Owens, minister of music and education, sang, "Rise Up, O Men of God," arranged by Angell.

As a climax to the service, the church received seven new members.

Contracts Awarded For Seminary Chapel

NEW ORLEANS, La. — A \$780,025 contract to construct a chapel on the campus of New Orleans Seminary has been awarded the R. P. Farnsworth and Co. of New Orleans by the executive committee of the Seminary board of trustees.

Construction is to start soon. Completion of the project is expected 14 months after construction gets underway.

The chapel will be styled in the French Colonial (Early Louisiana) style in keeping with the campus architecture and will connect with the classrooms and other buildings on the campus by a covered walkway.

Construction will be in red brick with white concrete columns, white woodwork, and green shutters.

One of the outstanding features of the chapel will be the 185-foot, solid white spire which will be a replica of the spire atop the First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., oldest Baptist church in America, founded in 1638 by Roger Williams and his followers.

Start of construction on the chapel will come 40 years after the Seminary was chartered and 320 years after the First Baptist Church was founded in this country.

The building will have a seating capacity of 1,750 and will replace the temporary chapel which seats only 740. The present chapel will be divided into six classrooms to take care of the increased enrollment at the Seminary.

18th Baptist Church Organized in Taiwan

THE CHING Mei Baptist Church, near Taipei, Taiwan, was organized Feb. 9 with more than 100 charter members. This is the 18th Baptist church constituted on the island and in the Taiwan Baptist Convention.

Impartial Role Given Executive Committee

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second story in a series of six articles on the report of the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Program. The first story covered the report generally. The second story presents that part of the report covering the Southern Baptist Convention apart from its agencies, the Executive Committee, and the Inter-Agency Council.

By the Baptist Press

THE CONVENTION'S Executive Committee would be placed in a more impartial and objective position, under recommendations of the Committee to Study Total SBC Program.

The Executive Committee functions as the Convention between sessions in all matters not delegated to any agency or committee by the Convention.

To place the Executive Committee in a better position to "advise the SBC on all Convention programs on the same objective basis," the Executive Committee's present division of promotion would become an independent, separate agency to be known as the Stewardship Commission.

The division of promotion helps promote the Cooperative Program, the Convention's financial plan to support missionary, educational, and benevolent work in states and in the Convention.

This division also promotes the Forward Program of Church Finance, which aids churches in their yearly budget campaigns through recommended campaign organization and supply of literature.

Recommendations of the Survey Committee will be presented to the 1958 Convention.

The Survey Committee recommends that the division of publications remain with the Executive Committee "to provide a public relations and press service to interpret and promote the total Southern Baptist program."

However, if an expanded Convention public relations activity should at some future date warrant it, the Executive Committee "should recommend the establishment of such a program and the creation of an agency of the Convention to conduct this program."

The Survey Committee recommends the addition to the Executive Committee staff of a program analyst and a financial analyst.

The Survey Committee further recommends that the Executive Committee be housed in a building of its own.

The Survey Committee recommendations, if adopted, would double the number of members of the Committee on Resolutions.

Three of the 10 members (under the proposed new set-up) would be from the Executive Committee to give the Committee on Resolutions "information about recent work of the Executive Committee and Convention agencies."

The Committee on Denominational

Calendar would be established as a permanent committee and would "review and recommend approval of the calendar proposed by the Inter-Agency Council."

The Survey Committee restates the role of the Southern Baptist Convention, apart from its agencies: "The Convention should continue to retain to itself only those responsibilities which cannot be effectively delegated."

It recommends more balanced representation on Convention agencies and committees between ministers and laymen — with no more than two-thirds of the members coming from either group.

The Executive Committee, in all matters not delegated by the Convention to any agency or committee, would be placed in a more impartial position, under Survey Committee recommendations.

"In reviewing the total Southern Baptist program, it appears to your committee that lack of correlation of effort is a more general and serious problem than duplication of effort among agencies."

Accompanying this statement is the recommendation:

"The Inter-Agency Council should be continued and strengthened as the organization through which the agencies should correlate their programs of work."

The Inter-Agency Council at present is a voluntary and unofficial organization.

Members of the Inter-Agency Council include three agencies — the Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, and the Brotherhood Commission — and the Convention's auxiliary, Woman's Missionary Union.

The Survey Committee declares that the Inter-Agency Council "should be authorized formally by the Convention to serve as the organization through which the various agencies should correlate their work."

To strengthen the Inter-Agency Council, the committee recommends that representation on it be enlarged to include also the Foreign Mission Board, Relief and Annuity Board, Church Loan Board (a proposed new agency), Christian Life Commission, Education Commission, Historical Commission, Radio and TV Commission, the proposed new Stewardship Commission, Southern Baptist Foundation, and the seminaries and Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

The Inter-Agency Council would have responsibility for drafting the proposed annual denominational calendar.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor, Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn., and Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, 1st Church, Nashville, have been selected as featured speakers at the 1958 Music Leadership Conferences at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M.

February SBC

Gifts Up

NASHVILLE — (BP)— Arkansas contributed a total of \$134,317 for Southern Baptist Convention objectives in February. The total for all gifts was \$4,458,302, Treasurer Porter Routh announced.

Of the state's total gifts, \$43,750 was through the Cooperative Program and \$90,567 was through designated offerings.

The total Cooperative Program receipts for Convention-wide uses last month was \$1,265,116 compared with \$1,183,977 for the previous February. Designated gifts for February, 1958 were \$3,193,185, approximately \$100,000 greater than for the same month in 1957.

With five exceptions, all states were ahead of 1957 in their gifts to Southern Baptist Convention objectives.

Arkansas, Missouri, and Virginia were below the previous year in Cooperative Program gifts.

The year's total gifts (January-February) now amount to \$7,730,796 which is 9.65 per cent higher than for the same months in 1957. Cooperative Program receipts increased 9.78 per cent to \$2,740,781 for the year to date.

Designated offerings were up 9.58 per cent to \$4,990,015.

● OUACHITA'S CHOIR will begin its annual spring tour March 20 with an afternoon concert at Mena High School and that night at the 1st Church. March 21, the choir will give a morning performance at Nashville High School. They go to Ashdown High School for an afternoon concert and then a concert will be presented that night at Beech Street Church, Texarkana. First Church, El Dorado, is the scene for a Sunday morning concert March 23 and the choir will present a program at First Church, Fordyce, Sunday evening.

514,000 Baptisms

Goal for 1958

DALLAS — Thirty-eight thousand revivals and a baptismal goal of 514,500 for 1958 were reported in a survey taken at the state evangelistic conferences.

From the survey, state secretaries of evangelism reported that 22,095 Southern Baptist churches have indicated plans to participate in the 1959 Baptist Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade in North America.

More than 16,000 churches have already made plans to observe the June 1, day of prayer for the simultaneous crusade.

The Jan. 5 Commitment Day was observed in 19,800 churches.

During 1957, 31,297 churches reported 389,716 baptisms, an increase of 5,089 over the 1956 total.

Church Music Department

LeRoy McClard, Director

God Is The Creator

(The following paragraphs were written by someone in a small church. We do not know the name of the author, but liked the content.)

JOHN TELLS us, in the 1st Chapter, 3rd verse "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made." Truly a great man, Izaak Walton inquired, "Lord, what music hast thou provided for saints in Heaven, when thou affordest bad men such music on earth?" Music is a heart language — it is a heavenly language, and he who banishes Heaven from his heart fails also to comprehend fully the true language. Let us accept music as a gift, a most precious gift of God. Let us study it with reverence, so that we may catch and drink in the spirit of love, which is of God and leads to God. Spirituality is not governed by the volume of the song nor the rate of speed at which it is sung or played. The art of music in religion is art with a mission.

Music has a definite and important place in the worship service. It should be so used as to carry out its purpose in making the worship and service more spiritual and should never be used, as some preachers use it, to call the people into the auditorium, to take up time while the windows are being opened or closed, to seat the people, to fill in while the preacher is in conference with some one or while waiting for the speaker or to take place of something left out of the program. **We must never forget the real mission of church music.**

You have, on many occasions, heard someone whisper, talk or try to attract someone's attention while the preacher is delivering his sermon. The ones who persist in doing this are inconsiderate of the speaker, even though the sermon is not what you would call worshipping God, it is teaching of God. This disturbance could be a stumbling block to someone in the audience who is unsaved. Whether it is an anthem by the choir, a solo voice or an instrumental number, congregational singing of hymns or offertory — one and all are truly the worship of God and the guilty party prostitutes that which God has given us for a high and glorious service. Not every preacher can preach what would be termed a great sermon, neither has every singer a great voice, but each can be artistic in his sphere of service. We owe to the Lord our very best and we cannot give our best without education and training. We should not presume upon the goodness of God

**ANNUAL MEETING OF
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Miss Elma Cobb, President
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April 1-3, 1958

Theme: IN HIS NAME

Tuesday Afternoon — 1:20 O'clock

Meditation — Intercession IN HIS NAME _____ Organist,
Mrs. Floyd Richardson, Mrs. Robert Parker, Mrs. Ruben Franks
of Chile

In Memoriam — Mrs. W. W. Grundon

Message — Preaching IN HIS NAME _____ Rev. M. E. Wiles, State
Missionary

Message — Ministering IN HIS NAME _____ Mrs. Allegre LaPrairie,
New Orleans

Tuesday Evening, 5:30 O'clock

YWA Banquet

1st Baptist Church

Tuesday Night — 7:30 O'clock

Presentation — IN HIS NAME (Under Direction of Mrs. David Meier)
Message — Following IN HIS NAME _____ Miss Ruth Ford, Indonesia

Wednesday Morning — 7:30 O'clock

Promotional Breakfast

1st Methodist Church

Wednesday Morning — 9:20 O'clock

Meditation — Weeks of Prayer IN HIS NAME

Report of Executive Board

Message — BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE _____ Dr. C. C. Warren,
Director of SBC 30,000 Movement

Message _____ Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary,
Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

Wednesday Afternoon — 1:45 O'clock

Meditation — Panel on Witnessing IN HIS NAME

Mrs. R. E. Snider, co-ordinator, Mrs. Allegre LaPrairie, Miss Ruth
Ford, Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell, Rev. M. E. Wiles

Message — Ministering IN HIS NAME _____ Mrs. LaPrairie, New Orleans

Message — Healing IN HIS NAME _____ Miss Ford, Indonesia

Wednesday Evening — 5:30 O'clock

BWC Banquet — 1st Baptist Church

Wednesday Night — 7:30 O'clock

Meditation — Teach Me to Pray "Thy Will be Done" _____ Mrs. Franks, Chile
Message — Together IN HIS NAME _____ Dr. S. A. Whitlow,
General Secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention

They, Too, Serve IN HIS NAME — The Missionary Family
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell, Hilda, Tommy Earl and Mary

Beth, Brazil

Thursday Morning — 9:20 O'clock

Meditation — Family Worship IN HIS NAME

Message — Teaching IN HIS NAME _____ Dr. Halsell, Brazil
Message — Serving IN HIS NAME _____ Mrs. A. L. Leake,
Northwest Arkansas

Dedication — "... readiness to will ... performance also ..."
_____ Miss Alma Hunt

by offering Him anything less for His service than the talents which he has entrusted to us, highly trained to the best of our ability.

From the creations of God in the earth and heavens we must believe Him to be a lover of system, beauty, knowledge and wisdom. Therefore, the church service should be reverent, dignified, beautiful, orderly and artistic. The value of music in Christian worship is fourfold because it leaves its impression in some way upon every soul that hears it. To the hearts of those who love Christ, the music brings joy; to the

Christian in trouble and sorrow, it brings comfort; to the indifferent, the memory of a sweet Christian experience renewed and to the sinner the music aids the Holy Spirit in bringing a conviction of sin and acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior.

God knew best when he gave music to the world, through which the soul could give expression to its every emotion. What would life be without music? What would churches do without music? Let us cherish and cultivate it and through it bring peace, joy and happiness to others.

BROTHERHOOD

C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

Area RA Congresses Set

THREE OF the five area Royal Ambassador congresses for this year have already been held. Only two remain, the Central Area, and the Northwest Area.



MR. SEATON
Faulkner County, Little Red River, Pulaski County, and White County.

The Central Area Congress will be held on March 21-22, at the 1st Church, Beebe.
The Central Area includes the following Associations: Caroline, Centennial, Conway-Perry, Washington-Madison, and White River Associations.

The Northwest Area Congress will be held on April 4-5, at the 1st Church, Rogers. The Northwest Area includes: Benton County, Boone County, Clear Creek, Concord, Dardanelle-Russellville, Newton County, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, Washington-Madison, and White River Associations.

Registration at each of these congresses will begin at 3:30 p. m. on the opening day. There is a registration fee of 50 cents. The first session of the congress will be at 7 p. m. on the opening day. The last session closes at noon on Saturday. Bed and breakfast for those desiring this accommodation will be provided by the host church.
The three area congresses held thus far have been very successful, although the attendance has not been as large as it could have been. The Southeast Area Congress, meeting at 1st Church, Monticello, had about 100 in attendance. Only three associations in the area: Bartholomew, Harmony, and Liberty were represented. The Southwest Area Congress meeting at 1st Church, Hope, had only 45 in attendance. These came from five churches representing only three associations: Hope, Little River, and Red River in the area. The Northeast Area Congress meeting at the Central Church, Jonesboro, had about 150 in attendance. Six Associations in this area: Black River, Greene County, Mississippi County, Mt. Zion, Trinity, and Tri-County were represented.

The State Royal Ambassador Congress will be held on May 2-3 at the Baptist Tabernacle, 10th and Pine, Little Rock.

Many new Royal Ambassador chapters are being organized each month. For this we are indeed grateful. More and more Brotherhoods are seeing the need and realizing the wonderful opportunity that they have to help teach and train boys in the Lord's service through Royal Ambassador chapters. Pastor, men of the Brotherhood, if you do not have a chapter, of the only Southern Baptist organization for boys, in your church, why not organize one? Your State Brotherhood Department will be happy to assist you.

Mission Notes

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

THE STATEWIDE Rural Church Conference will be at Couchdale Camp on Lake Hamilton, June 9-12. The cost



will be \$12 per person. The facilities are ample and modern. Special conferences will be held for pastors wives. Churches are urged to send pastor and wife.
The Arkansas Baptist has already announced the coming of J. H. Dean to Little River Association as missionary. He was my "buddy" in seminary days and it will be a great joy to have fellowship with him in our mission work. Welcome, good friend!

Dr. C. C. Warren, in his recent visit to the Baptist Building, encouraged all of us in the 30,000 Movement. For a while the movement didn't move much, but now it is beginning to take on speed. Are you looking out for a mission task nearby? What about the jail, the hospital, the factory, the old people's home? Please let us know when you start a new mission. We are marking each on the map.

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Pastoral Changes

THOMAS C. PITMAN, formerly pastor of Manning Church, Carey Association, is the new pastor of Riverside, Little Rock. He attended Southern College and plans to finish at Ouachita this summer. He is married to the former Miss Phyllis Ashton, and the couple has two children.



MR. PITMAN

RAY S. NELSON, 1st Church, Monette, has resigned to accept the pastorate of 1st Church, Heber Springs. His resignation, effective March 23, marks the conclusion of five years in the Monette church, during which there were 223 additions including 167 by baptism.



MR. NELSON

DR. PAUL ROBERTS, pastor of 1st Church, Lake Charles, La., has accepted the call of 1st Church, Little Rock, and will assume his duties about the first of April, according to Herb Hollingsworth, chairman of the pulpit committee. (CB)

PAUL G. STOCKEMER, recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, has assumed his duties as pastor of the Philadelphia Church, Jonesboro. A native of Warren, the new pastor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stockemer of Shreveport, La. He is married to the former Miss Gwinn B. Beard of Olton, Tex., a graduate of Baylor.

CLYDE JONES has accepted the call of Southside Church, Lead Hill. He and his wife both attended Ouachita.

IN A special session on Sunday, Feb. 23, the Pocahontas Church extended a unanimous call to L. E. Ray. Mr. Ray announced that he will accept the call and will move on the field about March 25. The Rays have been in Rector Church for some four years.

Student Directors' Workshops Dates Set

NASHVILLE —(BSSB)— Southern Baptist Student directors' workshops will be held in connection with the Baptist Student Retreats at Ridgecrest (June 5-11) and Glorieta Baptist assemblies (August 21-27).

No separate workshop for directors will be held during the summer of 1958 because of the Fifth Baptist Youth World Conference, set for June 27-July 2.



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Goosy Gander

By FRED CORNELIUS

"COME ON," said Goosy Gander to Lady Goose. "We must get out of here. We have very little time left."

"Yes," agreed Lady Goose, "it is not long till I shall lay eggs, and we must have a nest ready."

The two large birds walked through the barnyard and across the field. They crossed a stream and came to a green, shady woods. There, in a little clump of berry bushes, they found just the spot for their nest.

"I shall start it," said Goosy Gander, as he went in under the berry vines to scratch out a nice round hole. "There," he said, "that should do it. A fine hole for a nest if ever I saw one."

"You have never seen one," said Lady Goose, "but it is a fine nest, or will be when we put some feathers and fine straw in it."

She began to pluck fine, soft feathers from her breast and place them on the sides and bottom of the nest. Goosy Gander also supplied some feathers, and he found fine, dry grass to mix with the feathers.

"Now," he said, "at last we have a nest fit for a queen, and you are the queen, Lady Goose."

Later, Lady Goose laid her first big egg right in the middle of the nest. She laid five more in as many more days, and the big job of sitting on the eggs had started.

Goosy Gander sat on the eggs while Lady Goose ate her dinner. He never went very far from the nest. He wanted to be there to help Lady Goose take care of the babies when they came out of their shells.

It was one full month before those babies made their appearance. It happened early one morning. Lady Goose felt something move under her body. She gave a little jump for, at first, she thought something was trying to carry off one of her eggs. She stood up and looked down into the nest. What she saw made her sit back down in a hurry.

"At last they are on their way," she thought, and she began to make a hissing sound to call her mate.

Goosy Gander heard her and came running. "What is it?" he asked, all excited.

"The babies," said Lady. "They are here at last, or at least, some of them are."

"Where? How many?" hissed Goosy Gander. "Get up and let me see."

"Oh, no," said Lady, "I must not take such a chance. They might get chilled. You just stand by till I need you."

It was an hour later that Lady Goose stood up to let her mate see his children. And the moment she was up, six fine babies came tumbling from the nest. Goosy Gander thought he had never seen anything so lovely. "Just

like their mother!" he declared, as he looked at the goslings.

"Well," said Lady Goose, "they are our babies, and now we must get them to the barn so that we can show them to Farmer Green. Won't he be surprised!"

"It is going to be a job, getting them to the barn," said Goosy Gander.

And he was right. But at last Goosy Gander and Lady and their six babies walked into the barnyard. How surprised Farmer Green was when he saw them.

"What a nice bunch of babies!" he said. "I have been wondering where you two had gone, for it has been a month since I have seen you."

Some of the chickens came up to see the babies, but Goosy Gander would not allow them to come too close. He did not want anything to happen to those fine babies.

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A Smile or Two

Once Too Often

SAM GOT a dollar too much in his pay envelope one week, but did not say anything. The next week the paymaster discovered the error and deducted a dollar.

"Say," Sam said, "I'm a dollar short."

"Well," said the paymaster, you didn't complain last week when you were a dollar over."

"Yes, but a guy can overlook one mistake. When it happens a second time, it's time to complain."—Brinkley Argus

IT WAS their first quarrel, and the sordid subject was money.

"Before we were married," she cried bitterly, "you told me you were well off."

"I was," he snarled, "but I didn't know it!"

IF YOU are gainfully employed, you are working for the Government, whether you are a federal employee or not.—The Greenup News.

"FOR A man with no experience, you're certainly asking a high wage," the prospective employer said to the applicant.

"Well," rejoined the applicant, "it's much harder to work when you don't know what you're doing."

"WHAT WILL you do, darling," asked Mother, "when you grow up to be a great big girl?"

"I'll reduce," answered Lil' Linda.

HUSBAND: "That last check you wrote came back from the bank marked 'insufficient funds'."

WIFE: "Well, I like that! And that bank's running ads saying they have over four million dollars on deposit."

A YOUNG man started work as a stockroom boy. Within six months he was made a salesman and in another six months, upped to sales manager. Shortly thereafter, he was made general manager. A few days later he was called in by the president who explained that he'd retire soon and would turn the presidency over to the newcomer.

"Thanks," said the young man.

"Thanks," growled the president. "You've only been with this firm a year. Is that all you can think of to say?"

"Well," said the young man, "thanks a lot, dad."

PERSONNEL MANAGER to applicant: "What we're after is a man of vision; a man with drive, determination, fire; a man who never quits; a man who can inspire others; a man who can pull the company's bowling team out of last place!" —Christian Science Monitor.

THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



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The Church Promotes World-Evangelism

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Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 13:1-3;

Romans 1:14-18

ONLY THE narrowest of minds would harbor the idea that Jesus places more importance on the winning of one

group as over against another, or that He would make one area of the world the first field, and other areas secondary. "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold. Them also must (imperative) I bring" (John 10:16).

No church and no Christian can justify a position of winning the world at home first, and only then winning the world at large. Too long have we thought to strengthen the home base at the expense of the extension of ourselves. One can scarcely imagine the results if America in World War II had fortified our own continent and neglected the far-flung Wake, Guam, Tarawa, Guadalcanal, and others on the outer perimeter.

The Meaning of World Evangelism

The command commonly called the Great Commission is just as much for our church as it was for the church in Jerusalem. It would appear that, though the Jerusalem church well knew the command, they became so enthralled with the events of Pentecost that they neglected the world mission. They became so interested in home evangelism — preaching daily in the temple and house-to-house witnessing — they let the rest of the world go by. It took persecution to so scatter the Church that they would go "about preaching the word."

When these scattered, itinerant evangelists came and sowed the seed of the gospel at Antioch it was still a family or racial affair. They preached to the Jews only (cf. Acts 11:19). But men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who had learned the good news, came along behind these other lay-witnesses and "spoke unto the Greeks, also." "And the hand of the Lord was with them" (Acts 11:20).

News of this disturbing turn of events reached the church at Jerusalem and its members felt it necessary to send someone, namely Barnabas, to check up and see just what was going on. It did not take Barnabas long to see that the grace of God could work in Gentile hearts, and he was so gladdened at the prospect that he stayed in Antioch. It seems significant that such a

mixture of peoples was the first group to be called Christian. It was here God found a people with world-vision who would carry a world program. World evangelism means announcing to all men everywhere the good news that Jesus is Saviour and Lord.

The Men of World Evangelism

It certainly would seem that a fast-growing church would need the most able leaders it could find. But God thought the most able should be used elsewhere. Of the five men who were prophets and teachers, the Holy Spirit commanded that Barnabas and Saul should be separated for a special task. The fasting and prayer period into which the church entered indicates something of the stress they felt at losing their leaders. But their world vision and deep consecration to the Lord won out, and they laid hands (of blessing) upon them and sent them away. Where would we find a church today that would send its most able leaders on such a journey and support them while they were going? Would we not feel that able men should remain at home and prepare others to go? Note that the other three men, Simeon, Lucius, and Manaen were equally listed with Barnabas and Saul. But the last two are the ones best remembered. The others drop out of the picture. Was it because they stayed so close to home?

It is of great importance that every church, whether large or small, shall be listening for the Holy Spirit to say, "Separate me this brilliant young leader, this man, this woman, for the work." It is equally important that the church that hears such a voice shall not merely point with pride, saying, "God has called so many from our church," but shall with the same perfect willingness send them forth. "How shall this world hear without a preacher, and how shall they preached except they be sent?" Shall we train scientists and subsidize the mathematical mind; shall we grant full scholarships to potential destroyers and let the Spirit-called missionary struggle through as best he can?

The Means of World Evangelism

You and I are the means of evangelism. The gospel has reached us on its journey around the world. Are we, then, the terminal for the gospel? When one remembers the host of people to whom he is indebted for the gospel a sense of urgency compels him to send the gospel along to another. We are the Lord's "free people" but not free to think and act as we like. Christ has made us free men, and we are free to think and say and do what he, himself, will teach us. And he has

taught us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel." But we didn't go.

My boy or yours, your daughter or mine, may be the next one whom the Holy Spirit shall ask to be separated. To that end every Christian parent should pray. If it is your daughter and not my son I am not relieved of my responsibility to the world. I become responsible for the world through your daughter. I must give my blessing to her call and send her on her way. I must pray for her; I must see that she wants for nothing that will speed her on God's mission; I must give my money that will supply her need. If I have not been especially separated to the work of preaching the gospel I am not released from the command in the Great Commission. My money is my life. I work so many hours for so much money. Whatever I give of that is a gift of myself, my energy, my time, my very life. This way, all can answer the world call.

Southern Baptists have the message, the men, and the means for world evangelism. Must persecution arise before we shall be scattered abroad, everywhere preaching the word? A gospel that is not a missionary gospel is not the gospel of the New Testament. The true measure of the worth of any church is its missionary ardor, not at home alone, but "into all the world."

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WMU Promotes Christian Missions

IN ORDER that our people might have a little better understanding where their Mission dollar goes through the Cooperative Program, we are discussing for the next few weeks the various items of our 1958 budget. This week I would like to direct your thinking to Item 2, under Division I, marked "W. M. U." The total appropriation in this year's budget for this cause is \$37,000.

Woman's Missionary Union is an auxiliary to the State Convention. Its work is under the direction of an Executive Board, elected by the State W. M. U. The work is directed by Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary. Her staff of workers consists of a youth secretary, a W. M. U. assistant, a book-keeper, a secretary and two office assistants.

The purpose of this organization is set forth under Article 2, of the By-Laws of the W. M. U. "The object of this organization shall be to promote Christian missions through a program of mission study, prayer, community missions, and stewardship."

The organization on the church level is Woman's Missionary Society, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, and a Sunbeam Band.

The program of work has been set out under a number of aims for advancement:

(1) **World Awareness.** Through this they seek to develop an appreciation and a deep concern for those who are lost without Christ by a systematic study of missions.

(2) **Spiritual Life Development.** This phase is designed to strengthen the spiritual life of the members through personal Bible study, maintenance of family worship, and the observance of weeks of prayer for foreign, home and state missions.

(3) **Christian Witnessing.** Through a directed program of activity they seek to lead the members through experiences which will strengthen their personal life in the home and in the community, and to promote individual efforts in soul-winning.

(4) **Sharing Possessions.** Through this they seek to magnify Christian stew-

ardship through enlistment of tithers, continuous giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program, and special mission offerings of which there are three each year — the Foreign Missions offering in December, known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; the home missions offering in March, known as the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions, named in memory of the first W. M. U. corresponding secretary; and the state missions offering in September, known as the Dixie Jackson Offering for state missions, which memorializes Arkansas' W. M. U. corresponding secretary of 1914-1929.

(5) **Educating Youth and Missions.**

Through a graded program of missionary education, it is the aim to cultivate missionary convictions in the hearts of the youth.

(6) **Enlistment for Missions.** Through this, the W. M. U. seeks to bring others into the growing experience of missionary endeavor.

(7) **Leadership Training.** This aim is designed to produce an informed leadership by which the total mission program of Woman's Missionary Union might be more adequately advanced.

One of the finest mediums used by W. M. U. is that of their summer camp program. The past year they had a total of almost 500 enrolled in the camps. (SAW)



DR. WHITLOW

Church Bonds and the Forward Program of Church Finance

MANY CHURCHES have asked us, "Should we go ahead and sell bonds in order to get money for our building or should we put on the Forward Program of Church Finance?"



DR. DOUGLAS

In most places, it would be wise to do both. But remember, never put on a bond-selling campaign until you conduct a campaign to raise the level of giving among the church members.

Why put on a campaign in order to get the church to go in debt, before a campaign is conducted to lead the people in Bible giving? To enter a bond-selling campaign before a Forward Program of Church Finance Program is used, is like getting the cart before the horse.

The above reason is based not only on personal experiences but the experience of fund raising campaigns. Baptists are like all other people in many respects. If they can borrow money, float a bond issue, or get someone else to finance the church program, they will sit back and let "George" do it. On the other hand, if someone will lead out and show them the best way and how to achieve victory, Baptists (the majority) will always cooperate 100 per cent.

Those who helped formulate the Forward Program realized that Christian stewardship is not man's plan for raising money, but God's plan for growing his children. Stewardship is more than psychological gimmicks to raise money for pews, a piano, a sign, or a church building. Therefore, the Forward Program of Church Finance is designed to aid the church in reaching the last fringe members. It is a campaign of teaching and leading the church members to make a spiritual surrender.

Baptist churches have conducted stewardship revivals, promoted study courses, talked about tither's enlistment visitation, and pastors have preached sermons on stewardship. All of these plans have enlisted thousands of Baptists in Christian stewardship, yet the fact remains that the majority of our own Baptist people are not now good Bible stewards. The average Southern Baptist keeps \$7.66 out of every \$10 that should be going into Kingdom causes through the churches.

This is a "sorry" picture, but we are inclined to believe that the picture will grow worse, instead of better, unless we do something more, on the local church level, to promote Stewardship in a better way.

This better way takes more time, more effort, more prayer, and more patience, but the results show that the Forward Program of Church Finance pays great dividends in many areas. (RD)

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