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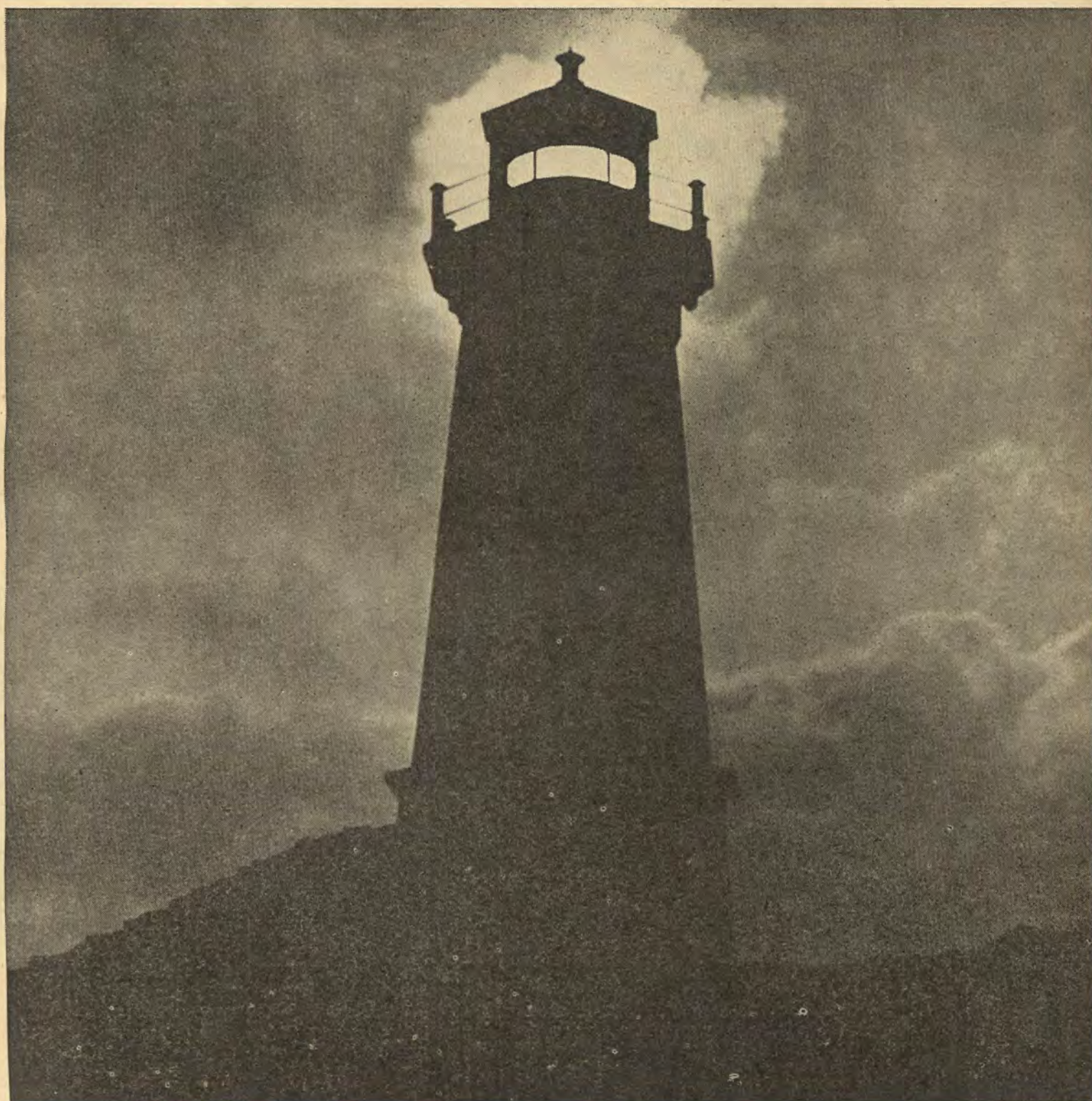
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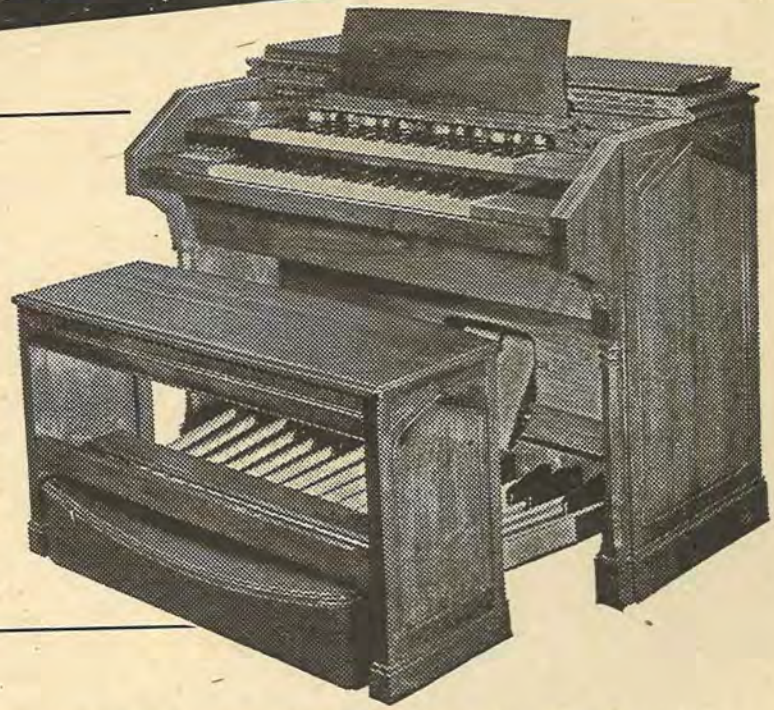


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Another member of the relief committee, Dr. Clyde V. Hickerson of Richmond says, "Six million Southern Baptists have the opportunity now of helping to answer a great need with a grand response."

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, a third member and a recent visitor to Europe, says: "As one who has seen the needs abroad and the gratitude of those who have received the food and clothing we have already sent, I urge our Baptist people to give as never before lest any of our brethren suffer through our neglect."

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Central Church, Jonesboro, where Reese S. Howard is pastor, had 69 additions, 33 for baptism, during the past year. Total finances, including the amount spent on the building, was \$34,687. Average attendance in the main Sunday School was 212, and the church has three missions in which the attendance averaged 100. The church has a full-time mission pastor, a full-time church secretary, a janitor, and a music director who comes to the church each week-end from Southern Baptist College where he is in school. A pastor's home was purchased recently at a cost of \$10,000, and there are now several thousand dollars in the treasury on a proposed new auditorium. J. I. Cossey, now of Southern Baptist College, was pastor of Central part of the past year.

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Recent improvements at Nettleton Church include an air-conditioning unit and the purchase of sewer tile and gravel to provide a more adequate parking space. G. W. Boyd is pastor.

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# Across the Editor's Desk

## What Time Is It?

"What time is it?" There is no need to look at your watch, because that delicate bit of mechanism is helpless to answer this question. The calendar provides no clue to the answer. Name the century, the year, the day, the hour, the minute, the second, and it all adds up to one little word — NOW.

Ask Paul, "What time is it?" And he will answer, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation."

Don't make the mistake of thinking that Paul was talking to sinners. He was talking to Christians. Read the whole passage, II Corinthians, chapters 5 and 6, and you will discover that Paul is urging the Corinthian Christians to fulfill their Christian ambassadorship by carrying the message of reconciliation\* to a lost world.

The ever present NOW is the only time the Christians of any generations have ever had to win the lost to Christ. The past is gone and its generations are dead; the future has not arrived, nor have its generations yet been born.

Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. What world was Jesus talking about? Obviously, He was commissioning His disciples to go to the world which was then alive. It was the only world to which they could go. The world of a former generation was dead; the world of the next generation had not been born.

The same reasoning applies to every generation of Christians, even to our generation. We can go neither to past generations nor to future generations. If we go into all the world, in response to the commission of Jesus, and preach the Gospel to every creature, we must go to the world that lives NOW.

If we do not win the world of our generation to Christ, then the world of our generation will die in its sins. This truth should bore into our consciousness with a persistency which sets up a restlessness among us to be about our Master's business.

Christian friends, it is NOW or NEVER with us! Soon we will pass from the present times of earth. Our generation will die with it. The people living today will not be living for the next generation of Christians to win to Christ. If they are not won NOW, they will not be won at all.

At home and abroad the doors of opportunity are open wide, and those within are calling, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." We have the urge within our own hearts, we have the cry for help from without. What shall be the response of Southern Baptists to the opportunities of evangelism at home and of missions abroad in this our generation?

"Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).

## We Spend Dollars— Not Percentages

By LAWSON H. COOKE

The distribution of Southwide undesignated funds is becoming more complicated each year. This is chiefly because we do not have one over-all plan for funding our Southwide agencies. We are going in three directions at the same time, part of the distribution being expressed in meaningless percentages and the other part in dollars.

At the present time we are distributing Southwide funds through three distinct and disassociated tables. Table Number One takes care of the operating expenses of eleven agencies, and is expressed in percentages. Table Number Two takes care of the operating expenses of eight agencies, and is expressed in dollars. Table Number Three takes care of the capital needs of eight agencies, and is expressed in dollars.

So long as we deal in percentages, we are up against the insoluble schooldays problem: what will happen when an irresistible force meets an immovable object? Meaning, of course, how can the urgent need for an increased allocation of one agency be met without a corresponding decrease in the allocation of some other agency? All of this could easily be avoided by expressing our Cooperative Program, which is nothing more than a denominational budget, in dollars. It would then be possible to change one or more agencies without affecting any of the others. Unless we do this, our method of distributing Southwide funds will become more complicated and unsatisfactory with each passing year.

## Military Training

The advocates of universal military training are making ready for their propaganda campaign when Congress meets early in 1948. There may be efforts made to inject this issue into the special session of Congress, called by President Truman to meet on November 17.

It should be noted that the opponents of universal military training are not opposed to our government maintaining our military establishments in sufficient strength to give us the maximum degree of security from a military standpoint. But we who oppose universal military training believe that there is a better, a more economical, and a more effective way of achieving the maximum degree of security.

Universal military training has never proven successful in providing national security. It has always developed in the youth a military type of thinking which has negated a broad and balanced outlook upon world relations and has created a false sense of security.

The strength of a nation will be no greater than the strength of its character. Ultimate victory in military conflicts is on the side of character. We point with pride to the character of American military heroes; we honor them and are grateful for the heritage they have left us.

However, we should remind ourselves that these military heroes, whom we delight to honor, did not arise out of the atmosphere of universal military training. Is there a single exception to the contention that character tends to deteriorate in the atmosphere of universal military training? We should think long and seriously before subjecting our entire youth population to the regeneration of universal military training.

Wars are bred and born in the fields of diplomacy and economics. Universal military training will prove to be a poor substitute for wisdom and character in these areas of international relationships.

## Our Missionaries

We wish to speak a word of appreciation for the associational missionaries throughout the state. Each week we mail a number of copies of the Arkansas Baptist to these missionaries for free distribution. In turn the missionaries secure subscriptions to the paper which they forward to us.

These consecrated brethren recognize the value of the Arkansas Baptist in the promotion of their work. This value lies in the complete coverage of denominational news by our state paper. There is the further value of promotional and inspirational reading matter. Doctrinal discussions and the interpretation of the Baptist position on current events are regular features in our paper.

Our associational missionaries, who are in constant touch with the rank and file of the people, are in a position to know the vital ministry of the Arkansas Baptist in its relation to our denominational program and to the enlistment of our people in that program.

We wish to express to these men our sincere thanks for their splendid cooperation and we pledge to them our prayers. We rejoice in the work they are doing. We believe that they constitute one of the most effective forces for unity and cooperation in our denominational life.

## Stewardship

Our whole denominational program would break down if every Baptist insisted upon distributing his tithes and offerings independent of the church and the denomination. If it would not be good for all Baptists to follow this independent plan, then it is not good for any Baptist to follow it.

The local church is the storehouse. To it all tithes and offerings should be brought, and from it distribution should be made to all the causes fostered by the denomination, including the local church program and all denominational enterprises.

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

Reports indicate that the past associational year proved to be one of the best in the history of White County Association. Meeting at Mt. Hebron, 24 churches reported. Missionary R. T. Strange reported more than 100 professions of faith resulting from revival meetings which he had held in the county. New officers of the association are Pastor L. C. Langley, First Church, Kensett, moderator; Pastor W. R. Vestal, First Church, Searcy, vice-president; and Pastor L. B. Edwards, First Church, West Point, clerk.

Fourteen additions, seven by baptism, were counted in evangelistic services at First Church, Corning. There was one other profession of faith and two dedications of life to special service. Preaching was done by Frank Norfleet, Arkansas student who is doing post-graduate work at Southern Seminary. Music was directed by Arthur Nelson of Mountain Home. Pastor L. C. Tedford reports that a large number of children and young people attended the services and that Training Union attendance reached 105.

Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, has enrolled students from 20 states bringing the enrollment to 271, according to announcement from President H. E. Williams. Reservations promise that the 300 mark will be surpassed with the opening of the second quarter, December 1.

West Side Church, Little Rock, was the Seventh Street Mission of First Church, Little Rock, until its recent organization into a church. Fifty-five members signed the charter of the new church. T. P. Gladden was called as pastor; G. W. Bradley was elected Sunday School superintendent and church treasurer; and Miss Terry Geater was elected church clerk. The organizational council was composed of pastors of Baptist churches in Greater Little Rock and 20 deacons of First Church.

Missouri Baptists elected Dr. K. J. O'Banion, a layman, as moderator; voted to move their state headquarters to Jefferson City, and approved plans for building a \$100,000 student center in connection with the University of Missouri.

First Church, Alamo, Tenn., had 15 additions by baptism and several by letter in evangelistic services in which Pastor J. F. Brewer, Columbia, Tenn., did the preaching. J. Paul Palmer is pastor.

First Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., Willis E. Howard, pastor, has voluntarily over-subscribed its budget of \$212,000 by \$17,000 without taking a canvass. The church had 14 additions October 26.

H. A. Zimmerman, until recently missionary in Mississippi County Association, has become mission director of Northwest Baptist Association which is comprised of Washington and Oregon Baptists. A graduate of Ouachita College, Missionary Zimmerman served as missionary to Brazil under the Foreign Mission Board, as state missionary in Arkansas, as executive secretary in Arizona, as editor of the Baptist New Mexican, and as pastor in a number of churches.

First Church, Paris, H. C. Seefeldt, pastor, has increased its budget percentage to the Cooperative and associational missions from 15 to 20 per cent for the 1947-48 church year. In addition to this amount the budget provides for \$300 to the Honor Club and \$750 to Ouachita College. The church had a Brotherhood revival October 19-26, with Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood secretary, leading, and is planning for a revival with Angel Martinez leading in November.

Dr. Rupert F. Naney, a graduate of Ouachita College, has resigned his 21-year pastorate of Olivet Church, Oklahoma City, to accept the pastorate of Lookout Mountain Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

First Church, Hunter, Woodruff County Association, had 14 additions, 11 by baptism, three other professions of faith, and six rededications in revival services in which Evangelist Otey Rhodes, Memphis, did the preaching and Pastor L. Y. Lewis led in the song services. Mrs. Rhodes conducted prayer meetings for the women and Mrs. Lewis served as pianist and as director of a young people's meeting preceding the evening service.

## Trapeze Actor Finds Christ in New Orleans

"Baptist life in New Orleans had a high day October 26," writes Miss Louise Layton, of Gurdon, who is serving as church secretary at Metairie Church while attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

"A Catholic man and his wife came professing faith in Christ in the morning service and they immediately moved their children from a parochial school. A trapeze performer who had appeared at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1934, happened by chance to attend Sunday School. Being sleepy he intended to leave, but was asked by the deacons to remain and hear Pastor E. V. Appling, formerly pastor in Arkansas.

"The stranger was moved during the pastor's message and broke down and began to cry. At the close of the service he came to the pastor, crying audibly, to declare he had been gloriously saved. He had reservations to leave for Australia that afternoon at 4 o'clock but cancelled them in order to be baptized at the evening service. He was a cowhand in Texas in 1927, and left home, family, and friends to seek life in the big cities of the United States and foreign countries. Instead of making the delayed trip to Australia he went back to his Christian home in Rodessa, Tex.

"While the pastor was preaching the same day a mother from the opposite side of the city called, stating that her daughter was becoming dissatisfied with the Catholic religion and asked if the pastor would come next day and explain the way of salvation to her."

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First Church, Blytheville, observed the fourth anniversary of Pastor E. C. Brown's leadership October 10. During the four years there have been 509 additions to the membership, 207 for baptism, bringing the membership from 1,175 in 1943 to 1,447 in 1947. During the past associational year the church led Mississippi County Association with 72 baptisms.

## PASTORAL CHANGES

J. E. Cox from Mayfield, Ky., to Independence County Association as missionary.

Bruce H. Price from Beech Street Church, Texarkana, to First Church, Newport News, Va.

M. S. Jaggars from Harmony Association as missionary to Caddo River Association. His address is Glenwood.

## NEGRO BAPTISTS PURCHASE HOSPITAL

Purchase of the four-story Woodman Union Building, Hot Springs, by representatives of the Negro National Baptist Convention, for conversion into a hospital and bathhouse for Negroes, has been announced by Rev. C. C. Brandon, Sr., member of a hospital commission set up by the Convention. A school for nurses also is contemplated in connection with the hospital.

The building was purchased from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The purchase price was \$175,000, of which \$50,000 has to be paid down, the remainder to be paid within 15 years.

The project was begun early this year and has been encouraged by white Baptists, both state and Southern. An advisory committee of white Baptists, consisting of Clyde Hart, chairman, B. H. Duncan, John L. Dodge, Sam Reeves, and O. L. Bayless, has been appointed to work with the Negro leaders in carrying out the project.



# Life's Unguarded Hours

By M. RAY MCKAY

Second Church, Little Rock

"If the good man of the house had known at what hour the thief would come, he would have watched." How much of the heartache and heartbreak, and shame and loss and failure and half-success of today would have been avoided if men had known at which hour temptation would be upon them. Most of the disasters of life are the products of life's unguarded hours. This is not to say that Christianity is preventive only and not also remedial.

*"Down in the human heart,  
Crushed by the tempter,  
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;  
Touched by a loving heart,  
Wakened by kindness,  
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more."*

Still it is true that

*"The bird with the broken pinion  
Never can soar as high again."*

There is no reason why we should fail and fall again and again. There is no reason why we should be weak; we can be strong. We need not be bewildered and discouraged by our own failures; we can be poised and calm and effective. The glory of youth is in its opportunity to live life without defeat and unnecessary scars.

## Failure or Success in Temptation

The apple episode in the book of Genesis is the most brilliant psychological study of temptation I have ever read. Has a more accurate story ever been told of the way temptation brings havoc to life? First, there is doubt of God's command, and the process of rationalization begins. "Is it really so wrong in our case?" we inquire. Second, selfishness begins to grow. "Why should I miss all the fun?" Third, we toy with temptation. "I wouldn't do a thing like that, of course; but the lights are lovely, and the colors are beautiful, and it probably is a great deal of fun."

The imagination is the controlling drive of life. We go not in the direction of our will, but in the direction of our constructive imagination. After the man and the woman had toyed with their temptation, it was only a tiny step to taste the fruit and share it with one another. Here then is a brilliant dramatization of the steps by which we become victims of the wrong which tempts us.

Now in the fourth chapter of Matthew there is an equally clear exposition of the technique of success in the face of temptation. This is the story of Jesus who was led, after His baptism, into the wilderness. After 40 days of fasting He was hungry and the tempter said, "If you are the Son of God, as you surely are, why not feed yourself? Were you not led by the Spirit into the wilderness? Could God be forgetting?" Here again doubt and selfishness join hands in temptation. But Jesus answered, "Man does not live by bread alone."

The spiritual is supreme over the temporal. The great danger is not in starving; it is in missing God. Indeed, what would it profit a man to get a world market on bread, and lose his own soul? Instead of toying with the temptation, Jesus answered it with an appropriate Scriptural truth. How sound psychologically is the use of Scripture in temptation! In Scripture, truth is crystallized. It is

not changed by emotion; therefore, does not fluctuate and cannot be rationalized.

Then a second temptation came to Jesus. "If you are the Son of God,—of course you are, aren't you?—why not attain your ends in an easier way? Climb the pinnacle of the temple, and leap from it in safety before the people. They will flock about you a great deal faster than if you try to win them one by one."

Many a man knows this temptation: "Do your work an easier way." Corrupt politics are included here. The mayor of a certain city was, I think, an honest man when he was elected to office; but the pressure of temptation to gain personal advantage in easy ways seems to have been too much for him. The church people who had elected him forgot any further responsibility. They did not remind

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Every mountain has its timber line beyond which trees cannot grow. Every mountain likewise has its snake line above which these enemies of men cannot crawl. A man who would "live above the snake line" must have a time and place for his daily appointment with God.

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him of their expectations, nor commend him for honest decisions. The pressure from the dishonest leaders was strong and their offers alluring. Presently, he yielded.

Gambling, which hopes for gain without service, is another form of this temptation. Dishonest and questionable business practices hope also for advantage without honest returns. The tempter in this instance even led Jesus toward a process of rationalization. He said, "It is written, 'He shall give his angels charge concerning thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.' The power of God is available: Surely you would not be afraid." Again Jesus took a firm stand at the point where others toy with temptation. "It is written," He said, "You shall not use God for selfish ends."

"Again the devil taketh him into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said unto him, All these will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." Jesus, conscious of His power with God, felt the terrific pull of ambition, the desire for power. No other general could have matched Christ, who had the power over life and death in His own hands. But Jesus said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord, thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Not power nor wealth nor ambition can share the place of God.

## Technique of Victory

From this examination of the victory of Jesus, we can state some simple facts which shall be for us a technique of victory. First, there must be complete commitment of God. Let the earnest seeker pray, "O Lord, I choose your will for my way of life," and much of the emotional strain of temptation is gone. The problem now is not to fight the battle of right and wrong over and over, but only to determine God's will in each case. That question not only eliminates the emotional strain,

but also avoids much of the temptation to rationalize. It is much easier to decide God's will than to depend upon our own judgment in the moment of temptation. Allowing God full rule means the elimination of all the things in life which are not in line with His will.

First, complete commitment. Second, choice companionship. We must not only "commit our way unto the Lord," we must also establish fellowship with him. Paul assures us that the struggle against temptation can reach quiet hours of victory through prayer. "Do not worry," he says, "but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall stand guard over your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Victorious living is more directly conditioned by our personal devotional habits than by any other factor. Every man's experience indicates the helpfulness of good companionship among friends. Such a companionship reaches its highest level with God. Every mountain has its timber line beyond which trees cannot grow. Every mountain likewise has its snake line above which these enemies of men cannot crawl. A man who would "live above the snake line" must have a time and place for his daily appointment with God.

First, "Commit thy way unto the Lord"; second, maintain your companionship with him; third, be on your guard. "Watch and pray," said Jesus, "lest ye enter into temptation." Surely we are utter fools if we do not avoid the dangerous places, practices, thoughts and associations which again and again have led us into trouble.

Every man should discover from past experience the places where temptation most often assails him. It may be when he is tired and the physical energies are low. He feels the need of stimulation and wants immediate satisfaction. In such an hour, Esau sold his birthright to Jacob. It may be when the man is exalted by some fine achievement, and stimulated by praise. One may be taken unawares also when he is happy. He may be betrayed in light-hearted hours when the pleasures of life have gone to his head. Young men and young women, as well as older people, have been misled by the crowd standards in lighthearted hours.

The idle hour is also temptation's hour, and our grandmothers were right when they said, "The devil finds work for idle hands to do." The strain of unemployment must put the thoughtful man on his guard. The moral dangers of unemployment are a challenge to all who are interested in social welfare. Even in church, resigning your job because you think you have served long enough may not be the safest thing for your own spiritual welfare. The hour of sorrow may also be a danger hour when bitterness creeps in, and habits of neglect begin.

Fourth, memorize helpful Scripture passages. This was the practice of Jesus. Make a few verses of Scripture so familiar that they will be swords of the spirit for you. For instance, Isaiah 55:7: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him turn unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Here, in a single verse, we have a formula of success as accurate as that of a scientific textbook.

Forsake dangerous ways, that is, roads or streets that lead you into dangerous places.

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# Department of Missions Reports 1,767 Conversions, 17 New Churches in 1947

In accordance with the vote of the Convention last year a Department of Missions has been set up. C. W. Caldwell was elected superintendent and began serving in that capacity February 15. He has given time to enlisting workers, surveying fields of service, holding revival meetings, and directing the work in general. He has traveled 14,379 miles, visited 87 churches and mission stations, preached 190 times, held 6 revivals with 76 professions of faith and a total of 106 additions to the churches. He received, while on the field, \$317.37 for state missions.

## Rural Evangelists

M. E. Wiles began serving as rural evangelist April. He has held eight revivals and reports 151 professions of faith, 133 of whom united with the churches. He has led churches to adopt financial budgets, call pastors, pay off building debts, etc. He has conducted 132 services, made 86 church contacts, traveled 9,884 miles, and collected \$897.65 for state missions.

R. A. Hill took up his work as rural evangelist May 1. He has conducted eight revivals, reports 85 professions of faith and 129 additions to the churches. He led two churches where he visited to full-time work, one built a pastor's home, one raised money to paint the church house, and two churches called pastors. He received, while on the field \$413.03 for state missions.

D. C. Bandy, came to the Mission Department as rural evangelist August 14. He has

assisted in three evangelistic meetings and two stewardship campaigns. He has visited 14 churches to help in calling a pastor, forming a pastoral field, and to assist in revivals. He reports 29 professions of faith, and 22 additions to the churches. He has turned in \$165 as special offerings for state missions.

## Other Workers

Joe Fred Luck is our chaplain in the State Sanatorium, Booneville. He is doing a marvelous job for our Lord there. He visits patients; conducts worship services for patients, employees and their children; counsels and comforts the families of patients; conducts funerals; and furnishes religious literature for all. A summary of his work shows that he made 6,825 visits, conducted 331 services and 20 funerals. He also reports 112 professions of faith.

The Mission Department has two men serving as pioneer missionaries. They are Hugh Cooper in Rocky Bayou Association, and Ottis Denney in Newton County Association. These two men have made 114 church visits, conducted 282 services. They report \$430.56 collected for state missions and the Cooperative Program.

## Financial Support

Following the policy of former years the Department of Missions aids many associations in paying their missionaries' salaries. The number of associations being helped at the present time is 20. In the associations

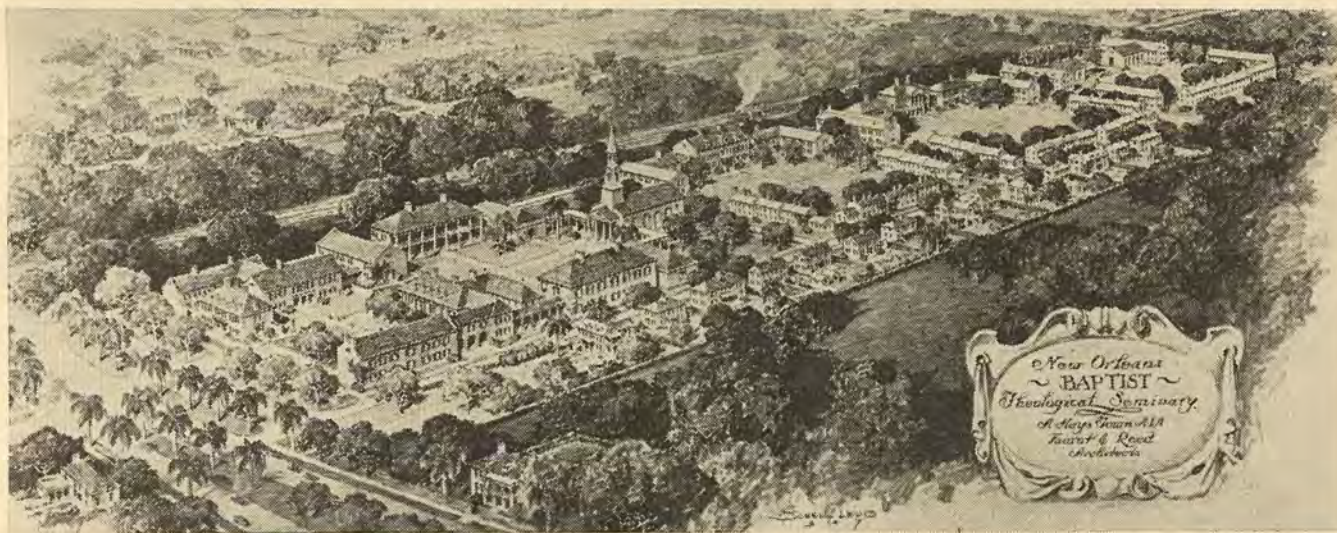
where financial help is given, the missionaries conducted 158 revivals, report 966 professions of faith, 1,267 total additions. They helped to organize 10 churches, 25 Sunday Schools, 22 Training Unions.

Another phase of our mission work is that of supplementing pastors' salaries where the churches are weak and the opportunities are great. We have at present 25 pastor-missionaries serving 41 churches. A report of their work for this calendar year shows: 39 revivals held, 379 professions of faith, 596 total additions. There have been six Sunday Schools organized and 11 Training Unions.

## Negro Work

Some financial aid has also been given to Negro work in Arkansas. One thousand dollars was contributed to the Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock. Three Negro missionaries have received small supplements on their salaries. These missionaries held 28 revivals, visited 240 churches, conducted 389 services, had 114 professions of faith and 182 total additions to the churches. Just recently, a Negro woman, graduate of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, and the National Woman's Missionary Training School, Nashville, Tenn., has been employed to work with the women and young people of the Negro race throughout the state. The Mission Committee has asked the WMU leader of our Convention to aid and direct her in her work.

A summary of the employees' work shows that they have conducted 8,311 services, had 1,767 professions of faith with a total of 2,251 additions to the churches. A report from 34 of the 42 associations shows that 17 new churches have been organized, 35 churches have gone to full-time work, 29 from one-fourth to half-time work.



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Have you thought, for instance, of the thousands of children in this state who do NOT have the love of parents, the guidance—who sometimes do not have even enough to eat? One of these children we can care for is the job of our Children's Center. We have to turn even ONE away from our door, with only the love of God except God?

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## "Facing Today - Planning for Tomorrow,"

### Theme of District WMU Conference

Miss Irene Chambers, field worker for the Home Mission Board, was the inspirational speaker and conference leader at the eight district WMU conferences promoted during the past three weeks. Miss Chambers, a native of Arkansas and a former WMU field worker in the state, received a warm welcome from her many friends who were challenged to greater missionary endeavor by her inspiring messages concerning the work in our homeland.



Miss Chambers

The general theme for all meetings was "Facing Today—Planning for Tomorrow." In addition to the conferences led by Miss Chambers, two methods conferences were conducted at each meeting by Mrs. C. H. Ray and Miss LaVerne Ashby. Mrs. Harold B. Tillman, state stewardship chairman, led conferences on stewardship at three of the meetings. Mrs. Charles H. Brough, state hospital chairman, spoke briefly at each meeting concerning the hospital, including the charity fund, an over and above love gift made by the Baptist women. A representative from each district presented the plan for the Thanksgiving offering for the Baptist Orphanage at Monticello.

The district presidents presided and, together with the district counselors, presented the achievements for the year and urged the women to give their best to the work and especially to complete all special projects before the close of the year.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the churches at Springdale, Clarksville, Arkadelphia, First, Fordyce, Little Rock, Immanuel, Forrest City, Manila and Salem, and to each hostess president for the splendid cooperation given in advertising the meetings and for the genuine hos-

pitality extended the large number of women attending.

The attendance by districts follows: Northwest 104; West Central 90; Southwest 154; Southeast 172; Central 207; East Central 118; North Central 60. Total attendance 1,077.

#### Dixie Jackson Offering

A total of \$13,823.69 has been received to date of November 12 for the Dixie Jackson Offering for state missions. While the goal has been surpassed we should not be satisfied until every member has had an opportunity to share in the offering. Please glean carefully and remit as soon as possible to the state WMU treasurer. We hope to complete this offering before the time for the observance of the Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions early in December.

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CHURCH	S. S.	T.-U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1146	305	7
Including Missions	1537	537	8
Pine Bluff, First	757	212	5
Fort Smith, Immanuel	641	150	4
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	640	248	2
Including Missions	667	275	
Fayetteville, First	592	174	11
Including Missions	621		
Hot Springs, Second	568	142	2
Benton, First	562	98	3
Including Missions	585		
Camden, First	528	137	
Hope, First	500	101	2
Arkadelphia, First	495	219	10
North Little Rock, First	480	113	2
Including Missions	552		
McGehee, First	475	146	2
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	471	120	3
Magnolia, Central	456	163	
Paris, First	441	270	43
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	440	181	9
Little Rock, Gaines Street	408	251	
Hot Springs, Central	406	92	6
Including Missions	445	116	13
Pine Bluff, South Side	404	135	
Including Missions	453		
Hot Springs, Park Place	395	177	
Fordyce	376	131	1
Hot Springs, First	345	74	
Springdale, First	343	197	
Including Missions	458		
Conway, First	336	63	
Nashville, First	326	127	
Siloam Springs, First	326	165	
Fort Smith, Calvary	320	103	1
Stuttgart, First	318	143	2
Including Missions	350		
Bauxite, First	313	157	10
Hamburg, First	301	173	
Cullendale, First	300	72	1
Rogers, First	294	101	
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	269	105	1
Little Rock, South Highland	266	76	
Harrison, First	264	165	
Including Missions	356	209	
Mena, First	263	100	
Including Missions	324	156	
Smackover, First	259	78	
El Dorado, Immanuel	258	109	
Including Missions	294		
Monticello, First	243	120	
Jacksonville, First	241	113	6
Greenwood, First	238	133	
El Dorado, West Side	230	86	
Stamps, First	229	84	
Pine Bluff, Second	228	75	5
Gentry, First	224	151	
Norphlet, First	214	148	
Fort Smith, Oak Grove	182	93	4
Texarkana, Calvary	167	30	3
Monticello, Second	149	87	
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	134	68	
North Little Rock, Grace	123	51	
South Fort Smith, First	121	56	
Tuckerman, First	114	43	
Van Buren, Oak Grove	80	64	2
Monticello, North Side	61	47	
Texarkana, Trinity	61	30	
Fort Smith, Bethlehem	51	22	
Desha, First	44	24	



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December 8-12, 1947

*Purpose of Meetings: To present the Training Union Program for 1948.*

*To take the Place of Southwide Training Union Night.*

**Date — Association — Church**

*Team Number 1 — Rel Gray, B. N. Simmons.*

Monday, December 8—Washington-Madison—Springdale.  
 Tuesday, December 9 — Benton County — Rogers.  
 Wednesday, December 10 — Boone-Carroll — Berryville.  
 Thursday, December 11 — White River — Cotter.  
 Friday, December 12 — Stone-Van Buren — Marshall.

*Team Number 2 — J. O. Young, Harry Hunt.*

Monday, December 8 — Greene County — Paragould.  
 Tuesday, December 9 — Gainesville — Piggott.  
 Wednesday, December 10 — Current River — Pocahontas  
 (2:30 p. m.).  
 Thursday, December 11 — Big Creek — Viola.  
 Friday, December 12 — Rocky Bayou — Melbourne.

*Team Number 3 — James Fitzgerald, W. E. Speed.*

Monday, December 8 — Mt. Zion — Jonesboro, Central.  
 Tuesday, December 9 — Mississippi County — Blytheville.  
 Wednesday, December 10—Trinity—Tyronza (2:30 p.m.).  
 Thursday, December 11 — Tri-County — Earle.  
 Friday, December 12 — Black River — Newport.

*Team Number 4 — W. H. Lansford, Irwin Mosier.*

Monday, December 8 — White County — Searcy.  
 Tuesday, December 9—Little Red River—Heber Springs.  
 Wednesday, December 10 — Independence—Batesville,  
 First (2:30 p. m.).  
 Thursday, December 11 — Woodruff — Augusta.  
 Friday, December 12 — Caroline — Carlisle.

**Date — Association — Church**

*Team Number 5 — Stanley Jordan, Wesley Lindsey.*

Monday, December 8 — Arkansas Valley — Clarendon.  
 Tuesday, December 9 — Centennial — Stuttgart.  
 Wednesday, December 10 — Harmony — Pine Bluff,  
 Second (2:30 p. m.).  
 Thursday, December 11 — Delta — Lake Village.  
 Friday, December 12 — Bartholomew — Monticello, First.

*Team Number 6 — J. T. Elliff, Elmer Morgan.*

Monday, December 8 — Liberty — El Dorado, Second.  
 Tuesday, December 9 — Hope — Hope.  
 Wednesday, December 10 — Little River — Lockesburg  
 (10 a. m.).  
 Thursday, December 11 — Red River — Gurdon.  
 Friday, December 12 — Carey — Fordyce.

*Team Number 7 — Jesse Reed, Clyde Hart.*

Monday, December 8 — Caddo River — Mt. Ida.  
 Tuesday, December 9 — Ouachita — Hatfield.  
 Wednesday, December 10 — Buckner — Waldron  
 (2:30 p. m.).  
 Thursday, December 11 — Concord — Greenwood.  
 Friday, December 12 — Clear Creek — Van Buren.

*Team Number 8 — Ralph W. Davis, Roy Paslay.*

Monday, December 8 — Dardanelle-Russellville—  
 Dardanelle.  
 Tuesday, December 9 — Perry County — Perryville.  
 Wednesday, December 10 — Faulkner — Conway, First  
 (2:30 p. m.).  
 Thursday, December 11 — Central — Malvern.  
 Friday, December 12 — Pulaski — North Little Rock,  
 First.

All meetings at 7 p. m. except Wednesday meetings, which will be during the day, except for Boone-Carroll Association.

## PROGRAM

- 7:00 Worship.  
 Scripture: Luke 9:23-26.  
 7:15 Recognition and Announcements — Associational Director.  
 7:25 Training Union State Promotional Plans — Team Member.  
 7:40 Conferences.  
 1. Pastors, Directors and Associational Training Union Officers led by Team Member.  
 2. Church Training Union Members and all others — Team Member.  
 8:15 "Our Training Union Opportunities in 1948" — Associational Director.  
 8:30 Hymn.  
 8:35 Message "Forward With Christ" — Team Member.  
 9:00 Adjourn.

# Accomplishing the Impossible

From Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal


About 19 centuries ago a man named Jesus stood in the midst of a small group of men and issued to them the most audacious command ever given to any group, large or small, since the world began. "It is my command," said He, "that you go forth, and in my name make conquest of the world." The audacity of the thing is astounding.

He had no armies to execute His command; He had no navies to carry it into effect; He had no treasuries to supply the needs of such a tremendous campaign. So far as is known, He never rode a horse, or drove a chariot, or carried a sword. But He makes it clear that the conquest upon which they are now being sent is not to be accomplished by these ordinary implements of war.

That, too, was something new, because up to that time, and since that time, empires had been destroyed and other empires taken their places—by fire and sword. This new method of conquest was so completely astounding; it was a suggestion so radical and audacious that even, after 1900 years, the world has not caught up with it.

But the world all along the way has been wrong, and He is right,

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NELSON F. TULL  
 Secretary  
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for force has never conquered—nor can. It may subdue, and silence, and suppress, but it never conquers. Force but generates and intensifies hatred; hatred which later on will strike back and thus create more hatred for later attacks. Mrs. Browning was right in her philosophy when she said, "Why conquering may be as lordly and complete a thing in lifting up as in dragging low." Jesus is

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At His command, however, these laymen went forth, and by their unflinching faith, dauntless courage, and unconquerable zeal, they set in motion oral and spiritual,

even economic, influences which during succeeding centuries found their way into the thought and conduct of the world, and today are the compelling inspiration of hundreds of millions of lives throughout the earth.

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Men are not saved by the sacrifices they make, but by the sacrifice God has made for them.

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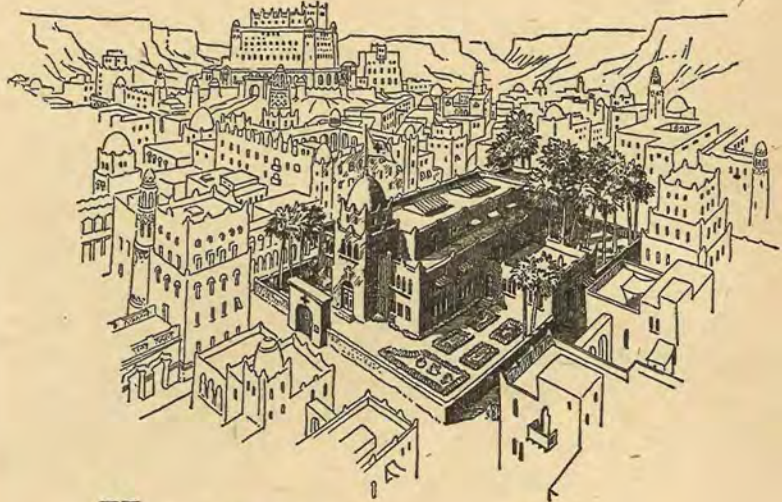
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and nurses and teachers are admitted gladly by the Arabian Government.

Missions volunteers now in training in the States to serve in such a center expect to receive appointment when they are ready.

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\*Pronounced "hod-thra-moat".

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# REPORT OF SERVICE BEING RENDERED ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

As Of October 1, 1947

	No. of Benefi- ciaries	Receiving Annually	Totals
<b>(OLD) ANNUITY FUND</b>			
No. Paying Members.....	10		
No. Annuitants: Age .....	10	\$ 3,577.67	
Disability .....	2	1,000.00	
Widows .....	8	1,640.40	\$ 6,218.07
<b>MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN</b>			
No. Certificates Issued to Date .....	542		
No. Churches Cooperating .....	586		
No. Annuitants: Age .....	24	\$14,676.79	
Disability .....	4	1,369.96	16,046.75
<b>BAPTIST BOARDS EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN</b>			
No. Paying Members .....	25		
No. Annuitants: Disability .....	1	\$ 422.40	422.40
<b>AGE SECURITY PLAN</b>			
No. Paying Members .....	12		
No. Churches Cooperating .....	10		
No. Annuitants .....	0	\$ 0	0
<b>ORPHANAGE INSTITUTIONS PENSION PLAN</b>			
No. Certificates Issued .....	4		
No. Annuitants: Age .....	3	\$ 1,610.64	1,610.64
<b>WIDOWS SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUITY PLAN</b>			
Type A (For Pastors) .....			Not Operating In Arkansas As Yet
Type B (For Boards, Institutions, and Agencies) .....			
No. Paying Members .....	6		
No. Annuitants .....	0	\$ 0	0
<b>RELIEF FUND</b>			
No. Beneficiaries: Aged Ministers .....	26	\$ 4,080.00	
Ministers' Widows .....	26	2,659.00	6,739.00

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TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES IN ARKANSAS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1947	104
TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY DISBURSED TO ARKANSAS BENEFICIARIES, SEPT. 30, 1946, TO OCT. 1, 1947	\$31,036.86

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## LAYMEN DID THE WHOLE JOB

By LAWSON H. COOKE

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal is the only denominational periodical published exclusively for the men of our

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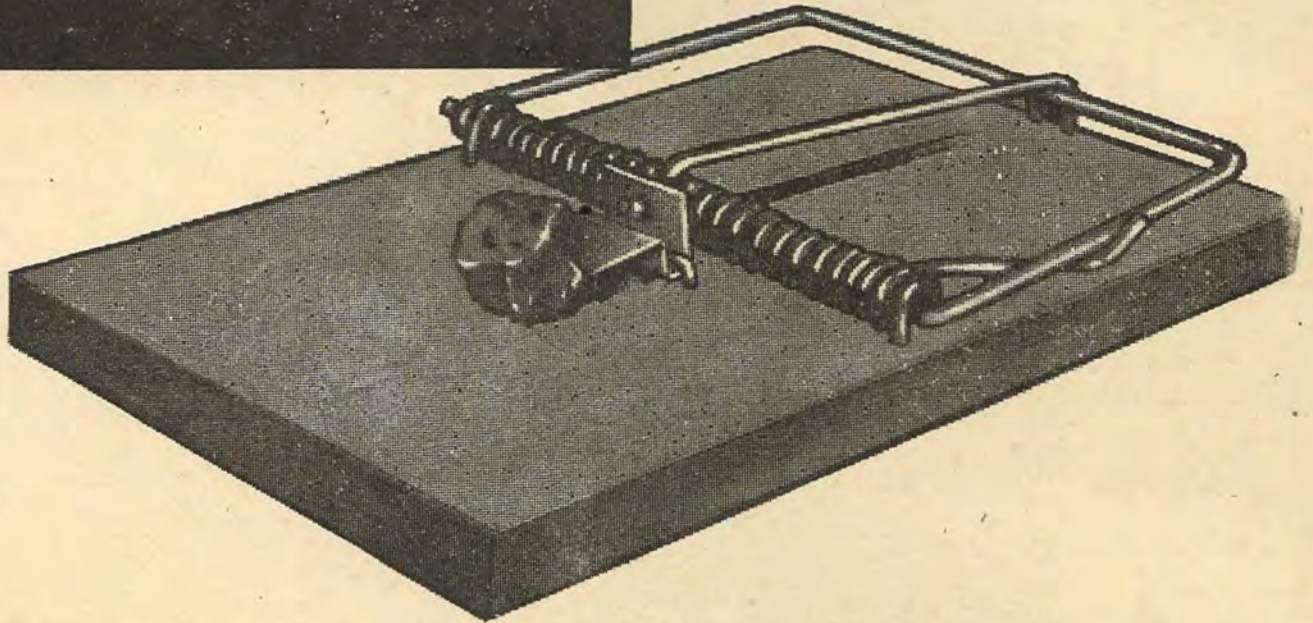
The 1948 January, February, March number of the Journal is

really something new under the sun. At least it is unique in the field of denominational journalism. Every word of this number, from cover to cover, was written by Southern Baptist laymen, and it was printed in the shop of a

Baptist layman. It is a 100 per cent laymen production. And it has been exceedingly well done.

We doubt that such a publication has ever before appeared in the long list of religious periodicals.

# BETTER



Once, a very wise man wrote, "If a man write a better book, preach a better sermon, or build a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to his door." This search for something better is an essential part of the American character; understand it and you understand what has built American industry and American business.

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# Deep and Abiding Love Found Among Those Who Know God

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love," said Paul, "I am become as sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal" (I Cor. 13:1). Whatever else Christianity may mean for human life, it means love. It was on account of the great love of God for a lost world that He gave His only begotten Son to be our Saviour.

## The Test Of Love

The manner in which we love our brothers is a test of our love for the lord, a test of our relationship with the light. "He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in the darkness even until now" (I John 2:9). If one loves his brother, he "abideth in the light," and no one need have any fear of stumbling in him. There is no occasion of stumbling in love.

John is talking here about what one might call "habitual love." He has in mind the idea of love as characterizing the life of the believer in his relationship to his brother. He is not thinking so much of the occasional exception that may come in the believer's life; it is the slant, the general tendency, the habit pattern with which he is concerned. In other words, "The one who keeps on (or has the habit of) loving his brother, abideth in the light" (I John 2:10).

John knew the imperfections that mark the life of every Christian. That is why he said, "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is a propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:1f.).

One cannot hate his brother without walking "in the darkness," and when one walks in the darkness he is not able to know where he is going for the simple reason that "the darkness hath blinded his eyes" (1 John 2:11).

The Christian might as well get this straight in his thinking, and

## Sunday School Lesson

For November 23, 1947

I John 2:7-11; 15-17; 3:13-18

the sooner the better, for the world's sake: he cannot give harbor to hate in his heart and walk in the love way of Jesus. Love and hate are as far apart as the east and the west; and never the twain shall meet!

Search as you will in the life of Jesus and you will find words of love, and love only, even for His enemies. Not once did he appear to resent, with retaliation, even the personal injuries and insults which he suffered at the hands of those who hated Him unto death. His was a deathless love.

## Love Not The World

The Christian is to possess a discriminating love, however; he is not to love the world or the "things that are in the world" (I John 2:15). John goes on to say that if any man does love the world, "the love of the Father is not in him."

God does not want His children to plant their affection upon that which is unworthy and which is temporal. "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2:17).

There is nothing lasting or satisfying in the claim of the flesh. As the flower of the field withereth and fadeth away, even, so does the flesh with all of its pleasures. Material things, all of them, are perishable; and they never satisfy. Jesus knew this, and that is one of the reasons why he rejected the temptation of Satan in the wilderness when Satan said, "All these things I will give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Matt. 4:9).

Change and decay are written upon all things material. The Roman Amphitheatre, the places of the Caesars, and the temples of the heathen gods have long since crumbled into dust. Only he that is continually engaged in the doing of the Father's will abideth forever.

## Love in Deed And In Truth

"But whoso hath this world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?" (1 John 3:17).

Here we have a ringing challenge to translate our love for others into deeds of mercy. It is possible for one's concept of love to be noble enough, in theory, but to lack actuality. The implications of John's words are inescapable. If we who profess to know Christ as Saviour and Lord behold a brother who is actually in need of this world's goods, and we are in a position to minister to him, but fail to do so, then we are failing to live up to our calling. How, says John, doth the love of God abide in such an one?

This is the head and front of all our offending as Christians. We simply do not live up to the light we have. It is not that we do not know; it is rather that we do not care.

In sending out His disciples to evangelize the world Jesus expressly declared that "I command you" (Matt. 28:20). Only upon the fulfillment of this charge were Christians to become heir to the promise, "and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

John reminds us of the fact that Jesus is our example. We are to love as He loved, and sacrifice for others even to the point of laying down our life, if need be: "Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16).

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Before criticizing, ask yourself what you might have done under the circumstances.

# Paris Church Enlists Men To Win Souls

By HAROLD C. SEEFELDT  
First Church, Paris

Since the idea of a Brotherhood revival seems to be a new approach to evangelism, I will give a brief report on our Brotherhood-sponsored revival, led by Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood secretary.

We felt impressed some months ago to invite Mr. Tull to lead our church in a revival. This idea of evangelism impressed us as going back to the New Testament plan of encouraging those who have been saved to go out and witness for Christ.

A Brotherhood revival is not just getting the men enlisted; it is the men sponsoring a revival enlisting the whole church in a going, praying, and preaching revival.

Mr. Tull did a fine piece of work in organizing the names of those who ought to be reached. This material is first put in the hands of the teachers and officers in the Sunday School, and the men of the church are encouraged to go and see men who ought to be reached. Mr. Tull then led out with the pastor in visitation and soul-winning in a magnificent way. He is a most tireless worker and an excellent soul-winner. His messages are plain, pointed, and full of the Scripture. Such a revival will bless any church that will cooperate in the going and the praying.

There were 50 additions, with 42 coming for baptism in the one week, Sunday through Sunday, that Mr. Tull was with us. There were a number of other professions and rededications. We expect to reap from this revival in the weeks ahead.

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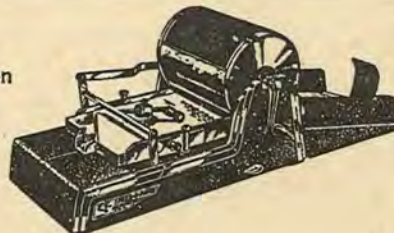
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Your denomination has lent itself to the state wide effort to increase the number of tithers, and the contributions in the churches. This effort has doubtless caused quite an increase in the contributions in your church. Wouldn't you be willing to divide this increase with the causes which your denomination is promoting? Some churches are giving one-half of the increase for the Cooperative Program. This will be a great help. If all our churches will do this, we can close the year without any deficit at all.

We shall thank you, brethren, for your help.

## Ministers Retirement

The end of the year will soon be here and we desire to receive all Ministers Retirement dues for 1947 before the books are closed for the year. Brethren, please do your best to care for all arrearage by the end of the year, and ask your treasurer to see that the church dues are paid. Can't you send it to us on the first day of December, so you will be sure to get it in? It will help our bookkeeper out.

With the beginning of 1948 we will have to begin a new set of records because we then enter our ninth year of the Plan. We will appreciate your cooperation.

## Mrs. Fred Walden

Some three months ago, we lost another faithful servant of the Lord. Mrs. Fred Walden was a member of New Friendship Church, Greene County. She has been one of the most faithful servants that the Lord has had in that section for a half century. She and Mr. Walden, who is a deacon of long standing, have been pillars in New Friendship Church. She has been an inspiration to many people in Greene County. We lament our loss in her going.

## We Lose Another Preacher

Pastor B. S. Franklin, Holly Springs Church, Hermitage, passed to his reward last week. Brother Franklin has not been in perfect health during the past year. On Wednesday of last week he suffered a heart attack which was followed by another one on Thursday morning. The second attack was fatal. His body was carried to Alabama for burial. Brother Franklin was an earnest and sincere worker. He was a good preacher. He was doing a splendid work in Holly Springs Church. We pray the Lord's comfort and blessings upon his loved ones.

## Cooperative Program Gains Favor

The Cooperative Program is more and more acceptable to our churches and people. This is not only the greatest year in the amount of money collected for the Cooperative Program but more churches have contributed through the Cooperative Program than ever.

Last year was a peak year when 780 churches have made contributions through the Cooperative Program, and the year has not closed. We firmly believe that many more will join in for at least one contribution during the year before we close our books. Wouldn't it be great if it could be unanimous?

The Cooperative Program is a great channel through which we support our mission causes. Foreign missions is in it. Home missions is in it. State missions is in it. Our schools are in it. Our Orphanage is in it. Our Sunday School work, Training Union work, Student Union work, WMU work, Brotherhood work, the Arkansas Baptist, Ministerial Relief—are all supported through the Cooperative Program. How big is the Cooperative Program!

## A Great Year

This is one of the really great years for Arkansas Baptists.

More Baptist preachers are preaching the gospel than ever before.

More Baptist churches are at work than at any other time in our history.

We have distributed more New Testaments than ever before.

We have distributed more Baptist literature.

We have more Sunday Schools and more Training Unions.

We have baptized more disciples than ever, except in 1940.

We have more tithers than ever.

More churches have given through the Cooperative Program.

We have collected more money than ever.

Our agencies and departments have done more work.

More students are in Ouachita College.

We have acquired a Baptist Office Building.

We have acquired and dedicated a Student Center by the side of the University campus in Fayetteville.

Baptists are coming into a new day. Let us pull together and keep working and praying and preaching the Word till Jesus comes.

## 11,443 Baptisms

This year 11,443 baptisms have been reported. Our peak year in the number of baptisms in Arkansas was 1940 when there were nearly 12,000. This year is second in the number of baptisms in our history. This has been a good year with us.

## Arkansas Baptist History

There will be a delay in getting the Baptist history ready for sale. The printer reports that it is so difficult to obtain paper that he cannot possibly get the book off the press as soon as we had expected him to do it. We do understand that it is difficult to get a sufficient supply of paper for any big printing job.

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## Life's Unguarded Hours

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Forsake dangerous thoughts; turn them aside quickly and definitely. Turn to God immediately. Develop the habit of ejaculatory prayer, quick and brief petitions which recognize the presence of God even in that moment. Sam Hadly cried: "O God, I'm in a bad hole, help me out." God is ever near to answer such prayer. A second brief verse may be helpful: "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." The sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary is the price of our victory. Or third, and still more briefly, "Christ died for our sins." Thus a cross and a grave are between every man and his oft-repeated sin.

First, complete commitment; second, choice companionship; third, be on your guard; fourth, memorize Scripture; and fifth, make a lovely pattern for your thoughts. No man can live safely or wisely in a mental vacuum. Active minds are much safer from invasion than empty minds. Paul gives a pattern for practice: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; think on these things."

## Permanent Victory

A new Testament character, faced by a command of Jesus, said, "Lord, I will follow thee; but . . . ." Such reservation is the certain way of failure. Ultimate victory and constantly growing victory comes to him who will "commit his way unto the Lord; trust also in him that he may bring it to pass." You may lose a battle, but you can still win the war. The power of Christ works to our advantage through the normal processes of learning. A habit, though firmly fixed, grows more and more weak with disuse. The law of decency indicates also that every day in which the habit is not repeated, its hold grows weaker. Thus every day of victory brings added strength to the conflict and new assurances of permanent victory.