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Personally speaking



Association time in Arkansas

Continuing in a pattern inaugurated several years ago, most of the Arkansas Baptist associations hold their annual meetings in mid-October. This greatly facilitates the work of the clerks in tabulating the reports from the churches and passing this information on to the offices of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for processing and reporting at the annual meeting of the Convention, in November.

One result of the new schedules is that no one denominational worker is able to attend more than a few of the meetings. Now, instead of all department heads trying to attend all of the meetings—or at least half of them—assignments are passed out and each one is asked to attend two or three meetings as official representative of all of the departments.

This editor can testify, from having “made” as many as 22 of the associational meetings in former times, that it brings us through the associational season with less hanging out of the tongue and greatly reduced problems from surplus avoirdupois resulting from over-eating at the sumptuous associational “dinners.”

But one regret is missing the reports, “messages,” and wonderful Baptist fellowship that used to be ours on the larger and more extended circuits—not to mention the many additional opportunities of speaking at least briefly.

The association has changed with the changing times and, in many instances, could stand some perking up in both programming and perseverance, but it continues to be the general and cooperative Baptist body closest to the people called Baptist. It has too vital a place to be allowed to dwindle out of existence.

It is easy for churches—especially the large ones—to become so involved in their own program of activities that they have little time or energy for the association. But it is our humble opinion that few things pastors and people of the church-

es can do will pay more dividends in Kingdom endeavor than taking an active interest in and supporting wholeheartedly the local association.

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

A LETTER TO the editor defends those labeled the “radical right” in an article on extremism appearing in a series in ABN. See “The people speak” on page 5.

A STATE NATIVE and her husband are newly appointed SBC missionaries to Korea. Read about how the Swedenburgs came to be appointed on page 9.

STATE BAPTISTS are warned that capital needs items for the year are running in arrears. The situation is explained in an article on page 10.

IT'S ASSOCIATION time in Arkansas. Some observations on the annual meeting are found in Personally Speaking on page 2.

BSU CONVENTION speakers are announced in a story found on page 10.

THE COVER story is on page 4.

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Top churches on gifts to Cooperative Program

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a listing of the top-ranking churches of the state in gifts to the Cooperative Program, considered both from amounts given and per capita averages.

All sizes of churches will be found represented, ranging from Little Faith Church, Camden, with 24 members, which ranks fourth from the top on the per capita chart, with \$12.33 per member, to Immanuel, Little Rock, with 3,589 members and which stands at the top of the list on amounts given, with \$34,262.07, and 13th on the per capita listing with an average of \$9.54 per member.

Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, has the best per capita average for the state, with an average of \$16.65 per member, and rates second on

the listing by total gifts, with \$26,053.06.

Smaller churches showing up well on the per capita listing include: Trinity Church, Malvern, with 78 members, which contributed \$777.24 for an average of \$9.96 per member and 9th place; and Indian Hills, North Little Rock, with 179 members, which gave \$2,654.53, or \$14.82 per member, for second highest position on the list.

Secretary T. K. Rucker of the Annuity-Stewardship department is to be commended for including in his "honor roll" an accounting on the basis of per capita gifts, for this places within the reach of even the smallest church the possibility of qualifying for listing.

New 5th Sunday emphasis proposed

Older people will recall the special Fifth Sunday Services that used to be an outstanding religious emphasis in many Arkansas communities. That was back when many of our Arkansas Baptist churches were "quarter-time" or "fourth-time," and had no services of their own on the fifth Sunday, which comes once each quarter.

Now the most of our churches, large and small, operate on a full-time basis, with regular services every Sunday, including the fifth Sundays. So the place for special services, in which the congregations of many different local churches joined, on the fifth Sundays, no longer exists.

For some time the Home Mission Board, through its Department of Work Related to Non-

evangelicals, has been suggesting the observance of "Good Neighbor Day" in the churches on the fifth Sundays. For the churches doing this, this would bring special emphasis four times a year in neighborliness to non-Baptists.

A special tract, "Good Neighbor Day in Church," is available from the Home Mission Board, along with other helps, for churches wishing to observe "Good Neighbor Day."

Why not give this a try on next Fifth Sunday—Nov. 30? The evening service is regarded as being the best hour, as many of the non-Baptists go to their own services on Sunday mornings but are free on Sunday nights. The editor will even come and preach for you—on a first-call, first-serve basis, of course!

Foundations should not be taxed

Leaders of many of the nation's charitable and educational institutions have spoken out against parts of the Tax Reform Bill passed by the House of representatives Aug. 7 and now before the Senate Finance Committee.

The bill proposes a 7½ percent tax on the income of foundations as well as certain restrictions on their philanthropic activities.

We agree that the taxing of foundations would be inconsistent with their very reason for being—for the distribution of funds for philanthropic purposes and for the public well-being.

This is not to wink at any provisions of legislation to eliminate financial abuses by foundations. A careful watch needs to be kept to be sure that foundations really minister to human needs and are not merely a means of evading the paying of legitimate taxes.

Many of our Baptist institutions—including schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, children's and old people's homes—would be greatly hurt by the taxing of legitimate foundations.

Sez Clabe

Ain't it strange how that so many miserable an cantankerous people is "members in good standin'" in ther local churches? You'd think havin eternal salvation an bein joint heirs with th Lord himself would make a person incurably happy.

Ther is a lot of new products on th market, but one commodity that ther allus seems to be a shortage of is real happiness.

Yers trooly,

Clabe Hankins



This week's cover features a prayer session engaged in by Southern Baptist youths who spent a week during the recent summer season working with migrants in Celina, O.

A total of 45 high school and college students from the Greater Dayton Baptist Association of Dayton, O., paid their own expenses to conduct Bible schools and hold revival meetings in six different camps of migrant families.

"I would not take anything for the experience I have had during the week," said one student.

"I came to Celina thinking I had settled the matter of my vocation," said another. "but since working with the migrants, I know God wants me in mission service."

The young people set up headquarters at a 4-H Club camp in nearby St. Mary's, O., and traveled daily to their various locations.

Associational Youth Director Lee Smith and Superintendent of Migrant Missions Truett Fogle directed the work.

The migrant workers were Mexican Americans, the most of them natives of Texas, Florida, or California. They responded warmly to the interest and friendliness of the young people.

Already the Association is planning another "Project Amigos" for next year.

Ashcraft to speak at special chapel

The annual Parents and Pastors Day at Southern Baptist College will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Dr. Charles Ashcraft, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be the guest speaker at a special chapel service at 10:30 in the Carter Field House.

'Give me now confidence.'

BY DR. CHARLES H. ASHCRAFT
Executive Secretary
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

The most fundamental necessity of any worthwhile enterprise is to have the confidence of the people. No organization can succeed without it. When people have confidence in their doctor, they are helped by his services. When people have confidence in their pastor, they come to church and support the Kingdom of God. When people have confidence in financial institutions, they entrust their funds to them.



DR. ASHCRAFT

When people have confidence in a state convention, they are more disposed to increase their cooperative giving.

When people have confidence in an educational institution, they send their kids there and make provisions for the financial needs of the school.

When people have confidence in a leader, they will follow his leadership.

Should I be granted as was Solomon (II Chr. 1:7) a request for some fine endowment from heaven as I seek to perform my duty I would ask for the confidence of our 350,000 Baptist people. Should I be asked to list the one thing most needed in our wonderful Baptist constituency, it would be confidence.

Such confidence does not come as a gift falling down from heaven but must be earned by sincere people who care. My problem then is quite simple. I must live, work, serve and behave myself in such a manner as to merit the confidence of God's good people in our Baptist churches. Integrity is an indispensable element in this quest.

A leader is fortunate if the people will grant him a chance to prove his sincerity. He is blessed if the hearts of the people are open to him and that he may not be pre-judged before he has had time or occasion to earn their respect.

Arkansas Baptists have been good to me. They provided a gospel—preaching church (First Church, Malvern) to bring me to an experiential knowledge of Christ as Lord and Saviour.

The Baptists of Arkansas provided a school—Ouachita Baptist University of Arkadelphia—to give me the advantage of a Christian education.

Through the Cooperative Program God's good Baptist people of Arkansas provided a theological institution—Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.—to complete my training for the ministry.

By their gifts to world missions Arkansas Baptists made it possible for me to invest approximately 30 years of my life in pioneer areas participating in the establishment of New Testament churches.

By their gifts and considerations they have made provisions for the needs of a strong staff in the Baptist Building to execute a ministry of helpfulness to the churches. By their charity I have been chosen to lead them with all the needs of my family adequately provided. I owe Arkansas Baptists a greater debt than I can ever repay. My only hope in bringing my account into better shape is to serve the higher interests of these Godly people, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to enlarge God's Kingdom. I believe these saintly people will give me that chance.

Should God ask me today my preference of heaven's endowments for the task assigned to me, I would reply, "Give me now the confidence of this great people that I may go out and come in before them."

I must say it!

Hays to address General Baptists

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The Honorable Brooks Hays, prominent Baptist layman and for many years a distinguished legislator from the state of Arkansas will be the guest speaker at the General Association of General Baptists. The convention meets here October 21-23. Dr. Hays will address the delegation in the assembly at the 4-H Club Auditorium. Dr. Hays is presently director of studies in interchurch relationships at Wake Forest Seminary, Winston-Salem, N. C. (EP)

Challenges middle-road status

In the Oct. 2nd issue, Dr. Scudder discussed extremism. Notable were his designations; the New Left, the Radical Right!

How times change! In the years BR (before Roosevelt) a radical was just about where the new? Left is now. And Right? "A man's ways are right in his own eyes," rather "Every way of man is right in his own eyes." Prov. 21:2.

The Doctor's assumption that neither left or right is right, would be amusing, if not so serious. What of scriptural reference to back his position? If the "middle of the road" is the correct position, what of our Lord's statement that "He that is not for me is against me"?

Does the Doctor choose to ignore history belittling the "evil conspiracy" theory, even after China and Cuba have fallen to "New Lefts" or their logical successors? Does he forget that those he dubs the dangerous radical right correctly predicted the takeover of these countries?

What about the neutrality of J. Edgar Hoover? Does he have a reputation as a fearful extremist, in which "symptoms of paranoia abound"?

There are two ways, right and wrong. Let's not delude ourselves with the broad middle-of-the-road mirage. I am for a Christian America, not a godless world government.

Neither do I intend to give moral support to those who boast they will bury us.—Jackson Crouch, Beebe, Ark.

Speak no evil

I must take care lest through my lips

A poison thought or stinging word
Escape from my unbridled tongue,
As I repeat the tale I heard.

I must remember none can see
Another human heart laid bare,
Nor can one know what fortitude
Of hopefulness is struggling there
I must not let my words run wild
Nor cultivate an evil mind;
For who am I to cast a stone?

I must remember and be kind
Lest in the dusk, or dark of night,
As I reflect upon my bed,
I shall be haunted by echoes
Of hurtful words that I have said.
—Etta Caldwell Harris

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Jogging for exercise

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.
PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

Jogging, the past few years, has been a very popular form of exercise. It may be surprising to learn that Adoniram Judson practiced a form of jogging for health, more than a century ago.

His second wife, formerly Mrs. George Dana Boardman, developed a serious illness not long after their marriage, 1834, and her removal to Maulmain, India. After weeks of doubtful lingering she began to recover. She attributed the good health, which she later enjoyed, to horseback riding and a system of exercises on foot with Mr. Judson. They walked at a rapid pace over the hills beyond town every morning before sun up. He kept up this exercise throughout the remainder of his life. His third wife claimed "It is this walking that is keeping him out of the grave."

The author who gave us this account about Judson's habit of walking further commented: "He always declared that those missionaries who by exercise promoted a regular perspiration lived longest in India. Walking may, to be sure, be carried to excess. Dean Swift is supposed to have weakened his powers of digestion by moving about too much on foot. Nevertheless, walking is the best exercise for students in general; and we have known not a few who, because of their unwillingness to adopt it, are now skeletons enjoying that uninterrupted rest which is so desirable to all such as are 'born with a tired constitution.'"

In this day of tension and pressures the brethren of another day may teach us something about how to live other than in realms of faith.

*G. Winfred Hervey, *The Story of Baptist Missions in Foreign Lands*, (St. Louis, Chancy R. Barns, 1886) pp. 301-2

About absentees

Castigating absentees, the lying out cattle of the church flock, is like casting stones to stop a whirlwind. The stones get no attention from the rushing wind and the rocks fall of their own weight, having accomplished nothing.

There are two things that have tremendous bearing toward getting persons to attend and to show interest in church gatherings. First, hunger for the bread of life mixed with ample measure of the fruits of righteousness. Second, is the immeasurable joy of companionship in service.—W. B. O'Neal

Ways of building an evangelistic church

Today we are hearing from many sources statements like "The church must be relevant," and many other such comments. The average Southern Baptist pastor gets confused as to what his church is supposed to be and do.

The main business of a church, of course, has always been to get "The Good News" to the people. Evangelism and missions are the main business of a church. In order to do this, we must major on the Word. This is done by teaching the Bible, visiting and doing personal work, singing, preaching the Word, and calling for mourners. I would like to see some church go back to majoring on these things like the New Testament churches did.

Here are some suggested books to help you build an evangelistic church. Of course, there are scores and scores of others. You may find one or two in this list that you do not know about that will be a blessing to you.

New Testament Churches by George W. McDaniel. This book was out of print for years, but is back in paperback at the Book Store. Dr. McDaniel was one of our strongest Baptist leaders. This was one of our main textbooks when I was in Ouachita College.

How to Build an Evangelistic Church by Mack R. Douglas. (Out of print)

The Power of Positive Evangelism John R. Bisagno, \$1.50

The Power of Positive Praying by John R. Bisagno, \$.95

Evangelism and Truth by Clark H. Pinnock, \$.50

The Defense of Biblical Infallibility by Clark H. Pinnock, \$.75

Set Forth Your Case by Clark H. Pinnock, \$1.50

Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God by J. I. Packer, \$1.95

About people

Stanley Owen, graduate student at Ouachita University, has accepted the call to be music-youth director for Forrest Park Church, Pine Bluff. Mr. Owen is a graduate of Watson Chapel High School, Pine Bluff, a 1969 graduate of Ouachita University, and is now doing graduate work in music. He is the son of Mr and Mrs. L. L. Owen, Pine Bluff.

Mr. Owen will have charge of the music program and also direct the youth activities on weekends and on Wednesday night.

South Highland Church, Little Rock, recently licensed two young men to the ministry. They are David Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henderson, and David Purkiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Purkiss. Both young men are students at Ouachita University.



MR. HENDERSON MR. PURKISS

Dinah Bryant, 17-year-old member of Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, has completed 11 years perfect attendance. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bryant. Another member of the church, Kathy Evans, has been recognized for seven years perfect attendance in Sunday School.



MR. HAMMONDS

Billy F. Hammonds has accepted a call as pastor of First Church, Helena. He has served the Charjean Church, Memphis, Tenn., for the past two and one-half years. Mr. Hammonds is a native of Milan, Tenn. He is a graduate of Union University and Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. T. J. Goodson, a member of First Church, Smackover, has completed 19 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. The first 15 years of attendance was at the Louann Church and the last four has been at the Smackover church.



MRS. GOODSON

MR. KEECH

SA Lowell David Keech, of First Church, Pochontas, was awarded his 15-year perfect attendance bar Sunday, Oct. 12. He is the son of Mrs. Lowell Keech of Pochontas. He went on active duty with the U. S. Navy in June and is presently stationed in Bainbridge, Md., where he is in radio school.

Morris Ashcraft, brother of Arkansas Baptist State Convention Executive Secretary Charles H. Ashcraft, was the guest preacher at First Church, Arkadelphia, Oct. 12. Dr. Ashcraft spoke at the evening service while he was in that city to participate in religious emphasis week at Henderson State College. A native of Malvern, Dr. Ashcraft is a graduate of Ouachita and Southern Seminary. He is on the faculty of Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.



ORDAINED DEACONS by First Church, Camden, Oct. 12 were (left to right) Bob Johnson, Floyd Jordan Sr., Paul McGriff, and Don Barrow. Pastor John Maddox served as moderator, and the charge was given by David M. Tate, minister of music and education.

Missionary notes

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Philpot, Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico, have recently completed initial language study; they moved Oct. 15 from Guadalajara to Oaxaca (address: Apartado 301, Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico). Mr. Philpot was born in Polk County, Ark., but moved to Fresno, Calif., as a teenager. Mrs. Philpot, the former Jurhee Sheffield was born in Childress, Tex., and reared in Fresno. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.

Revivals

Calvary Church, Texarkana, Sept. 22-28; Dr. L. H. Coleman, evangelist, Raymond Braswell, music leader; 11 professions of faith, 2 by letter. C. Phelan Boone is pastor.

Greenland Church, Sept. 28-Oct. 5; Charles Bryant, pastor, evangelist, Herbert "Red" Johnson, music leader; 11 professions of faith, 7 by letter, 1 by statement.

Norfolk Church, Sept. 28-Oct. 5; W. W. Dishough of Searcy, evangelist, Paul Husky, pastor, song leader; 34 professions, 2 by letter.

Crystal Valley Church, North Little Rock, Oct. 6-12; Bobby Crabb of Jonesboro, evangelist, Herbert "Red" Johnson of Mt. Home, song leader; 16 professions of faith, 1 by letter, 1 surrender for missionary service. Jack Parchman is pastor.

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Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

A trip into the past

My husband and I went recently with about thirty members of our church on a bus trip to Silver Dollar City, Missouri where we felt the calendar had been turned back to 1880. If you have never visited this unique Ozarks attraction during the mid-October Festival of Craftsmen plan now to go next autumn.

There are many interesting things to see and do after entering the gate of this frontier-days settlement. If you enjoy caves you will want to visit Marvel Cave if you're equal to the task of walking down 800 steps or the equivalent of a 40-story building. It helps to know that an electric cable-car returns you to the surface.

The Ozarks last remaining steam train operates on the Frisco-Silver Dollar Line. We took a ride on this train which winds along the ridges and at one point affords a matchless view of the mountains and trees surrounding a beautiful lake. The surprise ambush gives the youngsters a thrill on every trip. There is also the opportunity to ride the Butterfield stagecoach which certainly is not as smooth as the modern car, but will let the modern generation know what it was like to bounce along the backwoods trails.

We enjoyed all the crafts—it would be hard to choose a favorite among so many interesting exhibits. The glassblowers, operating in their own picturesque glassworks, are captivating to watch. The blacksmith, the bronze bell caster, the broom maker, the potter—all these and many more excited our imagination as we saw the infinite patience and skill which go into the individual products of beauty and value. The things our Ozark people do in wrought iron, candles, weaving, knife-making, soap-making, wood-carving, etc. continually amaze me. Other visitors who were there from everywhere evidently felt the same way. One woman speaking with a northern accent turned to her companion and said,

"They say these hillbillies don't know much—but they've got more know-how than any people I've ever seen!"

I'll try to ignore the first part of her statement and enjoy the rest of it—and thank God for talents and skills shared with others.

Comments, suggestions, or questions, may be addressed to Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.

Baptists invited to visit sanatorium

Chaplain W. H. Heard of the State Sanatorium at Booneville invites Baptists traveling to Ft. Smith for the State Convention to come by for a view of the work which they support. The Sanatorium is located a short distance from the city of Booneville, in "one of the most beautiful spots in the state."

The people of Arkansas have supported this institution since 1910 with their tax dollars. Arkansas Baptists have supported a full-time chaplain to minister to the patients since 1946. Those who have served prior to Chaplain Heard include: Joe Fred Luck, Charles Finch, and Boyd Baker.

In a person-to-person ministry to people from all over the state regardless of race, color, or creed, the chaplain visits, witnesses, and holds services as he seeks to bring comfort and

encouragement to the patients. All birthdays are remembered with visits and gifts. Special occasions bring bedside arrangements, treats, and Christmas gifts.

Mr. Heard works through the State Mission department of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. He announces that he and his wife will be on hand to show visitors the institution and work throughout the days of Monday, Nov 17, and Thursday, Nov. 19.

Archview Church to hold groundbreaking

Archview Church, Little Rock, Allen T. McCurry, pastor, will break ground for a new church auditorium at the close of the morning worship service Oct. 26.

Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, will be the guest minister for the morning service.

From the churches-

Forrest Park Church, Pine Bluff, ordained John Wilson and Gary Ryles as deacons on Oct. 12. Pastor D. B. Bledsoe served as moderator and brought the charge and the message. Rev. Harold White, associational superintendent of missions, assisted in the questioning of the candidates, and Thomas Howell, chairman of deacons, presented the candidates to the church.

Clarence McKinzie, Sunday School superintendent, led in the ordination prayer.

Other deacons elected at the same time were William Ferren and Oran McCarver, each for a 3-year term.

The youth council of Central Church, Hot Springs, has elected officers for the new year. They are president, Rob Bates; vice president, Ronnie Marshall; secretary, Joyce Smith; and treasurer, Pam Johnson.

Wilmot Church ordained two deacons in a service held Oct. 12. New deacons are Ray Mendenhall and Robert Conolly.

Young people of Second Church, Little Rock, are making plans to sponsor a radio program to reach unchurched youth. The program, produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, is titled "Powerline." It features selections from the top forty hard rock tunes, interspersed with applications of the Christian message, spoken in the language of today's youth. The program will be broadcast on powerful KAAV from 5:30 to 6 p.m., and will cost the young people \$75 per week.

First church, Marked Tree, Women's Missionary Society has announced the election of officers for 1969-70. Named to head the organization were Mrs. John Graham, president; Mrs. Milton Lovell, secretary; Mrs. Mary Teague, social chairman; Mrs. C. B. Lung, mission study chairman; Mrs. Bernard Beasley, mission action chairman; Mrs. Martin Worthy, prayer activity chairman; Mrs. Mack Howerton, G.A. leader; and Mrs. Jerry Murphy, Mrs. Milton Lovell, and Miss Janice Smith, Sunbeam leaders.

A coronation at Lakeshore Heights Church, Hot Springs, Oct. 5 honored four Girls Auxiliary members for their work on Forward Steps. Recognized in the service were Karen Miller, Queen; Jana Warren, Lady-in-Waiting; and Gale Page and Anita Ledbetter, Maidens. Mrs. J. C. Harwell, associational GA director, was guest speaker. A reception followed the service.

Roger M. Baxter

Roger M. Baxter, 72, Baptist minister, died Oct. 13, in Monroe, La., where he had lived since retiring.

Mr. Baxter was a native of Wilmot, Ark., and a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. His Arkansas pastorates included churches at Portland, Bauxite, Horatio, and Texarkana.

He was the first pastor of Central Church, Monroe, La., and for 10 years he and Mrs. Baxter did pioneer mission work in Salt Lake City, where Mr. Baxter was pastor of Glendale Church.

Survivors include Mrs. Baxter, the former Miss Pearl Mayo of South Texas; two sons, Roger M. Jr., Dayton, O., and Lee, Monroe, La.; three daughters, Mrs. Ila Flournoy, Lufkin, Tex.; Mrs. Martha Voyles, Waco, Tex.; and Mrs. Mayrene Littlefield, Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Mrs. Esther Holt, Dallas; and four brothers, R. W., Dallas; Don, Sicily Island, La.; and Andrew and Earl, Monticello, Ark.

The family has requested that instead of flowers that friends send memorial donations to the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, Salt Lake City, Ut.

Mrs. Alfred Satterfield

Mrs. Willie Mae Satterfield, 74, Russellville, died Oct. 16. She was the widow of Alfred Satterfield and was owner of Satterfield Monument Company and a member of First Church, Russellville.

She is survived by two sons, Herschel Satterfield, Russellville, and Alf Satterfield Jr., Virginia; two daughters, Mrs. John Turner, Little Rock, and Mrs. Joe Rutledge, Tennessee; and by four brothers and three sisters.

Leo Verne Bentley

Leo Verne Bentley, 66, Ft. Smith, a retired Ft. Smith police lieutenant and Sebastian County deputy sheriff, died Oct. 15 at his home.

He was the father of George Bentley, the Arkansas Gazette's Pulaski County Courthouse reporter.

A native of Salamanca, N.Y., Mr. Bentley retired as a detective lieutenant with the Ft. Smith Police Department in 1948 with 20 years' service.

Mr. Bentley was one of the first motorcycle policemen at Ft. Smith and later was a patrol car officer in the 1930s. Then the policemen had to furnish their own cars and the city

equipped them with radios. He participated in investigations of several well-known gangsters of that era.

Mr. Bentley was a member of First Church, Ft. Smith and the Brotherhood and was a lay minister.

Other survivors are his wife, Mrs. Vivian Summerville Bentley; a son, John Robert Bentley, Ft. Smith; a daughter, Mrs. C. Phelan Boone, Texarkana; and his mother, Mrs. Amy Bentley of Ft. Smith.

H. P. Wilsford

SILOAM SPRINGS—H. P. Wilsford, 88, Siloam Springs, died Oct. 11. He was a retired Baptist minister and moved to Siloam Springs after 50 years in the ministry. He was a member of First Church. There were no immediate survivors.

John L. Spence

John Lee Spence, 76, Little Rock, treasurer of Commercial National Bank, died Oct. 15 at Pasadena, Cal., while on vacation. He had been employed by Commercial National Bank and its predecessor for 50 years.

He was a deacon at Immanuel Church, Little Rock and was previously superintendent of Immanuel's Sunday School.

He attended Arkansas A and M College at Monticello and was a graduate of the University of Mississippi.

Baptist beliefs

The ascension of Jesus

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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"And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."—Luke 24:51.

Jesus ascended back to heaven from the Mount of Olives. The words "and carried up into heaven" do not appear in the best manuscripts. But the fact is true (Acts 1:9). Literally, "he stood apart," and then was gone.

Jesus' resurrection body was not subject to the law of gravity except as he willed it. We are told that automobiles bumper-to-bumper from New York to San Francisco would generate only a fraction of the power used to lift Apollo 11 from its launching pad into orbit. If man can do this to a rocket eighteen stories tall, who can reasonably question God's infinite power to lift Jesus from the earth to heaven?

With his work on earth finished Jesus returned to the glory of the Father. He returned to heaven amid the rejoicing of heaven's hosts (Eph. 4:8). He sat down at the right hand of God, expecting his enemies to become the footstool of his feet (Heb. 10:12f.). And one day he will return in great power and glory to receive his own (Acts 1:11). This is the "blessed hope" of every Christian (Titus 2:13).

In the meantime his people are to be busy evangelizing the world. It is their primary responsibility. Jesus ever exhorted his people to be faithful at the task. God promised that the Christ would come. And he did. Jesus promised that he would come again and he will. Meanwhile we are to be busy about his work, ever looking up in expectant hope and assurance.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Vyvian Terry Spence; a son, John Lee Spence III of Pasadena; a brother, Tyler Spence, St. Louis; and a sister, Miss Helen Spence, Monticello.

Mrs. Dorothy Stuart

Mrs. Dorothy Collard Stuart, 86, died Sept. 26 at Banner. She was the widow of J. R. Stuart. She was a life-long resident of the Banner Community, and had been a member of Mt. Zion Church since childhood. She is survived by two sons, three daughters, 15 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Oppression

Out of the blackness of the night
Straight from the pits of Hell,
Oppression came to conquer Right
And ruin men's souls as well.
The seeds of discord and of hate
He strewed throughout the land.
We cared not for a brother's fate
If we could but command.
He filled our souls with grasping greed
And love of lustful gain.
We heeded not a brother's need
If we could wealth obtain.
His brother, Prejudice, is blind
But evil, just as well,
For he takes Reason from the mind
And sends men's souls to Hell.

—Carl Ferrell



NEW SONGS For Mission 70—Buryl Red, conductor and arranger, in recording session at Woodland Studios, Nashville, preparing souvenir album of four songs for Mission 70, National Conference on World Mission for Youth and Adults, Dec. 28-31 in Atlanta, Ga. (BSSB photo)

Central computer seen as feasible

NASHVILLE—A central computer service for all Southern Baptist Convention agencies and perhaps state conventions, is feasible by as early as 1975-78, a subcommittee assigned to study the possibility reported here.

The report came from one of four subcommittees of the Southern Baptist Inter-Agency Council Coordinating Committee, which last year set up the study at the request of the council.

Although the committee's report said the central computer service was possible, the council's Coordinating Committee took no action on the report, referring it to another committee which will coordinate the reports of all four committees dealing with computers in the denomination.

The final report from the group, coordinated by J. M. Crowe, associate executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, is scheduled for May of 1970. (BP)

State native and husband new missionaries to Korea

A Baptist pastor who spent a year in Korea while in the U. S. Air Force plans to return to that country as a Southern Baptist missionary. When he goes back, Rev. James R. Swedenburg, Jr., now pastor of Manor Baptist Chapel, York, Pa., will be accompanied by his wife, who is a native of Siloam Springs, Ark. He will do general evangelistic work.

Mr. and Mrs. Swedenburg were appointed missionaries October 14 during an annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. They were among 19 career missionaries appointed and two short-term missionary associates employed in a service at First Baptist Church, Richmond.

Prior to appointment Mr. Swedenburg told the Board that while in the Air Force he was one of a group of Christians who used their free time to distribute portions of the gospel in the Korean language among some villagers. He gradually came to believe God was leading him to become a missionary and some day return to Korea, he said.

About six months prior to his discharge from the Air Force, he was ordained a minister and became pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Hallettsville, Tex. He later pastored other Baptist churches in Texas and in Alabama, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Swedenburg initially asked the Foreign Mission Board about appointment to Korea in 1963, they were advised against appointment at that time. So they turned their attention to pioneer Southern Baptist missions in the States, going first to Charleroi, in western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Swedenburg received the associate of arts degree from Marion (Ala.) Institute, the bachelor of science degree from Howard College (now Samford University), Birmingham, Ala., and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He also attended Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Midwestern Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Swedenburg received the associate of arts degree from Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and the bachelor of business administration degree from Baylor University. She has been a staff accountant for firms in Oklahoma, Texas, and Alabama.

Mr. Swedenburg is the son of a Baptist minister, now retired. Born in Pal-

metto, Ala., he grew up there, in Carrollton, and in the Birmingham area.

Mrs. Swedenburg is the former Joyce Hawk. Born in Siloam Springs, Ark., she lived there, in Tulsa, Okla., and Rich Hill, Mo., as a girl.

They live in Dover, near York, with their three children, Michael Reece, Steven Lyle, and Joye Denise.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. SWEDENBURG JR.

Sees urgent need for missionary preachers

Urgent calls for missionary preachers in Brazil, Lebanon, Hong Kong, Philippines, Ivory Coast, and Costa Rica headlined a "new missionary needs" meeting of area and personnel secretaries of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board recently.

Lists of missionary needs, prepared by Southern Baptist missionaries in the 70 countries where they work, had just been received and were reviewed for priority and clarification by the group.

Financial limitations came into view as a large number of requests for missionary associates and missionary journeymen were studied. The group decided that career missionaries would get first call on money available in the coming year. Hope was expressed, however, that a considerable number of associates and journeymen could still be sent out.

Reviewing the group's findings, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, said: "Missionaries are urgently needed. God will call her servants and they will respond. Will resources be available? We believe Southern Baptists will provide whatever is necessary, because they care."



DR. TRETHAM



DR. NELSON



MR. WILLIS

BSU convention speakers told

Among the speakers at the joint Arkansas and Tennessee Baptist Student Union Convention to be held at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, October 31-November 2 are Charles A. Tretham, pastor of First Church in Knoxville, Tennessee; Stanley A. Nelson, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia; and Ron Willis, who ministers in the Haight-Asbury District in San Francisco.

Jack Jones of First Church in Little Rock will direct the music for the convention.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER PRESENTATION

The thirtieth annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper is to be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock on



DR. McCLANAHAN

Nov. 3. As a special feature, Dr. John McClanahan, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, will present a picture tour of Bible Lands and Europe and share with those attending some mission needs in the areas he visited. Dr. McClanahan is a native of Arkansas. He is a graduate of Central High School Little Rock, Ouachita Baptist University, and holds the Doctor of Theology Degree from Southern Baptist Seminary. He served as Assistant Professor of Psychology at the seminary and has been a pastor in Arkansas since 1955.

He is a frequent speaker at youth meetings, religious emphasis on college campuses, and has been summer assembly speaker on several occasions at both Glorieta and Ridgecrest. He has traveled extensively in other countries and was the tour leader for the recent trip to Bible Lands and Europe. As a writer Dr. McClanahan has contributed many articles to various Southern Baptist publications. Dr. McClanahan is a dynamic speaker, is interested in boys, young men, and missions, and will be a blessing for all who attend the supper and hear him.

The program will include good food, fellowship, and special music. The special music will include soloists, both vocal and instrumental. Group singing will feature the New Life Singers from Baring Cross Church. They will present a variety of numbers including fun, spirituals, and sacred music.

Reservations for the supper must be made to the Brotherhood Department by Oct. 30. Plan now to attend.—C. H. Seaton.

Women's day of prayer

Nov. 3 has been set aside for Baptist women throughout the world to meet and unite their hearts in praying and giving for a world engulfed in spiritual darkness and physical suffering. It is the Baptist women's day of prayer and is promoted and plans prepared by the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.

After study and prayer, hearts are opened to share and to give. The offering taken at the Day of Prayer observance is used to strengthen the work

Capital needs items running in arrears

Our receipts for world missions is above that of last year at this time. We are grateful for the loyalty and faithful support of our people for the cause of Christ. However, unless our churches continue their full support the closing months of this year—make up any deficit in your Cooperative Program allocation in your budget, or share the overage receipts of your budget—then some of our causes will suffer.

We are meeting our operating budget. If receipts do not increase, all capital needs items in the budget will not be met.

Those causes which will suffer will be:

Christian Education	%
1. Ouachita University	43.02
2. Southern College	12.72
3. Ministerial Education	6.14
Other Causes	%
1. B.S.U.	8.21
2. New Mission Sites	6.57
3. Ark. Baptist Children's Home	6.92
4. Camps and Assemblies	8.21
5. New Baptist Building	8.21
Capital Needs	100%

—T. K. Rutker

of continental women's unions, to make possible the women's sessions at the BWA, to assure travel of continental officers, to finance promotional and educational material, and to give to Baptist world relief projects.

Offerings should be sent to the continental treasurer, Mrs. L. S. Casazza, 3009 Birch St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20015. Program materials produced by the Women's Department are available upon request from the State WMU Office, 525 W. Capitol, Little Rock 72201. Further suggestions will be found on page 41, November issue of Royal Service.

State Training Union Workshop

Date: October 30, 1969

Time: 10:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Place: Immanuel Church, Little Rock

Lunch will be served by host church—limited to first 125 who send \$1.25 for reservation to Church Training Department. Pre-school children will be provided for.

TOP TWENTY FIVE CHURCHES IN GIVING

For January 1—June 30, 1969

TOTAL GIVING

PER CAPITA GIVING

CHURCH	ASSOC.	AMOUNT	CHURCH	MBRS	CONTRIB.	PER CAP	ASSOC.
LR, Immanuel	Pulaski	\$34,262.07	LR, Pul. Heights	1564	\$26,053.06	\$16.65	Pulaski
LR, Pul. Heights	Pulaski	26,053.06	NLR, Ind. Hills	179	2,654.53	14.82	N. Pulaski
El Dorado, 1st	Liberty	21,293.89	Springdale, 1st	1016	13,353.62	13.14	Wash-Mad
Ft Smith, 1st	Concord	18,113.56	Camden, Faith	24	296.00	12.33	Carey
Ft Smith, Grand Ave.	Concord	17,942.70	Crossett, 1st	1568	16,797.29	10.71	Ashley
Crossett, 1st	Ashley	16,797.29	FS, Immanuel	549	5,824.40	10.61	Concord
W. Memphis, 1st	Tri-Co.	16,540.26	FS, Grand Ave.	1692	17,942.70	10.60	Concord
NLR, Park Hill	N. Pulaski	16,025.00	Jnbro., Wal. St.	1009	10,680.97	10.58	Mt. Zion
PB, South Side	Harmony	15,988.13	Malvern, Trinity	78	777.24	9.96	Central
Jonesboro, 1st	Mt. Zion	13,999.98	El Dorado, 1st	2146	21,293.89	9.92	Liberty
Pine Bluff, 1st	Harmony	13,977.22	Harrison, 1st	979	9,676.87	9.88	Boone-N
Benton, 1st	Central	13,654.47	NLR, Amboy	667	6,404.62	9.60	N. Pulaski
Forrest City, 1st	Tri-Co.	13,624.53	LR, Immanuel	3589	34,262.07	9.54	Pulaski
LR, 2nd	Pulaski	13,515.16	NLR, Park Hill	1687	16,025.00	9.47	N. Pulaski
Springdale, 1st	Wash-Mad	13,353.62	Paragould, 1st	1174	10,990.41	9.36	Greene Co
NLR, Baring Cross	N. Pulaski	12,845.08	Jonesboro, 1st	1510	13,999.98	9.27	Mt. Zion
Blytheville, 1st	Miss.	12,193.57	Camden, 1st	1315	12,164.76	9.25	Liberty
Camden, 1st	Liberty	12,164.76	PB, Watson Chapel	341	3,148.58	9.23	Harmony
Magnolia, Central	Hope	12,129.64	Blytheville, 1st	1349	12,195.57	9.04	Misa
Paragould, 1st	Greene Co.	10,990.41	Star City, 1st	701	6,268.77	8.94	Harmony
Jonesboro, Wal. St.	Mt. Zion	10,680.97	Smackover, 1st	665	5,923.19	8.90	Liberty
Hope, 1st	Hope	10,549.00	Benton, 1st	1538	13,654.47	8.87	Central
NLR, Levy	N. Pulaski	10,393.47	Hamburg, 1st	747	6,569.03	8.79	Ashley
Harrison, 1st	Boone-N	9,676.87	FS, South Side	797	7,002.88	8.78	Concord
Jonesboro, Central	Mt. Zion	9,469.84	Forrest City, 1st	1508	13,624.53	8.57	Tri-Co.

New Bethel Church observes centennial

It was my privilege Sept. 26 to attend the 100th anniversary of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church near Plainview in Yell County. The church was organized -Sept. 11, 1869.

Bernie Stahl, now a Freewill Baptist preacher, who was converted in a revival in 1930, preached Friday night, Sept. 26. Testimonies were given from people that had either been baptized into the church or had been members there in years past.

From the meeting that night we found out that 35 people were baptized from the big meeting in 1930. Out of that meeting came three Baptist preachers plus two Freewill Baptists. Allen McCurry, now pastor of Archview Church, is the only one that is Convention Baptist. The other preachers were Leroy Harp, now pastor of a Missionary Baptist Church in Benton, and Rev. Benny Elmore, a pastor in North Carolina. Mr. Stahl and Charlie Forest are the Freewill Baptist preachers.

In 1931, after being converted in a Freewill Baptist revival near New Bethel, I joined the New Bethel Church.

Saturday morning, Sept. 27, an old fashioned testimony service was held. This was followed by a message from Leroy Harp, Benton. At the close of that service an old fashioned "dinner on the ground" was held.

When I was baptized in the church in 1931 it was a member of the Dardanelle-Russellville Association.

Even though this church is no longer in our Convention we extend our hearty congratulations on its 100th birthday. —Jesse S. Reed, Secretary of Evangelism.

Materials in the mail

Mailings of materials and plans for 1969-70 are being sent to all WMU directors, age-level organizational directors, and leaders of youth organizations. Each church should report names and addresses of WMU leadership listed above in order that they may receive all helps. Forms for reporting were forwarded to leadership for 1968-69. Prompt response will bring results! Forward these to State WMU Office today!—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

FORCE

What is it with more power than The H bomb? Use with care! Its strength lies in direction; The power of daily prayer.

—Thelma Ireland

Where manhood is found

Man isn't found in the tint of his skin
Nor in length or in color of hair,
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At the seat of begin
Where manhood is bred, and with care.

—W. B. O'Neal

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Administrative Residents At ABMC



Thomas S. Adkins (left), and J. Andrew Rutherford

Mr. Thomas S. Adkins and Mr. J. Andrew Rutherford began a one-year residency in hospital administration at ABMC in September.

Mr. Adkins is administrator of a 100-bed hospital in Hong Kong which is operated by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the Hong Kong Baptist Association. He and his wife, Ellen, have served as missionaries in Hong Kong since 1958. They have four children, James, 22; William, 20; Michael, 15 and Jeanne, 9.

Mr. Adkins is a native of Lawton, Oklahoma where he attended high school. He received his B. A. degree in business from the Texas College of Mines in El Paso, Texas, and a master's degree in religious education from the

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Upon completion of the residency, Mr. Adkins and his family will return to Hong Kong.

Mr. Rutherford is a native of Marcellus, Michigan and attended high school in Michigan and Ontario, Canada. He received a B. S. degree in biology from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and is a candidate for a M. S. degree in hospital administration at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Rutherford is married to the former Ruth Brower who is a registered nurse and whose parents are missionaries in the Congo.

Mr. Adkins and Mr. Rutherford will rotate through all areas of ABMC and Memorial during their residency.

Auxiliary To Sponsor Womanless Wedding

The ABMC Auxiliary will sponsor a Womanless Wedding, to be held in the Student Union Building, October 20th and 21st, at 7:30 p.m. The "wedding party" will include ABMC medical staff members and members of the administrative staff. Entertainment will also be provided by medical staff members.

Tickets will be on sale in the south lobby of the hospital, beginning October 15. Ticket prices are \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for students.

Mrs. Doyle Hornaday, chairman of the budget and finance committee of the Auxiliary, is in charge of the project.

Gifts To ABMC

Recent memorial gifts to ABMC's Building Fund, in memory of Mr. Fe Phillips, were received from the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Dailey; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn F. Wade; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hyatt, Jr.; Rector, Means & Rowland, Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Kearney Dietz; Mr. E. Richard Crockett; Officers and Directors of the First National Bank; and the Hall High School Reserve Cheerleaders. Other memorial gifts to the Building Fund were received from Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lile, in memory of Mr. Richard Steel and Mr. Albert J. Hepp; Mr. W. R. Stephens, in memory of Judge Neill Bohlinger; Mrs. Merle Ansley, in memory of Mr. Bill Craig; Mrs. Grace McKinney, Mrs. Maye Payne, and Mrs. N. S. Hawley, in memory of Mr. Henry Wallis.

Memorial contributions to ABMC's Intensive Care Unit, in memory of Sarah Heard, were received from Mr. and Mrs. Gary Betzner and Mrs. Shirlene Harris.

A contribution to ABMC's Charity Fund was received from the W. M. S. of Second Baptist Church in Little Rock.

Junior Auxiliary Officers



Pictured above are the new officers of the Junior Auxiliary, elected at their September meeting. Seated is Brenda Hornaday, president. Standing, Candy Brigmond, secretary (left), and Paula Jordan, vice president. Susan Crosby, historian, was not present for the picture.

Safety Committee Report

Thirty-one departments and nursing stations received Safety Awards for the month of July. There were 19 accidents reported during the month, with emergency room charges amounting to \$278.00.

For the month of August, there were 28 accidents reported, with emergency room charges amounting to \$383.00. Thirty departments and nursing stations received Safety Awards for August.

THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Ed. Note: This is part three of a three-part series on the Social Security Program in this country. This article has been edited from one prepared by the Arkansas Division of the Social Security Administration.

The basic idea of social security is a simple one. During working years employees, their employers and self-employed people pay social security contributions, which go into special trust funds. When earnings stop or are reduced because the worker retires, dies or becomes disabled, monthly cash benefits are paid from the funds to replace part of the earnings the family has lost.

Social security benefits come from four different trust funds. Benefits for retired persons and their dependents or survivors of insured workers come from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund.

The Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund pays monthly cash benefits to workers who become seriously disabled for a year or more before reaching 65 and to their dependents. The Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund helps pay hospital and related costs under Medicare.

The first three trust funds are financed by the tax contributions of workers and employers. The fourth trust fund, the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, is financed by premiums from persons enrolled in the voluntary medical insurance portion of Medicare. Matching amounts come from the federal government.

Contributions to social security are based on earnings. Currently, the rate is 4.8 percent for the employee on the first \$7,800 earned in a year, with employers matching this contribution. Self-employed people pay 6.9 percent on their net earnings up to \$7,800. In both situations, 0.6 percent of these contributions go toward financing Medicare hospital insurance. The remainder is set aside for the monthly retirement, survivors and disability benefits.

These contribution rates are scheduled to rise gradually to finance the program adequately during future years as benefits go to an increased number of people at higher rates and as hospital costs increase.

Because of these contributions, the average worker in his thirties can draw some assurance from the knowledge that if he were to die, his widow and children would receive social security benefits totaling from \$30,000 to \$45,000. Today, social security benefits constitute almost the only source of income for over half the retired people in this country. Nearly 25 million men, women and children are receiv-

ing social security cash benefits in the amount of about 20 billion dollars a year.

The amount paid to beneficiaries is directly related to the worker's average monthly earnings over a certain number of his working years. Earnings with different employers and in different types of employment are combined and given full credit toward the computation of an individual's retirement benefits. A person never loses credit for covered earnings.

The number of years used in computing the worker's average monthly earnings for benefit purposes depends upon the year he was born. A greater number of years is used in computing the benefits for persons just attaining retirement age than was used for persons who retired years ago. This is done because the younger worker had the opportunity of working more years under social security.

The maximum amount of a worker's earnings which are taxable, and can be used in computing benefits, has ranged from \$3,000 in 1937 to the current level of \$7,800. If a person was born in 1904 and had maximum earnings since 1951, his present benefit amount would be \$160.50 a month. At that rate, he would recover all social security tax he had paid in less than three years. If this worker had a wife and two or three children, his family would receive \$344.80 a month. The minimum benefit payable to a worker at least 65 when he retires is \$55 a month. His family can receive \$82.50 a month.

The benefit amount for a worker who retires between the ages of 62 and 65 is reduced a certain percent for each month he draws benefits before age 65. The benefit amount for a worker who retires at 62 is reduced 20 percent. Therefore, the worker above who had maximum earnings would receive \$128.50 a month if he retires at age 62.

Because of the interrelationship between the amount of a worker's earnings and the amount of his benefits, it is imperative he makes regular checks of his individual earnings record as maintained at Baltimore, Maryland, to insure it is correct. Since federal regulations bar corrections on a person's record after a certain time lapse, these checks should be made at least every three years. Cards which may be used in obtaining this information are available at any social security office.

Associate Director Of Student Activities



Steve Boehning has assumed his duties as associate director of student activities at ABMC. Steve is a graduate of Pine Bluff High School and is presently attending the University of Arkansas at Little Rock where he is majoring in speech. He plans to enter the ministry and will enroll at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, following his graduation from the U.A.L.R.

As associate director, Steve will assist in planning recreational activities for the students and will keep the Student Union Building open several nights during the week. He will also work with the director, Miss Juanita Straubie, on special programs and activities and in taking groups of students to out-of-town revivals and other meetings.

Miss Straubie said she thought Steve was helping to "bridge the generation gap" in the student activity work and feels he will be an asset to the program.

Steve's wife, Susan, is a senior nursing student at SCA. The Boehnings live at 3204 Fair Park Blvd. in Little Rock.

Practical School Enrolls 54

Mrs. Mary Jackson, Director of ABMC's School of Practical Nursing, announced that 54 students had enrolled in the October class. This is the second largest group to enroll since the School was started in 1965. The largest class was in 1967 and had a total of 55 students.

The October class is also the 15th class to be enrolled since the School was started. Classes began October 13.

Practical School Graduates 12th Class



Pictured above are members of the 12th class to graduate from the School of Practical Nursing since it was first started in 1965. Seated, from left to right: Betty Hartman, Darlene Holmes, Judy Covalt, Barbara Justice and Velma Newburn. Second row, left to right: Stella Eason, Grace Johnson, Linda Abbott, Becky Rettig, Edith Whatley, Delois Crossley, Christine Lewis and Margaret Webb. Third row, left to right: Helen Wilson, Peggy Holden, Cindy McLaughlin, Jennifer (Sims) Berry, Sue Files, Nancy (Cranford) Wimberly, and Lamar Pine. Maria Manion was not present for the picture. Graduation exercises were held in the Student Union Building, October 2.

New Inservice Instructors



Linda Beth Young (left), and Pamela Hawes

Two new inservice instructors assumed their duties at ABMC in September.

Mrs. Pamela Hawes is a native of Nashville, Tennessee where she attended school. She is a 1965 graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, with a B. S. degree in nursing. She was previously employed at the Clinical Research Center in Charlottesville, Virginia. Mrs. Hawes and her husband, Dr. Samuel P. Hawes, live at 121 Massachusetts Street in Jacksonville. Dr.

Hawes is a captain in the Air Force and is stationed at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

Mrs. Linda Beth Young is a native of Ola, Arkansas where she graduated from high school. She received a B. S. degree in nursing from the University of Arkansas School of Nursing. Mrs. Young and her husband, Jimmy, live at 5303 Dreher Lane in Little Rock. Mr. Young is employed at the Darragh Company as an animal nutritionist.

Ten Commandments For Hospitals

1. The patient is the most important person in the hospital.
2. The patient is dependent on us; our reputation is dependent on him.
3. The patient is not an interruption of our work, he is our work.
4. The patient is not someone to argue with — but someone to comfort.
5. The patient is not a cold statistic; he is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.
6. The patient is part of our business, not an outsider.
7. The patient is a person who brings us his illness — it is our duty to justify his faith in us.
8. The patient is the reason we are here — to serve.
9. A patient is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him.
10. Remember always, if people did not become ill, there would be no need for this or any other hospital.

W. M. S. Makes New Projects

The W. M. S. of Second Baptist Church in Little Rock recently completed two new projects for hospital patients and presented some of them to the Center. One of the projects is a colorful hot-pan holder kit, complete with the padding and cover, already cut in a square; the tape binding to sew around the edges; and a needle and thread. These items are placed in a plastic bag along with a card containing a scripture verse, or a small book of scripture verses.

As the hospital Volunteers visit patients, they take a supply of the kits with them and have found that many of the women patients are glad to have something to do with their hands, and they can take the hot-pan holder home with them.

The other project is a small pillow with a cover made of soft, washable material and stuffed with nylon stockings. These pillows can be used on the Pediatric unit or for patients in other areas of the hospital. Approximately four dozen nylon stockings are used in each pillow.

Mrs. Jack Burns is the chairman of mission action work at Second Baptist Church, and Mrs. J. W. Jones is the assistant chairman.

N.Y. Convention becomes 31st

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Before a standing-room-only crowd, the Baptist Convention of New York was formally constituted as the 31st Baptist state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

More than 800 elected messengers and visitors gathered at the Central Baptist Church here to organize the new convention, which encompasses New York, upper New Jersey and Southwestern Connecticut.

The new convention was organized with 70 churches, 27 chapels and 10,139 members.

Maryland to lease camp for RAs

LUTHERVILLE, Md.—The State Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of Maryland voted here to lease a 116-acre camp in Southern Maryland for a Royal Ambassador camping program, and to study the feasibility of assuming the Baptist student work program at the University of Maryland.

The camp, located near the Virginia line, is owned by the Boy's Club of Greater Washington, but the Maryland Baptist Convention will have year-round access and control of the facilities during the one-year lease period, with an option for two years.

The Baptist student ministry at the University of Maryland, located at College Park, just across the state line from Washington, D. C., presently is the responsibility of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

The board voted to recommend to the state convention in November a new mandate for its Christian life and public affairs committee, which previously had no clear convention instructions on its function.

Under the proposed scope and purpose, the committee "shall act for the convention in the field of Christian ethics, public affairs, interfaith cooperation and Christian social concerns." This would include the areas of family life, race relations, human relations, moral issues, economic life, daily work, citizenship, church-state relations, cooperative relations with other religious groups, etc.

Although not specifically mentioned in the proposed document itself, the committee will seek to implement on the state level the concerns of both the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs on the national level. (BP)

Theme of the constituting convention was "Born to Serve."

Paul S. James, executive secretary of the new convention, developed the theme in his major address, outlining national and international crises of the day, and urging Southern Baptists to draw on their resources to meet the challenge.

The new convention adopted a budget of \$422,060 for 1970. The convention will actually begin its full operations on Jan. 1.

Of the budget, \$100,000 is expected to come through Cooperative Program contributions from the churches of the state, with the remainder coming from financial support of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, which is contributing \$305,050, and from the SBC Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union.

Of the total budget, 15 per cent will go to Southern Baptist world mission causes. A policy was adopted to increase this allocation by one per cent each year for the next five years.

John M. Tubbs, secretary of the Sunday School and church building department of the Baptist Convention of Maryland was elected as director of the education division of the New York convention. He and James are the only two professional staff members elected thus far by the convention.

Most of the churches in the new convention have previously been affiliated with either the Maryland convention or the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

The convention will have six district associations within its borders. Largest of the associations is Metropolitan New York, with 43 churches, 15 chapels and about 7,000 members.

Elected president of the new convention was Kenneth Lyle, pastor of Central Nassau Church, Westbury, N.Y., on Long Island. He succeeds Hartman Sullivan, pastor of LaSalle Church, Niagara Falls, who presided over the constituting convention.

Offices for the new convention will be at 400 Montgomery St., in a modern building in downtown Syracuse. (BP)

New WMU work

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) has been organized in Southern Baptists' newest state convention—the Baptist Convention of New York.

HMB loses staffer, appoints 8 couples

ATLANTA—The resignation of one staff member and the appointment of eight missionary couples to full-time service has been announced by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Roy Lewis, assistant to the director of the Board's church loans division, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Calvary Baptist Church in Lilburn, Ga. Lewis, employed by the board for more than eight years, said his resignation will be effective Oct. 31.

Of the eight couples appointed as missionaries, four will serve in north-eastern states. Mr. and Mrs. Joel Land will serve in Auckerton, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Webb in Syracuse, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Taylor in Boston, Mass. and Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Wright, Jr. in Hartford, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gregory were appointed to West Virginia, the only couple appointed to a southern state. The Gregorys will serve in Morgantown as student workers.

The other three missionary couples will be serving in Alaska, California and Nevada. Mr. and Mrs. James Akin will be pastoral missionaries in Palmer, Alaska; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells will be area missionaries in Reno, Nev., and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bradley will serve as superintendents of missions in Lancaster, Calif.

Wells is a Bible and speech graduate of Ouachita University. He also holds a bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary. He is a native of Ratcliff, Ark.

Mrs. Sara Louise Wells is also a Ouachita graduate and native of Amory, Miss. She has been a public school teacher. (BP)

The organization will be a department of the state convention, with a subcommittee of the state Executive Board to deal with WMU work. A separate WMU council made up of associational WMU directors and state officers will direct program affairs.

Guidelines for operation, rather than a constitution and bylaws, were adopted by the 160 persons attending an organization luncheon.

Elected president of the women's organization was Mrs. Harmon Sullivan, minister's wife from Niagara Falls. Vice presidents will be the WMU directors from each of the six associations of the convention.

WMU organizations in the new convention were formerly affiliated with the Ohio and Maryland women's groups. (BP)

Seeks copies of 'Musical Millions'

Paul M. Hall, minister of music at First Baptist Church of Clarendon, Arlington, Va., is searching for an old musical journal entitled *The Musical Million*. This search is in connection with a doctoral dissertation he is writing at a university in Washington, D. C.

The Musical Million was a monthly periodical devoted to staging a reform in musical notation, upsetting the use of round notes and replacing them with shape-notes in musical publications. The journal was published in Singer's Glen and Dayton, Va., from 1870 to 1914.

In reading existing copies, Hall has noted that subscribers were registered in every state of the union and in Canada. Many copies of the *Million* are available in libraries in Virginia but a good number have not yet been found. It is these missing volumes that Hall would like to locate.

The Musical Million was published by the Ruebush-Kieffer Co. of Dayton, Va., which also published many hymnals, song books, and singing school books.

Anyone who knows of extant copies of *The Musical Million*, whether they be privately owned or held by libraries, is urged to contact Mr. Hall at 1210 North Highland Street, Arlington, Va. 22201.

Subcommittee seeks to curb pornography

WASHINGTON—A house judiciary subcommittee has opened hearings on what one Republican member called "the deadly serious business" of pornography. The hearings, likely to go on for sometime, concern some 150 anti-obscenity bills sponsored by more than 200 congressmen.

The material the committee is dealing with "is worse than salacious, beyond what is indecent and reflects a serious depravity . . ." declared Rep. Richard H. Poff (R., Va.), the ranking minority member of the subcommittee.

The principal target of the bills, many of which are similar, "is not the street corner hawker," Poff continued. It is the "arrogant baron of pornography" who is contemptuous of the laws and is getting rich from peddling filthy materials.

On the opening day of hearings, the chief concern of the witnesses was how to draft legislation to keep sexually-offensive matter from persons under 18 and to ban unsolicited sex-oriented materials from being mailed, and yet not run afoul of the U.S. Constitution. (BP)

World's 'meanest mother'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was written by Orien Fifer of Phoenix, Ariz., and recalls the painful years when she was growing up. It has become something of a classic and has been repeated in many newspapers across the nation.)

"I had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs or toast. When others had cake or candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich, and, as you can guess, my supper was different from the other kids too! My sister and two brothers had the same mother as I did.

"My mother insisted upon knowing where we kids were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were, what we were doing. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour that we be gone not one hour and one minute. I am ashamed to admit it, but she actually struck us, not once but each time we did as we pleased. Can you imagine someone actually hitting a child just because he disobeyed? Now you can begin to see how mean she really was.

"The worst is yet to come! We had to be in bed by nine each night, and up early the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends. So, while they slept, my mother actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook, and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she laid awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us. She always insisted upon our telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us—and it nearly did.

"By the time we were teenagers she was much wiser, and life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of a car in front of the house for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us.

"I forgot to mention, while our friends were dating at the 'mature' age of 12 and 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let us date until the age of 15 and 18. Fifteen, that is, if you dated only to go to school functions, and that was twice a year.

"My mother was a complete

failure as a mother! None of us has ever been arrested or beaten his mate! Each of my brothers served his time in the service of his country. And whom do you think we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? You are right, our mean mother! Look at all the things we missed—we never got to march in a protest parade, take part in a riot, burn draft cards, or a million things that our friends did. She forced us to grow into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

"Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my three children. I stand a little taller and am filled with pride when my children call me 'mean.' Because you see, I thank God. He gave me the 'meanest mother in the whole world!'"—Baptist Standard

Record crowd attends Graham Crusade

ANAHEIM, Calif.—Before another record-breaking crowd at Anaheim Stadium, the Southern California Billy Graham Crusade closed its 10-day program with a warning from the evangelist to prepare for "the judgment."

"Will God spare America?" Mr. Graham asked. "He didn't spare Lucifer and his angels; He didn't spare Sodom and Gomorrah, He didn't spare Samson or David. Do you think there is something special about you and me?"

The closing session attracted more than 56,000 persons on a warm, cloud-free, sunny Sunday afternoon. Many in the audience, after stadium seats were filled, sat on the grass infield where plastic strips had been placed.

The closing session's large attendance marked the third time during the crusade here that records for the Anaheim Stadium were broken. A Sunday afternoon session a week earlier had attracted more than 49,500 while more than 54,000 crowded into the ballpark on the next to the last day. The previous record of 46,307 was set in 1967 by a major league baseball all-star game.

At a press conference Mr. Graham announced that his next major crusade would be held in Dortmund, Germany, in April. (EP)

"Baptists Who Know, Care"

Church members will support Baptist work in Arkansas and around the world if they are informed of the needs by reading the ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWS-MAGAZINE.

The polar bear family

Far up in the Arctic Circle it was growing warmer. Now the sun shone a little every day and the six months of night and darkness were over. Deep in her snow cavern, Mother Polar Bear felt the warm air and stirred. Beside her, the two cubs slept. They were sprawled awkwardly on their backs with hairy paws folded over their black noses.

Mother Polar Bear lumbered to her feet, sending down a shower of loose snow onto the sleeping cubs. One of them growled and stirred. Mother Polar Bear put her head outside and sniffed. She saw the distant ice floes floating in the cold green water. She saw some black dots on the ice and her nose said, "Dinner."

Roughly she shook the cubs awake and nuzzled them. She told them in bear language that it was time to wake up and learn how to hunt seals.

The cubs staggered out of the cave and looked around.

"So this is the world," they seemed to say.

Mother Polar Bear started stalking the seals. The cubs followed. Craftily, she took advantage of every snow hump and ice cliff. Her white coat did not show up against the snow. Only her black nose and eyes showed. Just ahead a wrinkled old seal lay dozing.

"Now," Mother Polar Bear growled and raised her paw with its five sharp claws.

The cubs liked seal meat, and for the next few weeks Mother Polar Bear caught a seal every day. Sometimes she caught fish, too. Once they found a whale washed up on the shore, but before they had a chance to taste it, another bear came and drove them away.

The cubs grew heavier every day, and as they grew Mother Polar Bear taught them many things. She showed them how to walk on the ice, their rough hairy paws gripping the slippery surface to keep from sliding. She showed them how to avoid the walrus, who could hurt them with his sharp tusks and who was so much swifter in the water than the polar bear cubs.

They stalked seals and sometimes caught one. Sometimes they swam along the edge of the floes until they were close to a seal pack. Then they would growl and frighten the seals into jumping into the water. They caught two or three on those trips.

When the cubs grew tired of swimming, Mother Polar Bear would let them hang onto her tail, and she would tow them through the water.

It was not all work, however. Sometimes the cubs would have a wrestling match or they would all climb on a big ice cake and sail around in the water.

One day they saw a man. He was dressed in skins, and he paddled a boat through the ice floes. Mother Polar Bear showed the cubs how to hide behind the ice floes and be quiet. Man was their enemy more than the walrus, because man carried the stick-that-kills-at-a-distance.

The cubs stayed with Mother Polar Bear until they were old enough to take care of themselves. She played games with them, too. One game they liked was sliding on the ice. They would sit down and Mother Polar Bear would give them a big push. This sent them scooting over the ice for several yards. There they sat waiting for Mother Polar Bear to give them another push. It was great fun.

When the time came for the two cubs to leave, Mother Polar Bear did not mind very much. She knew they were able to take care of themselves. When she saw them again, if ever, they would be grown. They would be nearly nine feet long and would weigh over a half ton.

She watched them amble off between the snow humps and she grunted proudly. Feeling that she had done an excellent job of raising this family, Mother Polar Bear slid into the water to catch a nice fat seal for her dinner.

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Couple to withhold taxes over Vietnam

STORRS, Conn.—Richard and Carol Morse, a Quaker couple recently returned from three months working in a Vietnam rehabilitation center, have notified President Nixon they won't pay taxes this year.

"After what we have seen in Vietnam," the Morses told Mr. Nixon in a letter, "we feel that you are insulting the American people by asking them to support such destruction."

As a result of their experiences with amputees at the center the couple stated: "We can no longer let it be as-



Max Edward Mendelsohn said he wanted to attend Vanderbilt University divinity school to find out "why Christians don't act like Christians." The divinity school accepted that challenge and enrolled Mendelsohn as the first Jewish student to participate in the regular degree program in the school's history. "I may be the only Jew in the divinity school, but I am not the only one who is lost," said Mendelsohn, who received his BA from Vanderbilt this year. (Nashville Tennessean, Sept. 29, 1969)

A number of Washington law firms, aware that it is no longer so easy to attract top law-school graduates into the usual career of defending large corporations in anti-trust suits, are widening their "public interest" work. At Arnold and Porter, for example, each member of the firm will spend at least 15 percent of his time on anti-pollution drives, consumer issues and help for penniless defendants in criminal cases. (The Periscope, Newsweek, Oct. 13, 1969)

A business adviser says he has a simple answer for many of the nation's toughest social and economic problems—put everybody on a three-day work week. "Give Joe American a chance to give his job some hard licks for three days a week so he can have four days and five nights in one long, useful hunk for himself, and see what dynamic action he is capable of," says socio-economist Dr. Millard C. Faught. Not only would the three-day week increase production, it would relieve overcrowding in the nation's hard-pressed cities, ease commuter traffic jams and even improve family home life, Faught said. (Louisville Courier-Journal, Sept. 21, 1969)

sumed that we condone the violent destruction of Vietnam by our voluntary payment of taxes."

Mr. and Mrs. Morse said Vietnam is "a refugee country," and noted that "their whole social system has been turned upside down."

The husband is a research biologist with the University of Connecticut and his wife is a physical therapist with the Public Health Association of North Eastern Connecticut. (EP)

The bookshelf

The Broadman Bible Commentary, Vol. 1, General Articles; Genesis-Exodus, Clifton J. Allen, General Editor, Broadman Press, 1969

General articles in this first volume of the long awaited Southern Baptist commentary are: "The Book of the Christian Faith," "The Scriptures in Translation," "Interpreting the Bible," "The Geography of the Bible," "Archaeology and the Bible," "The Canon and Text of the Old Testament," "The History of Israel," "The Theology of the Old Testament," and "Contemporary Approaches in Old Testament Study."

The Genesis section is by G. Henton Davies, of Regent's Park College, Oxford, and Exodus section is by Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., of Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City.

Explaining the reasoning back of the decision to use the The Revised Standard Version of the Scriptures for the commentary, Editor Allen, in the preface, states:

"The King James Version was recognized as holding first place in the hearts of many Christians but as suffering from inaccuracies in translation and obscurities in phrasing. The American Standard was seen as free from these two problems but deficient in an attractive English style and wide current use. The Revised Standard retains the accuracy and clarity of the American Standard and has a pleasing style and a growing use. It thus enjoys a strong advantage over each of the others, making it by far the most desirable choice."

Writers for the new commentary "express their own views and convictions," and, therefore, the views found in the commentary "cannot be regarded as the official position of the publisher."

The Broadman Bible Commentary, Vol. 8, General Articles; Matthew-Mark, Clifton J. Allen, General Editor, Broadman Press, 1969

The commentary on Matthew is by Frank Stagg, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, and the commentary on Mark is by Henry E. Turlington, formerly of the Southern Seminary faculty and now pastor of University Baptist Church, Chapel Hills N. C.

Editors for RA magazines named

Two new editors have joined the staff of the Royal Ambassador department of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.



ARKANSAS

OUTDOORS

by George Purvis



Outdoors calls in fall



A wooded area holds much intrigue for the hunter; since only exploration can fully satisfy his wonder of what game it may contain.

Fall is the time when outdoorsmen are answering the inaudible, but real, call of the wild. There is a large section of our society which enjoys hunting and other outdoor activities, such as camping, that takes them out in the wooded areas of the state.

When the air is dry and crisp it is a joy to get out and take in nature. All of the sights, sounds, and smells combine to thrill the heart and stir the imagination of all but the most insensitive.

Fall is a favorite time for many sportsmen because they can enjoy the beauties and wonders that God has provided and at the same time match wits with some of the game species which inhabit our woods and fields.

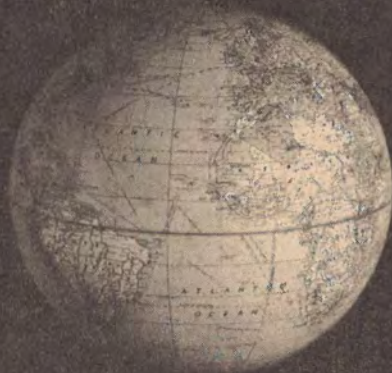
They are Mike Davis of Marietta, Ga., and Elaine Selcraig of Houston, Tex.

Davis will work in the Youth division of Royal Ambassadors as associate editor of *Probe*, the new mission magazine for boys in grades 7-12. *Probe*

will begin publication in October, 1970.

Miss Selcraig will serve in the Children's division of Royal Ambassadors as assistant editor of *Crusader*, the new mission magazine for boys in grades 1-6. It will begin publication in October, 1970.

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God's mercy, man's hope

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Life and Work

Oct. 26, 1969

Genesis 6:12-22
9:8-17

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Last week's study dealt with the fall of man and the doctrine of sin. Because of man's sin, certain consequences resulted. The immediate consequences were shame, guilty conscience, hiding from God, and loss of fellowship. Other consequences were depravity, judgment, and death. (Adam died spiritually when he sinned; his sin also led to physical death later.)

Today's study involves Noah and the ark. The lesson is a study of judgment and mercy. An overlooked emphasis is faith and works.

I. Sin and judgment

(Gen. 6:12-13)

The wickedness of this early civilization was very great. Verse six states that "the earth was full of violence." This terrible wickedness grieved God's holy heart. God was ashamed of the fact that man had lived in such disregard of him. The flood came as an agent of God's judgment. The cause of the flood was sin. God wanted to begin again. He chose Noah (because Noah chose him) as the agent of God in his dealings with this wicked civilization. Man had sinned. Man would not repent and recognize God. God sent judgment in the form of the flood.

II. God's covenant with Noah

(Gen. 6:14-18)

God's judgment has been discussed. What about God's mercy? God exercised mercy upon Noah and his family. The faith of Noah caused him to be usable by the Lord. Without faith we shut off our availability before God. Faith puts us into proper position for God to give us his wonderful mercy. The ark proved to be the agent of mercy.

Some men go wild with Old Testament typology. Some see typology in every great event in the Old Testament and make the Scriptures mean what they want them to mean. However, we are not doing violence to the text nor going off on a tangent when we see typology in this historic event. The

flood symbolizes judgment. The ark symbolizes salvation and safety. We enter into the ark of God's salvation through faith. Noah represents the saved sinner.

There is a great lesson of value in taking a look at Noah's faith. "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" (Heb. 11:7). Noah was saved by faith. His faith led to works, namely the building of the ark.

These are called "Life and Work" Sunday School lessons. Why? The idea is to exercise faith in Christ, which inevitably will express itself in consistent daily Christian living and good works. The book of James (our January Bible study) emphasizes the fact that if one has saving faith, this faith will inevitably produce works. We show

our faith through our works. No greater example of this truth could be found in all the Bible than Noah.

God commanded Noah to build an ark by which he and his family (a total of eight including Noah) and the different species of animal life, would be spared. When all were safe inside, God closed the door and the floods of water came. The flood continued 40 days and nights.

III. The rainbow

(Gen. 9:12-16)

Noah and his family were in the ark one year and 17 days (they were in the ark seven days before the rain began). At last the ark was grounded on Mt. Ararat. The story of Noah's sending out a raven and a dove is familiar. God then promised Noah (and all the human race) that never again should the earth be destroyed by water. The rainbow was given as God's pledge of this great promise. This was and is a covenant from God with "every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth" (v. 16). Thus the human race made a new start. Noah left somewhat to be desired because he was guilty of drunkenness not long after he left the ark.

God has promised that the next destruction will be by fire. (Please study II Peter 3:5-7.) In the days of Noah the vast majority did not believe the message of Noah. Likewise, today, the vast majority of people do not believe the message of II Peter 3:5-7!

Conclusion:

This lesson is heavy laden with great truths. Please discuss God's judgment and mercy. What does this lesson teach concerning obedience to God? Are we guilty of disobeying God today? How does the life of Noah illustrate faith and works? Was Noah saved by faith or works? Is faith valid unless it results in works?

Next week's lesson is a wonderful study of the greatest man in Old Testament history—Moses. You will not want to miss this valuable study.

Seeing

*Today, it just occurred to me
That we see what we want to
see—*

*Much as our mind directs,
The evil man sees only sin
Because his heart is bad
within*

And all men he suspects.

*The greedy cares only for
glittering gold,
Forgetting the time when he
is old*

And all is left behind.

*The good man uses his eyes
to view*

*All things that God intended
him to*

For virtue rules his mind.

—Carl Ferrell

Reforms among God's people

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II Kings 18:1-6,
23:21-25

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The presence of the brass snake, called "Nehushtan," in the temple where men burned incense to it as to an idol tells us something which we ought not forget: it's dangerous to permit religious souvenirs and gadgets to be closely associated with divine worship lest they become the object of worship in the minds of immature worshippers. On the other hand, Jesus made effective use of the record of the fiery serpents and the brazen serpents when he employed it as an illustration of his own substitutionary death for those who trust in him (John 3:14-15).

5. The Lord was with him and prospered him (18:7). He was able to rebel against Assyria, and he was able to extend his territory into Philistia. For a while he was forced to pay tribute unto Assyria, but he never fully capitulated before Sennacherib (18:15-37). The Lord intervened when the Assyrians besieged Jerusalem and sent a plague through their ranks which dissolved their will to conquer the city (II Kings 19).

Josiah's reforms

The religious reformation under King Josiah, the last of the great kings of Israel, was generated by the public reading of a book of the law of Moses which was found by Hilkiah the high priest. It was found in the temple which he had set about to cleanse and repair. We never know how much of value there is in the church until we set about to cleanse and repair it. The book was probably the Book of Deuteronomy.

1. Josiah called for an observance of the Passover. The Chronicles account (II Chr. 35) gives the extent of the observance.

2. He, like Hezekiah, destroyed all false worship and false forms of worship so as to establish the works of the law found in the book. Josiah and Hezekiah were wise enough to know that people can't be for truth and right without being against falsehood and evil.

The lesson for this week covers a period of about a century after the fall of Samaria and the northern nation in 722 B.C. It concentrates on the efforts of Hezekiah and Josiah to bring about spiritual reformations in Judah.

The severity of divine judgment on Israel near the beginning of Hezekiah's reign had a wholesome effect on him and on his people. The reform measures taken by Josiah came in the next century, two or three generations later. The reforms of both kings seemed to be genuine, but they succeeded only in damming up temporarily the stream of culture which seemed to be flowing away from God. With the passing of Hezekiah, Judah returned at once to idolatry; and soon after the passing of Josiah, the nation broke up and the people were taken captive to Babylon.

Hezekiah's reforms

(II Kings 18:1-8)

Hezekiah, one of the greatest kings of Judah, came to the throne in a crucial period of Hebrew history. This passage seems to indicate that he was six years into his reign when Samaria fell, although that system of dating is difficult to harmonize with the dates and events later in the chapter. Anyway, whether he was on the throne or in preparation for kingship when the northern nation fell, he must have been

profoundly impressed by the loss of Israel to Assyria.

Hezekiah set about to right the wrongs which King Ahaz had left to him.

1. He trusted in the Lord and did what was right (18:3, 5). The text compares him with David in doing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord. He held fast unto the Lord and was persistent in his faith and in his obedience.

These qualities—faith and obedience—are two of the very greatest attributes of a man of God. They pair up together quite well and give mutual support, each to the other. When faith fades, obedience lags; and when one is half-hearted about obedience, he becomes half-hearted in his faith. On the other hand, full faith begets a ready will to obey; and willing obedience encourages maturity of faith.

2. He looked upon the law of Moses as God's commands. It is significant that this ancient king, although he did not have all the evidences which are available unto us that the law of Moses was given from God, nevertheless heard in them the voice of God. Deeply embedded in the heart of Hezekiah was a will to believe. Indeed faith, in any person and in any era, is a matter of the will. Hezekiah saw in the law of Moses, which we must assume that he had in some written form, the word of God which spoke to his need and spoke to his experience.

3 He destroyed the centers of Baal worship. These "high places" and their furnishings for worshiping Baal and Asherah had survived and at times thrived in Israel for more than a century, but King Hezekiah considered them to be inconsistent with the teachings of Moses.

4. He also destroyed idols which had been employed in the worship of the true God. He was aware that the law condemned the use of idols, even though their use had come to be quite common.

Among the idols which he found in the temple was the bronze serpent which Moses had made and erected on a pole so it could be seen by people who had been bitten in a plague of snakes (Numbers 21:6-9).

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Ups and downs

The manager of a 10-story office building was informed that a man was trapped in an elevator between the second and third floors. He rushed to the grillwork under the stalled car and called to the passenger. "Keep cool, sir. We'll have you out soon. I've phoned for the elevator mechanic."

There was a brief pause, then a tense voice answered, "I AM the elevator mechanic."

Smart sprinting

A famous athlete, who had recently escaped from behind the Iron Curtain, was asked why the Russians excelled in marathon running.

He replied: "We use the border for the finish line."

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A grave situation

The pompous physician was inclined to criticize others. One day he was watching a stone mason build a fence for a neighbor. He thought the mason was using too much mortar, and said, "Mortar covers up a good many mistakes, doesn't it?"

"Yes, doctor," replied the mason, "and so does a spade!"

It's all relative

A soldier in a carrier-pigeon outfit was singing one day as he was cleaning out the cages. A passing officer commented, "Don't tell me you enjoy doing that?"

"Sir," the GI replied, "before I transferred here, I was in the cavalry!"

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There are a lot of fine people who walk the "straight and narrow." Too bad they can't be straight without being narrow.

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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Alicia	63	64	
Arkadelphia Shiloh	21	10	
Benton First	545	114	1
Berryville			
Freeman Heights	114	24	2
First	143	57	
Rock Springs	69	49	
Booneville First	242	207	
Camden			
Cullendale First	420	129	
First	426	148	
Charleston North Side	86	63	7
Cherokee Village	72	86	
Crossett			
First	594	175	
Mt. Olive	268	116	
North Crossett, First	147	81	1
Dumas First	302	53	
El Dorado Ebenezer	195	79	1
Fayetteville First	586	191	5
Forrest City First	588	140	1
Ft. Smith First	1,118	888	2
Green Forest First	183	89	2
Greenwood First	301	132	
Hampton First	129	37	
Harrison Eagle Heights	225	71	
Hope First	460	149	
Hot Springs			
Emmanuel	46	31	
Grand Avenue	206		
Lakeside	151	76	
Piney	205	87	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	135	105	
First	478	120	1
Jonesboro			
Central	461	186	1
Nettleton	317	128	2
Lake Hamilton	138	51	
Little Rock			
Archview	147	63	2
Crystal Hill	182	81	
Geyer Springs	618	216	9
Life Line	612	215	4
Rosedale	226	77	
Marked Tree			
First	156	51	
Neiswander	106	71	
Monroe	77	22	
Monticello Second	257	117	
Nashville Ridgeway	98	150	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	589	242	
Southside Chapel	85	43	
Calvary	470	177	
Central	280	89	4
Harmony	51	26	
Highway	170	89	
Park Hill	824	148	6
Sixteenth St.	47	34	
Sylvan Hills	248	101	
Paragould East Side	308	152	2
Paris First	331	92	
Pine Bluff	240	138	4
East Side	150	93	4
First	754	191	1
Green Meadows	60	14	
Second	200	86	
Watson Chapel	180	73	
Sherwood First	210	107	5
Springdale			
Berry Street	87	30	
Caudle Avenue	120	22	1
Elmdale	422	137	3
First	452	123	3
Trumann, Tully Anderson	75	55	
Van Buren			
First	327	138	
Jesse Turner Mission	8		
Chapel	40		
Walnut Ridge First	309	146	6
Warren			
First	421	114	
Southside Mission	45	47	
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Williford, Springlake	64	42	
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Portuguese open seminary

The new theological seminary of the Portuguese Baptist Convention has opened its first session with a faculty of four and a student body of eight. The seminary used two floors in the new Baptist church building in Queluz. Queluz is located just outside Lisbon.

The inaugural services which opened the seminary and installed the faculty and rector took place in the Queluz church. About 300 were on hand, including representatives from Baptist churches all over Portugal.

The first student body was presented by the dean. The eight students (all men, although it is hoped that women can be accepted later) included two from Portuguese Africa.

Speaker for the opening service was the president of the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, John D. W. Watts. He spoke on "Today's Man of God."

The Portuguese seminary offers courses leading to a degree of bachelor in theology, and certificates as grad-

October 22 set as day of prayer

WASHINGTON—President Richard M. Nixon has proclaimed Oct. 22 as a national day of prayer.

"At a time in our nation's history when the power of prayer is needed more than ever, it is fitting that we publicly demonstrate our faith in the power of prayer," the President said.

Nixon quoted the first President to live in the executive residence known as the White House, John Adams, who wrote to his wife, Abigail: "Before I end my letter, I pray heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this house and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but wise and honest men ever rule under this roof."

Commenting on the prayer, Nixon said: "Its very simplicity speaks to us today, across the years that separate the time of Adams from our own. Prayer knows no boundary of time; we in America today, in the spirit of Adams, seek the blessing of God and our nation and its leaders."

Congress by joint resolution in 1952 provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a national day of prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals." (BP)

uate in theology. A course for a graduate in Christian education is announced for a later date.

The new Portuguese Baptist seminary joins 16 other seminaries on the continent of Europe sponsored by Baptists belonging to the European Baptist Federation. The eight new students join some 200 others who study in the seminaries for a ministry among the 1¼ million Baptists of Europe.

Only Baptists of the Soviet Union are without seminary training for their pastors. A correspondence course with occasional meetings of the students is still the only means of training for pastors for the over half-million Baptists there. (EPBS)

Tax on 'mature' movies proposed

HARRISBURG, Pa.—A tax on movies stressing sex and violence has been proposed in the Pennsylvania legislature by Rep. Marvin D. Weidner (R-Bucks), who introduced a bill suggesting a graduated levy according to the "maturity" of the show.

He proposed that a five-cent admission tax be levied on "F" films for family audiences; 15 cents on "M" movies for mature audiences; 25 cents on "R" (moderately violent, sex-oriented films) and 50 cents on those having "X" ratings showing sex or extreme violence.

The Weidner bill was referred to committee. A similar bill, offered recently in the Texas legislature, died in committee. (EP)

Amish film drama planned

LANCASTER, Pa.—A film titled "Jonathan" will be filmed here if plans by Dan Neidermyer materialize.

The young owner of Maranatha Productions, non-profit agency for producing media tools for religious and charitable purposes, will present the film as a poignant and realistic drama of an Amish youth who incurs the anger of his elders when he challenges the Old Order philosophy of self-denial.

Operating on a shoestring budget of \$20,000, Neidermyer will film his picture in the quaint Lancaster County outdoor setting.

Neidermyer is an honor graduate of the Philadelphia College of Bible. (EP)

Churches must respond to race crisis

HOUSTON—The Churches are deeply involved in American society's failure to respond "in a compassionate, sustained manner" to the nation's ghetto crisis, Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of the National Council of Churches said here.

Addressing the annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Dr. Flemming said that disapproval of "confrontation" methods now being used against Churches by black militants should not be used as an excuse to avoid responding to the crisis.

He called on the churches to "study, speak and act on conditions in the nation and the world which involve moral issues."

Because of the "non-response" to ghetto problems by "our society, including the Churches," Dr. Flemming said, "we have now been called upon to respond to 'confrontations.'" (EP)

Missionary slain in Honduras

BELIZE, Honduras—Mennonite Missionary Ben S. Stoltzfus, 33, was found dead in his car near Orange Walk where he and his family have worked for the past two years.

Robbery was the suspected motive—his watch, wallet and suitcase was missing.

The young missionary from Lancaster, Pa., was enroute to this capital city to meet Paul N. Kraybill and Harold S. Stauffer of Lancaster County who serve on the missionary board of the Mennonite Church.

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