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Twelve hundred and fifty individuals registered and lived on the grounds at the 41st annual session of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs, July 1 - 9. Several hundred others from Siloam Springs and near-by towns attended the services.

Fifty people accepted Christ as personal Saviour during the sessions, and approximately 260 surrendered for full-time service as preachers, missionaries, medical missionaries, and workers in every phase of Christian work.

Dr. Harry Rimmer, of California, and Pastor J. B. Maxwell, First Church, Bentonville, were principal speakers. Volus Norsworthy of Oklahoma City, assisted by Mrs. Birdie Braselton, also of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. William Perkinson, Ft. Smith, directed the music.

This year's assembly was acclaimed the best in its history by many people. One pastor wrote in his church paper: "Siloam has become a household word among Arkansas Baptists. It is the Ridgcrest of our state."

Improvements on the Assembly grounds made during the past year include a six-inch pump and motor to supply water, a three-inch pump and five horsepower motor to supply water for the swimming pool, painting of main staff buildings, several dormitories and cabins re-roofed, the dining hall re-roofed at a cost of \$350, the Assembly tractor overhauled, a jeep purchased, the roads oiled to keep down dust, the caretaker's home insulated and floor furnaces installed, two large fans installed in the dining hall, a new stove purchased for the kitchen, approximately \$1,000 worth of new kitchen and dining hall equipment purchased, two loud speaker systems purchased and installed, one in the dining hall and the other in the tabernacle, 1,000 new mats purchased from the government along with 200 double-deck beds, 50 new benches made for the tabernacle and all buildings kept in general repair, and the grounds re-wired.

Work has begun on nine modern septic tank rest rooms. This work will cost \$4,000 or \$5,000 and should be completed for the 1948 Assembly. Plans are being made for erection of a new and larger tabernacle in the near future.

Two Assemblies will be held in 1948. One will be for the Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood groups, July 6 - 13. The second will be for the Training Union, Church Music, and Student Union groups, July 15 - 22. Reservation will be limited to 1,000 for each of these assemblies.



These photos were made during the recent sessions of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs. The top picture shows a part of the more than 1,250 people in attendance.

The bottom picture was taken during special services when the new dormitory of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was dedicated. The building, erected at a cost of \$3,600, is equipped with bath facilities and beds secured from Camp Robinson and is said to be the most commodious building on the encampment grounds. It will accommodate 75 people.

Immanuel Church had 80 people in attendance at the Assembly. On July 13, at the first regular service of the church following the Assembly, 13 young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian work as a result of their experiences at Siloam.

★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

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

Facts of Interest

Because of the rocketing birth rate, it is estimated that the total number of children in elementary schools will climb to 23,400,000 in 1956 as compared with the present 18,200,000. The increase in high school enrollment will decline until 1949, when it will reach an estimated 2,200,000, and then start climbing until the number eligible will reach 3,200,000 in 1961.

It is estimated that nearly 4,000,000 babies will be born in the United States in 1947 to create a \$300,000,000-year market for products.

There is still a shortage of school teachers, but an average salary increase of \$400 during the past year has helped the 850,000 teachers. However, 450,000 teachers still lack a college degree and 60,000 have never gone beyond high school.

It is predicted that more than 2,000,000 veterans will enroll in schools and colleges during the fall and winter semesters.

The Veterans Administration reports it received \$8,395,000 in May from veterans who had received more than the amount to which they were entitled, but that \$43,000,000 overpaid through administrative errors had not been returned.

The number of Negroes in New York City has climbed from 327,706 in 1930 to 547,000 in 1945.

The Cleveland Indians have announced the signing of Larry Doby, Negro infielder. He follows Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson as the second Negro in big league baseball. Cleveland Manager Lou Boudreau said "race, creed, and color are not factors in baseball success."

In the Field of Religion

The Christian Family Movement of the Methodist Church will hold a conference in the interest of Christian homes at Clearlake, Iowa, July 1-August 8.

The "Association for a United Church in America" under the leadership of Dr. J. Henry Carpenter will sponsor a series of 30 mass meetings in American cities this fall to "secure signatures of individuals who will pledge themselves to work for a union of the American churches. It seeks to mobilize general Christian sentiment from the rank and file of church members." The meetings will feature Dr. E. Stanley Jones.

The Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation is meeting in Lund, Sweden. For the first time in history, all sessions are open to newspaper reporters.

Daniel K. Poling, co-minister of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, has become one of the ministers of the Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch denomination. His father, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, has been given a indefinite leave of absence from the Philadelphia Baptist Temple because of poor health.

The New Jersey Episcopal Board of Missions is making plans to offer prefabricated plants to small churches.

Dr. E. North of the United States, A. M. Wilkinson, Great Britain, and Bishop E.

Berggrav, Norway, have been named to the three-man board of World Conference of Bible Societies at the meeting in Amersfoort, Holland.

Baptist Highlights

F. W. Gracey, Cork, has been elected president of the Baptist Union of Ireland.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has declined an invitation offered by Ambassador Sava Kosanovitch of Yugoslavia to be one of 10 ministers to visit that country, starting July 25.

During 1946, Southern Baptist churches received 253,361 by baptism, and 308,814 by letter and statement. The churches reported a loss of 30,865 by death.

The 59th Annual Convention of Baptists of Ontario and Quebec voted to recommend the ordination of women if they meet the same requirements as men. W. K. Roberts, Brantford, Ontario, was elected president of the convention.

Dr. Fred W. Gunn has been elected to succeed Dr. C. L. McGinty as president of Bessie Tift College.

The Foreign Mission Board will have to decline 25 volunteers who could be appointed in 1947. Unless the income is increased, Dr. M. T. Rankin estimates that 50 additional volunteers will have to be rejected in 1948.

First Church, Shelby, S. C., recently celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. Zeno Wall is the pastor.

Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., is preparing a building to be used for children up to three years of age. The pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Lee, have contributed \$20,000 to make the building possible.

Total Cooperative Program receipts for Southwide causes for the first six months of 1947 total \$2,558,369.79 compared with \$2,257,049.74 in 1946.

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"Prove-Me" Hour Radio Records Are Available

The Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has prepared eight 15-minute transcribed radio programs for the Executive Committee promoting the three months tithing campaign for October, November, and December. The title of the series is "The Prove-Me Hour." It is requested that these be broadcast over at least 150 stations beginning August 10, airing one program each week for eight weeks. Of course, adjustment of this plan can be made to meet local situations. The records are ready to express to the stations.

Brief messages are by Clyde Turner on "Christian Stewardship," Dr. Ellis A. Fuller on "Problems on 'Spiritual Growth through Tithing,'" Dr. Duke K. McCall on "Front Page News," Dr. Ralph Newton, a layman, on "Problems on 'Spiritual Growth through Tithing,'" and Dr. M. Theron Rankin with Dr. J. B. Lawrence in one program on "What a Million Tithers Will Mean to Kingdom Progress."

The Living Word

A Devotion by the Editor

"For the word of God is quick and powerful."

We are reminded of the words of the apostle Peter, "Lord, thou hast the words of eternal life." This writer declares that the Word of God is alive (quick).

Language grows out of life and words register living images. Speak a succession of words and notice how they register a panorama of living images and visions—life, death, work, home, pain, joy, suffering, pleasure.

These words are dynamic because they are living words, they are spoken out of the fundamental life experiences of the race. They possess the cumulative force of the experiences of the race since language began to be spoken.

So it is with the words of God. His words are spoken out of eternity, out of the life of God. Speak a succession of God's words and reflect upon them—eternal death, eternal life, sin, righteousness, hate, love, condemnation, justification, repentance, faith, regeneration.

The word of God has a cutting edge, in fact, two cutting edges. The author of Hebrews presents the picture of a skilled surgeon who must know where and how to cut in order to reach the infection and drain out the poison.

It is the word of God which probes our hearts for the infection of sin. We may use His word with perfect safety, knowing that it will not cut or tear the healthy tissue of our spiritual beings. On the contrary it will cut away the diseased tissue in which is found the infection of sin, wickedness, and unbelief.

It is not pleasant to submit to the surgeon's knife, but it may be necessary to save life. It is either allow the word of God to perform its operation upon our spiritual natures or die with the infection of sin in our souls.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

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Across the Editor's Desk

"In the Beginning God"

Have you met God today? Is it not strange that any one of us should be so hurried and rushed, so driven by a multiplicity of little nothings, so confused by the chorus of conflicting voices, so out of breath from running after so many illusions which vanish before we reach them—is it not strange that we should neglect the most important engagement of the day and fail to meet God!

"In the beginning God" — He is still in the beginning of all things; in the beginning of every day; in the beginning of every task; in the beginning of every opportunity; in the beginning of everything.

It follows logically that in all our beginnings, we should begin with God. If we do not begin with God, we have made our first serious mistake which can end only in disaster.

Man's highest privilege is to meet God daily and to know His companionship in vital spiritual experience. This privilege emphasizes to us the fact that God is knowable; He can be known by human beings.

Great emphasis has been placed upon the omniscience of God, the all-knowing God. Is it any less significant that God is knowable as well as knowing? God has not hid Himself on the rim of the universe where with His greater intelligence and more penetrating vision, He can see and know all people and all their doings, but where He Himself cannot be seen or known.

God has given wonderful revelations of Himself. All nature speaks of God. The infinite variety of design, the magnificent array of beauty, the intelligible operation of the laws of nature, the abundant riches of the earth are revelations of the infinite and knowable God.

However, nature cannot adequately reveal the intelligent God to an intelligent being. Therefore, God has acted apart from nature and men have known His movements. God has willed and men have known His purposes. God has loved and men have known the yearnings of His heart. God has entered into the life of His creatures and men have known the wisdom of His counsel, the strength of His grace, the freedom of His forgiveness, and the surety of His promises.

The perfect revelation of God came through Jesus Christ. In spite of all that God has done to make Himself known, men still felt that, while they might know a very great deal about God and His operations, there must be some doubt about the possibility that God could be known personally.

The appeal of Phillip is the classic expression of both the doubt and yet the yearning to know God personally: "Show us the Father and it sufficeth us." The answer of Jesus is the answer to every question or doubt that

God can be personally known: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

The self-revelation of God in Christ is complete. He has shown Himself to the God who can be known by His creatures, a personal, spiritual being, known as one person is known to another.

Therefore, the question which was asked at the outset: "Have you met God today?" Since God has put Himself within the range of human knowledge and understanding, each day spent without meeting and knowing God, is a day of tragedy; every day spent in the knowledge and companionship of God is a glorious day of victory and achievement.

Shall We Stifle Genius?

Walking along a city street we observed a man trimming a hedge. The daring little twigs had ventured to grow out beyond the general contour of the hedge. So there was the yard man with his sheers reducing the hedge to its uniform and trim appearance.

Bureaucrats in government would do for human society what the yard man was doing for the hedge. They would reduce every profession, business, trade, and skill to absolute uniformity. They would stifle initiative and resourcefulness and skill the inventive genius that has made our country great.

Every time a daring head ventured to lift itself above the prescribed uniformity, there would be a bureaucrat on the spot with his sheers, ready to clip it off.

The proposed socialized medicine and socialized business are cases in point, and are illustrative of all the socialistic schemes which are stealthily seeking to infiltrate into our American democracy.

Delicate Operations

A rare and delicate operation was recently reported to have been performed by a Memphis physician. It was said that the heart of the patient was peeled as you would peel an orange. The membranous sack inclosing the heart had begun to harden and contract and, therefore, had to be removed or it would cause a slow and painful death.

How perfectly is the spiritual condition of many people illustrated in this story! Their spiritual hearts are encased in sacks of material things, carnal gratification, and other like things. These sacks are constantly hardening and contracting, inhibiting spiritual responses, stifling spiritual aspiration, and numbing spiritual sensibilities.

If this sack, which is interfering with the proper functioning of the spiritual heart, is not removed the patient is certain to die spiritually and eternally.

The operation of removing this sack from

the heart is preformed by the Holy Spirit, and the wounds are healed by the grace of God through Jesus Christ. No human skill is equal to the requirement of such a delicate operation; only the divine is equal to the emergency.

"Is It Shelled?"

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, seems to think that the United States should lay the money on the barrel-head before the European nations are required to make any effort to help themselves.

Mr. Molotov's attitude recalls the story we used to hear about the ne'r-do-well of the community. This proverbial character was sitting contentedly in the shade of a tree, waiting to receive the generosity of passers-by. A farmer, on his way to the community mill with his grain, paused to commiserate the poor man and offered him a sack of corn.

The beggar, however, had his own idea concerning the conditions of the corn he was about to receive, and ventured the inquiry: "Is it shelled?" You guessed it. When informed that the corn was not shelled, he retorted, "Then you may drive on."

Crusade for Right Living

By CLIFTON J. ALLEN

There are raging floods of evil threatening to submerge the lifestream of today's world. We can build secure levees around our children, youth and adults by teaching them the eternal standards of right living.

We have a remarkable opportunity to do just this through the Sunday school lessons for this quarter. We are to study selected passages from Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. These lessons deal with the practical problems of everyday living—suffering, integrity, purity in sex life, obedience to parents, the training of children, abstinence from strong drink, honesty, truthfulness, work, earning and spending money, harmonious relationships with people, and the enduring goal of life.

If the leadership in our churches—pastors, deacons, Sunday School superintendents, teachers, and others—will grasp the opportunity offered by these lessons, we can do something to meet the moral crisis confronting the present generation. We can help people, beset on every side by the wiles of the devil, to have moral insight, conviction, and courage. We can help to stem the floods of evil by barriers of truth and the inner strength of character.

The need for action is urgent. The time is now. Our churches can utilize this unit of Sunday School lessons to make an impact upon the life of our nation. Let pastors call their Sunday School officers and teachers together promptly and launch a crusade for right living through the aggressive teaching of the Word of God.

Where there is no character, the people perish.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Dr. Chester Swor, well known youth leader and speaker, is in St. Mary's Hospital, Athens, Ga., following a car accident in June.

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Big Creek Association, under the leadership of Missionary C. W. Tapley, will begin an associational wide revival August 17 with every church in the association participating. All the churches will attend night services at Viola, and Dr. Otto Whittington, Little Rock, will be the preacher. Each church will have morning services with the preachers alternating each day. In addition to Dr. Whittington and Missionary Tapley the following preachers will participate in the meeting: E. F. Cox, J. S. Compere, Jr., J. M. Langston, J. W. Shields, Tom Poole, Alphas Capps, and H. J. Adkins. All-day services will be held at Viola August 31, the last day, and the baptizing service will be held.

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Dr. J. B. Kincanon, Fredericksburg, Va., has accepted a position on the faculty of Golden Gate Seminary, Oakland, Calif. He will direct the department of theology. He served as pastor of First Church, Marianna, for seven years.

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First Church, Homer, La., had 47 additions, 30 for baptism, in revival services with A. C. Baker, Macon, Ga., doing the preaching and Joe Trussell, Houston, Tex., directing the music. Gerald W. Trussell is pastor. Two hundred twenty-one boys and girls were enrolled in a Vacation Bible School held in connection with the revival.

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Any church interested in purchasing a bus may wish to contact Rev. W. B. Essman, Amity, phone 89.

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During June Missionary E. H. Acuff, Bartholomew Association, among other duties, traveled 2,366 miles, preached 20 times in 15 churches, contacted 11 pastorless churches, arranged for seven revivals and three Vacation Bible schools, secured six subscriptions to the Arkansas Baptist, and collected \$6.40 for the Cooperative Program and \$116.43 for associational missions.

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First Church, Hope, began a training school July 14 with Former Pastor W. R. Hamilton, now of Dyersburg, Tenn., teaching "The True Functions of a Sunday School;" Pastor S. A. Whitlow teaching "Planning a Life;" and Mrs. Charles F. Reynerson teaching "This is my Bible."

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Arkansas gave \$11,228.53 to Southwide causes in June according to the monthly report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of this amount

PASTORAL CHANGES

Desmond Castleberry from White Sulphur Springs Church, Pine Bluff, to Curtis Church.

E. Irwin Moshier from Wilmot Church to West Batesville Church.

Roger M. Baxter from College Hill Church, Texarkana, to become missionary of Red River Association, Texas.

Phil J. Beech from Danville Church to enter field of evangelism.

\$10,961.69 went to the Cooperative Program and \$276.84 to designated causes. The Southwide total was \$516,294.88.

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Norvin Jones was ordained to the gospel ministry in services at Wynne Church, June 29. Pastors and deacons from the following churches made up the ordination council: Wynne, Vandale, Forrest City, Parkin, Crawfordsville, Earle, Harris Chapel, and Lepanto. Pastors W. R. Woodell, Wynne, was moderator and Pastor Seibert Haley, Parkin, was clerk. Pastor Joe Sullivan, Earle, preached the ordination sermon.

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Evangelist Eddie Wagner has returned to Little Rock from Wichita, Kansas. He is available for revival meetings and may be contacted at 2010 IZard St., Little Rock.

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First Church, Paragould, Irving M. Prince, pastor, had recent revival services with Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, preaching. Services began with a men's banquet where visitation cards were given out and assignments made for the visitation which followed the meal.

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Bear Creek Church, Boone-Carroll Association, had an average attendance of 49 in a recent Training Union study course. Missionary G. E. Lafferty brought an evangelistic message each evening. The week of study was followed by a two weeks' revival with Evangelist Purl Stockton, Little Rock, doing the preaching. Anthony Simerwitz, assistant pastor, First Church, Harrison, assisted in the study course.

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Pastor Dell Hames, First Church, Augusta, writes concerning a recent revival: "There were conversions, rededications, and additions. The church was spiritually revived and great achievements are in the offing because of the spiritual awakening. Frank Adams did a marvelous job in leading the young people and the music during the meeting."

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First Church, Prescott, had 20 additions in recent evangelistic services in which Pastor Gerald W. Trussell, Homer, La., did the preaching and his brother, Joe Trussell, directed the music. The church broke all records in Sunday School and Training Union attendance the closing Sunday. Fred White is pastor. The Trussell brothers are natives of Arkansas.

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First Church, Plumerville, began a revival July 13 with Pastor L. H. Davis, Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, doing the preaching. Pastor C. D. Sallee, First Church, Morrilton, directed the song services with Mrs. Sallee at the piano. L. L. Jordan is pastor.

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First Church, DeWitt, had about 25 additions in revival services with Pastor J. F. Mitchell, Central Church, Atlanta, Ga., doing the preaching and Pastor Walter Hill, Almyra, directing the music. Pastor Douglas M. White writes: "The early morning service from 7 to 7:45 was something entirely new but proved to be highly successful. We averaged 75 per day at this service and many of them were business men."

They Tithe

Eighty-three per cent of the 700 members of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, are tithers. Tithing is preached from the pulpit, is stressed in the weekly church bulletin, is taught in the Sunday School classes, and is emphasized in the Training Unions. Time is taken in prayer meeting services for tithers to testify.

Pastor Charles E. Lawrence testifies: "At the time of our organization nearly a year ago we felt that if we could subscribe a budget of some \$12,000 or \$15,000 for our first year we would be doing exceedingly fine. Much to our surprise, however, our first two months showed receipts in excess of \$10,000. This revealed to us that we could safely adopt a budget of \$35,000 for our first year. Our receipts have run in excess of \$1,000 per week. We will contribute some \$55,000 or \$60,000 during our first associational year.

"There is but one reason for this—tithing. Tithing is popular in our church. Oh, what a joy to a pastor's heart to have his whole church permeated with a tithing atmosphere.

"We felt that it would take about five years to complete our building program, but we have changed our thinking. It appears now that our tithing program will make possible the completion of our whole building program within half that time."

"Happy Is the Tither"

"Happy is the Tither" is the theme of the stewardship campaign launched by First Church, Strong. Pastor R. O. Ekruat says: "We feel that our people as well as the Lord's work will be losers if we wait until fall to begin tithing. Therefore, we plan to begin the first Sunday in August. Special tither's envelopes and placards with the theme printed on them will be ready."

Pastor Ekruat has already been preparing the congregation for the special campaign with sermons on stewardship. All the deacons were 100 per cent in pledging to tithe and to support the campaign at their last meeting. The deacons presented the recommendation to the church and it was unanimously received.

The people will be given opportunity to sign tither's pledge cards the first Sunday in August. Plans are also being made to contact every member of the church, as well as child and adult in the Sunday School. Pastor Ekruat writes: "I have told our people that if we enter this campaign religiously for the glory of Christ, it will be the greatest thing that our church has ever done."

Tither's Banquet

Magnifying God's plan of church finance is part of the regular routine of Third Church, Granite City, Ill., where A. L. Kirkwood is pastor. The church is making extensive preparations to emphasize tithing during October, November, and December.

The enlistment of tithers started some weeks ago when the church had a tithers' banquet. It was attended by 60 of the 85 who now belong to a tithers' band. Pastor Kirkwood recommends a tithers' banquet as a fine start in securing the interest of members in God's financial plan.

The Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas has launched a stewardship program to add 2,000 tithers in Texas this year.

"Yes... I Tithe," Says Southern Baptist Convention President

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

Before me lies a letter from a young deacon in a country church. He writes:

"I see in our state Baptist paper that Southern Baptists are putting on an effort to enlist a million tithers. Do you tithe?"

I am answering this forthright and reasonable inquiry as follows:

"Yes, I tithe, and have tithed since the third Sunday in July, 1902, when I gave my heart and my life to Jesus. And I am very happy in an experience of 44 years of faithfully tithing every dollar that God has entrusted to me."

Dr. Pickard's Testimony

Dr. W. L. Pickard was widely known as a preacher and educator in Georgia, serving as pastor of First Church, Savannah, at the time he was called to the presidency of Mercer University in 1914. After his retirement, he lived at Tifton. One day, as I rode with one of my deacons across South Georgia, I suggested that we stop in Tifton and speak to Dr. Pickard.

He was sitting under a tree in the backyard of his beautiful cottage home, resting for a few minutes from work in his vegetable garden. I asked Dr. Pickard this question:

"Doctor, what was that formula I heard you give the students at Mercer one morning at chapel about tithing?"

He replied:

"Give the first tenth to the Lord. Use the next eight-tenths for the obligations of life. Save the last tenth. And whoever follows that formula will always have something for love offerings, and he will have the high satisfaction of the respect of God and man."

As we drove away, my deacon said:

"Pastor, you have said many fine things to us about tithing — quite sufficient to convince me that it was right, and I have, as you know, been tithing for several years; but I want to say to you that Dr. Pickard gave us the most effective statement on tithing I have ever heard."

The Right Mood for Giving

I believe one must have the right motive in giving, else it becomes a mockery in the sight of God and of man. I have not found a better paragraph on that subject than this from the pen of Dean Charles R. Brown, of Yale:

"The right mood for giving is one of great, glad privilege. When you sacrifice in order to give, be not of sad countenance. Anoint your head, and wash your face, and smile... The Old Testament rule of giving a tenth has stood the test of experience. The Jews were blessed in basket and in store, in heart and in soul, by their practice of tithing. Let people everywhere give as they pray and live. If they are compelled to live sparingly, let there be no reproach when their giving reflects their poverty. If they live bountifully, let them give also bountifully."

The right mood for giving is from a heart of love toward God. There is no other satisfactory standard. Men dare not give to be seen of men. God looketh upon the heart. It was the widow's motive, not the two mites, that caught the eyes of Jesus. We love Him because He first loved us, and we give gladly

"I Tithe"

By HOWELL C. OSBORNE, Layman
Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith

My tithing experience had its beginning in Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, in 1931. Prior to this, my spiritual life had been inactive and uninspired. I began giving when I sat in the little red chairs by contributing a penny, and I graduated to a quarter when I was big enough to know better.

While still young, I heard a business man get up in the church and testify to the effect that he was increasing his contribution to \$50 for the new year. This \$50 was indelibly stamped on my 10-year-old mind and became the most important goal of my life. As I grew up and the Lord prospered me, I eagerly looked forward to the day when I could contribute \$50 to the church.

When that day finally came, I dressed up and started for the church treasurer's office, fortified with a \$50 check. As I handed him the check he thanked me warmly and said: "I'm sure the Lord will bless you for this, Howell."

I was in high spirits as I closed the door to his office; but as I left a battle began raging in my heart. I knew I had displeased God and I wanted to find out the reason. I found the reason when I joined the Immanuel Church where tithing is taught with such careful, spiritual discernment. I realized that my greatest shortcoming had been that of robbing God and I have since been trying to right that wrong.

We all remember 1942 as one of the most difficult years of the depression. Our church that year seemed hopelessly in debt and Pastor Victor Coifman made a great appeal for everyone to increase his gifts if led by the Lord to do so.

In checking up on my business that year, I found that it showed a net loss of \$4,000. The year before I had based my tithe on an income of \$200 a month even though we had shown a loss that year also—our family would spend that amount whether I made it or not. After carefully praying it through with the Lord I felt led to double our gifts. This continued for several years and the Lord heaped more blessings on us than we could contain.

This year we have increased our gifts 25 per cent and God's word—"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it"—still works.

and cheerfully because He thus gave and gives to us.

Why Should I Tithe?

Let's face the question: Why should I tithe? Let the Bible answer: Leviticus 27:30-32; Genesis 28:22; Numbers 18-26;

Deuteronomy 14: 22, 28-29; II Chronicles 31:5; Nehemiah 13:12; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23; Hebrews 7:4-9; I Corinthians 16:2; Proverbs 3:9-10.

Why should I tithe? Because it is the least a Christian can afford to do. Because it puts giving on a systematic, proportionate basis. Because it is Scriptural.

It is not a question of raising money; it is a question of growing stewards of the manifold grace of God. It is not a question of securing tithes; it is a question of securing tithers. It is not a question of getting gifts; it is a question of getting consecrated givers.

What Would It Mean?

What would it mean to get Southern Baptists to adopt tithing as the minimum of their giving? In the first place, it would mean some pleasant surprises. Any person who adopts the tithe as the minimum basis of his giving will be surprised at the amount of money he has for the Lord's work. He will be surprised at the deepening of his spiritual life. He will be surprised at the ease of meeting his own obligations with what is left after he gives the first tenth to the Lord.

What would it mean to our Cooperative Program? Dr. Ellis A. Fuller has recently estimated that if Southern Baptists would tithe their incomes, it would mean that we would give five times what we are now giving. He goes farther to show that it would mean \$500,000,000 annually for the Lord's work, and on the basis of our present distribution of funds, it would mean that we would have \$200,000,000 for the Southwide work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It can be done. All that is needed to enlist the first million tithers among Southern Baptists is for enough pastors to earnestly, persistently present it to the people.

The Story of Mr. Rockefeller

When I was working my way through Columbia University as a reporter on the New York World, I interviewed the late John D. Rockefeller, Sr. I asked him if it were true that he was a tither. He answered:

"Yes, I tithe, and I would like to tell you how it all came about. I had to begin work as a small boy to help support my mother. My first wages amounted to \$1.50 per week. The first week after I went to work, I took the \$1.50 home to my mother, and she held the money in her lap, and explained to me that she would be happy if I would give a tenth to the Lord. I did. And from that week, until this day, I have tithed every dollar God has ever entrusted to me. And I want to say this to you, young man, if I had not tithed the first dollar I made, I wouldn't have tithed the first million dollars I made."

A Personal Testimony

When I became a Christian, at age 10, my mother told me that I should honor the Lord with the first fruits of all my increase. I asked her how I could do that. She suggested that I pick up the eggs every afternoon, and that I might have one out of every 10 eggs I brought into the house. She paid me at the rate of 15 cents per dozen for my portion of eggs. Later, when I was earning more money—picking cotton, cutting cord wood, raising hogs, pigeons, rabbits, etc., I had more money for the Lord.

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*"Blessed is the man whose skylight is undimmed
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Relief to Okinawa: Church World Service, interdenominational welfare agency, has consigned a shipment of 35,000 pounds of food and other goods to Okinawa. The shipment includes 7,500 pounds of food, 31 bales of bedding, and nearly 250 bales of clothing. Okinawa is the 30th country to which American churches are sending aid through Church World Service.

Tithing, a Starter: Members of the Lutheran Augustana Synod, meeting in Kansas City, Mo., adopted a recommendation to contribute one-tenth of their income to the church. And even that is to be regarded as merely a starting point for giving. "We call the attention of our membership," the resolution declared, "to the opportunities for Christian growth found in the practice of tithing. We recommend tithing as an evangelical starting point for proportionate giving."

Press, an Evangelistic Medium: Churchmen should regard the secular press as "a vast pulpit of black ink on white paper reaching an audience far greater than that of a multitude of churches, an audience that can never be reached in the church because it never goes to the church," said James O. Supple, religion editor of the Chicago Sun. He urged that clergymen and laymen make available to newspapers the record of "what Christianity is doing to solve the problems of the socioeconomic order."

Advertising Religion: Religion can be advertised on a national scale if this country's commercial corporations will donate the blank space on the back covers of their corporate annual reports. This proposal "for an interdenominational religious and spiritual public relations program" is made in the current issue of Tide Magazine by Frank Howard, New York, a Wall Street public relations counsel who specializes in stockholder relations.

"Each year more than 35,000,000 copies of corporate annual reports are distributed to stockholders and others," Mr. Howard says, "and about 90 per cent of these reports are published with their back covers blank; the others generally contain nothing but company names, emblems or some other space fillers."

Mr. Howard said he started work on a project of this kind some months ago "and every company I have approached has assured me of its cooperation once a general campaign is organized."

"I am sure that management will readily respond to a national campaign to 'give back cover to God' for a single spiritual message annually."

Gospel Caravan: A gospel caravan, to be used in evangelizing remote sections of Ireland, will be built by the Irish Baptist Union, it was decided at the organization's annual conference in Belfast.

Religion and World Peace: Miss Emily G. Balch, Wellesley, Mass., 80-year-old social

worker, author and linguist, who shared with a fellow American, Dr. John R. Mott, the Nobel Peace Prize for 1946, believes the religious-minded people of the United States and the world, have not yet begun to utilize the resources of religion to achieve world peace.

Miss Balch declares: "My optimism is a very tough growth. I have lived for 80 years and I have seen things grow and develop that would have been fantastic in any other period of history. I think we're inching along towards peace, towards one world—in some ways surprisingly fast.

"Peace is everybody's business. We can win it with far less devotion and unselfishness than we give to war."

Kagawa: Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese Christian leader, was reelected president of the Japan Federation of Cooperative Unions at a general meeting of the Federation in Tokyo.

Practical Application: After a Sunday School lesson about the early church at Antioch sending aid to famine-stricken Christians in Jerusalem, Papuan Christians in an Adventist mission in New Guinea took a collection for European relief amounting to approximately four days' wages for each member.

Greatness: The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.—Mencius.

Mexico Methodists Double: Methodist church membership in Mexico has increased 100 per cent in the past three years, according to Dr. Eleazar Guerra, bishop of the Methodist Church of Mexico. Bishop Guerra said Mexican Protestants now number 1,000,000 out of a population figure of 23,000,000.

They Cannot Go: Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., has revealed that the Board "has at present time more volunteers for foreign mission work than we can support with our available funds."

Dr. Rankin estimated that "during the present year we shall decline not less than 25 volunteers who would be appointed if we had prospect of income from the Cooperative Program sufficient to support them. Unless our income is increased, I estimate that we shall have to decline not less than 50 appointees in 1948."

Solution of Racial Problems: Adherence to the true principles of Americanism and Christianity will solve all racial problems, leaders of the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress declared at a week-long conference in Oakland, Calif. Dr. W. A. Wendell Ross, of Los Angeles, president of the State Baptist Convention, said: "If all of us—Negroes and whites alike—would practice Americanism and Christianity, such doctrines as Fascism and Communism would fade away."

Premarital Counseling: Pastor C. DeWitt Matthews, First Baptist Church, Stillwater, Okla., has made it an unyielding policy never to perform a marriage ceremony without premarital counseling. He has a special counseling room adjacent to his study, and its comfortable chairs, soft rug, and indirect lighting encourage confidence and trust. He enters first with the bride, then with the groom, and for not less than an hour takes each on a journey into matrimony.

Dr. Matthews says people leave the conference room with tensions relieved, because they are able to approach marriage with a more intelligent understanding of the primary elements involved. And he believes this approach will result in happier homes in the years ahead.

New Missionaries: The Christian and Missionary Alliance will send out 120 new missionaries during 1947, it was announced at the group's convention in Winona Lake, Ind. In the United States and Canada the Alliance operates in 14 districts as the home base. Abroad it has 21 major mission fields. The total Alliance force of 2,500 missionaries and national workers operate 2,500 stations and out-stations, preaching in 116 different languages and dialects. The Alliance has 2,000 students training in Bible schools and annually baptizes about 5,000 new converts.

Bar to Divorce: When a man and his wife regularly attend church services, they usually do not get a divorce, Judge Emsley W. Johnson, Jr., of Marion County Superior Court said in Indianapolis, Ind. Other factors conducive to successful marriages, he said, are home ownership and parenthood.

Starved for Love: "The Japanese are starved for love," E. J. Flanagan, founder of Boys' Town, declared on his return from Japan where he did "six months work in two months." Mr. Flanagan reported to the civil affairs division of the War Department on his study of welfare conditions in Japan. "The Japanese still regard the emperor as a god and have great veneration for him," he said. He reported that the occupation forces are doing a fine job and the people appear to understand that the forces are their friends. General MacArthur, he terms a Christian gentleman who recognizes that Christianity and democracy must go hand in hand in Japan.

Department Store Minister: The Loveman, Joseph and Loeb department store in Birmingham, Ala., one of the South's largest, will put a minister on its payroll September 1. Dr. Henry M. Edmonds will be listed as a counsellor to the store's 1,250 employes, but he terms his new affiliation as going into the "being a friend" business.

In his new position, the minister will occupy a business office two days a week in the store. The remainder of the time he will spend "living the life of Birmingham," which he explains as "sitting in a classroom of a public school, seeing the welfare agencies and institutions in operation, studying people at business, play, etc."

Keep Watching: Keeping a watch for public statements of an anti-Christian or pagan nature is the task given a special committee of the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada. If such statements appear in the public press, the committee may, in the name of the Church, issue answers.

Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN
Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH
Editor, The Commission

In the July meeting of the Foreign Mission Board three new missionaries were appointed: Miss Lucy Ernelle Brooks of Greenville, N. C., and Alexandria, Va., a nurse for Nigeria; Rev. James Alcorn Foster of Jackson, Miss., and Springfield, Tenn., an evangelist for China; and Miss Jo Withauer of Delray Beach and Jacksonville, Fla., office secretary for the Baptist Publishing House at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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Miss Cornelia Barker left New York City June 26, and Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Dunaway left July 10 for Nigeria, West Africa. Rev. and Mrs. Vance O. Vernon left Miami June 19 for Recife, Brazil. Rev. Tucker N. Callaway and Miss Alma Graves sailed from Hawaii July 18 for Japan.

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Recent arrivals are: Rev. and Mrs. W. H. H. Congdon of Iwo, Nigeria, now at Route 4, Box 15, Fort Collins, Col.; Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Crouch of Corriente, Brazil, now at Cost, Texas.

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A cable received July 10 from Erhardt Swenson, Buenos Aires, announced the death of Robert F. Elder, missionary emeritus, who had served many years in Argentina. He and Mrs. Elder were retired at the end of 1939 and continued to live in Argentina.

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Miss Ruby Daniel, missionary to Hungary and Nigeria, and Dr. Bela Udvarnoki, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Budapest, were married July 5 at Oxford, N. C. Her resignation as missionary became effective with her marriage. They will be in the states for six months.

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Miss Cornelia Barker and Dr. Harold B. Canning were married July 4 at Lagos, Nigeria. They are stationed at Eku.

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Treasurer E. P. Buxton reported a total of \$264,846 received by the Board for the month of June, compared with \$226,997 for June last year. A total of \$3,266,318 was received for the first six months this year, an increase of \$375,637 over last year.

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Mr. Charles R. Gage, who has been promotional director of the Baptist relief center in New Orleans since January, has been elected director of promotion by the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board. He will continue his residence in New Orleans, also his relationship with the New Orleans center.

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Southern Baptist Foundation

The Foreign Mission Board commends the plan of the Southern Baptist Convention in establishing and promoting the Southern Baptist Foundation, which has been established for missionary, educational, and benevolent purposes and not for profit. Its purpose is to encourage the making of gifts, donations, and benefactions by deed, by gift,

annuity, contracts, or otherwise, to the interests and institutions fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is safeguarded in every way possible and will make available to men and women whom God has blessed with material resources the opportunity to strengthen our missionary, educational, and benevolent causes. The Texas Baptist Foundation, which was the pioneer in this field, reported at the Texas convention last November total assets of approximately \$12,000,000.

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Church World Service

Dr. J. D. Franks, for a number of years beloved pastor of the great First Church, Columbus, Miss., is now busy in Europe in connection with the Church World Service. His particular field will be Poland. He writes:

"The hungry are being fed, the naked clothed, the sick and those who were formerly imprisoned in concentration camps are being ministered to, the millions of war-orphaned, widows and maimed ones are being cared for, and the Gospel is being preached to all. Eternity alone will be able to measure the far-reaching kingdom results which are being accomplished. It is a beautiful, tender, Christlike ministry."

He appeals to Southern Baptists to keep a stream of money and supplies flowing into this great rehabilitation service. Millions of people throughout Europe are now worse off than at any time since the beginning of the war. In some of the countries next winter may be the worst yet.

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Viewing Answered Prayer

The Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma is publishing a series of letters from Secretary Andrew Potter, who, with Mrs. Potter, is making a trip around the world. He spent some time in China and pays a high tribute to our missionaries serving in that field of ever enlarging opportunity. In the home of Dr. H. H. McMillan at Soochow, he slept in the bed that belonged to Dr. Matthew T. Yates. He says:

"Dr. Yates, nearly a century ago, climbed to the top of the mountain and looking at the more than 60 villages teeming with human souls without Christ knelt in prayer asking God to give him this rich heathen valley for Christ and the church. That prayer has been answered in part as Christian centers dot that valley from Shanghai to beyond Nanking, the capital. This valley is the most productive section in all China. It is also the most densely populated section in the world per square mile."

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A few days ago we received a letter from Missionary C. A. Kennedy who, with Mrs. Kennedy, went out to the Niger Delta from Oklahoma. Although he has been in Nigeria less than a year he is witnessing scores of conversions, many hearing the Gospel for the first time. "Southern Baptists could use 100 missionaries in this area of Africa alone.

There has never been an hour when the challenge of the unevangelized tribes of Africa has been as great as it is now."

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Missionary J. D. Hughey writes from Barcelona, Spain, that on a recent Sunday night his Spanish teacher made a profession of faith in Christ. He had never been in an Evangelical church until he went with Mr. Hughey about a month before. The brethren in Spain send their thanks to Southern Baptists for the assistance given them in their work.

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Secretary M. Theron Rankin attended the Mexican Mission meeting June 24-27 in Torreon. He reported that the mission, one of Southern Baptists' oldest, has undergone complete reorganization and that the outlook for missionary work in Mexico is more encouraging.

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Some Observations and Suggestions . . .

Church Building Program

By W. A. HARRELL

Department of Church Architecture
Sunday School Board

From our observation perhaps 13,000 of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are now in need of more building space and will construct new buildings as soon as conditions seem to justify the undertaking.

In the light of these facts, and because of previous experience, it seems well to make some observations and suggestions at this time.

1. It is considered wise for a church to have in hand from one-third to 50 per cent of the building cost when the construction is started. Another one-third, or better, a sum equal to 75 per cent of the total cost of the building, should be in hand when the construction is finished and the building is occupied; thus, leaving only one-third or better 25 per cent of the total cost to be borrowed and liquidated over a period of 10 to 12 years.

2. It is wise that total property or ground space be acquired when the church is located. It is often wise to undertake the total building by stages constructing each unit as needed (one unit at a time). It would seem wise for a church to invest a total from six to seven times its annual average budget income in property and buildings.

3. The total cost of a church building including all phases of church life is estimated at this time to cost from \$200 to \$300 per person provided for in the building. A church should ordinarily build to care for a number equal to 60 per cent of its anticipated membership during the life of the building.

The average church when it is seriously in need of more building space, can usually raise from two and one-half to four times the total amount of the annual average budget during a period of two to three years. The balance needed for a building may be borrowed at a safe interest rate not to exceed perhaps four and one-half per cent to be liquidated over a period of 10 to 12 years.

Every church building committee is urged to follow good business procedure but go forward in the erection of a worthy building at an early date. We must not fail the rising generation.

Indifference in Religion

Arkansas Baptist Hour Message
By AUBREY C. HALSELL
First Church, West Memphis

"And Gallio cared for none of these things" (Acts 18:7).

The facts presented by this incident are plain. First, the Jews persecuted the Christians. Paul is arrested and brought before the governor. Gallio lightly dismisses the case. This is the signal for the crowd of Greeks who were watching the trial to fall upon the Jews and mob them for spite.

Both of these were religious persecutions; the Jews persecuting the Christians and the Greeks persecuting the Jews. Gallio knew this; yet the record is, "Gallio cared for none of these things."

The very thing he cared nothing about was the religious question. He took sides with neither Judaism nor Christianity. He was not hostile to either. He was simply, entirely indifferent to both. These circumstances suggest our theme—indifference in religion.

The Fact

We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the religious condition of the vast majority of non-professing Christians is that of indifference. They simply "care for none of these things."

There are very few people in this land who are actually hostile to Christianity. It is generally conceded that the religion of Christ does the world no harm. Except a very few among the most depraved, no one would crush our Christianity even if he could.

Neither are the majority of these people skeptical. Most of them really believe the essential doctrines of Christianity. We sometimes hear them say: "We are waiting to be convinced," but that is only an excuse. They are convinced already. Infidelity is not the most prevalent attitude of those who decline to come into the church of Christ today.

How, then, can we describe the religious condition of this very large class of people? They are not at enmity to the church. They are not skeptics or infidels. What word, then, will express their religious condition? What better than this indifference? Like Gallio, they "care for none of these things." They take little interest in religion either one way or the other. They are simply and wholly indifferent to the whole question.

Now, when a fatal disease becomes epidemic in any community the first thing people do if they are wise is seek out, if possible the cause of it. If religious indifference is so common and so fatal, would it not be wise to seek also the cause?

Some of the Causes

We would all agree that one of the most common is worldliness. We cannot serve God and mammon. We cannot love both Christ and the world supremely. It is certain that the sinful attractions of worldliness have always the tendency to draw our hearts away from Christ.

A leading manufacturer of watches asserts that the multitudes of telegraph, telephone, and electric light wires in our large cities has much to do with the variations and stopping of watches that have hitherto been good time-keepers. The watches are mag-

netized, drawn aside from the right, influenced by these surroundings.

Certain it is that the average individual is very easily influenced by his surroundings. And certain it is, also, that the surroundings of worldliness attract us away from Christ instead of toward Him.

Another cause of indifference is not only the worldliness that attracts the mind, but the business cares that burden the mind. Christ Himself told us in the Parable of the Sower that "the cares of this world" "choke out the word."

Still another cause of religious indifference is the inconsistency among those who are members of the church and professing Christians. If we who claim that matters of religion are so important can act so carelessly as we often do, is it any wonder if those who are not Christians should be encouraged in indifference to the subject? As professing Christians let us remember that every inconsistent act of ours is fortifying unconverted souls about us in their positions of careless neglect or stolid indifference.

One other cause of indifference we will mention is the impression becoming more and more common we fear, in these days, that the services of God's house are intended to please rather than to save men. The sermon is expected to entertain. The singing is expected to entertain.

Surely a bright and joyous service is in the highest sense right, for the gospel itself is a very bright and joyous thing. But certainly it is not right for sinners to get the impression that to be pleased with the services is all that is expected of them.

Some Means of Cure

Contact with truth. If we bring ourselves and others into vital contact with the great truths of Christ, indifference will disappear.

Contact with devoted Christian people. Men cannot stand indifference in the presence of heart-enlisted Christians.

Democracy in religion. Let the church manifest an interest in rich and poor, high and low, and that will have much to do with dissipating indifference in the minds of the unsaved. Establish missions.

A revival of confidence in the power of the gospel and of the preaching of it with warmth and zeal.

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Southwide Gifts Are Up—But Not Enough

Southern Baptists contributed a total of \$4,281,121.74 to Southwide causes the first six months of 1947, but Dr. Duke H. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, warns that achievement of the year's financial goals will fall far short unless this fall's tithing campaign is a resounding success.

Though the total six-month figure is an increase of \$350,000 over receipts at the Southwide office at this time last year, it includes only \$2,558,369.79 in undesignated Cooperative Program Funds.

"On the basis of these receipts, there will be only \$116,000 of undesignated Cooperative Program funds to be divided among all the agencies for their capital needs instead of the \$3,500,000 originally planned," Dr. McCall said.



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Through the Eyes of the Field Worker

By KATHLEEN FRINK
WMU Field Worker

I shall not be able to jot down everything that I see as I go about over your state this summer. But I would like to share some of these things with you from time to time.

I saw:

Upon Arrival in Arkansas:

A beautiful state filled with a host of lovely people.

In Office Headquarters:

1. An efficient, hard-working executive secretary.

2. A young people's secretary whose heart, soul, mind and strength are in her work with the young people of Arkansas.

3. An RA secretary (newlywed, you know) whose missionary-mindedness is a contagious thing, especially among the boys.

4. An office-secretary who just doesn't seem to know how to make mistakes.

5. An accurate, efficient book-keeper.

6. And Ruth, who doesn't have much to say—but is always on the job, doing whatever there is to do.

7. Plenty of plans! Camps! Ridgecrest! Home Mission Tour! Lots of other things!

In Ouachita Association (July 11-17):

1. A consecrated, enthusiastic WMU associational superintendent, who works faithfully with her husband, L. A. Thompson, the associational missionary.

2. Six different groups of women and children gathering at their respective churches for a one-day meeting for the study of methods.

3. Four new leaders for brand new Sunbeam Bands and one new RA counselor. Where such wonderful sights as this, you ask? Board Camp, Vandervoort, Wickes and Grannis.

4. Fifty-six (mostly young) people gathered for a picnic and young people's rally. A good program!

5. Five gallons ice cream consumed with everybody saying, "I couldn't eat any more if I had to." A red-letter day.

In Woodruff Association (June 17-25):

1. Beautiful cotton and rice fields.

2. A thriving BWC in Cotton

Plant with 42 members; also seven women from this WMU who were making plans to attend the WMU Week at Ridgecrest.

3. A very interesting group at Pleasant Grove.

4. Forty-four (including counselors and a few others)—but mostly boys and girls on Saturday afternoon at a meeting in Hunter. They told me this was about one-third of their young people.

5. Great possibilities for this small association of only nine churches.

At Beebe (June 27):

1. More than 70 White County young people. Young People's Rally program as fine as I ever saw.

I've seen lots of good things, haven't I?

Home Mission Tour

By CHARLES RAGLAND
First Church, El Dorado

I had the pleasure of going on Arkansas' first Royal Ambassador tour. There were 11 boys accom-



panied by Alvin Hatton, state RA secretary, and his wife. We visited the Baptist mission fields in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. The two weeks on the tour gave me an opportunity to see Baptist missionaries at work in our homeland.

I was impressed by their faithfulness. Most of those we met have been serving in this work for

Danish Baptists, Hosts to Baptist World Congress, Number Only 7,000 Members

By C. E. BRYANT

The Baptists of Denmark, who this month play host to the Baptist World Alliance, number only 7,000 adult members, but they comprise the largest and oldest free church in the nation. Copenhagen itself has three Baptist churches with a membership of 1,350.

Yet, these Danish Baptists are courageous enough to entertain representatives of more than 14,000,000 fellow believers in nations around the globe!

Denmark itself has a population of 4,000,000, a fourth of whom live in the capitol city of Copenhagen. Its state religion is Lutheran, claiming 97 per cent of the population. The nation was occupied early in the war by German troops and miraculously escaped being a battleground, thus accounting for its ability to entertain the world congress so soon after the war.

The first Baptist church in Denmark was founded in Copenhagen in 1839, when the Baptist message was brought to the land by a young Danish Hebrew who had been studying in Germany and was converted to Christianity there.

Fierce opposition from the Danish state church met the pioneer Baptist movement. Baptists were denied the right of assembly. Their leaders were fined and arrested. Police fetched children from Baptist homes to the state church

many years. Even though their means are limited and the workers are few these missionaries continue their efforts in this great work. The eagerness of the people to hear more about the gospel impressed me. We attended the first state-wide Indian missionary conference at Falls Creek, Okla., where more than 300 were registered.

We were told in Houston that if larger and better buildings were available more Spanish speaking people could be reached. We also visited the French-Indian colonies in the marshes of southern Louisiana and were told of the eagerness of these people to attend school and to learn more about the Bible.

The faithfulness of those at work in these fields and a better understanding of the great need for home missions gave me a stronger desire to help carry on our mission work.

Sympathy

We extend tenderest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Jim Cranor of Forrest City who passed away early in July. Mrs. Cranor was a member of the State WMU Executive Board.

where the priest sprinkled them. One early Baptist leader spent two years in prison. But in 1849 freedom of religion came to Denmark.

Danish Baptists now have 35 churches with 119 church buildings and 100 other meeting places. There are 40 salaried ministers and 88 non-salaried lay preachers. They count a total constituency of about 20,000, including Sunday School pupils and other organized young people. Extremely active in the underground movement, they attracted a 10 per cent increase in membership and erected nine new church buildings during the war.

Vitally active in foreign missions despite their small number, Danish Baptists have 10 missionaries and a flourishing mission station at Urundi, Africa. Their relief activities have been felt throughout Europe.

"Danish Baptists look forward with keen anticipation to the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen, July 29-August 3, and expect it to be the most significant meeting ever held by the Alliance," says Bredahl Peterson, one of their leaders.

"Against the grim background of the greatest tragedy in human history and a world in physical and spiritual despair, we shall join hands again in the spirit of Christ, and face the tasks of relief to suffering brethren and humanity. We shall rally anew to the world-wide task of missions and shall hear again the call of Him who said, 'Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.'"

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"I have seen many men work without praying," said Hudson Taylor, "though I have never seen any good come out of it; but I have seen a man pray without working."

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Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis, to Speak at State Sunday School Convention in October

Now is the time to begin planning to attend the State Sunday School Convention, October 20 - 21 at First Church, Little Rock. Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor, Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., will be one of the principal speakers.

Dr. Lee now has the largest Sunday School in the Southern Baptist Convention. Their average attendance since last October has been 2,400. With this increased attendance there has been a corresponding increase in baptisms. This church has averaged one baptism per day during this time. You will want to hear this great pastor and Sunday School leader.

Every pastor, Sunday School officer and teacher, every associational Sunday School officer, every associational missionary and every member of the Sunday School should attend. This Convention will be the first to be held in 10 years.



Dr. Lee

Summer Field Workers Begin

Four hundred and sixty-eight people attended the first Summer Field Work rally which was held at Greenwood, Sunday afternoon, July 13. The Charleston Church traveled the most miles, 63 people coming 18 miles. After the rally the 15 teams returned to churches in Concord Association to work the following week. This work consists of visitation, enlistment, organizing, winning the lost, and enlistment of Bible readers.

An interesting story was given by one team at the rally. They had made a map of their community, but one house had been omitted. In their visitation they started to pass this house, but for some reason they decided to enter. There they found a 17-year old boy who was lost. They began talking to him, and soon he was won to Christ. This is but an illustration of what these workers will be doing throughout the summer.

Vacation Music Schools

A choice group of associate church music workers are conducting Vacation Music Schools

in churches, large and small, all over the state. Reports from pastors and others indicate much interest in these schools where children, young people, and adults receive instruction in all phases of church music.

The full corps of workers includes Miss Odessa Holt, Miss Jean Hampton, Miss Wanda Jo Henry, Rick Jernigan, Miss Dorothy Weaver, Miss Jean Prince, Miss Nelda Jean Enderby and E. V. Philpot. Churches holding music schools include Corning, Prescott, McGehee, Success, Murfreesboro, Fountain Hill, Barton's Chapel, Leslie, Batesville, Rison, Hampton, Grace, North Little Rock, Rector, Monette, Pine Grove, Sweet Home, Wilton, West Helena, Gentry, and Ashdown.

Associational Hymn-Sings

For the first quarterly hymn-sing in Pulaski County Association, Roland Leath, director, planned a most interesting program which was given on June 8, at First Church, Little Rock. In addition to the spirited congregational singing there were special numbers rendered by the large choir of First Church, North Little Rock, directed by Tom Landers, Jr., by South Highland choir, directed by E. B. Hester, and by

First Church, with Mr. Leath directing.

Preceding the sing, the preliminary contest in hymn playing was conducted for juniors and intermediates of Pulaski County Association. Betty Jean Sims, Immanuel, and Marianne Colvert, Second, both of Little Rock, were chosen to represent the association at the state hymn-playing contest.

On June 22 Trinity Association held its first quarterly hymn-sing at First Church, Lepanto. Despite a steady downpour of rain throughout the day there was a good attendance and much interest was manifested. The special number was furnished by the choir of the Lepanto Church. A feature was the song of the month for June, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," words by Whittier, music by Maker. Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state music director, led the singing. The next sing will be held at the Marked Tree Church.

Dardanelle - Russellville Association under the capable leadership of Mrs. George Phillips, held the second quarterly hymn-sing June 29, at First Church, Dardanelle. One hundred and thirty-one people from seven churches attended. Choirs from Danville, Morrilton, Russellville, Plummerville, Dardanelle, sang special selections. Several of these choirs were junior and youth groups. There were duets, trios, and quartets from some churches and a solo "Open the Gates of the Temple," (Knapp) by Mrs. Tom Harris of the adult choir of Russellville.

For August 10 Program

"Where to look in the Bible," published by the American Bible Society, lists Bible passages to be read for help in various times of need (when discouraged, when lonely, when bored, etc.); and also gives a list of "where to find" various well-known passages such as the sermon on the Mount, Lord's Prayer, Parable of the Prodigal Son, etc.

This small four - page leaflet makes a useful Bible bookmark. It is free in limited quantities; a charge of 35 cents per hundred is made when ordered in quantity.

Arkansas requests for this leaflet should be sent to the American Bible Society, 1914 Main Street, Dallas, 1, Texas.

Youth Week Observed

Word has just come that since youth week was observed in the South McCormick Church, near Trumann, there have been 15 conversions. The young people enjoy doing this service and the adults received a blessing.

Vacation Bible School Report

Now that many churches have had Vacation Bible Schools, we are looking forward to receiving the reports. From time to time, as space is available in the Arkansas Baptist, we will publish the reports as we receive them. Send in your report and look for it in the Arkansas Baptist. Do not forget the address - 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark.

Music Week At Ridgecrest

Arkansas will be well represented at the Southwide Church Music Conference in Ridgecrest, August 21 - 28. Each year the program for this week has been expanded to include courses in every phase of Church Music, led by outstanding music teachers and directors of the South. Now that the Sunday School Board has adopted a Course of Study and established a unified Standard of Excellence for this part of the church work, it is increasingly important for the church musicians and all who are interested in a training program for leadership to avail themselves of the opportunity to attend such classes as are offered at Ridgecrest.

Those who will go from Arkansas include Miss Maxie Cleere, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anthony and little daughter, Anita Sue, from Murfreesboro; Mrs. Henry Harris, Miss Cora Austin, and Mrs. B. W. Nininger from Little Rock, Miss Odessa Holt, Mount Ida, Miss Wanda Jo Henry, Russellville, Miss Jean Enderby, Pine Bluff, Miss Jeanne Hampton, Mena, Mr. Rick Jernigan, Springdale and Mrs. Ralph Verser, McGehee.

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Questions and Answers About Mission Work

Q. Who are the members of the mission committee?

A. The committee is composed of six members. They are as follows: T. K. Rucker, Malvern; W. O. Vaught, Jr., Little Rock; Rel Gray, Rogers; Ralph D. Dodd, Stuttgart; Loyd L. Hunnicutt, Magnolia; and J. I. Cossey, Walnut Ridge.

Q. What are the duties of the committee?

A. The committee works with the superintendent in determining the mission policy; passes on the applications for aid and elects the workers whose salaries are paid by the department.

Q. What is meant by "applications for aid"?

A. Many of the associations elect missionaries and then apply to the Mission Department for financial aid in paying their salaries. Churches, in launching out in an enlargement program, seeking to get a pastor on the field, may apply for aid to supplement the pastor's salary. Also, churches launching a building campaign in what is known as a mission territory, may apply for aid in the building of a new house.

Q. How many associational missionaries are there?

A. At present there are 33 missionaries.

Q. Do all the associations receive the same amount to help in paying the missionaries' salaries?

A. No, the amount given to an association on the missionary's salary is determined by the financial strength in the churches of the association.

Q. Does the Mission Department aid every association in the payment of the missionaries' salaries?

A. No, many of the associations are financially able to take care of their own work. They do not ask for any supplementary help. Several associations have indicated that they will not ask for help beginning next year.

Q. How many churches are helped in paying the pastor's salary?

A. Forty-five churches are helped.

Q. How many rural evangelists are now employed?

A. At the present there are only two, M. E. Wiles, Ft. Smith, and R. A. Hill, Walnut Ridge. A third man will likely begin work about September 1.

Q. What type of work do the rural evangelists do?

A. Their major emphasis is on evangelism and along with it a real church program. They give emphasis to stewardship, help to secure pastors for pastorless churches, help in forming

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pastorial fields, and in launching building programs, etc.

Q. Is their work confined to a definite section of the state?

A. No, they are free to go anywhere, by invitation of a church, pastor or associational missionary.

Q. Are the rural evangelists on a definite salary?

A. Yes, the Mission Department gives them a salary and traveling expense allowance. The offerings which they receive out on the field goes to State Missions.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

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Figures to Inspire

July 13, 1947

Church	Add.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia, First	1	404	139
Benton, First		547	118
Including Mission		617	
Camden, First		508	126
Conway, First	8	349	59
Curtis		104	44
DeWitt, East Side		64	56
El Dorado Churches:			
First	6	790	153
Second	18	420	107
West Side	1	240	68
Fordyce, First	6	329	130
Fort Smith, First	7	994	339
Hamburg, First	1	288	166
Hot Springs Churches:			
Park Place	2	430	132
Second	7	537	147
Including Mission		597	158
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle		476	87
South Highland		255	104
Magnolia, Central	4	404	100
Malvern, First	1	334	47
Mena, First	4	278	87
Monticello, First		198	33
Mt. Ida, First	1	147	105
No. Little Rock Churches:			
Baring Cross	5	560	237
Including Mission		598	246
Pike Avenue	8	151	80
Paris, First		347	120
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	5	704	169
Including Mission		754	194
Matthews Memorial		105	78
Rogers, First	2	319	110
Siloam Springs, First		254	143
Smackover, First	4	286	65
Springdale, First		321	144
Including Mission		492	

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Faith at Work

By FRED A. McCAULLEY

Southern Baptist Home Missions carried the story of faith at work in the Olympic Baptist Church of Modesto, Calif., in the April, 1947, issue. However, that story did not end with the facts recorded in the April issue.

In February, 1947, General Missionary Charles C. Bowen of Modesto made a survey of the community of Empire, Calif., just three miles distant from Modesto. On March 16th in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Fulfer the first service was held and the mission planned to enter the California statewide evangelistic campaign beginning April 10.

The Olympic Southern Baptist Church of Modesto extended an arm to the Empire community and offered the use of their tent in which to hold the services. Rev.


W. E. Bush of Wickenburg, Ariz., did the preaching which continued through April 30, resulting in 34 professions of faith and nine additions by letter.

Another 10-day revival began with Rev. Sam. A. Bonetati, a converted Catholic, doing the preaching. In this meeting there were 21 professions of faith, three additions by letter and four by statement to the Modesto Olympic Southern Baptist Church.

On the closing of this revival, the mission was organized into the First Baptist Church of Empire, Calif., with 40 charter members. Rev. W. E. Bush was called as pastor and is now on the field. The church has purchased lots and is now making ready to build.

During the service in which the church was organized the vote was unanimous to put The Commission, Southern Baptist Home Missions, and The California Southern Baptist in its budget.

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NOTES of ADVANCE

Miss Evelyn McAllister has joined the staff of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, as secretary to Pastor Charles E. Lawrence.

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Pastor Fritz E. Goodbar, First Church, Russellville, writes: "Rev. Phil J. Beech has resigned the pastorate of Danville Church, and is entering the field of evangelism. Bro. Beech was ordained to the ministry by our church about three years ago and I consider him especially qualified for evangelistic work. I would like to recommend him to the churches needing an evangelist. He may be reached at Danville."

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First Church, Ft. Smith, B. V. Ferguson, pastor, had 10 young people to dedicate their lives to special Christian service on July 13.

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Four-month-old Crigler Church had 32 additions, 19 for baptism, in recent evangelistic services with Pastor Luther Dorsey, First Church, Star City, doing the preaching and Missionary Marvin Jaggars, Harmony Association, leading the singing. Miss Gwen Fish, Star City, was pianist.

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Members of Washington Church have begun rebuilding. Their old building which was more than 100 years old and one of the most noted in the history of Arkansas, was completely demolished in a storm last November. For the past months the congregation has been worshipping in the Confederate State Capitol building, which is 125 years old.

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Dr. C. J. Tinsley, of Sydney, Australia, vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, plans to return from the Copenhagen Congress through America. He will be willing to take a few speaking or preaching engagements during the latter part of August and September and October while en route across the continent from New York to San Francisco. Those who desire his services may address Dr. M. E. Dodd, P. O. Box 16, Shreveport, La.

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Dr. C. Eugene Colton has left the pastorate of North Temple Church, Dallas, Tex., to become head of the Bible Department of Wayland College, Dr. J. W. Marshall, president, has announced.

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Central Church, Bald Knob, C. S. Maynard, pastor, had recent

evangelistic services with Pastor L. M. Keeling, First Church, Judsonia, doing the preaching, and J. D. Tackett, Bald Knob, directing the singing. The church is now constructing a new building.

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First Church, Hamburg, had 49 additions, 27 by baptism, in revival services with Pastor Harvey Elledge, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, doing the preaching and Pastor Lawson Hatfield, First Church, Ashdown, directing the music and conducting youth conferences. Stanley Jordan is pastor.

Thelma Brown Leaves Sunday School Board

Thelma Sharman Brown, one of Southern Baptists' foremost book specialists, has accepted the position of associate secretary of promotion and sales with the Friendship Press in New York. Working through the Missionary Education Movement, she will promote the production and distribution of Christian literature through foreign missionaries and Christian book stores throughout the world.

Miss Brown is perhaps best known to Southern Baptists as book consultant for the Sales and Advertising Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and Associated Book Stores. This re-

sponsibility has included evaluating new books of all publishers, maintaining an extensive file of critical information on these books, sharing this information with all Baptist organizations, and preparing booklists for catalogs.

She has also helped to correlate the emphasis of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Departments with book promotion and has worked with the Woman's Missionary Union in their mission reading and mission study.

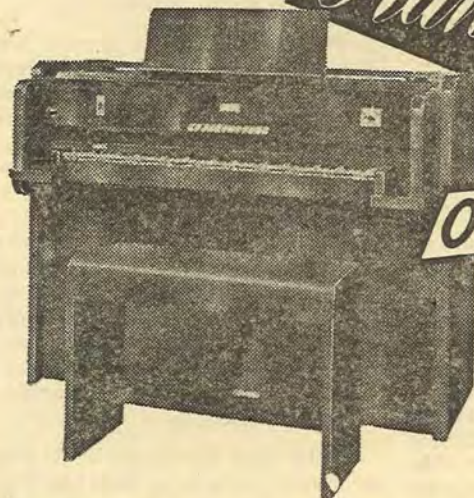
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One hundred five men attended a Centennial Associational Brotherhood meeting held at DeWitt. Carey Selph, Mt. Ida, state Brotherhood president, was the guest speaker.

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"Quien Sabe?"

By JOE B. SULLIVAN
First Church, Earle

Having recently returned from the lower Rio Grande Valley where I served as pastor for some three years, I would like to bring to our people here in Arkansas a report of one of the greatest mission fields in Southern Baptist territory.

Three years of our labor in Texas was spent with the Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, a church of 500 to 600 members, that had come out of the original First Baptist Church of South San Antonio 15 years prior to our call there. We had a part in bringing the two congregations back together, so that now a great church of 1500 flourishes. After our work in San Antonio was done, we were called to First Church, San Benito, Tex., a church made up of 800 members.

Now San Benito is a little city of 11,000 population, 65 per cent of which is Mexican or "Latin American." Situated 25 miles from Brownsville, Tex., and 28 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, it is readily seen to be in a very strategic position, as far as the ministry to the Mexican people is concerned.

Home Mission Board Work

The Home Mission Board has spent thousands of dollars in the Rio Grande Valley and plans to spend much more for the evangelizing of the Latin American people in that area.

Upon assuming the pastorate of First Church, San Benito, I was made conscious of the great need in that vast area of taking the gospel of Christ to thousands of Latin American people and our efforts and interests were directed in the first instance to the establishing of mission points along the Rio Grande and also to the strengthening of local mission work in the city. We had a part in raising between \$5,000 or \$6,000 to be spent in building a house of worship for the Mexican Baptists of San Benito. This amount to be supplemented by a like amount from the Home Mission Board.

Serving as a member of the district executive committee, we had

a part in establishing two schools—a four year Baptist college at Beeville, Tex., and a Mexican Baptist Academy at Brownsville, the latter to be used primarily for the education and training of native leaders and workers to go back into Mexico and Southwest Texas preaching the gospel to the Mexicans.

The Latin American or Mexican people are very interesting and are receptive to the appeals of the gospel when out from under control of the Catholic church. It is very difficult, however, to make an appeal to them while under this influence; and if the local priest is any where in the vicinity of the mission, the people are very cold and indifferent, often times becoming almost insulting to our workers.

One Sunday afternoon a group from our church went out to our four mission points, and the writer accompanied the group assigned to "esuela Natividad," a community some 15 miles from town and located on the banks of the Rio Grande. Here we were in contact with hundreds of aliens who had come across the river to work in the fields of the valley.

We had a glorious service but the following Sunday we found window cards in the windows of shanties and homes and in otherwise conspicuous places reading: "Protestants and especially Baptists stay away. We are Catholics, we have our own religion." This card had been printed over the signature of the local Catholic priest and widely distributed over that area. Our attendance fell off appreciably, but we carried on and many of these people are still being ministered to by the Baptists of San Benito.

Right here the writer would pay profound respects to Miss Dorothy McMillan of San Benito for her deep consecration among the Mexican people. Also to Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Dawson, returned medical missionaries, and Dr. and Mrs. L. E. LeSurer, who labored 35 years in the interior of Mexico. These fine people now reside in San Benito and are still

busy in the Lord's service winning Latin Americans to Christ.

Ignorant and Backward

The Mexican people, especially those coming out of the "brush country of Mexico," are superstitious, and countless thousands are hopelessly ignorant because of influences that have been brought to bear upon them. Many thousands of them still live as their fathers did a thousand years ago, in mud and grass houses while some camp out under the stars.

Their standards of morals, as well as health are very low indeed, the result being a very high mortality rate. Social diseases among them are very common and diseases springing from filth and lack of sanitary facilities are appalling.

One Christmas the writer and his family went to a shanty occupied by a Mexican family to take some Christmas cheer. We found the young mother, a baby, and a little boy with high fever bedded down on filthy blankets and sacks on the dirt floor. A smudge fire was burning on an old tub. A cold rain was falling outside.

On another occasion Dr. Dawson had gone to his mission point at Los Fresnos to teach and preach and give medical aid (at his own expense) to the people there. Upon arriving a group of Mexican men approached him and begged him to come quickly to a grass and mud hut a mile away. He had to crawl on all fours to get inside the hut and there he found a young Mexican mother giving birth to her baby, as her mothers did before her, supporting herself by a horizontal bar swung from the rafters of the hut. There was the same kind of filthy bed over in the corner to be used after the arrival of the baby.

These and many more instances merely serve to demonstrate the great need for missions in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and also to speed up our efforts toward educating and evangelizing these people who stand gazing hungrily across the river at us who have the means of helping them.

The little Baptist Academy for Mexican workers in Brownsville, Tex., is sorely in need of funds in order to open its doors in September. The school is now housed in buildings owned by the Home Mis-

sion Board, and the faculty will be paid by the board, but our brethren and sisters all over the Southland are urged to send an offering (not neglecting your own church program) to Dr. Thomas Hart, president of the school at Brownsville, Tex., to feed and house the young and older Mexican people who are being trained and educated to teach and preach to their own people.

Who Knows?

The two Spanish words at the top of this article is a standard expression meaning "Who Knows?" Who knows, but that our efforts and money spent in teaching and evangelizing in the Rio Grande Valley will be the means of winning thousands of others to Jesus. Kept in ignorance and dominated by the Catholic Church, these and their problems become a real challenge to us, "who knows the way of life more perfectly."

An illustration of helplessness and hopelessness is brought to our minds by an experience. The writer asked a Mexican man if he were a Christian. He replied, "No, Yo voi Catholica. (I am a Catholic.)" "Do you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior?" I asked. "No," he replied. "Then whom do you know, what are you trusting in for salvation?" was our next question. His answer was, "I know Maria and I am trusting in the church."

Baptists have always been known for their zeal and interest in missions, both home and foreign; but let us be reminded again that right here in the Southland is one of the greatest mission fields in the whole world. Latin American missions in the Rio Grande Valley!

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By R. PAUL CAUDILL

In thinking of the Book of Proverbs one usually thinks of Solomon as the author. Students of the Bible, however, do not take the opening verse to mean that Solomon is actually the author of all the Proverbs.

There is wide difference of opinion as to the parts of the book to be credited to Solomon. Chapters 30 and 31 are especially ascribed to Agur and King Lemuel, and Proverbs 22:17 to 24:34 is anonymous, being described as "the words of the wise men." The large collection of brief Proverbs and Proverbs 10:1 to 22:16 is expressly ascribed to Solomon; also the group in Proverbs 25 to 29, is said to have been copied out by the men of Hezekiah.

There remains the magnificent section on wisdom in chapters 1 to 9 . . . Solomon's wisdom forms the core of the Book of Proverbs, just as David's Psalms are the crown of the Psalter.."

Dr. Clifton J. Allen speaks of the Book of Proverbs as "A manual in upright living." The message of the book, addressed for the most part to young men, may well be appropriated by all people.

The incisive manner in which the practical problems of life are dealt with makes the message a timeless one. Men of all ages and of all stations of life need to be wise, honest, truthful, industrious, chaste, reverent, kind, faithful in their relationship to God, and it is in the realm of these virtues that the Book of Proverbs speaks with thunderous appeal.

The Object of the Book

In commenting on the subject of the Book of Proverbs Dummelow has this to say: "Its chief concern is with a sane and prudent ordering of daily life. It looks on wisdom as the art of living well. It enforces virtue as the way by which the goal of happiness may be reached. It guards against stumbling blocks, pitfalls, and by-paths. It makes great use of prudential consideration. Yet it is religious at heart. The fear of the Lord is its beginning. God's law, revealed in Scripture and experience, as imparted by meditative

Sunday School Lesson

For July 27

Proverbs: 1:1-5; 3:13-18; 9:9-10; James 1:5.

and observant men is never forgotten."

A careful examination of the opening verses (1:1-5) reveals the necessity of wisdom and instruction. "To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion" (1:3,4). If one's mind is saturated in the wisdom of the Proverbs he is prepared to exercise a balanced judgement. His decision with reference to the issues of life will be based on the wisdom of others as well as upon his own observation.

Moreover, in dwelling upon the precepts of the wise men of old, as recorded in the Book of Proverbs, one's wisdom will gradually know a refinement that would otherwise be impossible. Righteousness and judgment will come to have a worthy place in all one's thoughts.

The Happy Man

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." From this piquant remark, the author goes on to discuss, or rather to justify the getting of understanding. "For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is like a tree of life to them that lay upon her: and happy is everyone that retaineth her" (3:14-18).

Upon reading the passage (13-18) setting forth the value of wisdom, one is led to exclaim with the wise man (4:7): "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wis-

dom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

The Beginning of Wisdom

The wise man declares unequivocally that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (9:10), and that "The knowledge of the holy is understanding." Instruction to a wise man will make the man yet wiser. The teaching of a "just man" will add unto his learning. The wiser a man becomes, the more he feels the need of added wisdom. Learning merely broadens one's horizon and helps him to understand and to perceive more of the vastness of the universe of being.

But one's wisdom does not begin apart from "fear of the Lord." That is the starting point. Man must become aware of the majesty and glory of the Almighty. There must be in his heart the right regard for the divine nature and person of God. When man begins to exalt God and give Him His proper place of glory and honor in his own life and in the world about him, then, and not until then, does he begin to "fear the Lord."

The Source of Wisdom

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). God is the source of all wisdom. It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are His people—the sheep of His pasture.

God's word promises us that wisdom can be had from Him if we seek it prayerfully. The faith, however, must be unwavering. "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed" (James 1:6).

It is when the home fails—when it fails to be what God intended it to be—that grief unspeakable comes to parent and children and society. It is when Satan has his way, instead of God, that the home fails. It is then that "freedom weeps," and all the sanctities of life suffer.—Louis D. Newton, Home Life.

NEW WORKER



Dan Thomas, native of Kentucky, is the new educational director of First Church, Arkadelphia. He is a graduate of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., and has completed two years' work in Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Thomas has been active in religious work — preaching, directing music, and working with young people — since high school days. In 1944-45 he served as president of the Kentucky Baptist Student Union.

How fortunate you and I are in the possession of the Bible, God's revelation of Himself. The Bible is fundamentally a book about God. It tells us all that we need to know about God—His pre-existence, His creative power, His definite interest in His creation, His mightiness, His wisdom, His justice, His wrath, His love, His compassion, His patience, His mercy, His grace—these, and all other traits of the character of God are clearly even pictorially set forth in God's Book.—John L. Hill, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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The "Prove Me" Campaign

The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting at St. Louis, May 7-11, set out the following program for denominational emphasis the fall months of '47.

1. That we undertake to reach and exceed our goal of \$10,000,000 and 1,000,000 tithers through the promotion of a special tithers enlistment campaign during the months of October, November, and December, 1947.
2. That the month of September be used as a period of preparation—that we call upon all state secretaries and their organizations, the executives of all Southwide agencies, and the leaders and workers in every department of our denominational organization—associational, state, and Southwide, to make this campaign the most intensive and thorough of any that Southern Baptists have ever undertaken.
3. That Sunday, October 5, be designated as Tithers Enlistment Day and that so far as possible all the churches be asked to launch the campaign to secure tithers for a 90-day period on that day.
4. That a special tither's card be printed and made available to all the churches through the offices of the state secretaries to be used by the people in making their commitments to tithe during the months of October, November, and December.
5. That this special campaign for tithers be regarded not as a substitution for the program in which we are now engaged looking toward the enlistment of 1,000,000 tithers and \$10,000,000 receipts, but that rather it be promoted as a means of enabling us to reach these goals by the end of 1947.
6. That all receipts from this special 90-day tithing campaign be handled through regular channels including the existing allocation of percentages for both state and Southwide causes.

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord."

—The Baptist Program

Douglas Back in State

T. D. Douglas has been pastor in Louisiana for sometime. He now comes back to Arkansas. He is missionary in Dardanelle-Russellville Association. Bro. Douglas really belongs to Arkansas, and we are more than glad to have him back. He is addressing himself to the task in that great association with a great degree of interest, and is finding much work that needs to be done. He will do it.

Howard to Jonesboro

Reese Howard ended his pastorate at Brinkley July 1 and began his work with Central Church, Jonesboro. One of the finest pieces of work ever done in Brinkley was done during Pastor Howard's stay there. The church prospered from every standpoint under his steady ministry and he endeared himself to the citizenship of Brinkley.

Central Church, Jonesboro, has made splendid progress under the leadership of J. I. Cos-

sey. It has become one of the leading churches in that section. Some very fine men and women are members of Central Church. There is a fine and cordial spirit existing between Central Church and other Baptist churches of Jonesboro. This church will continue to make good progress under the dependable ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Howard.

Earl and Lipford

Sometime ago we commented on the progress of Earle Church under the leadership of Pastor H. L. Lipford. The information which we had contained a little error which we correct here. When Brother Lipford came to Earle as pastor, the church was giving only 12 per cent of its budget through the Cooperative Program. During Pastor Lipford's stay the percentage was increased to 32 per cent. There were nearly 500 additions during his pastorate there. The membership had a net increase of 300.

Rev. W. P. Kime

Recently a good man passed to his reward. It was W. P. Kime, Little Rock. He had been a good and useful servant of Christ.

Pastor L. C. Tedford, Corning, reminds us that Bro. Kime was pastor at Corning in 1888, and in 1889. The Courier reported a special meeting held by him and other Baptist ministers in the Methodist church house Saturday and Sunday, March 30, 31. The matter of erecting a church house was pressed by this pastor, and in December of that year he organized a Baptist Sunday School which met every Sunday afternoon in the court house. He seems to have left before the house was dedicated but just how far along the work progressed under his leadership we do not know.

Bro. Kime was a "trail blazer." We honor his memory. We loved him for his fine Christian character and for the work that he did for his Lord.

Marshall and Leach

Pastor W. L. Leach is doing a magnificent work with First Church, Marshall. He is in his fourth year as pastor. The membership numbers about 250. The church gives \$20 per month for associational missions, and gives 10 per cent of all undesignated funds for the Cooperative Program. Six were baptized in June. The spirit of evangelism constantly prevails.

The church worships in a new building constructed of native stone. The walls are built of solid rock, 20 and 34 inches thick. It is one of the most attractive buildings in the city. There are nine Sunday School rooms, and the auditorium baptistry. The building is paid for. Brother Leach is one of the Lord's most dependable preachers and leaders.

Langston Back in State

J. M. Langston has been in Missouri. He has come back to Arkansas, and has taken the church at Viola. Since coming on to the field there have been 16 additions, 10 by baptism. They had 99 enrolled in their Vacation Bible School. This good church has decided to send \$25 for the Cooperative Program. It is a great church, and is doing good work for the people in Fulton County.

Moshier to Batesville

West Batesville Church has called Irwin Moshier to be its pastor. He will take up his work there about the first of August. The church has been pastorless since M. E. Wiles left there last winter. This is a great church and it has marvelous possibilities in that section of the city. Moshier has done an outstanding work in Wilmot during the past few months. He is one of our greatest young preachers.