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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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## Preferred Items Justified

By the Editor

We publish on this page the report of a conference, composed of a special committee and state secretaries meeting in Edgewater Park, Mississippi, recently. This report will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco in June.

We invite the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist* to study this report carefully and understand the full significance of what is here proposed and we add our own word of clarification.

In the simplest language, this report is stating that all the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention may properly share in the expense of promoting the Cooperative Program in the various states of the Convention. For instance, when the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, through its Executive offices, through the *Arkansas Baptist*, and through the W. M. U., promote the Cooperative Program in Arkansas, and, as a result of that promotion, increase the Cooperative Program receipts, all the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention share in the increased receipts as well as all the state agencies and institutions. Therefore, the south-wide agencies and institutions, as well as the state agencies and institutions, should properly bear their share of the expense of promotion.

The proposal in this report, which is printed on this page and which will be submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention for approval, is that the promotional expenses be deducted from Cooperative Program receipts

## Conference On Co-Operation Adopts Clarification Statement

Clarification of the proper division of Co-operative Program offerings between state and Southern Baptist Convention mission causes was the object of a recent conference on co-operation conducted in Edgewater Park, Mississippi, and comprised of state secretaries and a special committee of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

The report of the Conference reaffirmed the principles of co-operation as set forth in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual for 1934 with "clarifying emendations and corrections." The report will be submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at San Francisco, June 20-24, through its Executive Committee. Following is the full text of the report:

"Your committee recognizes and emphasizes the essential unity of all our denominational work both Southwide and state.

"We reaffirm the principles of co-operation as set forth in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual for 1934, pages 48-49, with the following clarifying recommendations and corrections, to wit:

a. Since the Cooperative Program is a joint enterprise of the various state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention through which the churches carry out their world-wide denominational program, and in the interest of clearness and understanding among our people, we suggest that expense chargeable to the whole Cooperative Program be cared for as follows:

1. That we share in the administration and promotion expenses directly related to the operation of the Cooperative Program.
2. We recognize that the Minister's Retirement Plan and Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan is an appropriate charge against the whole program.

before a division of those receipts is made and before the funds are disbursed to the state and south-wide agencies and institutions.

Mention is made of the Minister's Retirement Plan and the Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan as an appropriate charge against the whole program and these are fixed charges. Mention is also made of the administration expense of the Woman's Missionary Union because the Woman's Missionary Union is a promotional agency and is actually raising money for the whole program of Southern Baptists. Certainly the administrative expense of the executive offices should be charged to the whole program. Although the state paper is not mentioned in the report, it logically comes within this classification because the state paper promotes the whole program and every cause represented in that program, both state and south-wide.

Therefore, the proposal is that these administrative and promotional expenses be set up in the state budget as preferred items and in this way all the causes represented in our program, all the agencies and institutions will share in the expense of raising the funds which maintain the program of Southern Baptists in all its phases and in all of its activities.

We believe that this is fair and just and we sincerely hope that the Executive Board of the Arkansas State Convention will seriously consider this matter in its budget making session this summer.

3. We recognize that the administration expense of the Woman's Missionary Union is an appropriate charge against the whole program.
4. That for the sake of uniformity and clarity in reporting the above the executive secretary of the Executive Committee and the several state secretaries undertake to work out uniform systems of accounting and reporting.
5. That we fraternally urge in every state that expenses chargeable to the whole Cooperative Program be kept at a minimum, holding ever before us the ideal of the 50-50 division for both state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention.

b. Since in the rapidly changing conditions which affect our plans, it would seem wise for us to have, as circumstances may direct, mutual consultations concerning our expanding programs, and we so respectfully recommend."

Following the Conference Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary for the Executive Committee, said that "this statement is designed as a guide in determining what items may properly be charged to the whole Co-operative Program and therefore deducted as a preferred item prior to the division of Co-operative Program funds between the state conventions and the Southern Baptist Con-

ventions and the Southern Baptist Convention in procedure because each state is free to use its own discretion in charging any item against the whole program. For example, while it is recognized that the Minister's Retirement Plan and Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan may be charged against the whole program, approximately half of the states do not do so."

## Knowledge From Experience

A Devotion by the Editor

"Whereas I was blind, now I see."

Mel Trotter was in the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, where the Lord found him, and he was giving his Christian testimony. A half-drunk fellow in the back of the hall yelled, "How do you know you are converted?" "Why, bless your heart, old fellow, I was right there when it happened," was the prompt reply.

It may not be possible to reduce such knowledge to mathematical exactness, or scientific formulas, or legalistic terminology, and yet we know with a deeper certainty than any formulas of worldly wisdom.

Suppose we ask this man, "How did you receive your sight?" He has a simple story to tell. "A man that is called Jesus made clay, and annointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received my sight."

But was that all this man Jesus did to open your eyes? Yes, that is all that can be reduced to exact terminology. But come, fellow, surely you don't believe that such a simple formula could bring sight to eyes which had never seen? And the man becomes reverent and speaks with an inspiration born of an experience which cannot be reduced to mere words: "If this man were not of God, He could do nothing." There was present a power in addition to the clay and the water of the pool, a power which could not be known by any physical sensibility, a touch which healed the blight and brought to life the power which this man had never been able to use.

Those who have come to know Jesus and have entered with Him into that larger, richer, and more satisfying life can "speak for themselves." And their testimony is true because they are speaking out of experience.

The Apostle John replies, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the word of life; that which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you."

Spurgeon declared that to be a Christian "means that we are in Christ as the birds are in the air, which buoys them up and enables them to fly. Are we not in Christ as the fish are in the sea? Our Lord has become our element, vital, and all surrounding. In Him we live and move and have our being."

"And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing." John 9:7.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Doctor Rankin Replies

You will find on page nine an article by M. Theron Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. His article deals with the question raised in editorials in the *Arkansas Baptist* concerning the promotion of the Cooperative Program by the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Doctor Rankin is very fair in his discussion of the issues raised in the *Arkansas*

#### Baptist editorials. Major Emphasis

We think that Doctor Rankin belabors language in the third paragraph of his article on the question of the "Major Emphasis," whether it should be on the Cooperative Program or on the objectives. Certainly, if there were no objectives there would be no Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program includes the objectives of our denominational program. All our objectives are in that program. That is why it is called Cooperative Program. Doctor Rankin is correct in saying that "The major emphasis of the promotion must be on the needs of those objectives for which the Cooperative Program exists." But our point is this, that in all the promotional material of the agencies and institutions of our Convention reference is rarely made to the fact that the basic part of these agencies and institutions, and the objectives for which they stand, comes through the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program is rarely mentioned by them. Their appeals to the people, their reports to the people, do not emphasize the co-operative feature of our whole program.

We believe that the promotion of the Cooperative Program or the whole program of Southern Baptists would receive a tremendous emphasis if each of our institutions would run a series of promotional features urging support of the causes of the various agencies and institutions through the Cooperative Program. If this were done in the fall when budgets are being made up, and churches are considering the division of funds between the local church program and the denomination, we believe it would give a great boost to the promotion of the whole program of Southern Baptists.

#### Unified Promotion

If our mission boards, hospitals, seminaries, colleges, orphanages, and all departments of our organization, would come to the people and tell them what the Cooperative Program means to them in the promotion of the causes they represent and the objectives for which they are striving, it seems logical that such a combined, correlated, and unified promotional program would be far more effective than it has ever been since the Cooperative Program was started.

It may be that the Cooperative Program has been given a "Major emphasis that obscures the objectives for which it exists" at some times and in some quarters, but the

method of promotion that we have discussed and proposed would neither place an undue emphasis upon the Cooperative Program nor obscure the objectives for which it exists. In fact the method of promotion which we have suggested would bring to the very front and impress upon the consciousness of all Baptists of the South the objectives for which the Cooperative Program exists. It is our conviction that the objectives have been obscured because the agencies and institutions who are charged with the responsibility of achieving these objectives have not made themselves prominent in the promotion of the Cooperative Program.

#### Disproportionate Division

Doctor Rankin is correct in his reference to the disproportionate division of the total contributions which come through the local churches. We have had much to say in the columns of the *Arkansas Baptist* concerning this fact that our churches are spending a disproportionate share of their income upon themselves and are not giving a proper portion of their income to the causes represented by our denominational agencies and institutions.

We are happy indeed to have this discussion from Doctor Rankin. We would invite discussions from other heads of our agencies and institutions. No charge is implied, in what has been said in the *Arkansas Baptist*, that our agencies and institutions are guilty of unfair promotional practices. We do believe, however, that there is a weakness here that could and should be corrected. The only way we can discover just what the weakness is and how to remedy it is by free, frank, friendly, and Christian discussion. Let us have more of it.

#### A Statue Not "The Answer"

It is reported that a certain sculptor named Roger Noble Burnham hopes to erect 150 foot statue of the "smiling Jesus" on Mt. Lee, overlooking Hollywood and much of Los Angeles. Mr. Burnham is seeking to organize a non-profit organization for the purpose of collecting \$250,000 necessary to erect the huge statue.

To quote from *Religious News Service*: "Including a 60 foot base, the statue, finished in fused gold, would be 210 feet high. The sculptor believes that his figure of Christ, entitled 'The Answer,' would be a symbol forever before men's eyes reminding them of the Christian message."

And yet the second commandment is, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." The tendency in the world today is to substitute symbols of the Christ for the Christ Himself. To obviate the necessity for visible symbols of the presence of Jesus, the

## Christian Education Day June 24

Christian Education Day is an annual occasion on which Baptist churches throughout the state are requested to make a special contribution to Christian Education. This contribution is authorized and approved by the state convention.

By action of the state convention, in session last November, the Christian Education Day contribution, this June 24, will go to Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.

Two years ago the state convention placed Southern Baptist College in the state budget for \$20,000. In 1950, the allocation to Southern was \$23,000. However the allocation in 1951 was reduced to \$10,000. The reason for the reduction was not less interest in Southern, but the need for an increase in the allocation to Ouachita and to other state causes. Southern Baptist College accepted this reduction without complaint or quibbling. Out of consideration for the attitude of the college and upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, the state convention designated the Christian Education Day contribution to go to Southern.

Last year the total enrolment of the college reached 1,110. The enrolment was only slightly less for the session which has just closed.

More than 100 ministerial students enrolled in the college during the last session. These ministerial students serve many churches in northeast Arkansas and the college is rendering a very definite service in this section of the state where no other college reaches with the same type of service.

A liberal contribution on the part of Arkansas Baptists on Christian Education Day will render a great service to young men and young women in Southern Baptist College.

Holy Spirit was given to make the presence of the living Christ real to every trusting heart. Instead of a statue, we need the Holy Spirit; in place of the message which a statue might convey, we have the Bible; instead of the extra superficial organizations which are springing up in numerous quantities, we have the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The commissions of Jesus do not include the erection of statues. His commissions are explicit in sending forth the disciples with the gospel message under the power and direction of the Holy Spirit. When Christian people become willing to be Christian and to bear their testimony, they will discover that statues such as that proposed by Mr. Burnham are not only unnecessary but that they are entirely out of place.

The only statue that Jesus recognizes is the statue of the Christian character with a burning zeal for the salvation of the lost the world around.

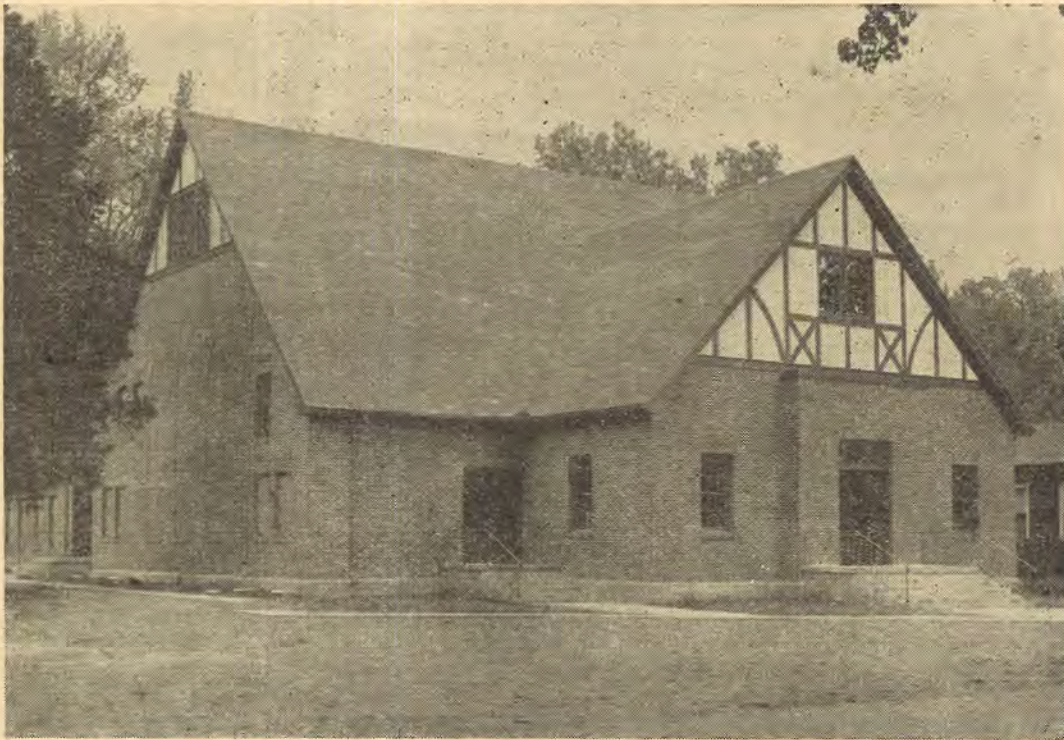
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All history is but the length and shadow of great men.

—Emerson

# Kingdom Progress

## Wilson, First, Builds New Church



First Church, Wilson, recently completed a new church building. The new building provides a sanctuary, 20 classrooms and assembly rooms for Sunday School, a pastor's study, a modern kitchen. Seating capacity of the sanctuary is 450.

A report from the Wilson Church states, "even before the building was completed it became evident that more classrooms were needed, and at present one class meets in the choir loft, one in the dressing room, and another in a hall upstairs. However, with the establishment of two missions, the congestion has been temporarily relieved."

The building program was started by the former pastor, A. F. Muncy and was brought to completion by the present pastor, D. B.

Bledsoe.

During the past eight months, 71 persons have been received into the church fellowship by baptism and 26 by letter. Thirty of 71 received by baptism came through the missions supported by the Wilson Church. A revival was held in one of the missions, May 14-20, and a revival is scheduled for the other mission, July 1-8.

William Towery and Marvin Reynolds, students in Southern Baptist College, are full-time mission pastors of the Wilson Church.

Sunday School enrolment, including the missions, is 498. Training Union enrolment is 190. A library is now being established and an active Brotherhood was recently organized with 68 members.

### Castleberry to Hooks, Texas

Six months ago Pastor D. E. Castleberry went from the pastorate of the Curtis Church, Arkansas, to the East Hooks Baptist Church of Hooks, Texas. During these six months, 82 persons have been received into the fellowship of the East Hooks Church.

In a recent revival meeting in which the pastor did the preaching, there were 40 additions to the church by baptism and 17 by letter and statement.

### Chester Swor at Blytheville

Dr. Chester Swor, celebrated youth leader, and Professor Ralph D. Churchill, Southwestern Seminary, were with Pastor E. C. Brown and First Church, Blytheville, in a Spiritual Emphasis Week, May 6-13.

Special features of the week were: A reception for Mr. Swor and Mr. Churchill, Monday evening; a teen-agers' breakfast and question-answer conference, Saturday morning; and an adult conference on Sunday afternoon.

Five persons were received into the church by baptism and eight by letter.

### Missionary Berry on Furlough

Missionary William H. Berry was a recent visitor to Baptist Headquarters in Little Rock, and of the Arkansas Baptist office.

Mr. Berry, with Mrs. Berry and their daughter, Betty, who is now a senior in Ouachita College, are on furlough since April 19 of this year.

The Berry's are natives of Magazine, Arkansas, and were appointed as missionaries to Brazil in 1923. Mr. Berry is director of the department of History and Statistics of the Brazilian Baptist Sunday School Board. He is also director of Atlas News Service with offices in Rio de Janeiro.

Missionary Berry was educated at Ouachita College, graduate student of the University of Chicago, graduate in Journalism at the University of Missouri, School of Journalism.

The Berry's carry with them more than 1,000 colored slides of the Baptist work in Brazil, which together with the constant surveys made of their development, result in an overall view of their progress.

## Airplane Trip at 96

A 96-year old missionary took her first airplane trip and her belated retirement this month. She is Miss Sarah Alice Hale, who served the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Mexico from 1891 to 1900. Since then she has worked independently, rendering an outstanding service through the translation of well-known theological books.

At her father's death Miss Hale received a double portion of inheritance because she was unmarried. She considered the money the Lord's and has given it to those in need and for mission work. At one time she paid the salary of a missionary to the Indians. A number of times she came to the rescue of the Mexican Baptist Convention with large gifts of money. At another time she made a large gift to the Foreign Mission Board.

In recent years she has lived in her own home in Monterey, Mexico, where she has written several books and translated seventy volumes into Spanish. Several years ago she set up the Sarah Hale Book Fund and the Sarah Hale Building Fund, each carrying a sum of several thousand dollars, one to publish books and the other to aid in building mission chapels. Dr. Frank Patterson, director, Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, said that probably the Publishing House would have had to close during the depression had it not been for the book fund provided by Miss Hale.

"As our hearts are stirred over the appointment of so many fine young men and women to the mission fields, let us not forget the older ones who laid broad the foundations upon which they will build," says Dr. Everett Gill Jr., the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Latin America.

Miss Hale is now at the home of her nephew, G. O. Bicknell, 1638 Free Ferry Road, Fort Smith.

—Baptist and Reflector.

(Miss Hale is a sister of Mrs. G. H. Florida of Osceola, and an aunt of Mrs. H. L. Lipford of Brinkley.—Editor).

### W. R. Hamilton at Sarasota

Pastor W. R. Hamilton, remembered in Arkansas as the former pastor of the First Church of Hope, has had a fruitful pastorate with the First Church of Sarasota, Florida, for the past two years. There have been 355 additions to the church membership bringing the total membership of the church to 1,029. The Sunday School enrolment has increased from 485 to 805 and the weekly contributions from \$338.27 to \$795.43.

Recently the Sarasota Church purchased property adjoining the present church property at a cost of \$35,000. This additional property will provide space for a new auditorium and additional educational facilities.

### Minister Ordained

Gene Ermert, of Corning and a graduate of Ouachita College, was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry by the Shiloh Church, Current River Association, on Sunday afternoon, May 13.

Pastor D. C. Applegate of Paragould led the examination; Dr. L. B. Golden of Corning offered the ordination prayer; Mrs. Dollie Smith, a former Sunday School teacher of Mr. Ermert, presented him with a Bible, which was a gift from the Shiloh W. M. S., Missionary H. W. Johnston delivered the charge to the candidate and to the church. Pastor Knox Belew of the Cypress Grove Church preached the ordination sermon.

# Toltec Church, Rt. 2, Scott, Dedicates New Building



By L. E. COLEMAN

Sunday, May 27, was a day of great victory and rejoicing for the members of the Toltec Baptist Church, Scott. The occasion was that of the dedication of their new sanctuary which is estimated in value at \$15,000. The occasion also marked the first anniversary of Homer D. Myers as pastor.

The new building was begun and finished in eleven months from the day actual construction started. It was paid for on a "pay as you go basis." New furniture is installed throughout. The building committee was

composed of Albert Harvey, Charles Miller Jr., and Noah Neely. Members of the finance committee were Mrs. C. J. Miller, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Berthold Parker, Homer James.

Special music throughout the entire day of dedication added much spiritual power to the messages of the day which included the morning sermon by Jim Cravens, former pastor and now of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and the dedicatory sermon during the afternoon session by H. S. Coleman, Missionary for Caroline Association.

The writer was privileged to speak to a "full house" at this fine rural church recent-



Homer D. Myers, Pastor

ly on the subject of the Cooperative Program and was thrilled to find a great spirit of love for the Lord and His Kingdom affairs prevailing. Every member whom we heard express themselves were in high praise of their pastor and his wife for their splendid leadership and consecration which has literally "put a new face" on the entire community.

The church is already praying and planning for the construction of a new educational building which when completed will, with the new sanctuary, make this church plant one of the best we know of in any rural section of the state.

## Pastor Available

Frank Waite, after seven years service as the pastor of Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, is resigning that position and is available for pastoral work.

During this seven year pastorate, Fisher Street Church received 498 new members, and the Sunday School enrolment increased from 196 in attendance to 398; a new auditorium and three story education building were erected; a six room parsonage was bought and paid for. The church is entirely free of debt at this time. Mr. Waite is a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, and may be contacted at 217 Baker Street, Jonesboro.

## Mission Revival Successful

Pastor John Stovall, Norfolk Church, recently conducted a mission revival at Salesville School which resulted in one profession of faith and eight re-dedications. Mr. Stovall is spending the summer in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

## Deacons Ordained

The Shannon Church of the Current River Association ordained Roy Winebaugh, Fender Story, and Taft Street to the deaconship on Sunday afternoon, May 27.

Missionary H. W. Johnston served as chairman of the council. Pastor C. L. Davis of the Shiloh Church led the examination; Pastor Clinton Roberson of the success Church, delivered the charge and led the ordination prayer; Earl Fitzgerald served as clerk of the council.

## New Building at Almyra

Last October, the Almyra Church, realizing the need for enlarging their building to meet the needs of their Sunday School, appointed a building committee to survey the needs and make plans for the expansion program.

On the second Sunday in October, the chairman of the building committee challenged the church to make an offering for the needed expansion. On the following Sunday the money and pledges were brought in. The new building is now complete without any indebtedness and ready for occupancy, providing 21 Sunday School rooms, an auditorium, and a modern kitchen.

## "Uncle" Purl Stockton Available for Revivals

Having returned from Kentucky and Tennessee where he was engaged in revival meetings and a special assistant to Pastor Norfleet of the Immanuel Church, Paducah, Kentucky, "Uncle" Purl Stockton is now available for revival meetings, either as song leader or preacher.

He recently closed a meeting at Natural Steps, O. M. Adams, supply pastor. There were three additions to this church by baptism and the general program of the church received an impetus from the meeting which will be felt in all phases of the church life in the future.

## First Church, Manila Receives 33 Additions

First Church, Manila, Guy D. Magee, pastor, had the services of Lloyd A. Sparkman, South Side Church, Pine Bluff, in a revival meeting, April 15-22. Bobby White, Manila, was song director for the meeting.

There were 29 conversions, three by letter and one by statement. One surrendered to the ministry, and two for special service.

## First, Dumas, in Revival

First Church, Dumas, Minor E. Cole, pastor, had Evangelist E. F. Cole, of Fort Worth, Texas, in an eight day revival meeting recently. Frank Adams led the singing for the services.

There were 23 additions by baptism, and a record attendance in Sunday School.

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- KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.
- KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

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By Religious News Service

## Baptists Plan Wide Rural Church Program

A full-scale rural church development program will be inaugurated July 1 by the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

Plans for the program were laid at a meeting of the Convention's rural church advisory committee. Dr. Henry Walden, who has been teaching courses in rural church administration and development at Wake Forest College, was named full-time director of the program. He has been surveying the rural church field in North Carolina for some time.

A committee report said there are more than 2,600 Baptist churches in North Carolina, and about 80 per cent of them are in rural areas or in villages of under 1,000 population. Members of the churches in these areas make up some 58 per cent of the Baptist population of the state.

## UMT Opponents Face New Crisis

Religious groups opposed to universal military training are facing a new crisis because Senate conferees have insisted that the pending military manpower bill include a provision for such training.

Under the Senate-approved version of the bill a UMT program would be definitely authorized, but the House rejected such a provision. The lower chamber's measure would have a commission of experts study the question and report back its findings, after which Congress would have to vote specific approval of UMT legislation before the training program could go into operation.

The Senate-House conference committee has been deadlocked on this issue for more than a month. Senator Richard Russell (D.-Ga.), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has led the group of senators who demand immediate enactment of permanent military training for all young men reaching the age of 18.

According to the Senate bill, UMT would go into effect whenever the President ordered it, and would remain in operation until suspended by the President or until Congress amended or repealed the enabling legislation.

## Cops Decide They'd Rather Be Clergymen

Two Dallas policemen have decided they would rather be preaching God's laws than city traffic laws. The two announced they would resign from the force to become Baptist ministers.

The officers are John D. Stevenson and Marvin J. Wise, both of the Accident Prevention Bureau.

They believe their police work will aid them as pastors.

"I wouldn't take a million dollars for the experience I've had as a policeman," said 29-year-old Stevenson. "It has given me a really valuable understanding of human nature.

"But when the Lord calls, you'll come no matter what your occupation is."

Wise, a slim, 27-year-old officer, agreed. "Ministers ought to be down-to-earth people who know the troubles of others," he said. "In police work you certainly find out about troubles."

## Scottish Presbyterians Censure Elizabeth's Visit to Pope

A protest has been made to King George by the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland against the visit paid to the Pope by Princess Elizabeth to Pope Pius XII at the Vatican Palace.

The protest, which was directed also against the visit paid to the Pope by Princess Margaret Rose in 1949, was contained in a letter addressed to the King by the denomination's Synod at its annual meeting in Edinburgh.

The Reverend James MacLeod, of Greenock, told the meeting that Princess Elizabeth's visit to the Pope was "contrary to the Constitution, as laid down in the Act of 1689."

He was supported by another speaker, J. P. M'Queen, who asked:

"Who authorized Princess Elizabeth to dress like a Roman Catholic woman, who authorized her to dress like a nun? Why did the princess and her husband stand on the floor, while the Pope stood on a raised platform? It means that the Pope is higher than Her Royal Highness, that he is above all princes."

It was announced that a prompt formal acknowledgment of the Synod's letter had been received from King George.

## National Council Names First Full-Time Evangelist

Charles B. Templeton, one-time Canadian sports cartoonist, has been named first full-time evangelist of the National Council of Churches. His appointment was approved by the Council's General Board at a meeting in Chicago.

Mr. Templeton will be a member of the Council's evangelism department, of which Dr. Jesse M. Bader is director.

## Methodists Mail 2,250,000 Copies of Periodical

Officials of the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville said an all-time high was set for religious publications with the mailing of more than 2,250,000 copies of the May-June issue of The Upper Room, Methodist devotional periodical.

Postmaster Lewis E. Moore Sr., of the Nashville postoffice, said he had taken on several temporary employes to handle the dispatch of the issue to English-speaking subscribers in all parts of the world.

## Baptist Tent Missionaries Begin German Tour

Five groups of missionaries belonging to the German Baptist Tent Mission began an evangelistic tour of West German cities.

Equipped with tarpaulin tents capable of accommodating about 1,200 persons, the teams will hold preaching services, accompanied by choir singing and trombone music. They will stay in each city for about two weeks.

The tour is similar to one conducted last year when the Baptist tent mission's services were attended by an estimated total of 131,000 persons. Active Baptists in Germany number around 100,000.

# A Smile or Two

Willie: "I've never seen such dreamy eyes."  
Carrie: "You never stayed so late before."

I saw the doctor today about my loss of memory.

What did he do?

Made me pay him in advance.

## THE AWKWARD AGE

Little Bobby was called from his play to meet a visitor.

"How old are you, little man?" he was asked.

"I'm at the awkward age," he replied.

"Really?" asked the visitor. "What do you mean by the awkward age?"

"Too old to cry and too young to swear," was Bobby's reply.

—Right Hand.

## ANY DOUBT?

"The last of my daughters was married today."

"Who was the lucky man?"

"I was."

—Right Hand.

## ME TOO!

First Salesman: "Gee, Albert, I had a marvelous day; made a lot of friends for the company."

Second Salesman: "Me, too, Harold, I didn't sell anything either."

—Right Hand.

## CORRECT SPELLING

The school teacher was taking her first golfing lesson. Is the word spelled 'putt' or 'putt'?" she asked the instructor.

"'Putt' is correct," he replied. "'Putt' means to place a thing where you want it. 'Putt' means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing."

—Right Hand.

Wife—"How many fish did you catch on your outing?"

Husband—"Six, dear."

Wife—"Well, the market has made a mistake and sent us a bill for eight."

—Copied.

Janey: "Mother, I don't believe I can go to school today."

Mother (perplexed): "Why, dear?"

Janey: "'Cause I don't feel well."

Mother (sympathetically): "Where don't you feel well?"

Janey: "In school."

The mother was briefing her young daughter, who was about to return a little friend's call.

"If they ask you to stay for dinner," she instructed, "say 'no, thank you, I have dined'."

But at the visit, the friend's father said, "Come along, my dear, and have a bite with us."

"No, thank you," the little guest replied. "I have already bitten."

—Quote.

Poise: A state of mind engendered by the possession of five or six \$10 bills.

—Quote.

Doctor: The human body is remarkably sensitive.

Patient: Yes, pat a man on the back and his head swells.

—Exchange.

# News From Baptist Press

## Southern Baptists In Forty-Second Place

Southern Baptists stand at the forty-second place in per member gifts for 1950 with an average \$28.53 going to all local church and mission causes, according to the Southern Baptist **Handbook** released this week by Dr. Porter Routh, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information for the Baptist Sunday School Board. In 1949 Southern Baptists also stood in forty-second place with contributions averaging \$26.10 per member.

The \$28.53 was divided two ways, \$5.01 going to missions and benevolences and \$23.52 going to the local congregations.

Free Methodists were first in total per member contribution with \$169.11, divided \$48.11 to missions and benevolence and \$121 to local congregation. Seventh Day Adventists were second with \$138.28 per member, divided \$115.82 to missions and benevolences and \$22.46 to local expenses.

Others on the list above the Southern Baptists are the Episcopalians in twenty-third place with \$42.44 per member, American Baptists in thirty-seventh place with \$32.69 per member and the Nazarenes in fifth place with \$104.64 per member.

Bottom on the list of forty-eight denominations reported were the National Baptists with only \$1.92 per member.

## Church and School Leaders Confer on Use of Week Nights

Church and school leaders in Lake Wales, Florida, have settled a long standing problem over the use of week-night time, according to Andrew M. Hall, pastor of First Church.

It came about recently when the school band director called an extra practice which led to the breaking up of a church banquet that had been planned for several weeks. Immediately the ministerial association of the city called for a conference with city school officials. "After considerable discussion (some heated)," Hall said, "the schools agreed upon a 'free-night of no student activities,'" and it was promptly labelled **Church Night**. The press gave ample publicity. The president of the ministerial association requested civic organizations to voluntarily co-operate with the plan. The night was Thursday. The churches fell in line. All in all, it can be considered a success. A few breaches of contract occurred, but the plan was new.

"It seems now that our original request of Wednesday instead of Thursday night will be granted next year. At least our children are available to us one free night a week. We need these young people, and more than that—they need the church."

## Evangelism at High Tide At Southern Seminary

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

That evangelism is at high tide in Southern Baptist Seminary is indicated by the fact that 5,484 persons were converted and an additional 2,100 joined churches by letter or statement in simultaneous revivals in which Southern Baptist Seminary students and faculty and staff members assisted March 1 to April 8.

A total of 598 Southern Seminary students participated in the revivals. Of these, 105 preached in churches they serve as pastors; 129 were pastors of churches having evangelists other than the pastors; 72 were preachers for meetings in churches of which fellow students were pastors; 161 were guest preachers for pastors other than seminary students; and 131 served in some capacity other than pastor or evangelist.

Total confessions for baptism in meetings in which Southern Seminary students participated were 4,621, with 403 confessing but not coming for baptism. Received by letter or statement were 1,886. The students reported a total of 6,135 rededications, 160 committals for full-time Christian service, and 472 other decisions.

For the Seminary faculty and staff, there were 460 conversions and baptisms, 80 conversions not for baptism, 214 received by letter or statement, and 104 committals for full-time Christian service.

Perhaps no like number of ministers participating in the revival meetings have reported more fruitful results than these students and teachers.

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## Evangelism Has Made Us

By DR. E. D. HEAD, *President*  
*Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Recently at the Promotion Conference in Edgewater Park, Mississippi, Dr. E. D. Head was asked to speak on the subject "Evangelism Has Made Us." The closing part of his address was devoted to evangelistic leadership, especially that of Dr. C. E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board and director of the recently conducted Eastern Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign.

Evangelism has made us. I should like to paraphrase some well known words "Evangelism has made us what we are and evangelism must maintain us." Or we might say "Evangelism has made us, is now making us, and will continue to make us." Another statement, "Evangelism is the law of the church, or a nucleus of the churches, or a nucleus of the churches as we know them and relate ourselves to them." And further, "Evangelism is the law of the life of the soul."

It takes evangelism to save the soul, if you will let me use this particular reference. For without evangelism there can be no warm heart. Without evangelism there can be no compassion. Without evangelism there can be no soul aflame. And if we are to be heart and spirit and compassion as a people, we must magnify evangelism.

Evangelism holds us with unified devotion to a great central theme and remedy for the soul and for world need, namely, the blood of Jesus Christ. He, himself, died on Calvary's cross and in that death He made available salvation for every individual who will receive the life that is provided through Him.

There can be no evangelism which does not proclaim the cross, and there can be no right positioning of life unless that life is centered in the cross and such lives rally around the cross.

Evangelism makes possible the leadership and light of the Holy Spirit. Without Him there can be no power, no gospel message, no guidance into the path of truth. He is the one who furnishes power of conviction in the hearts of men, He is the one who leads the soul to a recognition of Jesus Christ and an acceptance of Him therefore as Savior.

Evangelism, then, is the secret of that unity

by which we now move and through which we are stimulated and solidified for a great program for the days ahead.

We cannot think of evangelism making us apart from the right leadership in directing evangelism. So now in this brief moment it is my delightful privilege not only to accentuate evangelism but to express to one who has just passed his fifth birthday in relation to the Home Mission Board, Dr. Charles E. Matthews, the deepest gratitude of our hearts for his leadership, for the inspiration he has given us, for the vision that lured him, and for the co-operation which has been enlisted through his leadership all over our southland by way of heralding the good news of Jesus Christ.

Brother Charlie, we love you, we are grateful to God for you, we appreciate you because you have not only taught evangelism, but you have lived evangelism. For in your church as a pastor, both in your individual example as you went about and go about doing personal work and now as you lead us so gloriously in the simultaneous revivals that I think more or as much as anything else make us a united people with an alluring vision, with souls on fire, and with joy and triumph in proclaiming the glorious gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God bless you, empower you, lead you, cheer you on the rest of the journey.

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The climax to a well-groomed countenance is a smile. Christian workers should radiate sunshine, and a smile is contagious. Smile and the world will smile with you. It is said that it requires sixty-seven muscles to frown and only seventeen to smile. Smile and save the difference.

—Dr. J. H. Steger

## Former Board Members Southern Baptist Hospital

In view of the fact that the Southern Baptist Hospital has recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary, I would like to have all those who have ever served on the hospital Board on the platform Saturday morning, June 23, at 10:55 a. m., when my report to the Convention is to be made.

We are anxious to give recognition to all who have had any part in establishing this great House of Healing and whose co-operation has made possible the success of its ministry for a quarter of a century. It will be greatly appreciated if all concerned will refer to the Order of Business of the Convention and join me on the platform at the time the hospital's report is scheduled.

Frank Tripp, *Superintendent*  
*Southern Baptist Hospital*

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## Facts of Interest

By PORTER ROUTH

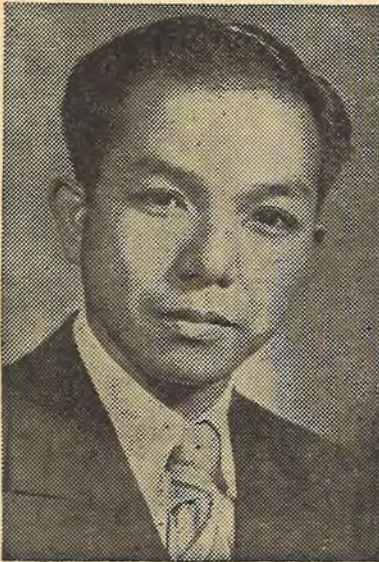
The Survey reports 1,500,000 sentences served each year in U. S. penal institutions; 600,000 mentally ill and 140,000 mentally defective require annual care; there is one divorce for every four marriages; 41 out of every 1,000 live births are babies born out of wedlock; and 250,000 children are being cared for in foster homes or institutions because their own families are dissolved or are unwilling to care for them.

The 1951 Southern Baptist Handbook to be released by Baptist Book Stores next week, will contain a complete copy of all material which appeared in this review during 1950, with a complete cross-index by subject matter. The price is \$1.00.

The 1951 Handbook will contain a complete summary of Southern Baptist progress for each year since the SBC was organized in 1845.



## Hawaiian Student At Ouachita



Harry Higashi

Harry Higashi is beginning his sophomore year at Ouachita College. So far he has been attending college at his own expense, but now he needs some organization to supply for him a regular source of financial aid to assist in paying college bills. If some mission-minded group does not soon help Harry he will have to return to Hawaii. He plans, upon finishing his education, to return to the Islands as a Christian layman. Anyone interested in helping a worthy student who has come to Arkansas to attend college on faith, write to Tommy Tedford, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

### Elliott Church Receives 23

Pastor Ray Branscum, South Highland Church, Little Rock, evangelist, and Pastor Johnny Jackson, of the Louann Church, recently assisted the Elliott Church of Liberty Association and Pastor Thomas E. Lindley in a revival meeting.

There were 23 additions to the church by baptism and three by letter. Attendance in Sunday School and Training Union reflected the impetus received from the revival.

### Deacon Ordained

Jim Cherry was ordained to the deaconship by the Sulphur Springs Church, Harmony Association, on Sunday afternoon May 20.

Pastor Paul Bates was assisted in the ordination service by L. F. Monk Jr., Association-Missionary Sam Davis, and Pastors Homer Bradley, W. B. Tatum, G. E. Nethercutt, T. T. Newton, and Howard S. Kolb.

### Lonnie Lasater, El Dorado Assists Junction City

Pastor Phil J. Beach and First Church, Junction City, had the services of Pastor Lonnie Lasater, Westside Church, El Dorado, and W. 7. Ward, South Side Church, Pine Bluff, in revival services, May 14-20.

There were eight additions to the church by baptism. Pastor Beach says, "The church has experienced a real revival."

### On Furlough

Mr. and Mrs. William Hafford Berry, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, have arrived in the States on regular furlough. Their address is 316 North 21st Street, Fort Smith.

## First Church, Paragould, Ordains Two



Billy Joe Holcomb

Two young men were recently ordained to the ministry by First Church, Paragould, and they are now serving as pastors in Greene County.

Billy Joe Holcomb was ordained on March 11, and is pastor of Village Church, near



Gilbert Morris

Paragould.

Gilbert Morris was ordained on April 15, and is pastor of North End Mission in Paragould, a mission of the First Church.

Both of these young men are students in Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

### Canfield Church Progressing With Pastor Hightower

Harold Hightower, ordained to the full gospel ministry by First Church, Crossett, last December, has accepted the pastorate of Canfield Church for half time in the Hope Association. Mr. Hightower is a second year student in the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Already the Canfield Church is showing marked progress in the church program and has increased its gifts to the Cooperative Program by 50 per cent.

### Vacation Bible School

Pastor Sidney Oxendine and First Church, Dardanelle, had the services of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Wright, Russellville, in a Vacation Bible School, May 14-18. Total enrollment was 87 with an average attendance of 68.

Children from all the churches of the community were enrolled in this school. There were 15 professions of faith, four of whom united with the First Church, and others making profession were from other churches of the community.

Pastor Oxendine highly recommends Mr. and Mrs. Wright for Bible School work.

### Central Seminary Commencement

Fifty graduates received their diplomas and degrees from the hands of President W. W. Adams in the Forty-Ninth Commencement Convocation of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas, Thursday evening, May 3.

Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, was among the Commencement speakers and delivered his message, "Christ Above All."

Among the fifty graduates of this year's class was Ray J. Barnett of Lincoln, Arkansas.

### Second Church, Arkadelphia Has Good Meeting

Second Church, Arkadelphia, recently had the services of Jesse Reed, Second Church, El Dorado, and Mark Short, Arkadelphia, in a revival meeting for one week. The visible results were 30 additions to the church, 15 of whom were for baptism. Pastor S. M. Cooper reports that Mark Short is available for evangelistic singing.

### All Aboard for Ridgecrest

A bus has been chartered by First Church, North Little Rock, to take a group of its members to Ridgecrest. The bus will leave from First Church, North Little Rock, at approximately 7 a. m. on August 13, and will leave Ridgecrest for the return trip on August 23.

A few reservations on this bus trip to Ridgecrest are available for others outside the membership of First Church. Anyone desiring to take advantage of this opportunity to make the trip to Ridgecrest at minimum cost should write immediately to Miss Maeline Dutton, First Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

A private house at Ridgecrest has been secured at the rate of \$.50 per day and meals can be had at the Ridgecrest Assembly dinner hall. The round trip fare on this bus will be \$15. An extra charge will be made for any sightseeing trips while there.

### Mission Revival

The Brotherhood of First Church, Wilson, D. B. Bledsoe, pastor, sponsored a revival at the Carson-Lake Mission, May 13-20, which is maintained by the Wilson Church.

James Pleitz of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, was evangelist for the meeting, and William Towery, mission pastor of First Church, Wilson, directed the singing. There were 24 additions to the church by baptism and three by letter.

The mission Sunday School has an attendance of 75 and is meeting in a vacant school building.

# Promoting The Cooperative Program

By M. THERON RANKIN, Executive Secretary

Foreign Mission Board

All the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention will be grateful to the editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* for his timely articles on the subject, "Should Denominational Agencies and Institutions Share the Responsibility of Promoting the Cooperative Program?" Surely there can be no argument as to what the direct answer to that question is. It must be an unequivocal "yes."

The articles on this subject, however, will reveal considerable difference of opinion as to what the most effective method of promotion is. It is just here that they will provoke constructive thinking by calling on all of us to go back and redefine the nature and purpose of the Cooperative Program.

Just what is it? What is it for? Is it an end in itself, or is it a method and channel through which we seek to achieve our ultimate and real objectives? If it is an end in itself, then the major emphasis of our promotional materials and methods should be on the Cooperative Program. If it is a method and channel by which we seek to achieve our real and ultimate objectives, then the major emphasis of our promotion should be on those objectives and their needs.

## Major Emphasis

There is no question here of "either-or" on the part of the editor or myself. It is rather a question of major emphasis. In pointing out what he considers to be the weakness of the promotional materials of the agencies and institutions of the Convention, the editor says, "The major emphasis in all the promotional materials which we have seen from these agencies and institutions is upon their needs."

Is it not a fact that these needs are the very objectives which our entire denominational undertaking is seeking to achieve? Is it not also a fact that the Cooperative Program is the method and channel through which we work together to achieve these objectives?

Let me emphasize that there can be no question of either promote the needs or promote the Cooperative Program. Both must be hand-in-hand. But the question of major emphasis is crucial. So long as each agency and institution accepts unequivocally that our method of support is the Cooperative Program, the major emphasis of the promotion must be on the needs of those objectives for which the Cooperative Program exists.

The only effective way the Cooperative Program can be promoted is by the promotion of the objectives for which it was created. A major weakness in the promotion of the Cooperative Program is that the Program itself is so often given such prominence that it obscures these objectives. People are called on to give to the Cooperative Program, to be loyal to the Cooperative Program, to work for the Cooperative Program.

I once heard a layman say that he had a mental picture of the Cooperative Program as a black box, draped in a black shroud, with a slit in the top, into which he dropped his money. When that kind of conception exists the fault is in our promotion and not in the Cooperative Program. We have done this program an injury when we give it a major emphasis that obscures the objectives for which it exists.



All the promotional activity of the Foreign Mission Board registers through the Cooperative Program. To the extent that our promotional materials stimulate interest in world mission and enlist increased support, this entire response comes through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Every interest represented in the Cooperative Program shares in this increased support which is achieved by the Foreign Mission Board's promotional materials.

Let us take as an illustration the film, *Advance in Africa*, which puts its entire emphasis on missions in Nigeria. To the extent that the repeated showing of this film exerts a promotional value, where does it register? Not directly to the Foreign Mission Board. No offerings are taken for this Board. To the extent that it registers in increased giving, where does this money go? It goes through the budget of the local church and into the Cooperative Program.

## Disproportionate Division

On an average, 82 cents out of each dollar remains in the local church. In 1950 an average of slightly less than 17 cents went to all missions and benevolences. Approximately six cents of each dollar went for all Convention agencies and institutions, of which three cents came to the Foreign Mission Board.

The Foreign Mission Board is sharing a very large part of the responsibility for promoting the Cooperative Program. More than \$100,000 a year is used for this purpose. All the objectives for which the Cooperative Program exists — local, church, state, and Convention agencies and institutions — share in the results of this promotion.

It is equally true that the Foreign Mission Board shares in the benefits of the promotional work of every other interest represented by the Cooperative Program, which is to say that no one of these is promoting its own needs alone. Each is using its own needs to promote the needs of all the objectives for which the Cooperative Program exists.

The Foreign Mission Board makes no promotional effort of any kind to enlist churches in providing special support of missionaries. It is true, however, that whenever a church approaches the Board with the request that a missionary be assigned for special support, over and above their gifts to the Cooperative Program, the Board co-operates fully with the church in making the arrangement. It would be as harmful to the Cooperative Program to refuse to do this as it would be if the Board were to conduct an active plan to solicit such support.

In most cases the basic reason for special support is the fact that only about six cents

of the collection-plate dollar in the local church goes for all Convention agencies and institutions, and that of this amount three cents goes for the world-wide program of the Foreign Mission Board.

## Cause of Designations

We cannot escape the fact that designations are produced by unbalanced distribution of our total contributions more than by special appeals. Records show that as the distribution becomes more balanced, the percentage of designations decreases. Our record of the past several years will show that as the Foreign Mission Board has increased its promotion, the percentage of designations directly to the Foreign Mission Board has decreased. This does not apply to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which is a part of the Convention's financial system.

If Southern Baptist churches were to devote as much as ten per cent of their total contributions to all Convention agencies and institutions, including the world-wide task of the Foreign Mission Board, it is my opinion that designations to Convention agencies and institutions would practically disappear.

The Foreign Mission Board has repeatedly pledged its support to the Cooperative Program. We shall continue to pledge our support by doing all we can to stir up the compassion of our Churches to work through the Cooperative Program to meet the tragic needs of people who are out of Christ, both at home and abroad.

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## Graduate Nurses from Arkansas

Among the 51 members of the graduating class of the Mathis School of Nursing, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana were two young women from Arkansas, Miss Catherine Doris McHan, Monticello, and Miss Joyce Rice, Altheimer.

The graduating exercises were held on Monday, June 4, at 7:30 p. m. in the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans. Dr. J. Lyn Elder, pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Church, delivered the commencement address.

## Southside, Pine Bluff In Meeting

Pastor Lloyd A. Sparkman and the Southside Church, Pine Bluff, will engage in a revival meeting beginning June 7 with Eddie Martin as evangelist.

## First Jet Ace a Baptist

By MRS. J. B. BRITT

Captain James Jabara, the world's first jet ace and hero of the war in Korea, is a member of First Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia, having been baptized by Dr. Bruce H. Price, pastor, on July 29, 1949. Captain and Mrs. Jabara were faithful members while stationed at near-by Langley Air Force Base, and since leaving have continued to support the church.

## Greene County Hymn Sing

Amos Greer was in charge of the regular Quarterly Hymn Sing for Greene County Association which was held April 29 at First Church, Paragould. One hundred fifty people attended representing 14 churches, including choirs from Paragould First, Walcott, Childress Chapel and Brown's Chapel.

## Convention Comments

By DR. R. G. LEE, President  
Southern Baptist Convention

Soon—by plane, by train, by auto—many of our Southern Baptist people will travel many miles to San Francisco, a cool and lovely city, in a wonderful State, to be in Convention assembled.

### We Must Go In Gratitude

God's goodness and mercy have followed us and encompassed us in abundance and certainty through all these years. Especially does this seem so during this last Convention year. Had we Southern Baptists each one hundred heads and each head had one hundred mouths and each mouth one hundred tongues and each tongue should speak one hundred hours and with the eloquence of angelic utterance, we could not express the gratitude due to God for His good and mighty hand upon His people. Surely, God's praise should continually be in our mouths. Surely, — as we leave home, as we journey, as we assemble in San Francisco—we should say: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together" (Psalms 34).

### We Must Go In Humility

We are a great people, but our greatness will decline toward zero—if we become proud or preen ourselves before mirrors of self-adulation or show any egotism so in antithesis to the spirit of Christ. Let us, at home and abroad, be found "serving the Lord with all humility of mind" (Acts 20:19). Let us, as the Apostle Peter urges, "be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble." Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt us in due time (I Peter 5:6). James says: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up. Speak not evil one of another, brethren" (James 4). Paul says: "Put on . . . as the elect of God . . . humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering" (Col. 3:12).

Let us heed the words of these who wrote by the Holy Spirit. And let us be comforted and encouraged by the words of Isaiah: "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with Him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isaiah 57:15).

And let us not forget that we profess to be followers of the Christ who "made Himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant and humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross" (Phil. 2).

### Be Much in Prayer

Before we go, let us as preachers call our people to prayer as to all Convention matters—asking God to keep us from blunders, from majoring on minor matters that would hurt us in the main things we should do, from destructive criticisms, from everything in antithesis to the spirit of Christ.

Let our Sunday School classes, our Brotherhoods, our Missionary Societies pray particularly for all matters to which we, as a mighty people in Convention assembled, should attend and counsel together.

There are so many problems that cannot be solved, so many dangers that cannot be averted, so many burdens that cannot be borne by human strength and wisdom, ingenuity and genius. What we need is what God can do. What God can do will be done for us when God's people pray. There is nothing so necessary in the lives of the churches and individuals today as earnest, continued, importunate prayer.

It is the conviction of all who have proved the faithfulness of God that nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God. There is no such thing as unanswered prayer when the basis of our beseeching is found within that sovereign will.

The needs of the world are so many and varied and complex. The evils that threaten to lead our greatest graces to the grave and leave the world no copy are strong, defiant, daring. Apart from the right kind of prayer, there is little hope for us to achieve what God wants us to achieve.

Jesus said: "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Andrew Murray said: "In relation to his people, God works only in answer to their prayer." Spurgeon said: "Cares are manifold; therefore let your prayers be manifold, for prayer is the sword that will cut the Gordian knot if it can not be untied."

Let us pray for all agencies of our Convention, that they may have the wisdom which is from above. Let us pray for our missionaries at home and in foreign lands. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word concern out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for nations in distress, for our own nation, for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders, for all hearts that they may hold no malice, for our tongues and pens, that we be not hurtfully critical. Let prayer be our portion. Let prayer be our pastime. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice. Let us be found at the throne of grace.

## United In A Great Task

By CLIFTON J. ALLEN

The task of informing, inspiring, indoctrinating, and enlisting our Southern Baptist constituency is one which challenges united effort. It merits the wisest denominational strategy, and it demands the combined resources of our denominational forces.

This task is a major function of the Southern Baptist agencies seeking to promote Bible teaching, the training of Christians, and missionary education. The purpose of these agencies is to serve the churches as they carry on their God-given task of evangelism, teaching, training, enlistment, and missions. God seems clearly to have set the seal of His approval upon the educational program of Southern Baptist churches.

The Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and Baptist Brotherhood, have sought to carry on just such a ministry. They have continuously sought to co-operate with the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board in developing missionary insights and convictions. Thus they have united their energies and efforts to reinforce one another and to harmonize their appeal and service to the churches. A constant aim has been to reach every church with the materials and methods which would enable

every church to reach every member with the call to faithful Christian discipleship and worldwide service.

All along these Southern Baptist agencies have been assisted and reinforced by the Baptist papers in the several states. For these papers have been untiring advocates of Bible teaching, training, and missions. They, too, have sought to inform, indoctrinate, and enlist our people. And, all the while, the Southern Baptist agencies have been foremost exponents of the imperative values of the Baptist state papers. In every way the purpose and service of these agencies and these papers have been complementary and mutually helpful.

The Inter-Agency Council of Southern Baptist Agencies has voted its sincere and hearty appreciation to the Baptist papers for the highly significant service they have rendered in the promotion of the educational program fostered by these agencies. The representatives of these agencies feel that the time has come for united emphasis upon the educational mission of our churches as being indispensable to New Testament evangelism, vital Christian living, and sacrificial devotion to the kingdom of God.

### Mississippi County Hymn Sing

Wardell Baptist Church was host to the regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing of Mississippi County, Sunday afternoon, May 20, at 2:30. Mrs. Ed Williams, associational director was in charge of the program. Mrs. J. R. Forrester was the accompanist. E. S. Cloud read the devotional and D. B. Bledsoe led in prayer.

Mississippi County Association is to hold a Simultaneous Music School the week of June 10-15. Teaching will be done in three centrally located churches: Wilson, New Liberty, and Dell. A Music Festival closing the school is scheduled for Friday night, June 15, at First Church, Osceola.

The state music director was a guest and conducted the singing which developed a devotional theme "I Am Resolved." The next Sing is set for August 19 at Whitten.

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## Music Director Siloam Assembly



Troy V. Campbell

Troy V. Campbell, music director for the great First Church, Houston, Texas, will direct the music at the Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, July 3-11. His ability in the music field is known throughout the South, and his services are in great demand for state and Southwide gatherings, including the Southwide assemblies, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

### Happy Hymn Singers

On Sunday, May 27, the "Happy Hymn Singers" met for their regular Hymn-Sing, with 112 people present, representing nine churches. M. O. Kelley, associational music director, directed the Sing, and Mrs. Art Jones was the accompanist. Rev. Ralph Dodd of the Tabernacle Church brought a devotional on Evangelism.

The next Sing for this group will be at the Pilgrims Rest Church.

### It's Vacation Bible School Time

R. O. Ekrut, pastor, First Church, Strong, reports the best Vacation Bible School in the history of the church. Several churches have completed their schools and have mailed us their reports. Others are now in session, and a large number of schools will be held during July and August.

We would like to suggest and to urge that every pastor, Sunday School superintendent, Vacation Bible School principal, associational Sunday School superintendent, and associational Vacation Bible School leader do everything possible in the church, and in the association to see that every school held is reported to this office. Our goal: a report from every school.

If report blanks are needed, a postal card request addressed to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, will bring them to you by return mail.

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### Arkansas Training Unions

A report has just come from Mr. Porter Routh, showing that 69.1 percent of the churches of Arkansas have Training Union organizations and that 30.9 percent do not have Training Unions. The following table is of interest:

	Churches	
	With T. U. s	Without T. U. s
1. Churches	69.1	30.9
2. Baptism Membership	90.8	9.2
3. Total	89.9	10.1
4. Sunday School Enrolment	95.8	4.2
5. V.B.S. Enrolment	90.4	9.2
6. W. M. U. Enrolment	98.5	1.5
7. Brotherhood Enrolment	99.8	0.2
8. Church Property	96.4	3.6
9. Total Gifts	96.2	3.8

### BSU Revival at Prairie Grove

The BSU of the University of Arkansas, through its extension program, held a revival May 6-13, at the Baptist Church in Prairie Grove.

The entire program was under control of the students. Each night some student presided at the meeting, another led the song service, and one played the piano. Following the song service, a testimony was given by some member of the BSU. The student preachers who delivered sermons were: Roy Fish, Dennis Hale, Bob Elmore, and Willis Moore.

The week prior to the revival a group conducted a service at the Prairie Grove High School. There was also a program of visitation in the town before and during the revival.

There were thirty-one decisions for the Lord, including rededications, acceptances of Christ, and one decision for foreign mission work.

On the weekend of May 20, at Viola, a group of University of Arkansas students were in charge of the services. Those who took part in the service were Roy Fish, Winston Baber, Tommy Bruce, and Pat Bruce. The people of Viola expressed desire for students to conduct a similar service in the near future.

The BSU is aiding the students at the University to gain experience in living Christ and in carrying the message of Christ to the state of Arkansas.

### Figures to Inspire

SUNDAY, MAY 27

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Fort Smith, First	1935	689	32
Including Missions	2189	754	
Little Rock, First	981	377	9
N. Little Rock, Bar'g Cross	895	345	2
El Dorado, First	894	207	7
Including Mission	949	242	
Hot Springs, Second	848	174	6
Little Rock, Second	727	115	3
Pine Bluff, South Side	639	211	1
Including Mission	679	249	
El Dorado, Immanuel	568	243	1
Including Mission	628	293	
Fayetteville, First	603	213	2
Texarkana, Beech St.	556	148	5
El Dorado, Second	539	244	4
Samden, First	533	140	46
Including Missions	819	338	
Crossett, First	501	188	1
Forrest City, First	489	168	1
Magnolia, Central	481	73	3
Including Mission	554		5
Paragould, First	472	203	3
Including Missions	708	316	
Fordyce, First	459	167	2
Little Rock, Gaines St.	456	281	
Hope, First	453	100	4
Little Rock, Tabernacle	423	106	2
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	416	120	2
Hot Springs, Central	403	167	8
Siloam Springs, First	397	236	3
Springdale, First	386	199	1
Including Mission	467		
Cullendale, First	382	232	1
Fort Smith, Calvary	374	168	
Conway, First	372	70	
El Dorado, West Side	371	107	
Little Rock, So. Highland	351	112	2
Rogers, First	348	138	1
Monticello, First	328	89	
Norphet, First	326	226	1
Hot Springs, First	325	108	3
Texarkana, Calvary	323	12	
Fort Smith, So. Side	315	99	3
Searcy, First	307	102	1
Hamburg, First	303	113	
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	303	81	5
Fort Smith, Temple	293	205	1
Mena, First	265	95	3
Wilson, First	256	137	11
Including Missions	327		
Pine Bluff, Second	254	110	2
N. Little Rock, First	249	88	
Jacksonville, First	240	125	4
Little Rock, Hebron	237	120	1
Levy	230	108	
Hot Springs, Piney	210	158	2
Little Rock, Calvary	209	64	1
Gurdon, Beech St.	209	104	
Little Rock, 47th St.	201	107	1
N. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	196	119	3
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	159	132	3
Jacksonville, Friendship	157	137	1
Augusta, First	156	55	5
Including Mission	182		
Rose City, Calvary	153	80	
Strong, First	149	59	1
Pine Bluff, Bethel	130	82	2
Hit Springs,			
Harvey's Chapel	112	101	1
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	111	70	2
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	103	30	3
Little Rock, East Side	93	98	2
Little Rock, Biddle	87	73	1
Magnolia, Immanuel	86	57	
Walker, Liberty	68	60	
N. Little Rock, Cedar Hts.	63	51	4
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	58	21	
N. Little Rock,			
Graves Memorial	57	42	
N. Little Rock, People's	57	41	2
Fort Smith, North Side	57	50	3
Geyer Springs	56	46	
Little Rock,			
W. Markham Mission	32	21	

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### Coming Events

- July 3-11 — Arkansas Baptist State Assembly
- July 7—Hymn-playing Tournament, State Assembly
- July 13, August 25—Organized Summer Field Work (Training Union)
- Sept. 4—State Associational Sunday School Leadership Meeting, Little Rock
- Sept. 16-21—Forty-four Associational Sunday School Rallies
- Oct. 15-16—State Sunday School Convention, Jonesboro
- Oct. 29—State Associational Training Union Planning Meeting, Little Rock
- Dec. 10—Training Union "M" Night
- Dec. 30—Student Night at Christmas

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### Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! — Time Is Short

As of June 1, we can accept approximately forty additional reservations for the 1951 session of the Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, July 3-11.

These few spaces will not be available for long—to be assured of accommodations, mail your reservations NOW.

Along with the reservation fee of \$2, please give name, post office, and church. DON'T DELAY—first come, first served!

# Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



**NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary**  
 219 Baptist Building  
 Little Rock, Arkansas

## Signs On The Horizon

There are several encouraging signs which make many of us believe that God is not ready to give our nation up to the pursuit of evil and evil pleasures. While America has a record of sin that would put ancient Babylon to shame, our nation is still living under the amazing patience and grace of an all-wise God who has raised up America for a purpose, a purpose which in God's power shall yet be achieved.

The fact that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is still "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes" is evidenced everywhere that the Gospel is preached in truth. The wonderful results of the two Simultaneous Crusades (in 1950 and 1951) show that people of America will still respond to the claims of Christ. The response of people to the Gospel when Christ is presented to them personally makes us know that many people will be saved when they are explained the Ways of Life.

The Criswell Revival is Just ahead for the people of the Little Rock area. Dr. W. A. Criswell,

pastor of First Church, Dallas, Texas, is coming to Little Rock for two weeks of Gospel preaching. Services will be held at the Colosseum at the Live Stock Show grounds, beginning Monday night, June 25. This revival will be an all-out effort by the churches of Little Rock and Pulaski County to reach Central Arkansas for Christ. Every Baptist in Arkansas ought to pray earnestly for this revival in the Capitol city.

Billy Graham, now conducting a revival in Memphis, will probably come to Arkansas for a campaign in 1952. Dr. Graham seems to be the very man "for such a time as this." He is preaching the true Gospel in mighty power, and God is blessing his ministry. Dr. Graham calls sin by name, and rebukes it wherever he finds it. His ministry can well be that which shall be used of the Holy Spirit to turn America to seek again the God of our Fathers. "When the evening shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19).

Besides Dr. Criswell and Billy

Graham, there are many others not as widely known, preaching the true Gospel in the same power to people all through our state and country. And many of these are preaching in an attitude of extreme urgency, knowing that "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2b). Many laymen are being used during these days to spread the Gospel both by personal work and by lay-preaching.

We believe that there are abundant signs on the horizon that God wants to give America a revival that will turn our nation back to God and to righteousness, and back to a place among the nations where America can effectually point the world to the Light of the World.

### A Great Church Is South Side

Your Brotherhood Secretary recently had the privilege of visiting with the Brotherhood of South Side Church, Pine Bluff. Seventy-one men were present at the Brotherhood meeting.

South Side Church, under the leadership of the pastor, Lloyd A. Sparkman, has become one of the greater churches of Arkansas. With a beautiful new auditorium, and excellent educational facilities, the church is growing in every phase of its work.

The church shows forth a wonderful spirit of co-operation among its membership, a fine spirit of Christian grace.

### A Timely Reminder

We are in that time of year when men can go afield without the natural hinderance of weather. Summer is the supreme opportunity for mission revivals, for mission Vacation Bible Schools, for revivals in weak churches, for brush arbor revivals, and for other types of evangelistic work in which God's men ought to engage perennially.

Personal work knows no season; but the summer months offer opportunities to go everywhere for Christ. All roads are passable at periods during summer. God's men can search out families that are isolated much of the year.

### It Happened In Arkansas

Two Christian men went to see a lost man forty-two years of age. The lost man had been waiting to get to the point where he would "feel that he could hold out." The men presented Christ to the lost man, and asked him to get rid of the devilish idea that he could do anything either to save himself or to keep himself saved. After a prayer, the man yielded to Christ. He came to church that night and presented himself to the church as one who was trusting Jesus. He was baptized a few minutes later.

The next night the man was in a church Brotherhood meeting, happy in his salvation.

**And it happened in Arkansas in May, 1951!**

### Mammoth Evangelistic Service Will Close S. B. C. Session

For the fourth consecutive year the Southern Baptist Convention services will close with a mammoth evangelistic service. So popular are these services that record crowds have participated in them. In the service in 1948 at Crump Stadium, Memphis, Tennessee, 22,000 persons gathered to hear Dr. Robert G. Lee preach. In 1949 at Taft Stadium, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, there were 22,000 people to hear the late Dr. Ellis A. Fuller bring the message. In 1950 in Chicago 25,000 people packed the Chicago Stadium to hear a double-header, preached by Dr. J. H. Jackson (colored) and Dr. Robert G. Lee. In this service there was a colored choir of a thousand voices. In each of the above services hundreds of peo-

ple made professions of faith and thousands rededicated their lives in service to Christ.

Preceding the closing evangelistic service that is to come in San Francisco on Sunday night, June 24, will be a song and praise service led by B. B. McKinney. At 7:00 there is to be a Training Union program directed by J. E. Lambdin, Secretary of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board. At 8:00 the evangelistic service begins, in which a thousand voice choir and the congregational singing will be led by Dr. McKinney. Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, will preach the sermon and give the invitation.

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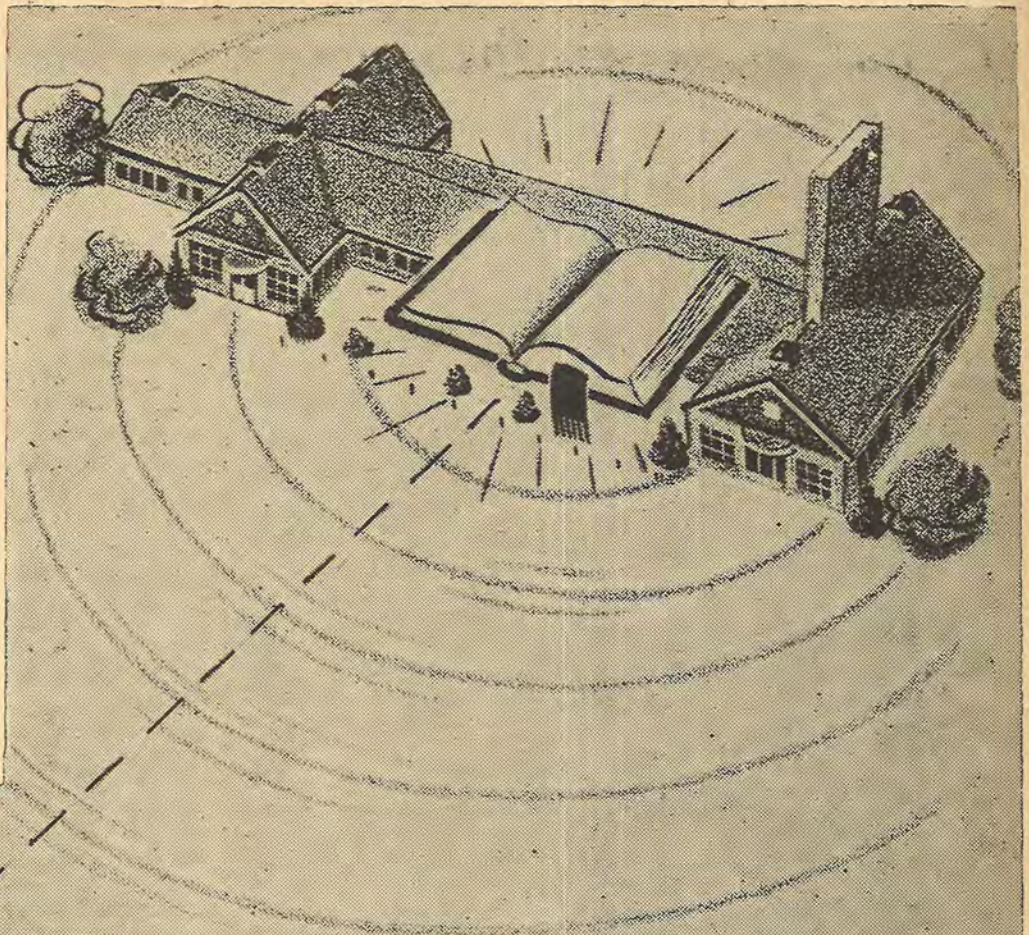
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the Gospel to 1,000,000 lost souls in Northeast Arkansas and to  
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# Department of Missions

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## In This Week's Mail

"In connection with our past correspondence regarding pastoral aid for the Jasper Church, we are sending you two applications for pastoral aid, filled out by the Jasper and Boxley churches to request supplement to the salary of Rev. Wayne D. Gunther, recently called as the pastor of these two churches."

R. M. Abeil, Jasper

From a layman in Bellefonte Church, near Harrison:

"We are now in the new building. We have a debt of about \$650 that is pushing us. Our rock veneer is not started, although we have the rock on the ground. Brother Caldwell, if you could help us at this time, it would be greatly appreciated and would be at a time when all is the toughest for us. We have given until it hurts and have spent nearly \$6,000, but with the material from the old building and the free labor, we have a \$12,000 to \$14,000 building."

H. H. Strong, Harrison

Regarding application for pastoral aid of new church in Arkadelphia:

"The church is located across the railroad tracks in a needy section of the community. Some students have done a good job in reaching a number of the people who never went to church anywhere. A definite need is being met."

S. M. Cooper, Arkadelphia

From Gainesville Association:

"You will be glad to hear that we organized a new church in Gainesville Association, Sunday afternoon. We had a fine service and good representation from over the association. The best of it is that they have their own building. The association purchased the building from the school board, at my suggestion, some two years ago and deeded it to First Church, Rector, with the understanding that if and when it became a church the Rector Church was to deed the building to them. The

new church will be called the Holly-Island Church."

H. W. Johnston, Datto

Pioneering in Missions:

"I am in a revival at Big Flat. A man 76 years of age was saved last Sunday morning. No Baptist church or building there—just a Campbellite and Holiness."

Claude Crigler, Missionary  
White River Association

Rural Evangelist reports:

"Had a good meeting at Bono with 22 professions. Hope to go back on the tenth of June and help organize a church and raise money to start a new building."

M. E. Wiles, Fort Smith

From Current River Association:

"The Sanders Baptist Church has been worshipping in a re-vamped moving picture theatre, paying \$10 per month rent. Recently they have contracted for the school house where the church was organized. They are to give \$800 for the building. The man who bought it from the school board is willing to sell it to the church for \$200 down and the rest in yearly payments of \$120.

Would it be possible for the State Mission Board to give this church \$200 for the down payment? It would be a life saver for a small, struggling, but determined church."

H. W. Johnston, Datto

Senior Deacon in Ozone Church:

"God is blessing the work here and we would like to have the \$60 per month back again, if possible, in order to get a pastor who can carry on at the present high prices.

"We will appreciate an answer as to what you can do for us."

Cecil Bradley, Ozone

New Missionaries

Jeff McCuller is the new missionary in Little River Association. Carroll County Association has called Dennis James as their missionary.

Homer Adkins, former pastor at Arkansas City, is the new missionary in White County Association.

Tichnor Revival

C. W. Caldwell assisted by Pastor W. E. Bird and the Tichnor Church had a splendid revival. Special preparation had been made and cottage prayer meetings conducted. There were eleven additions, eight of whom were for baptism.

# Woman's Missionary Union

## Notice!

### Ravenden R. A. Camp Canceled

Because of insufficient reservations, staff personnel, etc., the camp for boys scheduled to be held at Ravenden Springs June 11-16 has been canceled.

### "Four Quarters For Headquarters"

"Already remittances are being received in response to the appeal for gifts for Southern W. M. U. Headquarters building. The suggested date for the ingathering is June 11. Order sufficient number of the offering cards for each member, also remembering to enlist the young people in giving "One Quarter for Headquarters." Cards will be sent upon request from State W. M. U. Headquarters, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

All offerings should be made through the local organization, and remittance should be made by check or money order to Miss Nancy Cooper, State W. M. U. Headquarters, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

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Stress this opportunity to join with women of the southland in providing a home for Woman's Missionary Union. May every W. M. U. in our state make a gift to this worthy cause.

### Special Summer Workers

Arkansas young people will be fortunate to again have the leadership of Miss Arvine Bell and Paul Reagan during the summer camping season. Miss Bell is directing the Ravenden Springs camp for girls and will assist with the ones for Girls Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary to be held at Ferncliff in July and August. A native of Little Rock, she recently graduated from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth.

Mr. Reagan, also a Little Rockian, will graduate from Yale University this month and will enter the University of Arkansas Medical School this fall. He will direct the Royal Ambassador camps to be held at Ferncliff in July.

### Conference for Negro Women in Little River Association

Upon invitation of Mrs. L. J. Hile, associate superintendent of

Little River Association, Miss Gwendoline Luster, Negro field worker, conducted a two day conference in Murfreesboro. We quote from Mrs. Hile's report of the meeting:

"Our two day conference on W. M. U. work with Miss Luster was more than a success. Six W. M. S. were represented. The interest shown by these Negro women caused us to realize more fully that we have neglected providing opportunities like this, for the fields really are white unto harvest. I pray that we may be able to have these conferences in every association in our state. Please do not hesitate to recommend Miss Luster to any people or place. Our W. M. S. paid her traveling expenses. The Negro women provided home for her, and also for all those visiting from other towns. We had pot luck dinners. The church gave her a love offering. Truly we sat in heavenly places while these Negro women sang 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot' and 'Lord I Want to be a Christian in My Heart.' I trust that this meeting may be an incentive to others."

This sort of conference is needed in many, many sections of our state. Miss Luster will be quite busy conducting Vacation Bible Schools during the summer months, but it is not too early to plan now for such a meeting in the fall. Contact some of the local Baptist Negro women about it and write Miss Gwendoline Luster, 1904 Commerce St., Little Rock, for a date.

### Annual Meeting Minutes Ready

A copy of the minutes of the 1951 Annual W. M. U. Meeting held in Little Rock, April 3-5, was recently mailed to every W. M. U. president in the state. (Included in the package were report blanks for the quarter which are to be filled out after June 30 and copy mailed immediately to state W. M. U. headquarters, to associational superintendent and associational super people's leader.)

Extra copies of the minutes, which also contain annual reports, are available at state W. M. U. headquarters without charge. Any request for same will be handled promptly.

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## Sunday School Lesson for

June 10, 1951

Luke 4:14-22; 19:10;

Mark 10:45; John 3:16

When Jesus made His initial appearance in Nazarene, proclaiming Himself as the long promised Messiah, He read Isaiah's prophecy concerning Himself, a prophecy which stated in full, His mission in the world. (Luke 4:18).

### His Preparation

1. "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me . . ."

In olden times all men of importance, all who had an office to fill, were anointed by way of initiation. Each member of the Aaronic priesthood entered office by way of ceremony and an anointing with oil. The kings of old, certainly those appointed of God, were anointed with oil upon their coronation to the throne.

"The Christ" means the anointed One. One officially appointed by the One who had the proper authority to appoint Him. But while men were anointed with oil as a symbol of fitness for service, the man Jesus was anointed, not with oil, but of God, and by the Holy Spirit, the powerful third person of the Trinity. Jesus was the name of a man; a human being whose mother was Mary. He was the Son of God also, who was anointed by the Spirit of God, with a special manifestation of power to do the work of God. The Christ and the Messiah are synonymous terms—they mean exactly the same thing.

### His Purpose

2. (a) "He was anointed to preach."

His first purpose in preaching was to proclaim the gospel. The gospel simply means "good news." The good news is the fact that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again in three days for the redemption of sinners. His message was salvation by faith in the One who had the power to save.

(b) He was anointed to preach to the poor.

Not to the exclusion of all else; but the emphasis of His message was directed toward the poor. Jesus was the first emancipator the poor ever knew; He is still the best friend the poor person ever had. We often marvel at what Christianity has done for women; it has done no less for the poor; both have been lifted from the slush pit of society by freedom's holy light. Christianity is democracy at work. Christianity is the only real freedom this world has ever known.

The rich were not deliberately left out of the gospel boundaries, but the rich can have whatsoever

they want. Salvation is just as free to them as to others; but in His day it was so unusual for the poor to receive anything free, or any consideration from anybody, that His interest in the poor was an outstanding characteristic. Indeed, when John the Baptist sent his disciples to inquire of Jesus if He were the Messiah, one proof that He was lay in the fact that "the poor have the gospel preached to them." God intended for the unfortunate and underprivileged in the world to have salvation as freely and easily as the richest man in the world.

### 3. He was sent to comfort.

"He that sent me to heal the brokenhearted."

People are ill in heart and mind as surely as they are in body. Many sins would never be committed were it not for crushed hearts; hearts that are torn with jealousy over the trifling of another; hearts that have lost hope in the world and confidence in others. But if sinners would learn to turn to the only One who knows their hearts, to the only One who is able to give comfort, they would find in Him a solace and find Him to be a friend who is closer than a brother, parent, or a pal.

We are emotional beings, and our Father did not overlook our emotional needs while He was providing all the other things the human being needs in this life.

### 4. To pardon captives.

The human race was born in bondage; enslaved by sin and by Satan. A child no sooner reaches the age of accountability than he finds himself captured by the commander-in-chief of sin. Who is able to break the shackles of sin and release one from bondage? Only Jesus. The anointed One is able to free the captive and He was commissioned to liberate all who desire freedom enough to accept it from Him and through Him.

### 5. To give sight to the blind.

Jesus restored blind eyes to sight, literally, when He was here in person. But since all the previous blessings were spiritual ones, perhaps He was speaking of spiritual sight rather than physical; especially as we think of His mission of 1950 years duration rather than the mere three years or so He was here in person.

There is nothing quite so blind as the spiritually blinded. And there is no blessing equal to that of spiritual sight. The unsaved person cannot think straight because his thinking is clouded with blindness. He may be ever so in-

telligent so far as worldly wisdom is concerned, but in the eyes of God he is stupid.

Spiritual insight is a gift of God; anybody can have it for the asking; none can have it without turning to the anointed One, to whom was given the power to impart "sight to the blind." That was part of His mission; He is still on the job giving spiritual sight to the spiritually blinded.

### 6. He was sent to liberate the oppressed, "them that are bruised."

Oppression is as old as the race. Oppression is always of Satan. God intended for His creatures to live together in peace; for each to prosper; for all to partake of and enjoy the good things He has provided for all. But greed and selfishness is rife and the result is that many are oppressed; overburdened; bruised. Jesus desires the liberation of all such. All the oppressed have not been set free yet, but the time will come when the Lord shall see to it that they are.

### The Time

And it was with that goal in

mind that he came to "preach the acceptable year (or time) of the Lord." Not a twelve-month period, nor His personal ministry of three years in Palestine; but He came to announce that the Messianic age had dawned. The anointed One had arrived; His mission was begun; and by the time it is completed, this will be a different world, one that will be a fit place for the redeemed of God to dwell in.

His every act, His every motive, was only benevolent. He had nothing to gain in all His suffering except a fallen race of sinners who have never been able to live with each other. The ingratitude of man was revealed plainly to Him that day in Nazareth; His mission stated, the Messiah revealed, He sat down. The Nazarenes tried to take His life by way of response to His annunciation.

The mission of Jesus in the world was to seek and to save sinners such as we; His mission for us is that we witness concerning His mission and endeavor to win others to Him. Today is the day of Salvation.



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## Ouachita College

The University of Arkansas has announced that it will accept credits earned at Ouachita College. Undergraduate transfers and graduates from Ouachita applying for admission to the Graduate School will be accepted. According to general practices of transfer, work of non-accredited colleges will be accepted by out-of-state graduate and professional schools if accepted by the State University.

If any of our young people have had any misgivings about the wisdom of entering Ouachita College, this assurance from the State University should put them thoroughly at ease. They will suffer no inconvenience or penalty while the University approves the work at Ouachita College. Ouachita College is really in the best potential condition of its history. There are a few unfinished tasks that are necessary to smooth it off and to make it attractive to the standardizing agencies. It reminds us of building a concrete floor. The grout is laid first, then the topping is smoothed on and troweled. Just so, the basic needs of Ouachita College are supplied. We need to spread the topping on and trowel it off. We need to equip the Science building. The equipment has been ordered. We need to supply the required number of faculty members; we need some more books. According to the report of the committee we need to change the method of handling the football situation. The Board of Trustees has already worked out a plan for this. With these items attended to, Ouachita College will be in first class condition. Of course, we need a boy's dormitory, and must build one sometime in the near future. When this is done, Ouachita College will be up-to-date. The North Central Association would have a difficult time in denying its accreditation. Come to Ouachita! Let's make it a greater school year by year.

## Texas Oilman Wins Six By Personal Witnessing

"William Fleming, millionaire layman president of Texas Baptists, is setting the pace in personal witnessing in the Texas effort to win 250,000 people to Christ.

"A seventy-one year old Houston man recently wrote him asking if he could come to Fort Worth to talk to him about becoming a Christian.

"No," replied Fleming, "I will come to see you." He flew from Fort Worth to Houston.

"After explaining to the man the way of salvation and securing his committal, together they went to see the man's two sons. They were both won. They then went to see a grandson. He was won. The man then took Fleming to see two of his business associates. They were won, making six for the day. Fleming returned by plane to his home in Fort Worth in the evening.

"It was Fleming who challenged Texas Baptists to win the quarter million souls to Christ this year."—The (Oklahoma) Messenger.

## The Cooperative Program In June

Won't every church please send us a contribution for Cooperative Missions during the month of June. The month of June will close the second quarter of the year. Up to May 1 the churches have done well in 1951 in supporting missions, but the second quarter is so important indeed. If we can come out even with the budget figures at the end of the second quarter, it will be one of the most encouraging years that we have had, but if we fall short of reaching the goal during the second quarter, it will work untold hardships on the different agencies that share in Cooperative Program money, and will endanger the progress of some of our work.

Let's all support the Cooperative Program in June. Let every pastor preach on Cooperative Missions. Let every denominational worker emphasize it. Let every church make a contribution for it. Let every treasurer send that contribution to us sometime during the month. Brethren we can win the victory if we pray and preach and give even half way as we ought to give. We appreciate the fine work of our church treasurers and we prayerfully look for a check from each one of them during the month of June.

## Carl Overton and Star City

Would you be surprised when we tell you that the First Baptist Church in Star City gave more than \$1,150 for missions during the first quarter of the year? Carl Overton is the quiet, but aggressive, dependable pastor and leader of this great church. The Star City church has many of God's choicest leaders in its membership. The writer knows more of them perhaps than he does the members of any other church in the state, except it be where his own membership resides. We once held membership in this church and we truly thank the Lord upon every remembrance of them. They are not only supporting the Lord's mission work, but they are growing a great young preacher. A church that helps to build a preacher is doing one of the things which we think is outstanding. Jesus came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. A church that will take an interest in growing a young preacher instead of sitting down and challenging a young preacher to grow a church is consistently performing for the Lord. Brother Overton is the son of Pastor James Overton at Bentonville, who is one of our very great outstanding preachers.

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A nation's indispensables are the teachers of the Christian religion. Through their service our nation can be made upright and strong. Herein is a challenge to a new consecration to the high calling of teaching.

—Clifton J. Allen.

(We need some laymen in Arkansas to press the matter of soul winning and to insist upon it in the churches and in the Convention.)

—General Secretary.

## Sparkman Dedicates New Building

April 29 was a significant day in Sparkman. The Baptist Church dedicated their new building. The old building, which was a good one, burned while Brother Basinger was their pastor. Under Basinger's earnest leadership the church set to work to rebuild, and finished one of the most beautiful and commodious buildings in that section of the state. Pastor C. H. Seaton came on the ground and put the finishing touches on the building, and then invited Brother Basinger to come and preach the dedicatory sermon. We saw the chairman of the deacons, Mr. L. L. Jacks, and chairman of the finance committee, Miss Virginia Knight, and Pastor Seaton set fire to the last note which had been satisfied. The church was out of debt and the all day service marked the formal dedication of the beautiful new building. It was a great day for the saints in Sparkman and for Pastor Seaton who is strong in the hearts of the people.

Here is an item that should be a fine lesson for all our churches. The Sparkman Church had greatly increased its mission offerings as it paid its church debt and the Lord helped them to pay off the debt ahead of schedule. We look for them to increase the Cooperative Program allocation materially now since they have no debt on the church.

First Church of Sparkman, was organized in the early part of 1914. Prior to this organization there was a community Sunday School in which all denominations participated. George J. McNew was invited to lead in organizing the church. There were nineteen who stood as charter members. The new church first moved into an old warehouse that had been deserted. But late summer of 1914 the church building was practically completed and George Richardson conducted a revival meeting and was called as the first pastor. With this move the church began promoting its own Sunday School and Mr. H. O. Thweatt was elected Superintendent.

Other pastors serving in succession are as follows: George Richardson, Alex McPherson, W. E. Collins, George McNew, J. L. Anderson, W. L. Leach, T. H. Berry, L. L. Hunnicutt, R. O. Barker, Y. T. Shehane, Paul Aiken, Rel Gray, John Basinger, and C. H. Seaton.

George DeLaughter served as Sunday School Superintendent for more than a quarter of a century and had been a deacon since 1915. He passed on to his reward in 1941. He was succeeded as superintendent by Mr. L. L. Jacks who has served as Associate Superintendent for twenty-four years.

## El Dorado, First Church

We understand that First Church, El Dorado, has voted another \$2,000 for the Cooperative Program in 1951. This will make a total of \$20,000 for the Cooperative Program. This is what we have been praying for all the fall and winter. Thank you Brother Reeves and the church. Several of our great churches have materially increased their mission allocations for 1951.

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