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Rel Gray Goes to Louisiana

DR. REL Gray, immediate past president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has resigned as pastor of 1st Church, Helena, to accept a call to the pastorate of Temple Church, Ruston, La., effective April 1.



DR. GRAY

During the three years he has served as pastor of the Helena Church, Dr. Gray saw the contributions of the church to all purposes reach a total of \$200,000, and the church received 415 new members. The church plant was air-conditioned and renovated under his ministry.

Dr. Gray is a graduate of Warren (Ark.) High School, Ouachita College, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Long a leader in Arkansas Baptist affairs, he served for some time as president of the state Training Union Convention, president of the Arkansas Baptist Executive Board, and has been serving recently as president of the Twin City Ministers' Alliance, Helena, and as president of the Pastor-Physicians Alliance, also Helena.

Mrs. Gray is the former Miss Mary Alice Webster, of Little Rock. The Grays have three children, Rel, 16; Daniel Webster (Danny), 13; and Carol Jean, 7.

The church to which Dr. Gray now goes has a membership of 2,000, with an annual budget of \$95,000, a Sunday School enrollment of 1,188 and Training Union enrollment of 493. It is located near the campus of Louisiana Tech.

● T. C. COWDEN spent a busy day for the Lord on Sunday Feb. 16, the coldest of the winter. He drove from Little Rock to Humnoke for the morning worship service, in the afternoon to Stuttgart Hospital and to Caney Creek Church for the evening service. He taught Sunday school, preached twice, made eight house calls and two sick calls. One person confessed Christ, and Mr. Cowden baptized four candidates.

Gaines St. Plans March Bible Conference

"HOLDING FORTH the Word of Life" will be the theme of the week-long Bible conference in Gaines St. Church, Little Rock, March 9-14.

Pastor Russell Clearman said the following will participate in the evening sessions, beginning at 7:15 p.m. daily: C. Gordon Bayless, Central Church, North Little Rock; J. Frank Davis, Sheridan Road Church, Tulsa; Roy Hilton, 1st Church, North Little Rock; J. Harold Smith, 1st Church, Ft. Smith; Garry Connell, Little Rock layman, and Dr. I. L. Yearby, state secretary of evangelism.

New Bible Series

"The Bible, Book for the Nations," is the title of a brief article on the Bible and Bible study. You will find this on page 5.

This is the first of a series taken from a very helpful article found in the introduction to The Pulpit Commentary volume on Genesis.

We believe you will find this series quite profitable and we should like to suggest that if you are not filing your ARKANSAS BAPTIST each week, that you clip this feature and paste it in a notebook.

Brotherhood

Through Christ We Can Overcome World

SPEAKING AT THE Brotherhood Convention on "Conquerors All," Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the State Convention, used as his scripture John 16:33:

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

In the world we have tribulation. This is life as we find it. Christ holds out no false promise to men to gain a following. He would have us count the cost.

Our tribulation is due in part to the nature of Christianity itself. The world and Christianity are in opposition to each other. It is due in part to the world we live in. We must necessarily share in the ills common to all mankind. We must all experience times of testing — bitter disappointment, sorrow, death.

How should we face life? Jesus says to us over and over in the scriptures: "Be of good cheer."

This is a word designed to produce courage and give encouragement. We will suffer periods of discouragement.

But if he had stopped here, we might have asked, "What is the use, if this is all?"

Christ goes on to give us an assurance: "I have overcome the world."

We have one who has overcome the world and through his strength we may be overcomers.

● WAYNE SMITH, director of public relations, Ouachita College, spoke at the Valentine banquet, Pike Avenue Church, Feb. 14. The musical portion of the program was presented by the Freshman Girls' Trio, Polly Nation, Nan Spears and Mary Charlene Horton.

● NEAL'S CHAPEL Church, near Lepanto, has petitioned Trinity Association for membership. Joe Hester is pastor.

Brotherhood

Vocations of God

Says Noted Layman

"My Reasonable Service" was the topic of Carey Selph, native Arkansan who is now an insurance executive at Houston, Tex., as he addressed the Arkansas Baptist State Brotherhood Convention here last week. Said Mr. Selph, in part:

You do not need a defensive if you have a good offense. Listen to Romans 12:21:

"Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."

That is true in a ball game and it is true in living the Christian life.

Work was the first divine institution God set up. Before there was a family, before there was a church, God gave man a vocation.

We used to hear that the ministry and medicine were callings from God above all others. But any vocation that is good for the social order is as good as any other. The thing that sets a work over other work is not the vocation but the motive in the heart of the worker. For what purpose do you do what you do? Do you do your work for the glory of God?

God intended for us to be masters of the earth, but the world has got man down and is beating the tar out of him. We do not own our homes — our homes own us. We do not own our business — our business owns us.

Adam and Eve loved their work before sin came into the world. Sin is disobedience. When man sins, he hates what he once loved. A law breaker is never happy. And work is a law. Only when we are born again, when we are freed from the penalty of our sins through Christ are we able to find joy and peace in our work.

"Work" as a noun appears in the New Testament 140 times, and, as a verb, 40 times. The Bible has more to say about work than any other subject.

It is not undignified to work. Inertia is the greatest tool of the devil. You can sit down and go broke in your business. You can sit still and go to hell. We need more knowledge, more light but our great need is more power from the Lord. We need to walk by faith. We cannot separate faith from work.

● THE Arkansas Baptist is grateful to Pastor W. E. Ashley, Hunter, for sending copies of the minutes of the Woodruff County Association. The following churches of the association receive the paper through the church budget plan: 1st Church, Augusta; Church, Cotton Plant; 1st Church, Hunter; 1st Church, McCrory; and Church, Tupelo.

Fayetteville Center



DEDICATORY SERVICES and open house at the new Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas will be held March 13. Prior to the afternoon dedication and open house, an appreciation luncheon will be held at the Mountain Inn Hotel at 1 p. m. Speaking at the luncheon will be Editor Erwin McDonald, of the *Arkansas Baptist*. Honored at the luncheon will be Burton Miley, Springdale, chairman of the Northwest Arkansas drive for center funds; associational chairmen; building committee; and furnishing committee.

Presiding at the dedication services at the new center will be Dale Jones, state president of the Baptist Student Union and a student at the University. The dedicatory services will begin at 2:30 and will include messages by President John T. Caldwell, of the University, and Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Little Rock, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

In 1946 the Executive Board of the Convention purchased a residence at the present site of the new building, to minister to the 400 Baptist students then enrolled in the University. Last year the new center was constructed to serve the 1,600 Baptist students presently enrolled.

The \$68,000 center was made possible by the Arkansas Baptist Convention providing the lot and \$41,000 plus \$27,000 which was raised locally. The \$27,000 was achieved by a gift of approximately \$14,000 from 1st Church, Fayetteville; \$9,000 from other churches of the area; and \$4,000 from students and former students. Furnishings are being made possible by gifts of local friends and students.—Tom Logue

C. R. PIERCE, Jr., Lake Village Church, reported a total of 21 addition, 11 by baptism, during a revival Feb. 3-14. Rel Gray, 1st Church, Helena, did the preaching, and J. R. Jones, 1st Church, Bastrop, directed the music.

Gives Success Formula
For Men of the Church

Speaking at the recent Arkansas Baptist State Brotherhood Convention on the topic, "A Formula for Achievement," G. A. Ratterree, of Jacksonville, Fla., Brotherhood secretary for the Florida Baptist Convention, said:

Out of each 100 men in the membership of an average Southern Baptist church, 25 have their names on the church roll but never attend any of the church services or give anything to the support of the church program.

Another 25 never go to church except on Easter, and give nothing the rest of the year.

Another 25 are regular attenders — they will be found at church every time the doors are opened.

But only 25 participate in everything the church is doing.

Yet, only 12 out of each 100 men of the average church give the tithe of their incomes to the church as a minimum, and only three out of a hundred ever do any personal soul-winning.

The formula for achievement in the Brotherhood is a peapod with three p's in it: preparation, planning, and programs with a purpose.

The best Brotherhood program is one put on by the men of the local Brotherhood to fit the local situation. And the best source of program material is the *Brotherhood Journal*.

The Brotherhood committees are the Brotherhood between meetings. If nothing is done by the committees from one meeting to another, then the Brotherhood cannot succeed. You might put on the rousements and get a hundred men out for a given meeting, but unless the men are enlisted and working, you cannot keep up the attendance.

We have no other business than the business of making Christ known to men.

At the Monday night session, Mr. Ratterree spoke on "Victory Is Personal."

"We belong to God. If the Holy Spirit does not take hold of us personally, then it matters not what we may do, we fall short. We are bought with the price of the blood of Christ. Christ has freed us from sin and death, but He has not freed us to loaf but to serve the God of this universe. Man can accomplish more in one hour in a body yielded to the Holy Spirit than he can accomplish in a lifetime of going his own way.

We ought to use our bodies for the glory of Christ. Then we will not have to worry about broken homes.

When men get too busy to do God's work they are too busy. We are not here to make a living but to live a life.

Desecration of the Lord's Day for many begins on the day before. People are often so worn out from excesses on Saturday and Saturday night that they are not fit physically, spiritually or

Rise up, O Men of God

Rise up, O men of God,
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength

To serve the King of Kings,
Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
The church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up and make her great!
Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of man,
Rise up, O men of God!

—William P. Merrill (1867-1954)

Brotherhood Officers

RE-ELECTED as officers of the Arkansas Baptist State Brotherhood Convention, in the business session of the annual meeting here last week at South Highland Church were:

Thel Smith, Fort Smith, president;
G. C. Hilton, Fayetteville, 1st vice president;
Monroe Drye, Mena, secretary; and

J. P. Cheatham, Eudora, treasurer.
Elected to fill a vacancy in the 2nd vice presidency was Tommy Hollowell, Madison.

mentally to worship the Lord on His Day.

The devil seeks to keep us busy with his kind of program to the extent we will not have the time or the energy for worship and service of God.

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Useless Talk

SOMEONE has said:

"Talk is the principal product of the world. It is divided into plain talk, loud talk, big talk, back talk, double talk, idle talk, and just talk.



MR. McDONALD

"It is said in every language known to man, and, of course, to woman.

"It comes out of loudspeakers, professional speakers, after-dinner speakers and plain windbags.

"It is a means of communication, explanation, exaggeration, and prevarication.

"It is one means of getting out of line and into trouble.

"Some is good; some is bad; some is indifferent; and some, no doubt, is necessary. Everybody agrees there is too much of it, but the problem is how to get less without doing more."

It has been my observation that a lot of people waste words by taking too seriously the greeting, "How are you feeling?" The fellow who asks that usually does not want to know, really, and certainly not in gruesome detail.

Ladies that serve food at cafeterias constitute another class that talk a lot of times when they ought to just wait and listen. I ran on to some in this category at a cafeteria, not in Little Rock, but in a city of another state.

As we began to come within sight and smell of the food I noticed that each of the girls back of the counter was saying over and over: "May I serve you please?" "May I serve you, please?" Finally, after about the umpteenth time, I replied: "Yes, just as soon as I get close enough to see what you've got and decide what I want."

No doubt a lot of words uttered in church even are useless. In one service the last word of the song leader before the invocation was that everybody would please remain standing after the invocation to sing a hymn. But no sooner was the invocation ended than nearly everybody started to sit down nearly everybody started to sit down.

There are a lot of words wasted from the pulpit. Preachers vary greatly in their preparation and ability. There are preachers who preach sermonettes and others who make the people wish they would. There are preachers who have pet themes and there are preachers who don't seem to have any theme.

At their best, preachers are but earthen vessels. But any preacher will be better and fewer of his words will be useless talk if he is preaching to a congregation that is bearing him up in its prayers.

Winning Arkansas to Christ

What can the Baptists of Arkansas do to win the lost of the state to Christ?

Jesse Reed, of Benton, state missionary for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in an address on "Winning a State to Christ," at the closing session of the Arkansas Baptist State Brotherhood Convention, gave some suggestions out of his personal experiences that are worthy of serious consideration by us all.

If we are to win our state for Christ, we must have more teaching and preaching stations, Missionary Reed said. He painted a graphic picture of the needs in many sections of the state where there have never been Baptist churches or missions, or where we have had work and it has perished. He told of one section where it is 30 miles from one Baptist church to the next.

Referring to the campaign of Southern Baptists to establish 30,000 new churches and preaching and teaching stations by 1964, he said that local churches must take upon themselves the responsibility of surveying their fields and establishing and sponsoring new missions. Experience proves that new work reaches more people and reaches them in less time than old, established work, he pointed out, urging that each pastor hold at least one mission revival each year.

The quality of our teaching and preaching must be improved and we must teach and preach with the lost souls in mind, the missionary continued. Part of the task of reaching the lost is helping them to see that they need Christ and the church. "Church is all right if you have done anything wrong and need it," is the attitude he finds among many. Quoting the late Editor B. H. Duncan, Reed declared: "When people's spiritual instruments are out of adjustment and are not sensitive to the Divine impulses nor responsive to the Divine promptings, they are spiritually dead."

In the second place, Christians must have more compassion for the unsaved, Missionary Reed said. "When we realize the condition of a lost soul it will make us pray more for him. When we pray with burdened hearts, we will do something about it. Every lost boy, girl, man, or woman constitutes an emergency in the first degree. Not until we Christians regard every lost soul as an emergency case, an immortal soul about to die, will we become alarmed and moved with deep concern for the lost. Little concern will produce but little faith, and little faith will, make but little effort, and little effort will rescue but few from their sins. The sinner and Jesus must be brought together or there can be no recovery."

One reason the average Christian will not go out as a soul winner is that he has so many sins in his life that the people know about that he is ashamed to go, Brother Reed continued, emphasizing the necessity for clean living. We are hindered, he said, by having three standards for Christians—one for the average church member, another for the deacon, and still another for the preacher. But the Scriptures make it plain that there is only one standard of conduct for all and that can be ascertained by asking, "What would Jesus do?"

Finally, to win Arkansas to Christ, more of our Christians must do personal witnessing, Mr. Reed concluded. We can never win Arkansas so long as the most of our members confine their religion to the four walls of the church, he declared.

Why is it so many of our church members do little or nothing to win lost souls to Christ? It must be that many of our members either are lost themselves, or they do not believe the world is lost, or they do not believe Christ and Christ alone can save the world, or they do not care. Either of these is a most serious indictment for those who must stand before the judgment seat of God and give an accounting.

If you are not a loyal member of your church, why not resolve today that you, with God's help, will do something about it? Your pastor and your church can help you to become a Christian of the abundant life, one who can help others to know Jesus. Let us pray that the Lord shall thrust forth laborers for the fields of Arkansas which are even now white unto harvest. —ELM

EDITORIAL PINPOINTS

SOME OF OUR friends are opposed to pay-TV on the grounds that if we had to pay from 25 cents to \$1.25 per program we could not afford to have our sets turned on more than half as much as we do now. Looks to us like that is an argument for pay-TV.

Definitions: Bobby pins — little do-dads the women folks use to make themselves unsightly around the house several hours before going somewhere. —ELM

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

TEAR-SHEETS ON "DIVORCE"

Dear Mr. McDonald:

In the Feb. 20 issue of Arkansas Baptist is an article by C. W. Scudder, "Dealing with Divorce!" which is of special interest to me because of my enrollment in a class on "Church and Family Relations" at Southwestern this semester in which we are required to make a file of materials pertaining to this subject.

I wonder if you might have fifty tear-sheets of this article which you would forward to me at the above address or to Dr. Maston, Southwestern Seminary. This would be greatly appreciated and would be of much value to the students of the class.

The paper is looked forward to each week and we in Arkansas appreciate the work you are doing in keeping us informed. —Mason Craig, pastor, North Maple Church, Stuttgart.

"LONG BRIDGE"

Since it was the promotion of the study of **THE LONG BRIDGE** which was withdrawn and there was no way of withdrawing the promotion without withdrawing the book from the book stores, and since the period of intensive mission study promotion is ending next week for the 1958 Graded Series of Home Mission Studies, we are releasing **THE LONG BRIDGE** for normal circulation. A letter went to book store managers last week announcing to them that **THE LONG BRIDGE** is available on order to be delivered by March 10 for normal circulation through Baptist Book Stores . . .

Correspondence has shown both approval and disapproval of the action of the administration in withdrawing **THE LONG BRIDGE**. The excellent book, which tells the story of the Home Mission Board's work with Negroes, is available. Some 20,000 copies of the book were sold before it was recalled. The rest of the stock on hand is now subject to order by book stores and available to those who wish to read that book. —John Caylor, Home Mission Board.

THE MAGPIE STORY

Dear Erwin:

For years I have tried to find it and now you turn it up — the Magpie story. I shall be grateful always. —Albert McClellan, Nashville.

ENRICHED "BEYOND TEXAS"

Thank you for the information that the Central Baptist Church WMU, North Little Rock, Arkansas, is sending your well-edited paper, Arkansas Baptist, to me one year and I have received the Feb. 13 issue. As an overseas student here in the seminary, I am thankful that my outlook in Baptist work is enriched by your paper beyond Texas. Besides thanking Mrs. H. Taylor I should express my appreciation to you too. —Wayne G. Sico, Southwestern Seminary.

PASSING IT ON

Dear Sir:

My mother, Mrs. H. L. Chambers, 1st Church, Blytheville, always mails her copy of Arkansas Baptist on to us here. How much we enjoy it! We keep in touch that way. We are members of the Southern Baptist Church in New York City — and how happy we are to be a part of this pioneer work here in the East. I hope someday we'll have a "New York Baptist" as excellent in coverage as the Arkansas Baptist. —Mrs. Martha Snipes.

WATTS ACTING PRESIDENT

DR. J. WASH Watts has been named acting president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary during the illness of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president. Dr. Watts, professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Hebrew, is the senior faculty member at the seminary. Meanwhile, Dr. Leavell continues to make good progress after being stricken with a cerebral thrombosis Jan. 19.



We Need a Change

LAYMAN:
*Sister Jones is hurt again,
 We need a change.
 Brother Brown is raising Cain,
 We need a change.
 The young folks do not attend,
 Our preacher's sermons oft' offend,
 This pastorate has got to end—
 We need a change.*

PREACHER:
*I've been here quite long enough,
 I want a change.
 The going here is very rough,
 I want a change.
 My salary's unpaid,
 No man comes to my aid,
 My decision is fully made,
 I want a change.*

DENOMINATIONAL WORKER:
*'Tis a very bad year to move,
 You better stay;
 Another year will better prove,
 You better stay.
 Sister Jones will simmer down,
 Brother Brown is leaving town,
 Bear your cross and win your crown,
 You better stay.*

—Robert C. Wells, in the Pastor's Journal.

Leslie Wright Elected President of Howard

BIRMINGHAM — (BP)— Leslie S. Wright, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Alabama, has been elected president of Howard College here. He will succeed Harwell Davis, retiring president, on Sept. 1.

Both the four-year college and the Baptist Foundation are institutions of the Alabama Convention.

Wright, who has A. B. and M. A. degrees from University of Louisville, before joining the Alabama Convention, was for four years executive secretary to Sen. Lister Hill.

Book for the Nations

To the variety of sources from which the revelation comes is due both the inexhaustible interest of the Bible and its divine universality. In this it is wholly unlike the sacred books of other religions. It has something for all nations. In reading the Koran we can think only of Arabia; in reading Confucious only of China; in reading the Zend Avesta only of Persia; in reading the Vedas only of Hindostan. But in the Bible we meet with all races, from Arabian troglodytes to Greek poets, from Galilean fishermen to Roman consuls. From Nineveh to Babylon, from Babylon to Damascus, from Damascus to Jerusalem, from Jerusalem to Tyre, and the isles of the gentiles and Athens, and Corinth, and Rome, we see the light of revelation ever streaming westwards through the pages of the Bible. . .

The Bible is at once a sacred Iliad and a sacred Odyssey. Now its pages ring with the battles of the warrior, with their confused noise and garments rolled in blood; now the sea is dashing in our faces as we traverse it in the ship of Jonah, or toss a night and day among its breakers with St. Paul. It has indeed deep speculations for the philosophic mind, but for the most part it is intensely concrete.

There is in it no stifling system, no chilling gloom, no self-centered absorption, no frozen sea of abstractions. The sanctimonious and heresy-hunting formalism of the Pharisee, the selfish asceticism of the Buddhist, the chill uncertainty of the Confucian, find no sanction here; nor are we placed at the mercy of the systematising refinements of the schoolman, and the arbitrary tyranny of the priest. The Bible shows us that religion may be as exquisite as music, as flowing as art, as rich as a gifted nature, as broad as a noble life. It is as universal as our race, as individual as ourselves.

Hence to the homilist and the preacher, dullness is an inexcusable fault, and one which should be most earnestly avoided. If the preacher is dull — dull to all his hearers — he cannot possibly rouse their consciences or touch their hearts. Dullness might be pardonable if we had no better textbook than the Koran or the Tripitaka, but it is hardly pardonable when our sacred Book is so intensely and widely humanitarian.

Where the human, the concrete, and the individual element is introduced, there hearers must find something to interest and instruct them; for the experience of one heart is more or less the experience of all hearts. . .

—The Pulpit Commentary

New Campaign For Sunday School Growth

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— You Can Grow Now! is the slogan adopted by 24 state Baptist Sunday School secretaries when they met recently in Memphis to plan a program to increase Sunday school enrolment.

Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School Department, said the state secretaries were enthusiastic over this new campaign to help churches to see immediate opportunities for reaching people for Bible study.

Five major steps were outlined.

The immediate need, Dr. Washburn said, and the first step, is for greatly intensified visitation of all Sunday school prospects.

An associational baby hunt in connection with Christian Home Week May 4 is suggested as step two.

Emphasis on providing Bible study for those who cannot attend Sunday school will be step three. This will emphasize the use of the extension department.

The next step in the growth chart is Vacation Bible schools as opportunities to increase Sunday school enrolment.

The fifth step ties directly into the denominations movement to establish 30,000 churches and missions by 1964. Figures show that there are 81 million people in the Convention area, and 55 million of these are not in Sunday school. It follows that the immediate and perennial need is for more Sunday schools.



(—BSSB Photo)

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK POSTER—Dr. Joe W. Burton, secretary, Home Education Department, Sunday School Board, checks poster for Christian Home Week May 5-11 with artist Charles Miller (left) and Miss Caroline Henderson, associate editor, Sunday School Department. May 5 has been designated as Home Dedication Day when every family is urged to observe a period of home dedication.

Foundation Says 1957 Report Was Its Best

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The year 1957 was by far the best in the 12-year history of the Southern Baptist Foundation," its executive secretary-treasurer told the annual board meeting.

J. W. Storer, Nashville, said the corpus of the Foundation increased \$827,415 during 1957. Its total corpus as of Dec. 31 was \$3,075,491.

R. S. JONES, investment director of the Relief and Annuity Board, will retire at the Annual Board Meeting, March 4 and 5 in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Jones holds a record of 37 years of service to the Baptist denomination.

He left the Foreign Mission Board in 1943 to accept a position of Associate Secretary with the Relief and Annuity Board. During the past 14 years, Dr. Jones has contributed to the growth of the Board in almost every phase of its work. He has been head of the Investment Department since 1954. In only four years under his leadership, investment earnings have grown from \$1,268,512 in 1954 to \$2,133,537 in 1957. Dr. and Mrs. Jones served as missionaries to Brazil from 1920 until 1930.



DR. JONES

Spiritual Power Seen As Nation's Need

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Baptist members of the United States Congress were honored by the First Baptist Church here. Edward Hughes Pruden is the pastor.

Speaking on "America Faces Stern Realities," Pruden pointed out that "we will make a tragic error if we put our complete trust in material defenses." He continued, "This course permits our potential enemy to choose the weapons and set the pace. We would do well to look to a source of strength unknown to the enemy, even the Sword of the Spirit."

Pruden's sermon declared that it is not enough to recognize the danger which Communist imperialism presents to the free world. "We must go beyond that to discern what it is about Communism which makes it such a formidable foe."

Communist rejection of God, and the over-rating and under-rating of man are mistakes on both sides of the controversy of the era in which we live, according to Pruden. Man must not be over-rated by thinking that he can create a "human Utopia," nor must he be under-rated by taking away his God-given rights and dignity.

The sermon concluded with a note of optimism as Pruden declared that God will not permit oppression, falsehood, and imperialism to prevail in the earth.

Public Relations Group Elects 1958 Officers

ATLANTA — (BP) — The Southern Baptist Public Relations Association has elected Albert McClellan, Nashville, president. McClellan is director of publications and associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Other new officers of the association are Gene Kerr, Nashville, program vice president; Roald Sorenson, St. Louis, membership vice president; Harry Koontz, Berkeley, Calif., secretary-treasurer; and Marse Grant, Thomasville, N. C., editor of the association's newsletter.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY'S Board of Trustees has named James C. Austin, former pastor of Eastwood Church,



MR. AUSTIN

Tulsa, as special assistant to Dr. Duke K. McCall, seminary president. Mr. Austin, a graduate of Southern, served as president of the Tulsa Baptist Pastors Conference and as associate moderator of the Tulsa Baptist Association.



A Free Voice

In the World of Religion

EVANGELIST BILLY Graham's San Francisco crusade has been extended from six to eight weeks. The crusade opens April 27 and is scheduled to conclude June 22.

Churches in East Germany are crowded and 90 per cent of the youth belong to church groups, reports a prominent Australian evangelist who has returned from a mission tour. He reported that crowds "gathered three hours before services began" and that all churches were overcrowded.

The Census Bureau, in response to protests against its decision to omit a question on religion from the 1960 census, has stated that the bureau will shortly make public the results of a field survey taken in March, 1957, in which the question "What is your religion?" was asked on a voluntary basis in three hundred sample areas.

C. OSCAR JOHNSON, pastor, 3rd Church, St. Louis, and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, has resigned on his 27th anniversary in that pulpit.

DALLAS — (BP) — Phillip D. Hardberger, Baylor University journalism graduate, has joined the Texas Baptist Public Relations Department here. He will assist in press relations, photography, feature writing, and in preparing brochures and other mailing pieces, according to Leonard Holloway, director.

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — Adequate housing accommodations will be available for all messengers attending the 1959 Southern Baptist Convention here, according to the chairman of the general arrangements committee. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut St. Baptist Church, Louisville, made the statement after studying the matter himself and consulting the Chamber of Commerce. He is committee chairman.

Still Time?

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE been made by the American Bible Society's agency in Venezuela to supply 100,000 Spanish Gospels of John for distribution in Caracas in advance of the evangelistic campaign which Dr. Billy Graham has been invited to lead.

MIAMI, Fla. — (BP) — Plans to start construction of the first unit of a proposed two-unit Baptist hospital here in February have been delayed "four to six months," trustees reported. They blamed the setback on the failure of Miamians to follow through with the cash they pledged in the hospital's fall drive for \$3½ million.

The Maryland Baptist is to be a free voice.

This is the cardinal principle on which the State Mission Board has set up the first full-time editorship. It is in keeping with the finest traditions of the press, of Baptists generally and of Maryland Baptists.

Freedom of the press is one of the foundations on which democracy rests, whether it be political or religious democracy. This freedom can never be taken for granted. In every age it must be won.

In the middle ages the church was the censor of opinion both spoken and written. In England after the Reformation most of the rights of censorship passed to the Crown. The products of the press had to be licensed by the Star Chamber. At length John Milton published his daring *Areopagitica*, a *Speech for the Liberty of Unlicensed Printing*, an unlicensed essay. This led to the ultimate defeat of censorship. The Licensing Act lapsed in 1695 and, to quote Macaulay, "English literature was emancipated forever from the control of the Government."

In the New World the old battles of press freedom had to be refought, until in 1791 the first amendment to the constitution of the United States declared: "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press." This ended censorship in America.

Liberty of expression goes hand in hand with religious liberty. The latter was won for America largely by the intrepid Baptists of Virginia. It is no coincidence that *The Religious Herald* today speaks with the most independent voice of any journal published by Southern Baptists.

In Maryland the Baptist pastors enjoy a large measure of freedom in their pulpits, and they have magnanimously provided for the new editor of *The Maryland Baptist* to enjoy the same liberty. The editor has been assured editorial independence and a free hand in the design of the paper and the assignment of space.

This means that *The Maryland Baptist* is not to be a house organ, but a force—a fearless reporter of the news, an objective purveyor of opinion, a free voice!

To this end the editor will need:

1. **Access to the information.** He will need access to news in the making, as well as news already mature. The editor believes that our Baptist people have the right to know. He calls on all responsible persons to help him keep informed of trends, plans and actual developments.

2. **Expressions of Baptist opinion.** The editor invites letters to the editor and articles on issues that Baptists are facing or ought to face. All letters, to be considered for publication, must be signed and of a reasonable length. Articles of a devotional nature are also solicited.

3. **Suggestions for the improvement of the paper.** The editor wants to know what kind of state paper Maryland Baptists want, what changes readers feel are needed in frequency of publication and in design, and what features should be added or subtracted.

This paper belongs to Maryland Baptists. It will be edited as a sacred trust, but, at the same time, with a flair for personal journalism.

In closing, the editor offers this prayer:

Oh, God, help me to report the news without fear or favor. May I be courageous in attacking injustice and defending the right. Help me to be fair, to be kind. Inspire me as you did the men of old. May I write with fire. Above all, may I be read. —Gainer E. Bryan, Jr.

Gospel Ship Sails Japan's Sea

TOKYO, JAPAN — (BWA) — The 12-ton ship, *Fukuin (Gospel) Maru*, is now cruising Japan's Inland Sea to spread the Christian Gospel to isolated island communities. The vessel was built with \$8,000 contributed to the New Life Fellowship, a Japanese Baptist organization, by the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

American and Japanese missionaries aboard the floating church will cover a comparatively neglected region of hundreds of islands that dot the Inland Sea. Their population is 2,000,000.

To Publish Anti-Evolution Book

A NEW book on Christianity and evolution composed of papers written by members of the American Scientific Affiliation will be published in 1959, the centennial year of the publishing of Darwin's theory of evolution. It will be edited by Dr. Russell Mixter, professor of biology at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

The American Scientific Affiliation is an organization of scientists who hold a conservative evangelical viewpoint. It seeks to foster an interest in the relationship between science and the Christian faith.



THIS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH shows the site being bought for **Midwestern Baptist Seminary** in Kansas City, Mo. The area contained in the heavily-marked lines is the 99-acre site available immediately. The area in dotted lines at lower right is the five acres retained by Mrs. Sheffa Vivion Foster who sold her century-old family estate to the seminary. Construction of the first seminary building may begin this autumn. Note three federal highways adjacent to property. (Photo from Kansas City Star)

Southern Baptists In Mormon Utah

THE FIRST Southern Baptist Church was organized in Roosevelt, Utah in the summer of 1944. At the present time, there are 17 churches and 8 missions in the state.

In the Missionary work here, we have the problems common to any pioneer field and, in addition, we have the problem of a dominant religion. Some sections of the state, or in some small communities, the population is 100 per cent Mormon. In Salt Lake City, according to the L. D. S. Church, the population is 60 per cent Mormon, with the state percentage at 70 per cent.

The Mormons, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, as they prefer to be called, have a tremendous missionary program. They send missionaries to all sections of the United States and to many foreign countries. They have 10,000 missionaries and they consider the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention as "Foreign Mission Territory" and send out missionaries trained to proselyte. They deal with Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and those of any religion on the basis that they have something in addition to that which any church has. They say what Baptists have is good, as far as it goes, but that we need the additional revelation, or the revelation of the latter days that tells about baptism for the dead, temple marriages, etc., etc.

It is our conviction that we need to establish churches and mission in the state of Utah on the premise that the blood of Jesus Christ alone can cleanse from sin, and that regardless of the zeal and fervor of the people — unless they realize that the blood alone can save and trust in Jesus Christ — they are lost. The Latter Day Saints, through their program of works seek to exalt themselves to a degree of salvation or exaltation on the basis of personal merit. That is, exaltation is achieved by following the doctrines given to them in their church teachings. They deny that the blood of Jesus can in any wise pay for their personal sins but that the blood of Christ atoned for the sin of Adam.

With concern for all and in obedience to our Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20) we seek to place a Baptist Church within the reach of everyone in the state. Southern Baptist work in Utah has enjoyed a fine relationship with the Home Mission Board, the Baptist General Convention of Arizona and a number of churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory which have assisted the work on this field.—Charles Ray, Moderator, Salt Lake Baptist Association

GEORGE W. CUMMINS, associate director of the chaplains commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the featured speaker for Chaplains Day ceremonies March 11 and 12 at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Southern Seminary Grad Joins Houston Staff

HOUSTON — (BP) — Joseph W. Knowles, of Los Angeles, Calif., became a faculty member of the Institute of Religion in the Texas Medical Center here March 1.

He occupies a chair of pastoral counseling supported by Houston Baptist laymen.

Knowles holds a doctorate in psychology of religion and pastoral care from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. He has been director of the Baptist City Mission of Los Angeles, and has filled pastorates in Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas.

Barnard New President Of Hospital Chaplains

CHICAGO — (BP) — Everett Barnard, chaplain at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, is new president of the Southern Baptist Association of Hospital Chaplains.

Samuel Southard, last year's vice-president, is the association's new president-elect. Southard is associate professor of psychology of religion at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

E. A. Verdery, chaplain, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, is new vice president.

The hospital chaplains re-elected J. Don Corley, a Little Rock, secretary-treasurer. Corley is chaplain of Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

● EMMETT "BUDDY" Johnson, Dallas, has entered the field of full time evangelism as an evangelist. He was born and reared in Jackson, Tenn., where he was licensed and ordained by the 1st Church. He attended Union University of Jackson, Tenn., and completed his BA degree at Baylor University, Waco, Tex. Just recently, he graduated from Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth.

Hospital Association Elects Boone Powell

CHICAGO — (BP) — The Southwide Baptist Hospital Association has elected Boone Powell, administrator of Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, as its president.

Freeman May, administrator of Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La., is the new president-elect. (The Association has no vice president and the president-elect customarily becomes president the following year.

Emmett R. Johnson, Paducah, Ky., was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Johnson is administrator of Western Baptist Hospital.

DR. C. B. JACKSON, associate secretary of evangelism for Texas, has written a study course book, "Implementing New Testament Evangelism," now available in the Baptist Book Store. The book was written to promote and implement Christ's triple methods of evangelism: personal witnessing, going by twos, and mass evangelism.

S.B.C. Presidents

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LAWRENCE BROOKS HAYS
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Brooks is only child, but is reared among numerous cousins in Russellville, Ark. Parents are devout Baptists; one grandfather is a Baptist preacher.



In college he teaches S.S. class, is Pres. YMCA, works in a mission. In 1919, A.B., U. of Ark. with Phi Beta Kappa rating. LL.B. Geo. Washington Univ.



Runs so often in statewide elections that when one occurs in which he is not running, a loyal voter declares, "It ain't legal; Hays'-name is missin'!"



He marries his college sweetheart, Marion Prather, in 1922. Has two children, a son and daughter. Each one of them also has a son and a daughter.



Practices law Russellville; becomes Democrat Nat. Committeeman; named Asst. Atty. Gen., '25-'27; legal advisor Department of Agriculture, '34-'42.



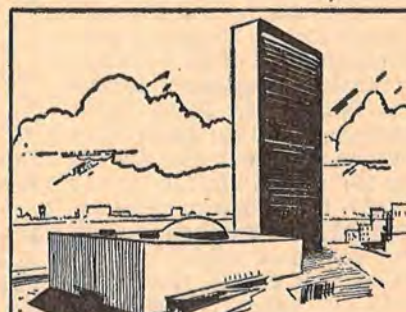
Sounds like a preacher: Member Com. Public Affairs, State Exec. Com., Rural Church Commission, Chm. Christian Life Commission, Pres. S. B. C. 1957.



Tours mission fields; attends and speaks at Baptist World Alliance, Copenhagen, 1947; visits French Baptists in behalf of B.W.A. in 1944.



Elected in 1943 as Rep. of 5th Congressional Dist. of Ark., fights for clean politics. Helps draft act to give opportunities to farm tenants.



Washington ministers present him the annual Layman's Award for outstanding service in 1951. In 1955 is member of U. S. Delegation to the U. N.



In 1951 Mr. Hays, with other congressmen, is sent to Germany to confer with Chancellor Adenauer on U.S. occupation policies in Western Germany.



His public appearances are enlivened by Lincoln-esque fund of stories and is regarded as one of the best story-tellers in the country.



Long actively interested in bettering race relations, he is chosen as a mediator between state and federal gov'ts in Little Rock crisis.

A Report to the People



MAKE OUT LARGEST CHECK — Southern Baptist Convention Treasurer Porter Routh watches as Mrs. Ruth Nelson, bookkeeper of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, prepares a check for \$2,692,147 to the Foreign Mission Board. It was the largest check ever mailed to any SBC agency. The amount included \$2,244,667 in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

(—Baptist Press Photo)

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said: "The significance of this amount of money cannot be overstated. It represents gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings and the Cooperative Program. We have already received (as of February 13) a total of \$4,008,283.52 from the 1957 Lottie Moon Offering. This is \$749,766.25 more than was in hand at this point last year.

"Beneath all this growth there is a vast foundation of prayer. That foundation is becoming stronger, and we believe that this year, devoted in particular to intercessory prayer for world evangelization, is going to mean further strengthening of our world mission labor in its most important aspect."

Baptist Hospital Mexico, Dedicated

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, and Dr. Cauthen attended the dedication services of the Baptist hospital, Guadalajara, Mexico, February 16-18. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, gave the dedicatory address.

In his report to the Board, Dr. Means said: "This new hospital, the third major Baptist hospital in Latin America, should do much to commend our witness in Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city, and the surrounding terri-

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Dear Brother McDonald:

An event significant to our denominational program, now and in years to come, will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, August 12, 13, 14, 1958. I have in mind the Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress for which an attendance goal of 8,858 has been set. Our own boys and many from other countries will be challenged by the Congress theme, "Christ In Me...The Hope of the World." The Congress will also climax the observance of 50 years of Southern Baptists missionary education effort among boys.

We recognize in our state denomination publications a most important "key" in making the Congress the success it should be. I am writing, therefore, this personal appeal asking if you will help us to the fullest in doing just this through the pages of your publication.

Undoubtedly, regular releases concerning the Congress will be reaching you from your state Brotherhood department and from the Baptist Press. The use of these releases and any editorial comment you see fit to make will be deeply appreciated.

Only time and eternity will reveal the impact for Christ that this Congress may have on the lives of our boys.

Sincerely yours,
Edward Hurt, Jr.
Edward Hurt, Jr.
Associate Secretary

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P.S. We deeply appreciate what you have done thus far.

tory. It has already excited a great deal of interest in evangelical and medical circles."

Brooks Hays Will Represent Board on Trip to Russia

In its February meeting the Foreign Mission Board took action which will make Congressman Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, its special representative to the Baptists of Russia on a trip which he is scheduled to make late in April.

The Board voted to pay the travel expenses of Mr. Hays's trip from funds designated for special projects in evangelism and church development. In his capacity as Convention president, Mr. Hays is ex-officio member of the Board.

Hungarian Baptists Say, "We Thank You"

Dr. George W. Sadler, the Board's representative to Europe, has received the following letter from M. Baranyay, Hungarian Baptist leader:

"Dear Brethren:
May we send to you the best wishes and greetings of the Hungarian Baptists. Your generous co-operation on spiritual and other lines and helps meant much for us in the past. We thank you. May God bless you that your works in the future, too, may be

for the ongoing of the kingdom of God and the welfare and for the peace of mankind."

"What Does a Missionary Do?"

The report of Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, was a statement of the function of Southern Baptist missionaries in the process of church development in that area. He said, "We frequently hear the question, 'Just what does a missionary do?'"

"The man under appointment for general evangelistic work usually divides his time between direct evangelism and church development. There is considerable variation from field to field, depending largely upon the stage which our program has reached in a particular country.

"In the beginning in a new land a missionary devotes his efforts largely to pioneer evangelism. As time passes and a church is organized he likely serves as pastor. Later the church may have a national pastor, and the missionary may direct a program of outreach to surrounding communities. In a field where the work is even more advanced the missionary may find himself in a role similar to that of the associational missionary here in the United States."

LITTLE RIVER Association has called James H. Dean, missionary for Paluxy Association in Texas, as new associational missionary.



MR. DEAN

Mr. Dean, a native of Pine Bluff, expects to be on the field by March 1. He is a graduate of Ouachita, Hardin-Simmons and Southwestern Seminary, and has held pastorates in Oil City, La., and West Side Church, El Dorado. Mrs. Dean holds a master of religious education degree from Southwestern and while her husband was overseas as a chaplain in the armed forces she served as educational director of 1st Church, Lawton, Okla. She also served six years as an approved worker for the Texas State Training Union Department.

AN OUTSTANDING national Christian publication, *Christian Herald*, used as its February feature an article by Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Titled "We are Exporting Un-Americanism," the article deals with the degrading effect on world-opinion of America when salacious, inferior or misleading films and other programs are sent abroad. The message is a result of Stevens' experiences and meetings with many persons on his round-the-world trip last spring. An editorial note points out that Stevens is qualified to comment on film impact with his production experience in the inspirational TV series "This Is The Answer."



TO SPANISH AMERICANS—One of the major ministries of Southern Baptists in the Southwest is to Spanish-American people. Jesus Correa, pictured here, and his wife are missionaries to Spanish-American Baptists in Albuquerque, N. M. Correa is a native of Monterey, Mexico.
—Baptist Press Photo
by Theo Sommerkamp

Baptist Presidents Ask World Peace Committees

WASHINGTON — (BP)— Special committees to study world peace will be called for at the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention later this year.

Presidents of the two conventions held a joint press conference here to make the announcement.

Brooks Hays, Congressman from Little Rock, Ark., is president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, is American Convention president.

Hays attends Calvary Church while in Washington. The church supports work of both conventions.

Hays and Cranford said the three objectives of asking for special committees to study peace are:

1. To create a positive and imaginative peace action program.
2. To ask that prayer be made specifically for peace at specified times.
3. To provide a channel to find out how people of other nations feel about peace.

The presidents of the two Baptist groups did not offer any plans to implement these objectives. "It will be the task of the committees to do that," they said.

The idea for such action stems from a sermon Cranford delivered in his church in which he asked for a "peacemakers fellowship" cutting across international boundaries.

Pastoral Changes

HOMER ALLRED, 1st Church, Grandview, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Northvale Church, Harrison.

While at Grandview, Mr. Allred led the church in many advances. Cooperative Program gifts advanced from 4 to 17 per cent, and the budget was almost doubled. He led the church to give more to the Orphans Home and more through Mutual Assistance to the Carroll Association than any other church in the association. There were 82 additions to the church, and a beautiful new educational building was erected. The association executive board passed a resolution in appreciation for his work and commending him to his new church.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY'S enrollment for the spring semester is 1,787 students. Of this total, 1,155 are registered in the school of theology, 588 in the school of religious education, and 121 in the school of church music. Texas leads with the largest number of students — 801. Oklahoma is second with 194 and Arkansas has sent 107 students for the spring semester.



DISCUSS MOSCOW TRIP—Presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention and American Baptist Convention discuss plans for their trip to visit Russian Baptists in April. Brooks Hays, center Southern Baptist president, and Clarence W. Cranford, right, American Convention president, will spend a week in Moscow. Listening in as they talk over arrangements is Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Missionary Says Bias Has Effect On Youth

FORT WORTH — (BP)— A Southern Baptist missionary told pastors attending a Christian Life Workshop here that racial prejudices in their churches have "profound influences" on youth both in America and in other lands.

"Young people," said W. O. Harper, missionary to Africa's Tanganyika territory, "are color-blind until we teach them otherwise."

Speaking on race relations during the conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Harper said the prejudices build psychological barriers in the minds of young people who may be called to serve on foreign missions fields.

"It is embarrassing," Harper continued "when we have to tell our Nigerian youth who plan to visit America that they will not be welcomed in the churches that send missionaries to them."

Negro Leader Dies

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BWA) — Dr. William Henry Jernagin, one of America's most outstanding Negro religious leaders and oldest member of both the Executive Committee and Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, died February 18 at the age of 88.

BWA President to Visit Colombia

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BWA) — Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance will visit Colombia April 15-21 in the interest of religious liberty.

What's the Difference?

Missions and Evangelism

Evangelism is concerned about the soul of man.
Missions is concerned about the whole of man.

Evangelism is an effort to reach the lost on the local church field.
Missions is an effort to reach the lost beyond the church's local influence.

Evangelism is cooperate witnessing within the church's community.
Missions is cooperate witnessing in churchless communities.

Evangelism seeks to bring people to the services of the church.
Missions seeks to carry the services of the churches to the people.

Evangelism is interested in individual souls which make up the community.
Missions is interested in whole communities made up of individual souls.

Evangelism is an effort to lead those in darkness into the light of the gospel.
Missions is an effort to plant the Gospel of Light in places of darkness.

Evangelism increases the church's membership.
Missions increases the church's stewardship.

—C. W. Caldwell

Extension Department Aids Further Study

JACKSON, Miss. —(BP)— The doorway to further education is not closed if a student can not attend a seminary. A service of the five Southern Baptist Convention seminaries permits him to receive on-the-job training.

Through their Seminary Extension Department, with offices here, the seminaries are offering both extension courses and correspondence study in such subjects as theology, religious education, church music, church history, and evangelism.

The courses, although designed to meet the specific needs of pastors and other full-time church workers who find it impossible to attend a seminary, are also attracting a large number of lay persons — both men and women.

Eighty-two "little seminaries" are operating in cities over the Southern Baptist Convention as extension centers. Local pastors and lay church leaders in each area are directing the centers but textbooks and guidance in planning courses are provided by the Seminary Extension Department.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

(Author of the new book, *For Our Age of Anxiety*, at your Baptist Book Store)

Ex-wife Threatens

QUESTION: Four years ago I married a man who had been married before. He was 32 and I was 17. His former wife and their little girl live close by and she writes both of us letters saying how much she loves him and begs me to free him.



DR. HUDSON

Now she threatens to move in with us if he does not start helping her more. We pay all the child's doctor bills now and help all we can. But we are buying a little home and don't have much money. My husband just laughs at these threats and then we fuss. What can I do? We work in the church regularly and try to live like Christians.

ANSWER: It sounds to me like you married a mistake instead of a man. Any man ought to have sense enough to know that such letters are a great threat to your security. Laughing at your concern is a pretty low blow.

It seems to me that you have only two possibilities. Sit tight and pray that she may not carry out this threat. Incidentally if she tries to move in, a few handful of hair pulled out the minute she darkens your door might help to answer your prayers. I'm not recommending this, but if your husband is not man enough to protect you, it will be necessary for you to defend yourself. The other possibility is to get a divorce. I cannot recommend that either.

Maybe God has a better way. Go slow and pray. He will show you.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47 Street, Kansas City, Mo.)

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EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

IT IS not easy for me to write these lines. For the past five years we have carried something in the paper frequently about evangelism, but this is perhaps the last article I shall write as secretary of evangelism. Most of you know that my resignation as secretary of evangelism has been offered, effective Feb. 28.

Mixed emotions stir my heart and soul as I write these lines. I am deeply grateful to God and to the Baptists of Arkansas for the privilege I have had of serving as secretary of evangelism since January, 1953. God's abounding blessings have been richly bestowed upon the labors of pastors, churches, missionaries and your humble servant. Your love, prayers and cooperation are deeply appreciated. We give God our deepest gratitude for His blessings upon our every effort. To Him go praises and thanks for every blessing we have received and for every soul that has been won to Christ because of your prayers, cooperation and labors in evangelism. Friendships that have been established with our beloved Baptist brethren in Arkansas will continue to be a source of joy and inspiration to me. I want everyone to be assured of my continued interest, love and prayers throughout all the days that are yet to come.

I believe our greatest days of opportunity are just ahead. The Baptist Jubilee Advance Program offers the most challenging opportunity Baptists have ever faced. I beseech all our brethren to carry on without any abatement their efforts to win the lost multitudes in Arkansas to Christ. Continue to cooperate in the program of evangelism that is now being provided by our Southern Baptist Department of Evangelism, under the leadership of Dr. Leonard Sanderson. Pray that our leaders shall have the unerring guidance of the Holy Spirit in the choice of God's man for the leadership of your Department of Evangelism.

While I am relinquishing the duties and responsibilities as Secretary of the Department of Evangelism, I expect to continue to preach, hold Bible conferences and revivals as God opens doors of opportunity to me.

Mrs. Yearby and I own a good home in Oklahoma City at 1405 North Millers Boulevard, and it is our plan in the near future to go back there to live. Mrs. Yearby joins me in expressing our deepest gratitude for all that Arkansas Baptists have done for us in the years we have labored among you. We request your prayers that we may be kept in the center of God's will in all we may do for Him in the days that yet remain.

March 6, 1958



DR. YEARBY

WMU

Miss Hobbs Leaving

IN JANUARY 1956 it was the good fortune of Arkansas Baptists to have Miss Sara Ann Hobbs of Alabama join



MISS HOBBS

the force of Woman's Missionary Union as youth secretary. March 1, 1958, twenty-five months later; it was the misfortune of Arkansas Baptists to lose her for on February 12 she tendered her resignation in order to accept the position of Young Woman's Auxiliary director in the state of North Carolina.

During her stay in Arkansas she led out in a vigorous program of missionary education through camping, confer-

ences, promotion of organizational plans for Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band. Now she will concentrate her whole efforts upon the one organization — Young Woman's Auxiliary. She has endeared herself to many in our state who wish for her a full measure of joy in her new position.

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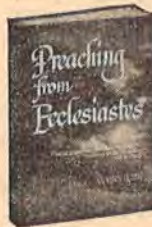
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The Wonder of Winds

By THELMA C. CARTER

THE WIND is often spoken of as the "singing wind," because it produces a singing sound as a column of air moves through the tree branches. Most of us have heard the wind whistle around the corners of buildings. We have heard it moan on cold wintery nights.

However, most of us do not think of wind singing, whistling, or moaning. Instead we think of the feel of the wind, such as the gentle breeze, clean smelling, moist, and cool to the touch. Winds are really air in motion.

Whatever your impression of the wind, you cannot help but know that it is one of nature's most powerful forces. Only God could have created such a mighty force. "He causeth his wind to blow" (Psalm 147-18).

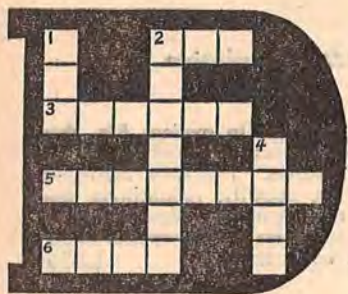
The earth is seldom without some kind of wind blowing. Think for a moment of the changes winds bring about.

Winds change temperatures, seasons, days, months — even our dispositions. Winds disturb us if they are cold, violent, and threatening. They frighten us when they are of hurricane strength.

Winds would destroy our beautiful earth if it were not for the earth's rotation which deflects (bends or turns) them away from the earth's surface.

Winds are useful in many ways. They carry the evaporated water from rivers and seas to the land. They fly seed to the ends of the earth.

Above all, they help to keep the balance of heat and cold of the earth by cooling the heated areas at particular seasons and warming the cold earth and seas at other seasons.



David Puzzle

By Richard M. Elam

- David wrote, "My _____ runneth over."
- (Across) David put his trust in _____.
- (Down) Who was the giant that David overcame?
- David wrote many of the _____.
- David did not get along very well with King _____.
- Who was David's beloved friend?
- Look up 1 Samuel 17:4 and see where the giant was from.

A Smile or Two

SUCCESS IS something that always comes faster to the man your wife almost married. —John J. Plomp.

AN OPTIMIST is a bridegroom who thinks he has no bad habits. —Hal Chadwick.

REP. BROOKS Hays, SBC president, says he was thrown for a temporary loss when he was introduced to a crowd not long ago by a toastmaster who said he wanted to describe how Hays was taught to speak in college.

"His instructor," said the master of ceremonies, "took a leaf out of the story of Demosthenes, who practiced his speech with pebbles in his mouth. At the beginning of the course, each student was given a mouthful of marbles. Every day the instructor reduced the number by one marble. The student became a public speaker when he had lost all his marbles." —Quote, Washington Bureau.

THE YOUNG man's parents were objecting to their son's choice of a girl friend.

"But gee, Dad," said the boy, "she's the best girl I can get with the car we've got."

MacTAVISH AND the railroad conductor had a heated argument over the fare. Finally in disgust, the conductor threw Mac's suitcase off the train just as they passed over a river.

"Mon!" screamed Mac. "It isn't enough you overcharge me, but now you try to drown my little boy!"

BILL SAT down at a lunch counter and ordered four poached eggs and french fries, a dozen oysters, and a grilled steak.

After wading through these he finished with four doughnuts and two cups of coffee.

When the waitress had finished serving, she remarked: "You must enjoy your meals."

"Far from it," Bill replied. "As a matter of fact, I hate 'em — but I'm nuts about bicarbonate of soda."

"I'M VERY sorry," said the dentist to the patient on the phone. "I can't take care of you today. I have 18 cavities to fill." Then hung up on the phone, picked up his golf bag and hat and left his office.

FARMER'S WIFE: "This the drug-gist?"

"Yes, Ma'am."

"Well, be sure and write plain on them labels which is for the horse and which is for my husband. I don't want nothin' to happen to that horse before spring plowin'."

THESE DAYS if your ship comes in, it's docked by the government.

THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



"Well, how can you expect sugar in a five-cent lemonade?"

What the Robin Knows

By Ida Elaine James

*How wise a bird the robin is,
With all the things he knows
Within that little head of his,
Bobbing on the snows!*

*He cocks his head up toward the trees
As though he really sees
That dogwood petals soon will be
Where snow now falls on me.*

*So eager for the first green leaves,
He makes me glad inside
For hopscotch games and elbow sleeves
As he seems to confide*

*That soon we children can play ball.
He knows so much for one so small.*

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Just Like That

"FOR MONTHS," said the gadabout, "I couldn't discover where my husband spent his evenings."

"And then what happened?" breathlessly asked her friend.

"Well," she said, "one evening I went home and there he was."

—Atlas News

ANSWERS

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The Church Confronts the World

By **DR. D. DOUGLAS SCRIVNER**
(Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro)

March 9

Matt. 5:13-16; Acts 19:21-41;
1 Thess. 5:4-8; James 2:14-17

"WHY DOESN'T God save people and then take them immediately to heaven, so they would not have so much trouble with sin?"



The first-year intermediate girl who asked the question was voicing the unspoken problem of many an older person. We are "in the world" but not "of the world," yet this same world troubles us by enticing to sin, and, at the same time, brings a revulsion against so much evil. Sin being in the world is the exact reason why God does not take saved people immediately to glory. The church is to confront the world, but a confronted world strikes back. Today's lesson is the best possible answer to the girl's question.

The word "confront" means (1) "face to face" or (2) "to oppose, or to be definitely hostile toward." The church today is certainly face to face with the world, but if the second meaning of the word be taken, the title of the lesson should be "The World Confronts the Church." Only rarely does the church seem actively hostile to the world. Few are the Christians who have heeded the injunction to "learn to maintain good works" (Titus 3:14, our Golden Text).

The believer in Christ is not saved by good works (Eph. 2:8, 9) but he is saved **unto** good works (Eph. 2:10). There are two extreme positions on the matter of good works: the one makes good works virtually the means of salvation; the other declares salvation to be of faith and then fails to maintain good works. Either is a grave error.

We are saved by faith alone — but faith is never alone. The gospel of grace demands social implications and a true Christian faith influences the society in which the Christian lives. So long as our Christianity does not declare itself as opposed to the world and its sin, the world has adopted a live-and-let-live policy. How like Demetrius the world is today! As soon as Christianity interferes with "business as usual" and especially with the profits from the business of sin, then the howl is raised that the church has started to meddle in that which is none of its affair.

Liquor interests, gambling interests, vice interests have only one objective—profits. Such interests are much more concerned about profits than piety.

The Church is to Fight Corruption

Salt! What a striking symbol of the pungent power in Christian faith when it is set against moral decay which corrupts society. Just as salt preserves freshness and holds back the forces of deterioration, so does the gospel function in the realm of the spiritual unless it has lost its savor. Can it be that here lies the cause of so much rottenness in the world? Have those who should fight against it become fearful and negative in their influence? Salt never preserves that which it cannot touch. But salt in contact, rubbed in, driven deep, wards off corruption. Christians have lost so much of their protesting quality that liquor and other evil interests are about to drown our nation. If Christianity loses its "saltiness" God is deprived of the testimony He expects from His redeemed and transformed people.

Not only by preaching and the publication of mere truths are Christians to bear down the opposition and effect the conversion of their fellows. It is so to shine that men may see their good works. It is humility not as preached but as practiced; it is contrition, not as depicted but as inculcated. It is mercy embodied, meekness manifested, heart-purity in flesh and blood. Christians can never defeat the liquor industry



—Wilde's Bible Pictures

"I Am the Light of the World."

with a decanter of wine on the table or a bottle on the pantry shelves of their own homes.

The Church is to Dispel Darkness

(Matt. 5:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:48)

Every Christian knows Jesus as the Light of the world. He, through his marvelous redemption, has lighted many other lights. But lights are to shine in darkness. Night is the time when sleepers sleep and drinking men are drunk. To sleep by day implies indolence, and to drink by day indicates great shamelessness. The very nature of the Christian sets him against darkness and the deeds of darkness. In the spiritual sense we Christians profess to be day people, therefore our work ought to be day work, not night work. To put it another way, our conduct should be such as will bear the glaring light of daytime—such conduct as has no need of the veil of night.

We must not only be awake, but sober; not only sober, but armed; not only watchful, but guarded. The armor indicated in 1 Thess. 5:8 is only defensive armor, our means of being guarded against being surprised by the day of the Lord. The helmet and the breastplate defend the vitals of head and heart. The head needs to be protected from error, the heart from sin.

A person so guarded cannot help being aware that much of the world lacks this protection from error and sin. In a world of so much darkness it behooves us to keep our lights trimmed and effective. Christians are left in the world to save the world by their influence.

The Church is to Help Lift Burdens

(James 2:14-17)

The mention of faith in verse 1 of the chapter and the demonstration that faith must involve the observance of the law of love, leads the author of the book of James to a discussion of the general relation between faith and works. It has been suggested that faith and works are separate gifts of coordinate value, as, e. g., the gift of tongue and of healing; one man has one and another the other. James clearly replies that faith and works are inseparable; faith cannot be proved except by works. A professed faith which does not work reveals itself as not being true saving faith. A faith like that of demons, which does not result in good works, produces nothing but terror.

To give a needy soul a warm handshake and the admonition to trust God for his needs is not enough. It is simply a cheap and pious way of evading our Christian duty. The church is to uproot evil, but alongside the sturdy battle against sin must remember its ministry of mercy to the sinful.

Yes, the church confronts the world but it is also confronted by the world. In the church lies the ability to fight corruption, dispel darkness, and lift the burdens of this sinful world! To do requires faith and works.

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The Tie of Voluntary Cooperation

OUR BAPTIST life is unique. I know of nothing like it in the religious world. It is unique in polity and practice. We are held together — not by a central authority which formulates plans and programs and hands them down to the churches to be carried out — but we are bound together by the fragile but strong tie of voluntary cooperation. This bond



DR. WHITLOW

grows out of a deep conviction — a conviction that we have a message and ministry from God, a message that we must share with the entire world. We have a stewardship which makes us responsible to God and to all men everywhere.

This world-wide responsibility incurs the obligation of providing ways and means best to accomplish the task. The task is too great for one church

or a few churches to perform. It becomes necessary for the churches to work together in promoting the enterprise of redemption of which our God has made us co-laborers.

The Cooperative Program has evolved as both a plan and program of work of Southern Baptists. The Cooperative Program is scriptural — not in the sense that we have chapter and verse in the Bible ordering it or outlining the plan, but scriptural in that it is in accord as a principle with the message and ministry of the Word. It is a cooperative plan by which the State and Southern Baptist Conventions work together to better enable the churches to carry out their mission in the world. It is also a program of work. There is embodied in this cooperative plan the causes which we believe God would have us support.

In the main the causes included in the Cooperative Program are the same in all the State conventions. However, there are various causes included in some states and omitted by other states. This is true principally for two rea-

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sons. First, each state convention is a sovereign body to itself. Another reason is that in different states there are different needs, or the feeling of a necessity for a differing emphasis. All of the State conventions join together in supporting the convention and world-wide causes promoted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

In succeeding issues of the Arkansas Baptist I plan to discuss the various causes included in the Cooperative Program of Arkansas Baptists. These of necessity will be brief and we shall try to make them to the point. It might be helpful if the churches would save these brief discussions for use in their youth organizations and to better acquaint those in the church who might not be familiar with our cooperative plan of work.—SAW

The Forward Program of Church Finance Works in the Larger Churches

SOME HAVE asked the question, "Will the Forward Program of Church Finance produce the desired results in every Baptist church?" Then the suggestion has been made that perhaps three or four different plans could be made and then the local church would be able to select the one best suited for that particular church.



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From the beginning, the leaders who planned the program felt that one approach was enough. They based that theory on the fact that Southern Baptists have only one plan of Evangelism, one Six-Point System for the Sunday School, and one Eight-Point System for the Training Union. These plans have been used to great advantage in every type and size church, regardless of the location.

The one-plan theory of the Forward Program of Church Finance has been used and tested, and we know now that it will work in any church where the people are willing to work the plan.

We have been giving the records of different size churches and this week we want to present the records of two large churches in order to get an idea of what can happen in every church in this category that will dare to try something extraordinary.

FIRST CHURCH, FORREST CITY

T. K. Rucker, Pastor

This church reported about 1,400 members (resident and non-resident) for 1958. The Budget goal for 1957 was \$64,000, and \$46,000 of that amount was subscribed. For 1958, a budget of \$100,000 was adopted with \$83,031.52 pledged, or an increase in the amount pledged for this year over last year of \$37,031.52. This is an 81 per cent increase.

Last year there were 494 pledges

while 773 signed pledge cards this year, or a 56 per cent increase. Last year 29 people pledged to tithe. This year 543 people pledged to tithe. This is an increase of 81 per cent in the number of tithers.

PARK HILL CHURCH, NO. LITTLE ROCK

Rheubin L. South, Pastor

This church has approximately 699 Resident members. The budget goal for 1957 was \$100,000, with \$57,327.52 of this amount pledged. This year the church had a budget goal of \$125,000 with \$95,090.32 of that amount pledged. There was an increase of \$37,762.80 in the amount pledged or an increase of 66 per cent.

Last year 457 individuals signed pledge cards and this year 695 pledge cards were signed. This is a 52 per cent increase. In 1957 253 people pledged to tithe and 421 people signed tithers cards this year, or an increase of 66 per cent.

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