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—H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS

*“There shall be showers of blessing;
This is the promise of love
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.”*

—NATHAN

A MANIFESTO

(Protestants and other Americans United for separation of church and state.)

A powerful church, unaccustomed in its own history and tradition to the American ideal of separation of church and state, but flourishing under the religious liberty provided by our form of government, and emboldened by the wide diffusion of a false conception of tolerance, has committed itself in authoritative declarations and by positive acts to a policy plainly subversive of religious liberty as guaranteed by the Constitution. This church holds and maintains a theory of the relation of church and state which is incompatible with the American ideal. It makes no secret of its intention to secure for itself, if possible, a privileged position in the body politic. In pursuit of this policy, it has already made such gains that the principle of separation of church and state is in peril of nullification by legislatures and courts, and by federal, state, and local administrations.

One of the long-range purposes of this church is to secure total support for its extensive system of parochial schools from the public treasury. Its strategy in furtherance of this purpose is to fracture the constitutional principle at one point after another where the action can be minimized as trivial or disguised as falling within some other category than that of its ultimate intent. It has begun by demanding that certain marginal services such as bus transportation, free lunches, free text books, etc., for its parochial school pupils be financed by public funds raised by taxation for the public schools.

Already, the legislatures of certain states, yielding to the political pressure of this church, have enacted legislation empowering local school boards to grant these special privileges. The federal Supreme Court in two decisions has confirmed state legislation which sanctions the use of public school funds to provide free text books for parochial schools (1930), and to transport pupils to such schools (1947). The four dissenting justices in the bus transportation case solemnly warned the nation that these two breaches in the wall separating church and state are only the beginning. "That a third and fourth breach, and still others, will be attempted, we may be sure," say the dissenting justices.

Protestants And Other Americans United is determined to assert its full strength to the end that there shall be no more breaches in this wall, that the breaches already made shall be repaired, and that the complete separation of church and state in an undivided state-supported educational system shall be maintained.

On a bolder and more ambitious scale, this same church now demands aid for its schools from the federal government. A proposed federal grant of several hundred million dollars annually in aid of public education, especially in those states whose economic resources are insufficient to provide adequate education for their children, has been before Congress for many years. Action on this proposal has been held up by the pressure of this church which demands that its parochial schools shall share with the public schools in any such federal appropriation in an amount proportional to the number of pupils in each school system.

Thus far, Congress has withstood this de-

mand. But two bills have been introduced in that body, one of which completely yields to the church's maximum demand, while the other provides that the funds may be distributed by each state in accordance with its own statutes. The latter, the so-called Taft bill, (S. 472), is a disguised evasion of the issue. It plays directly into the policy of the church which has already secured legislation in 18 states permitting financial aid to parochial schools in one form or another, and in effect invites the states to violate the mandate of the first amendment. The effect of its passage by Congress would encourage and facilitate the church's campaign in these states to widen the initial legislation already enacted in its favor, and to secure similar and even more advanced legislation in all other states.

Protestants And Other Americans United respectfully demands that Congress shall not by such an evasion abdicate its responsibility to defend the Constitution, regardless of political pressure on the part of any sectarian interests which would thus subvert it. The effect of state-supported church schools would spell the end of our public school system as it has been established, fostered and protected for more than a century. To divide state-supported education into sectarian school systems would divide American society itself into hostile sectarian camps, intensify sectarian intolerance, and thrust a religious issue permanently into the political arena from which our Constitution was designed to exclude it. Next to the Constitution itself, our public school system has been our strongest bulwark against the development of religious intolerance in our political life.

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Oppose Public Funds For Church Schools

Use of public funds for the "direct or indirect" support of church schools was opposed by the 74th annual conference of the American Association of School Administrators meeting in Atlantic City, N. J.

The resolution, one of 22 introduced by a committee, declared:

"We believe the American tradition of separation of Church and State should be vigorously and seriously safe-guarded. We re-assert the right of special interest groups, including religious denominations, to maintain their own schools as long as such schools meet the standards defined by the state in which they are located.

"We believe that these separate schools should be financed entirely by their own supporters. We therefore oppose all efforts to devote public funds either to the direct or indirect support of such schools."

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Despite numerous protests from church groups, Governor Earle Clements, Kentucky, has left the local option bill without his signature. The new law lets cities of the first four population groups—that is, from 3,000 population upwards—vote on prohibition separate from the remainder of the counties in which they are situated. Wets backed the bill in the hope that many urban areas would vote wet. This is a subtle accomplishment on the part of the wets, but it also indicates that in order to get dry legislation we must have dry politicians.

THE ABSENTEE

A Devotion by the Editor

"But Thomas - - - was not with them when Jesus came."

Thomas was not in the place where Jesus was most likely to reveal Himself, nor among the company to whom He was most likely to reveal Himself.

He had allowed his diplomacy to hold him away from the place where Jesus came and so had robbed himself of an experience that would have healed the wounds of his heart. Disappointed, he had given up all hope and had ceased to try. Since Jesus was gone, He saw no use in the disciple band holding together. He had virtually resigned, though he may not have handed in a written statement. In fact, he didn't even see the need of that formality.

Here is a point that we often overlook, Jesus will reveal Himself to those who are trying, who are doing their duty, who are taking advantage of every thing that is likely to strengthen their hopes and their courage.

Like many another person, Thomas no longer tried to put himself in position where, if there should be any hope left, he might find it.

May we not learn a lesson from Thomas, or will we make the same mistake by staying away from the company of the disciples who are trying to do their best and who therefore have a better chance of seeing their Lord?

Oh, how much we miss by not being there! Many are cold, skeptical, pessimistic, blue, disappointed because they do not frequent the place where they are most likely to meet Jesus. Search out those who never associate themselves with the people of God in Christian service, who take no part in the work and activities of the church, and you will find them to be pessimistic and gloomy. Their hopes have faded, their faith has waned, their courage has failed, their spiritual vision is blurred, all their prospects are doubtful and disappointing.

On the other hand, go among those who are doing the Lord's work, and you will find the happy, optimistic, forward looking Christians.

"And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

"Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." (John 20:26-27).

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Across the Editor's Desk

Brotherhood Revivals

A new movement is gaining momentum among the churches of Arkansas — it is the "Brotherhood Revival."

This movement is sponsored by the Brotherhood Department of our state organization and is directed by Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary.

The ultimate purpose of the Brotherhood Revival is the same as that of any other revival; namely, the quickening of the spiritual life of the church and the salvation of the lost. The thing that is different about this movement is that the Brotherhood of the church sponsors the revival. The Brotherhood sets up the organization, plans the program, and directs the visitation and other activities during the revival period.

Two or three observations commend this movement to the churches of Arkansas. In the first place, the Brotherhood revival enlists the men of the church in actively promoting and conducting the revival. Experience has proven that men will respond to the challenge of such an effort.

One of the most far reaching results of the Brotherhood revival is that the men are organized for personal visitation and soul winning. Many men, who never thought that they could speak to others about their personal salvation, discover that the most thrilling experience of life is found in winning souls to Christ.

Secretary Nelson Tull has conducted a number of Brotherhood revivals, and he is very successful in such revivals. But Brother Tull cannot conduct all the revivals where such revivals are needed. In fact, it is not necessary that he do so, even though every church might wish him to.

The Brotherhood in any church may sponsor and conduct a revival of great power and effectiveness. Brother Tull would be glad to offer suggestions concerning the preparation for and the direction of a Brotherhood revival. We suggest that you write Brother Tull, and if he can't conduct your Brotherhood revival, he will outline for you plans by which you may conduct your own revival with great success.

Pastor E. E. Griever, First Church, Harrison, writes concerning a Brotherhood revival in his church: "We had record crowds and the most spiritual services we have been privileged to experience. The results of the week's meeting were 35 additions by baptism and seven by letter."

Referring to the Sunday services following the revival, Pastor Griever says, "We had record crowds at both services and seven additions to the church. At the close of the

evening service we baptized 35, and several others are awaiting baptism."

"It is the greatest means," continues Brother Griever, "of enlisting men and boys of which I know. The Brotherhood revival is not confined to men and boys, however, but it promotes the entire church and denominational program."

We could wish that every Baptist church in Arkansas would conduct a Brotherhood revival in 1948.

Christian Rights

By J. J. HURT JR.

President Truman is seeking to obtain new civil rights legislation for the negro, when already the chief objectives are being reached through the preaching and practice of Christian rights. It will be a poor substitution and will give new ammunition to the radicals who fan the flames of race hatred.

Few Southerners are proud of the treatment accorded the negro in the last two hundred years. But the North cannot be proud of its segregation of the Jew, or the West of its oppression of the Oriental.

The negro has come a long way in two centuries. Throughout history slavery has been the one avenue from savagery into civilization. No race has progressed so fast as has the negro—and the principles of Christianity have made possible the speed.

The do-goods in Washington, more concerned with the November elections than with removal of evils, would do well to consider this progress. Lynching has been wiped out—wiped out more completely than even the most optimistic had hoped. The negro has won his right to vote, and rightly so, as much through the arguments of fair play, as through legislation.

The negro is rapidly moving toward equality in educational advantages. None will doubt but that his race has been deprived of proper schooling. The same, however, has also been true of the white race. The South lacked the capital resources to do what was needed.

The South is not ready to give up its laws of segregation. In fact, if these laws are lost through Congressional action race prejudice will flare to new heights. More will be lost than can possibly be gained.

The South is moving in its own way, and it is most familiar with the problem. The little things are adding up to big things—and all for the good. Georgia Baptists held a session with negro Baptists in 1946 when their conventions met simultaneously in Savannah.

A little gesture, to be sure, but one hardly possible now with new fears created by the President. Savannah has employed negro policemen and Atlanta soon will follow. This would have been impossible ten years ago.

Southern Baptists in their convention next May will approve a special appropriation for a negro hospital in Arkansas. There is not a white hospital in the South that could have won that appropriation in the face of other demands. The negroes will get it because they are negroes — and need a helping hand.

The preaching of Christian rights from the pulpit and the practice of them on the streets has made all this possible. Progress, great progress, has been made. It will continue to be made, slowly, but surely, and that alone is the permanent progress.

Let Christian rights prevail. Let His teachings be the guide as His people work out their own salvation in that section of the nation where it is a peculiar problem. It will be a dark day when civil rights are substituted for Christian rights that have been so effective.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right." Those were the words of Abraham Lincoln in his second inaugural address. Those are the words of the South today as it looks toward its problem with the negro.

—Christian Index

Do We Want . . .

FEDERAL AID FOR SCHOOLS?

A news release just received states that "no country gives larger grants for the upkeep of churches and church schools than Hungary," according to Julius Orkutay, Hungarian Minister of Religion and Education.

Out of \$40,000,000 appropriated for the ministry of Religion and Education, the churches will receive \$12,000,000 and the Catholic church alone the sum of \$7,800,000.

Do we want that sort of thing in the United States? Can't you imagine what it would be like if the churches of our country were receiving federal grants? There are aid-to-education bills pending in the senate now which would give federal grants to church schools. Such grants would be but the little end of the wedge.

This movement must be stopped now, if we are to avoid graver dangers in the future.

You can count on God; therefore one must count for God. In the New Testament days every Christian was an evangelist. Wherever believers were scattered by persecution, there they won new converts. This person to person method using the ratio of geometrical progression resulted in an amazing increase. Christianity swept the Roman world.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

The First Baptist Church of Stuttgart, Ralph D. Dodd, Pastor, recently held a Youth Revival in which they had the assistance of R. T. Strange, a recent graduate of Ouachita, who did the preaching; and Bob McMillan, a Ouachita student, who directed the music.

All preparation for the revival was supervised by youth committees, which also directed the activities during the revival.

There were twenty-one additions to the church, fourteen on profession of faith and baptism and seven by letter.

Three outstanding young business men dedicated their lives to full time Christian service. There are at present twenty-five young people of the Stuttgart church who compose the Life Service Band. Many of these young people will be entering school next fall to prepare themselves for their chosen field of Christian service.

The Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, recently closed a 15-day revival meeting, in which they had the assistance of Dr. C. E. Autrey, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, West Monroe, Louisiana, who did the preaching; and Carlyle Brooks, who directed the singing.

There were 59 additions to the Trinity church during these revival services. E. Butler Abington, Pastor.

Recently, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, State Music Director, was a guest at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. She spoke to the Graduate Music Seminar on the church music program in Arkansas, also, held interviews with students who wish to teach in the Summer Music Schools in Arkansas. Several superior students from Baptist Colleges and Seminaries have been enlisted for the schools this summer.

Miss Irene Chambers of the Home Mission Board, was recently with the First Church of Elaine, Arkansas, and taught the book, "Spiritual Frontiers." The average class attendance was 119.

The Sunday following this study course, there were 6 additions to the church by baptism and 3 by letter.

Bennie Pearson came to the pastorate of the Elaine church six months ago from the Mallory Heights Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. E. D. Head, President of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, supplied the pulpit of the Beech Street Church, Texarkana, for both morning and evening services, March 28.

The First Church, Pine Bluff, held two services the morning of March 28, in order to accommodate the large attendance.

The Training Unions of Peninsula Association, Virginia, sponsored a youth conference with Dr. Chester Swor as guest speaker. The conferences were held at the First Church,

Newport News, Virginia, Bruce H. Price, Pastor. The attendance ranged from 900 to 1,100.

Pastor Minor E. Cole, of the First Baptist Church, Forrest City, preached in revival services at the McCrory Church March 15-21, Chester Parker, Pastor. There were ten additions to the church membership and many re-dedications.

The McCrory Church has recently completed an \$8,000 addition to its educational building.

The Bearden Church lost its oldest member in the death of Mrs. J. B. Dunn, March 11. Mrs. Dunn was 91 years of age.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, in 1856, she moved to Arkansas with her parents in early childhood. Converted at the age of 12, she lived a Christian life for 79 years.

Five deacons were ordained by the First Church, Cotton Plant, March 7. They are: Vance Miller, R. O. Ross, Tim Browner, Tommy Stewman, and Monroe Churchill.

The Cotton Plant Church has experienced steady growth during the past year, with 37 additions to the church. Also, the church building has been re-decorated and new features added to the church property. Plans are underway for the erection of additional Sunday School rooms.

Gifts to the Co-operative Program have been doubled and general church offerings greatly increased.

First Church, Benton, has experienced phenomenal growth under the leadership of Pastor Virgil A. Rose, who came to this pastorate two years ago from the First Baptist Church of Kennett, Missouri. During this period, 450 new members have been received into the church, a new home for the pastor has been built and paid for, at a cost of \$14,800. The church's quota to the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign, \$7,750, has been paid in full, a year in advance.

The budget of the Benton Church for 1948 is set at \$35,000; \$10,000 of this amount being designated for a building fund.

Pastoral Changes

Doyle L. Lumpkin, pastor at Wright and Delork, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Mansfield, Texas.

J. O. Miller, former dean of Beebe Junior College, has gone to the church at Ward, Arkansas, Caroline Association.

D. O. Stuckey, pastor of the First Church, Alma, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Almyra.

F. J. Redford, Newcastle, Texas, has been called to the Winslow Baptist Church, Winslow. He will begin his work there May 30.

W. F. Young, pastor of the North Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., has been called to the pastorate of the West Texarkana Baptist Church.

Progress Is Made By First Church, Stamps

By D. O. TALBOT

Waif Hamilton completed two years a pastor of First Church, Stamps, in March. Our church has grown in every phase of the work in these two years. We have had a total of 165 additions to the church with 81 coming for baptism. The Sunday School has increased from an average attendance of 150 in 1945 to an average attendance of 244 in 1947, with a maximum attendance of 334. The Sunday School is completely graded from the Nursery through the Adult Department, and was awarded the Standard of Excellence for 1947-48.

Our Training Union has increased from an enrolment of 83 to an enrolment of 154 and is fully graded.

The Woman's Missionary Union has grown from an enrolment of 15 to 45, and recently organized two new auxiliaries, making a total of 4.

Our physical plant has been expanded by two new additions, with \$9,000 added equipment, including a Wicks pipe organ, chimes and amplifying system, also, the Sunday School plant overhauled. Our budget has been increased from \$8,600 to \$13,500, with the amount for the Co-operative Program increased from \$360 to \$1,500 per year. Total receipts for last year were \$19,580.34.

The church has purchased a lot and adopted plans for a seven room pastor's home to be constructed at an approximate cost of \$8,000. The present pastor's home will be used to house part of the Sunday School.

Our membership has had the joy of co-operating with our pastor in one of the most aggressive, all inclusive, and challenging programs ever presented in the history of our church. The Lord has blessed our unified efforts for which our entire membership is most appreciative.

The Associational Sunday School organization of the Pulaski County Association sponsored an Associational Sunday School Training School which was held at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 7-12.

The school was under the direction of Robert O. Barker, State Sunday School Superintendent of the Religious Education Department.

There were 29 courses completed. These courses covered practically every phase of Sunday School work.

An extension school was conducted at Jacksonville, under the direction of Pastor E. C. Lawrence, of the Gaines Street Church, Little Rock. Five courses were completed in this school, making a total of 34 courses completed in the two schools. The combined average attendance for the two schools was 554.

The Jacksonville Sunday School won the attendance banner for the week on the following points: (1) The number enrolled in the Training School in comparison with the Sunday School enrolment based on last year's Associational minutes; (2) The largest number in attendance at the school, including the rally on Sunday afternoon, March 7; (3) The average attendance each night based on the enrolment in the Training School.

The program each evening consisted, first, of a study period from 7:00 to 8:15, with a closing assembly period of thirty minutes in the church auditorium.

Training Union Convention Proves To Be Great Success

The State Training Union Convention, which met at the First Church, Fort Smith, March 19-20, was attended by 1,524 people. There were 1,216 registered, with 125 churches represented. The attendance banner was awarded to the First Church, Siloam Springs, with the largest number of people present. The mileage banner was awarded to the First Church, Stuttgart, with 74,025 points. The number of people who attended from Stuttgart was multiplied by the number of miles traveled, to get the number of points.

In the State Speakers' Tournament, Miss Ann McClerkin, First Church, Monticello, won first place, and Miss Marie Anderson, First Church, Chidester, second place. In the State Sword Drill, Miss Annette Carter, Second Church, Little Rock, won first place, and Miss Theo May James, McGehee, second place. Miss McClerkin and Miss Carter will be sent to Ridgecrest, with all expenses paid, to represent Arkansas in the Southern Baptist Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament.

In the State Junior Memory Drill there were 17 who made perfect scores, and others who entered made only one mistake. This list will be included in a later issue of the Arkansas Baptist.

The following were winners in the poster contest:

- Division 1, Adult—Lloyd Gardner, Mt. Olive No. 2, Crossett;
- Young People—Mary Jean Emrich, Tyronza;
- Division II, Junior—Billy Tolleson, Siloam Springs; Intermediate—Claire Ann Walker, First Church, Paragould;
- Young People—Bobbie Faye Henry, First Church, Siloam Springs;
- Division III, Junior—Rita Simmons, First Church, Siloam Springs;

Convention officers elected are as follows: President, Stanley Jordan, Hamburg; Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Tolleson, First Church, Siloam Springs; Vice-presidents: Northwest District, Lucien Coleman, Springdale; West Central District, George Hink, Greenwood; North Central District, Irwin Moshier, West Batesville; Northeast District, E. L. Jackson, First Church, Jonesboro; Southeast District, D. P. McAttee, Second Church, Pine Bluff; Southwest District, Lawson Hatfield, First Church, Ashdown; Central District, Miss Lillian Rutherford, Park Place Church, Hot Springs; East Central District, Dell Hames, Augusta.

Stanley Jordan succeeds Rel Gray, First Church, Rogers, who has served faithfully as Convention president during the past two years.

Special recognition should be given the ten convention officers, the State Approved Workers, 40 Associational Training Union Directors, and 40 Associational Missionaries, who willingly and efficiently assisted the State Training Union Director in the promotion of the convention. These 80 people who were on the program made the program a success. Also, special recognition should be given to the First Church, Fort Smith, which entertained the convention in such a wonderful way. The people of Arkansas would like

to express their appreciation to Dr. B. V. Ferguson, Norman Ferguson, Misses Irene Jones, Lola Lievsay, Ethel Mitchell, and to other workers of the First Church. Thomas B. Chaney and members of the Immanuel Church also co-operated in a wonderful way. Special thanks should be given to all the churches of Fort Smith for furnishing homes, and helping in many other ways to make the convention a success.

The next State Training Union Convention will be held with the First Church, Little Rock, on March 18-19, 1949, with Dr. W. A. Criswell, Pastor of the First Church, Dallas, Texas, as inspirational speaker. Six workers from the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, including Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, will appear on the program.

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Pastor C. E. Wilbanks, Springdale, Chairman of the Relief Drive in Washington-Madison Association, reports that a total of thirty-four bags and cartons of clothing, and twenty-three sacks of shoes were recently shipped from his association to the Relief Center in New Orleans. The shipment was made without charge over the Jones Truck Line to Little Rock and from Little Rock in a fruit van to New Orleans.

Director C. R. Gage, New Orleans Relief Center says, "It would be a splendid thing if other associations in Arkansas would promote a Relief Campaign of this nature."

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Ouachita Students Win Debate Honors

Misses Alla B. Earle and Melbaree Lands, Ouachita students, won top honors in the debate tournament at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, March 12 and 13.

In the preliminaries, the debaters entered fifteen different events. Among these were extemporaneous speaking, radio speaking, poetry reading, oratory, and after dinner speaking.

Ouachita had eight placings in the preliminaries. In the finals, Alla B. Earle and Melbaree Lands won first place in the senior women's division. They defeated the team from Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, in the semi-finals, going on to defeat the Springfield team in the finals. Other teams bowing to Ouachita's senior women were those from Louisiana State University and from Louisiana State College.

Ouachita took additional honors in the finals with Alla B. Earle winning first place in oratory, Melbaree Lands taking second place in extemporaneous speaking, and Ernest Mosley winning second place in after dinner speaking.

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A 14 year old boy, Hugh Nelson, delivered the Intermediate Day message at the First Baptist Church of Strong, Arkansas, on March 21.

The Intermediates had full charge of the morning service, serving as ushers, providing the music, as well as the message.

At the close of his message, young Nelson extended an invitation to accept Christ and his older brother responded to the invitation and publicly confessed Christ.

New Educational Building



Pictured above is the new educational building of the First Church, Siloam Springs, which is 50 by 90 feet, with three stories.

Since the Sunday School and Training Union moved in this building the attendance has continued to grow. Now, the church services are being held in the basement of this building, while the new auditorium is under construction.

The Sunday the church moved in this

building for preaching services the Sunday School and Training Union broke all previous attendance records.

The new auditorium is 48 by 84 feet, and will be equipped with heating and air conditioning units. Other equipment includes a public address system, and an electric organ with chimes.

B. N. Simmons is the pastor of this progressive church.

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

*Blessed is the man whose skylight is undimmed
by the dust of doubt or sin of disobedience.*

Smoking is Dangerous: According to data compiled by Dr. W. H. Dodson, of Berkeley, California, cigarette smoking is a contributor to lung cancer. The smoke tar, he says, is the inducing factor. He bases his conclusion on two facts: that the tar applied to the ear of rabbits is 100 per cent in causing cancer, and that lung cancer has increased with increase of cigarette smoking. From 1930 to 1942, cigarette consumption in the United States doubled and deaths from cancer of the respiratory system tripled, increasing from 3,848 in 1930, to 10,947 in 1942.

Appeal to Chinese Youth: Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, United States ambassador to China, and formerly a Presbyterian in China, appealed at Shanghai to Chinese youth to "embrace Christian principles as a new and truly revolutionary movement" that will save China. "China's impending disaster," he declared, "is due to human and moral causes, material and military problems being merely symptoms of disease. The nation's age-old emphasis on moral conduct accounts for its survival during many centuries, but the waning influence of the old morals is leaving China an easy prey to godless materialism." Asserting that the gravity of the situation "should arouse all who love their country to feel responsibility and solemnly determine to work for a better national life," Ambassador Stuart cited the Christian faith as "a realistic and radical means for the regeneration of society" and called upon China's youth, especially, to adopt its principles.

The Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at Rhodes, in the Dodecanese Islands, has been confiscated by Greek authorities for conversion into a Greek Orthodox cathedral, "Osservatore Romano," Vatican newspaper, reports. The Dodecanese were ceded to Greece under the Italian peace treaty. St. John's is said to be only one of many Catholic properties in the Dodecanese which have been seized by order of the Greek government, according to Vatican informants. The Rhodes cathedral was built in 1430 and restored in later centuries.

Outstanding Record: During the 21 years that Dr. W. Marshall Craig has been pastor of the Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, 2,443 have been baptized and 7,102 others have been received by letter or otherwise, making a total of 9,545. The membership has grown from 1,842 to 6,213. In these years, there has been paid into the church treasury \$2,070,413, with \$577,615 going to mission, benevolence, and other outside causes. A modern three story education building was erected in 1940, at a cost of \$140,000. A sanctuary is now under construction. It will seat 2,000 and cost upwards of \$700,000. The twenty-second year sees pastor and people going stronger than ever.

Waiting

We Americans are traditionally an impatient people. We hate to wait, yet complain that we spend "half" of our lives waiting. Those of us who are condemned to use public transportation fume at the tardiness and slowness of the buses and trolleys. Motorists rage at the traffic that clogs the streets at rush hours, at the stupidity (?) and slowness of other drivers and pedestrians. Patients through the physicians' and dentists' offices none too patient in their attitude. We wait for appointments, for transportation, for meals—in fact, to the less patient of us, it really seems no exaggeration to complain that we spend the best years of our lives in waiting for other people. But there are lessons even in waiting. When we are in too much of a hurry, we miss so much. When unavoidably detained, the few minutes could be spent to priceless advantages in "waiting" upon God in prayer, in rewarding meditation. Waiting is not so bad—but it is an art that must be learned.

—Church Advocate

A Pastor Stands By: S. K. Nakijama, Japanese pastor who has a flock of 1,000 Japanese Christians in Shanghai, China, has refused an invitation to return to his old church in Fresno, California, where he was pastor for nine years. Although living conditions are difficult for him and the American invitation was tempting, he feels that he must stand by this remnant of the Japanese community in Shanghai.

At the time of the death of Henry Ford, one newspaper quoted Mr. Ford as saying, "I took a pledge to read a chapter of the Bible every day of my life. I have kept that pledge." Mr. Ford attributed his "sense of integrity, honor, and service" to hearing a school teacher read the Bible during the three years he went to a little old-fashioned grammar school.

Christian Laymen Organize: Christian laymen of Louisville, Kentucky, are not content to go to Bible classes on Sunday morning and then consider that their religious duties are fulfilled. Two hundred of them, organized into a committee on institutions of the Louisville Council of Churches, are helping to improve the jails, courts, hospitals, and orphanages of their city.

According to Church World Service, in New York, for the first time in history, the Polish government has guaranteed complete and equal religious freedom to all churches and synagogues in that country. Many of the churches, because of inadequate places of worship, hold three services on Sunday to take care of the crowds.

Candidates for Congress Are Sent Questionnaires

Candidates for nomination to Congress are being asked to outline the main points of their platforms by an official of the Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland-Delaware according to Religious News Service.

Questionnaires were sent from Baltimore, Maryland, to the candidates by Frank T. Rhoad Jr., Director Christian Social Relations. The questionnaire asks party affiliation, education, training, experience, religious, fraternal, civic or governmental activities; and the reason for serving as a Congressman.

Specific questions include: Do you favor universal military training? Are you in favor of Federal aid to education? Do you believe the Federal government has a responsibility to guarantee the civil rights of all people in regard to voting, employment, security of person?

What is the responsibility of the Federal government for meeting the housing problems in regard to: providing new housing, regulating rents and prices?

Do you favor the admission of displaced persons in excess of the present immigration quotas? Would you favor certain government controls to assure a fair allocation of needed goods for foreign aid?

A letter enclosed with the questionnaire reads, in part:

"The questions included in the questionnaire were selected only because we believe they represent the type of information in which our constituents are interested. They do not necessarily represent issues on which this organization has taken a position."

Rhoad will send the replies from the candidates to each church in the appropriate congressional district.

At the same time that the questionnaires were mailed, letters were sent to 1,100 clergymen urging each to register and vote in the primary election on May 3, and requesting that they encourage their congregations to do likewise.

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Mrs. Frank Knox has given \$1,000,000 to Harvard University to establish a system of exchange fellowships throughout the world. This, she believes, is essential to international understanding and to peace.

Lottery Bill Defeated: Virginia Protestants have defeated a lottery bill in the lower house of the State Legislature. The bill would have exempted patriotic, fraternal, and religious organizations from the State's anti-lottery law. It has been announced that the churches were desirous of raising money by such methods. The Protestant churches have thus indicated that they do not wish to be counted in that classification.

The division of public relations of the State Department in Washington has invited the representative of the Washington office of the National Association of Evangelicals to sit in on the Committee of Religious Bodies which functions as a liaison committee between the State Department and the churches of America. Only over-all representative bodies are invited to this committee.

The State Church and European Wars

All true Americans, lay Catholics and non-Catholics, who are concerned about permanent peace, should inform themselves concerning plans, purposes, and progress now being made by the Roman hierarchy to make the Catholic church the state church in this country. The average lay Catholic is just as ignorant of this scheme of the hierarchy as is the average Protestant.

Catholic clerics deny it, but the fact that the textbook, written by Monsignor John A. Ryan, head of the Social Action department of the National Catholic Welfare conference, and principal architect of the Catholic hierarchy's organizational structure in America, called "The State and the Church," republished in 1940 with Francis Boland as collaborator, and which has been the approved text in all Catholic universities for more than 20 years, states the church's purpose in language which cannot be denied.

Ryan's book, republished in 1940, is now called "The Catholic Principles of Politics." This approved textbook in Catholic universities, quotes and approves the encyclical of Pope Leo XII on Catholicity in the United States, in which he condemns the American system of separation of church and state. Ryan and Boland quote Leo XIII as authority for the statement that, "the state must not only have care for religion, but recognize the true religion. This means the form of religion practiced by the Catholic church." Catholic universities right here in America have been teaching for more than 20 years that the "state is under obligation to help the Catholic church prevail over all other churches," and that, "the state should officially recognize the Catholic religion as the religion of the commonwealth."

This official Catholic textbook makes crystal clear as to what will happen to all non-Catholics when the Catholic church is made the state church. Baptists and Protestants "may" be permitted to worship, provided such worship is "carried on within the family circle, or in such an inconspicuous manner as to be an occasion neither of scandal nor of perversion to the faithful (Catholics)."

Do not say "it can't happen here." Witness the fact that 18 of the 48 states are supporting Catholic schools in some form or other. Witness the fact that Mr. Truman has a personal ambassador to the Vatican, which is unconstitutional and un-American. Observe the grip that the Roman Catholic hierarchy has on our national government. The fact that the constitution provides that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," is not a guarantee against a state church as long as the constitution is ignored, or can be changed.

Such a tragedy could befall America and will befall us, unless Baptists, Protestants, and true Americans in general get aroused and stop it, now.

Those who are foolishly advocating American aid to the pope in the interest of permanent peace, should open their eyes and read the history of the state church in Europe.

James Bryce, eminent English scholar, writer, and statesman, in his "American Commonwealth," said: "Of all the differences

between the Old World and the New, this is perhaps the most salient. Half the wars of Europe, half the internal troubles that have vexed European states, from the Monophysite controversies of the fifth century down to the Kulturkampf in the German empire of the nineteenth, have arisen from the theological differences or from the rival claims of church and state."

Add to that the following statement from Henry Thomas Buckle in his "History of Civilization;" "During almost 150 years, Europe was afflicted by religious wars, religious massacres, and religious persecutions; not one of which would have arisen if the great truth had been recognized that the state has no concern with the opinions of men, and no right to interfere even in the slightest degree with the form of worship which they may choose to adopt. The principle was, however, formerly unknown or at all events unheeded; and it was not until the middle of the seventeenth century that the great religious contests were brought to a final close and the different countries settled down to their public creeds."

-Baptist Standard.

What Baptists Believe

Baptists Are Not Protestants. They did not come out of some other church. They have a distinctive history with beliefs and principles which have always, and do now, distinguish them from all other religious groups. There are some Bible teachings which are held in common by Baptists and other religious bodies, but the following principles are distinctively Baptist and identify Baptists.

The First Cardinal Principle of Baptists is implicit obedience to the teachings of the Word of God. The Bible is their Book of Authority. It is their only rule of faith.

The Second Cardinal Principle of Baptists is religious liberty. Freedom in matters of religion is an inherent right of the human soul. Baptists have no priests, save the Great High Priest, Jesus Christ. Religious freedom means individual freedom, and the unrestrained right of the individual to approach God.

The Third Cardinal Principle of Baptists is the separation of church and state. This includes no levy of taxes to support or aid a particular faith or form of worship. No action by government that might accord a special status, privilege, or priority to any religious organization.

The Fourth Cardinal Principle of Baptists is that the churches are independent in their local affairs. No popes, no bishops, no priests and no superiors. Baptist churches are pure democracies.

The Fifth Cardinal Principle of Baptists is that a church is a body of regenerated believers who have been baptized on profession of personal faith in Christ, and have associated themselves in the fellowship of the gospel.

The Sixth Cardinal Principle of Baptists is that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church. They are not means of grace. They are symbols of great truths taught in the scriptures.

Scriptural Baptism is the immersion of the body of the believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Lord's Supper in an ordinance of the church and is observed in commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ.

In Conclusion it is safe to say that "Once a Baptist, always a Baptist."

-Baptist Observer.

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "Personal Adventures With Jesus" by B. H. Duncan.

All broadcasts are by transcription and may be heard every Sunday over the following stations:

- KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
- KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
- KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
- KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
- KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
- KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:30 p. m.
- KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
- KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
- KUOA—Silam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
- KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.
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Can We Afford National Defense?

The communist coup d'etat in Czechoslovakia, coupled with Stalin's demands for a "defense" agreement with Finland and mounting totalitarian pressures in France, Italy, and other European nations, has brought the international situation to its worst point since 1939.

It is clear that those who dislike and envy us abroad respect only one quality in a country—and that quality is military strength. It is not war mongering to say that the United States must maintain a defense establishment far more effective than any we have ever had in peacetime so long as the world remains in its present explosive state. That is simply insurance for our survival.

According to those who know best, all branches of our military forces, Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard alike, are in a dangerously weak condition. We have sunk, in the space of about two years, from the military power on earth to a third-rate military power.

This was only partially the result of the postwar demobilization. The armed services have been denied requested appropriations for research and development which they consider absolutely vital if they are to keep pace with the Soviet Union, whose army is reported to be still at wartime strength. This has been done, of course, in the name of economy. But while military budgets have been cut, there has been the most flagrant waste in other directions.

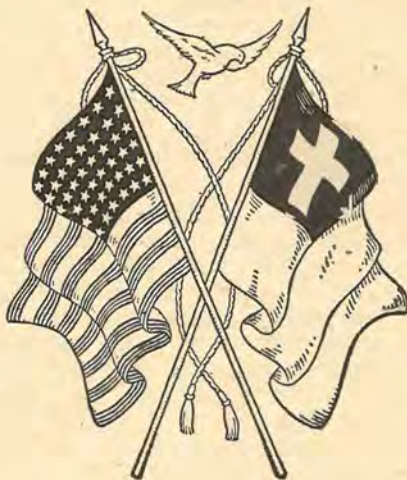
As an example, no one can say that socialized government power plants are necessary to the nation—taxed, regulated, private industry can provide the service at the lowest practical cost. Yet, the billions that we are now spending to operate these plants, and to build new ones, are far in excess of what the armed forces want for basic research. Those billions would help to make the difference between a progressive, prepared armed force, and one which is going downhill. The proposed St. Lawrence Seaway is another example of an incredibly costly public work that, in the view of many experts, is not needed and could not possibly justify itself on economic grounds. And so are various flood control and reclamation projects that, in reality, are a camouflaged form of public power development which simply duplicates existing, adequate facilities.

This is not a political matter. National defense is the first function of government, regardless of what party is in power. And to say we cannot afford a first-rate military establishment at a time when we are wasting untold millions, is to criminally mis-lead the people.

Tax Dodging

"The Tennessee Valley Authority shows in its annual 1946 report that total revenue from power operations as \$35,264,545. Total amount paid in lieu of taxes on power operations is listed as \$1,992,256. Total tax payments by the company in 1946 were \$2,456,180.

"In other words, with less than one-third of the total gross revenue of TVA, Southwestern still paid over a half-million dollars more in taxes. Stated in still another way, the government lost over \$3,000,000 by reason of the fact that TVA does not pay taxes on the same basis as Southwestern Gas & Electric Company.



"Put in still another way, the people of the United States had to pay \$3,000,000 more in taxes in 1946 than they would have had to pay if TVA had been taxed the same as business electric companies."

—Excerpt from "The Southwestern"

The Tap Root of Freedom

There is only one basic difference between the American system of government and the governments of those countries suffering from varying degrees of dictatorship. That difference is the right, protected by law, of private ownership of property. Private property is the tap root of freedom.

It is impossible to abolish private ownership of property for some without ultimately destroying it for all. And once it has been destroyed, a central government becomes boss for the simple reason that it is the sole employer and sole property owner.

Oppression automatically follows when a people, stripped of property, must blindly rely on a government run with a free rein by men who need no longer recognize anti-trust laws, labor unions, or anything else — men who can abandon the constitutional trappings of a free country because they are bigger than the law by right of might.

Total control is always the dream of ruthless men. The ultimate in total control is total government. The one thing standing in the path of total government in the United States is the private ownership of property vested in millions of American citizens. It must ever remain so.

—Industrial News Review

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Ten new languages added during the year bring the total to 1,090 translations for the Bible, according to the American Bible Society. The complete Bible has been translated into 185 languages.

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According to an estimate by the Department of Commerce, the American people spent 164 billion dollars for personal consumption in 1947. Of this amount, 50.5 billion dollars went for food and alcohol, 3.8 billion dollars went for tobacco, 6.1 billion dollars went for automobiles and parts, 3.6 billion dollars went for recreation, and 13.5 billion dollars went for housing.

Hawaii Needs Loyal Baptists

By LINDELL O. HARRIS, Missionary

What happens to Baptists, especially Southern Baptists, when they move to Hawaii? What becomes of our service men from Baptist families while they are stationed in these Islands? Our churches of the Hawaii Baptist Convention know the answer, but our answer is not always commendatory of many thousands of Baptists who are living or stationed in Hawaii for a longer or shorter period.

Some of the finest of our people from the mainland, both in civilian and military life, are to be found in our churches of Hawaii, doing a real missionary work along with our local workers and missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board. However, it has been our observation that more mainland Baptists have been guilty of neglect, indifference, and irresponsibility than there are who have felt a distinct religious and denominational loyalty. It is a disturbing reflection upon a Baptist who comes, if he severs all connections with church life. It is like to saying, "I have been working in the church long enough, and I am going to take an extended religious vacation while I am in Hawaii."

Some months ago a Baptist lady from one of our Southern states said to one of our workers, as they were talking aboard ship between Honolulu and San Francisco, "Please tell me about our Baptist work in Hawaii. My W. M. U. will be sure to ask me when I get home." She had been regular in her attendance in the mainland, but in the eighteen months she had spent in Hawaii, she had not attended any of our Baptist churches. Two daughters of Baptist ministers confessed sometime ago that they had not attended any of our churches. Both are married and will probably live here for a long time, yet they are a distinct loss to our cause. One young man from an old Baptist family of the South and from the largest Baptist Church in that state failed to attend any of our churches, though living only a half-block from one of them. One of the greatest tragedies is that of young service men, eighteen and older, who seem over night to cast religion to the four winds and are living drunken, immoral lives. Out of the many hundreds of Baptist service men, only a comparatively few are to be found in our churches. The chaplains reach some, but most of them are unreached for religious purposes.

Why this lack of loyalty among so many of our Baptists coming from the mainland? Let me suggest a few reasons. They are: Lack of a vital religious interest; lack of indoctrination and denominational loyalty; lack of beautiful, permanent buildings for our Baptist churches.

Only two, out of a total of seven, churches and one mission among our Southern Baptist churches have their permanent auditoriums. The rest are worshipping in temporary, inadequate, often unsightly auditoriums. There have been too many cases of nominal Baptists, with a Baptist heritage behind them, going to churches of a different faith because our buildings were not nice enough for them. Some of them were ashamed for their social set to see them to such a lowly house of worship. If all the Baptists who are at present worshipping with other religious groups should come at once into life of our churches, our work would be vastly increased.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL GRADUATES FIFTY NURSES



FIFTY YOUNG WOMEN received nursing degrees from the Baptist State Hospital School of Nursing on Monday evening, March 22. Forty-six members of the class are pictured above.

Left to right, they are: First row: Margaret Creech, Mary Elizabeth Searcy, Clois G. Cain, Gladys Hill, Evelyn Gilbert, Elomae Lyon, Evelyn Meredith, Martha Brown, Sarah Hardesty, Milly Hughes, Frances Gober, Clara Mae Cloyes, Lena Margaret Madden, Estella Linn, Sylvia Frazier, and Flora Ann Hester.

Second row: Irma Dawson, Mary Lee Anderson, Largene Doss, Ethel Baker, Gloria Jeanne Fowler, Wanda Thomas, Charlotte McAllister, Elsie Lieberknecht, Imogene Sewell, Ann Sims, Rosemary Campbell, Doris

Morgan, Dorothy Morgan, Mary Lois Wheat, and Glenna Sue McClure.

Third row: Ruth Hill, Ruby Sanders, Marilyn Howlett, Virginia Cheshier, Mable Gene Williams, Dorothy Middleton, Virginia Binns, Joyce Elland, Gladys Moore, Louise Hatfield, Helen Abston, Decima Gill, Myrtle Thompson, Barnie Lou Adams, and Mildred Edwards.

Graduates not present when the picture was taken are: Mary Margaret Hailey, Jo Lawless, Zelma Musgrove, and June Purtle.

The graduating exercises were held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock. Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee, delivered the Commencement address. Also, Dr. Ellery Gay, Chief of the Medical Staff, addressed the graduates. Pastor Harvey Elledge, Baring

Cross Church, North Little Rock, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon at the First Church, Little Rock, Sunday evening, March 21.

Honor Awards

The Scholastic award, given by the faculty, was won by Miss Mary Lee Anderson of Berryville. Her attendance for the three years while in training was 96.9, lacking one-tenth of a point being an A-plus student. The Merit award, given by the hospital, based on character and leadership, was won by Miss Gladys Moore of DeQueen, Arkansas. The Baptist Student Union Department award, which is based on Christian life and influence among the students while in training, was won by Miss Virginia Binns of Monticello, Arkansas. This selection was made by her fellow students.

Pine Bluff Youth Choirs Combine In Choral Service

One hundred twenty-five singers from four churches in Pine Bluff, joined in a beautiful choral service Friday evening, March 26, in the auditorium of the First Church, there. These young people received the inspiration for this service at the recent Youth Choir Festival, in which they had an important part. They sang four of the selections from the festival program: "While By Our Sleeping Flocks We Lay" (Jungst), "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" (Ippolotof), "Praise the Name of the Lord" (Ivanoff), and "The Battle Hymn" (Ringwald). Mrs. B. W. Ninger was the guest conductor. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Odis Jones and Mrs. J. D. Enderby.

The following churches and music directors co-operated in this unusual event: First Church, Walter Hill; Second Church, Owen Kersh; Southside, W. E. Ward; Immanuel, Mrs. A. J. Jenkins. The second half of the service was given by the Adult Choir of the First Church. They sang "The Seven Last

Words" (Dubois), under the direction of Walter Hill, with Mrs. Moore at the organ.

Every city in Arkansas could have a similar choral group by combining the Youth Choirs of each church.

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Clyde Hart has led the Central Church, Hot Springs, to pay their quota in full. He sends in a check for \$2,271.38. We appreciate the special effort of this church in considering the cause of Christian Education, even as they are endeavoring to pay a building debt.

We feel that this will be an inspiration for many other churches in the future to finish their quota, making it possible for us to begin a science building this summer, which is urgently needed.

Many pastors are planning a special offering in the near future to complete their quota. The campaign committee sincerely desires that every Baptist church, if possible, will take an offering on Christian Education Day, June 27, to help complete the campaign.

—Harvey Elledge

The Fruit of Missions

A new house of worship was dedicated by the Shell Lake Church in the Tri-County Association, January 25, 1948.

The Shell Lake Church was organized with eighteen charter members in 1944, by T. R. Hammons, who at that time was serving as missionary in the Tri-County Association.

This group of people worshipped at different times under an arbor, in a tent, a storehouse, and tenant house, but never missed a service, either on Sunday or Wednesday evening.

A lot was donated for the new building by Eugene Wood, and the house was completed in October, 1947, free of debt.

The church has 82 members, now, and has called T. R. Hammons as full time pastor.

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A fellowship dinner was held at the First Church, Fayetteville, Monday, March 15, which eventuated in the organization of a Brotherhood. Ernest Smallwood, McAllister, Oklahoma, was the guest speaker for the occasion.

Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention
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President

MISS LAVERNE ASHBY
Young People's Secretary

MRS. C. H. RAY
Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Awarded Silver Cup

Miss Harriette Sue Williams, First Church, Malvern, was awarded the silver cup in the Missionary Reading Contest, an annual event of the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference. This is the first time the cup has been awarded since 1944, when Miss Betty Andress, El Dorado, was the recipient. Through the years, the Missionary Reading Contest has been a symbol of excellent work in Girl's Auxiliary. We wish to congratulate Miss Williams and First Church, Malvern, on the fine quality of achievement in the young people's organizations.



Miss Harriette Sue Williams
First Baptist Church, Malvern

Day of Prayer For Community Missions

Mrs. D. H. Davis, President of the W. M. U., Warren, reports that a large group of the members in her society observed the Day of Prayer for Community Missions, and they are already seeing results from this meeting. They are to meet on the fifth Monday for prayer, then go visiting in the interest of the church. Mrs. Davis further states: "We have 70 enrolled in the W. M. U. and 26 in the Business Woman's Circle, making a total of 96. Already, we have five new members this year and hope to gain more. Please pray for us that we may do better work this year."

Come to The Convention

Many people have been asking which sessions of the State W. M. U. annual meeting they should choose to attend and if they could not attend all of them. We suggest the three sessions on Wednesday, April 14. Mrs. George R. Martin, President of Southern W. M. U., will speak Wednesday afternoon, a representative of the Home Mission Board Wednesday evening. At five-thirty Wednesday afternoon, there will be a banquet at the First Church, for the Business Woman's Circles. Yes, Wednesday will be the high day in the program. Make your plans now to attend.

Letter To The Royal Ambassadors of Arkansas

Dear Friends:

The boys of our G. B. Taylor Orphanage wish to thank you very much for the 15 CARE packages which arrived some time ago. It was a most generous and thoughtful thing for you boys to do and you will never know the blessing and the real help you gave. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for this brotherliness from across the ocean. You are really and truly Ambassadors for Christ and Goodwill. May the Lord bless you each one and may many Royal Ambassadors from your group hear the call to full time service for our Lord and follow Him perhaps to far-off lands where His name is not known and His gospel in so necessary. Perhaps, some of you will find it possible to visit Italy.

Thank you again, from our hearts.

Sincerely, yours in His love.

V. Veneziano, for the boys of the Orphanage, Rome, Italy.

Boys who attended camp last summer will remember that part of the camp mission offering was designated for this. It is good to hear these results of our own camp work.

SONG OF THE MONTH

April

By RUTH NININGER

"O Worship The King"

SIR ROBERT GRANT

LYONS

JOHANN MICHAEL HAYDN

*O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form;
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*

*Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!*

This great hymn of praise, beloved by Christians of all ages, has been chosen to head the list of numbers for the 1948 Hymn Playing Tournament. Through the medium each year an effort is made to acquaint young musicians of Junior and Intermediate ages with the best literature of hymns and gospel songs.

"O Worship the King" bears the distinction of being couched in picturesque language portraying the beauties of nature, as well as a colorful, dynamic progression of titles describing the attributes of God: "King," "Shield," "Defender," "Ancient of Days," "Maker," "Redeemer," "Friend." The poem was written by Sir Robert Grant, who, as a member of the British Parliament, introduced a bill granting rights to the Jew. He later served as governor of Bombay.

The hymn-tune, Lyons, was by Johann Michael Hayden, brother of the more distinguished Joseph Haydn. It has a simple chant-like quality and should be sung in free style, unhurried.



Spring Itinerary for Ouachita Choir

Miss Maxie Cleere, Director of the Ouachita College Choir, has announced that the schedule for the spring tour has been completed. The choir will visit thirteen different cities while on their tour, from March 25 to April 5,

The schedule is as follows:

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| March 25 | Thursday Evening—Denison, Texas, Calvary Baptist Church |
| March 26 | Friday Morning—Ada, Oklahoma, Teachers College |
| March 26 | Friday Evening—Shawnee, Okla., University Baptist Church |
| March 27 | Saturday Morning—Shawnee, Okla., Okla. Bapt. University |
| March 27 | Saturday Morning—Chickasha, Okla., Okla. Coll. for Women |
| March 27 | Saturday Evening—Lawton, Okla., Witness National Easter Pageant on mountains |
| March 28 | Sunday Morning—Travel |
| March 28 | Sunday Evening—Altus, Okla., First Baptist Church |
| March 29 | Monday Evening—Plainview, Texas, Wayland College |
| March 30 | Tuesday Morning—Plainview, Texas, City Auditorium |
| March 30 | Tuesday Evening, Abilene, Texas, First Baptist Church |
| March 31 | Wednesday Evening—Fort Worth, Texas, Travis Ave. Baptist Church |
| April 1 | Thursday Morning—Fort. Worth, Texas, S. W. Seminary |
| April 1 | Thursday Evening—Corsicana, Texas, First Baptist Church |
| April 2 | Friday Evening—Longview, Texas, Moberly Ave. Church |
| April 3 | Saturday Morning—Longview, Texas, LeTourneau Tech. |
| April 4 | Sunday Morning—Shreveport, La., Queensborough Bapt. Church |
| April 4 | Sunday Evening—Texarkana, Texas, First Baptist Church |
| April 5 | Monday—Travel - Arrive Ouachita late afternoon. |

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Figures To Inspire

March 21, 1948

	S.S.	T.U. Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1139	244
Including Missions	1640	416
El Dorado, First	925	280
Ft. Smith, First	870	333
Pine Bluff, First	795	187
N Little Rock,		
Baring Cross	752	210
Including Mission	795	232
Hot Springs, Second	670	176
Including Mission	720	235
West Memphis, First	613	303
Paragould, First	603	202
Benton, First	578	97
Including Mission	610	
Arkadelphia, First	567	209
Hope, First	553	69
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	495	115
El Dorado, Second	491	106
Little Rock,		
Tabernacle	481	61
Little Rock, Gaines		
Sreet	454	208
Malvern, First	445	54
Little Rock, Pulaski		
Heights	427	72
Magnolia, Central	419	133
Conway, First	401	56
Hot Springs, Central	395	123
Forcyce, First	394	124
Stuttgart, First	384	168
Including Missions	414	
Hot Springs, Park Place	369	99
Russellville, First	369	90
Hot Springs, First	342	54
Siloam Springs, First	318	187
Smackover, First	318	96
Hot Springs, Calvary	314	77
Springdale, First	304	212
Including Missions	399	
Little Rock,		
South Highland	297	59
Monticello, First	295	109
Including Mission	312	
Cullendale	293	97
Rogers, First	286	90
Harrison, First	272	140
Including Mission	371	167
Norphlet, First	270	142
Stamps, First	256	94
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	254	97
Jacksonville, First	252	68
El Dorado, Westside	251	76
Pine Bluff, Second	243	62
Little Rock, Calvary	232	79
Batesville, West	227	53
N. Little Rock, Central	226	56
Elaine, First	219	111
Texarkana, Calvary	208	99
Carlisle, First	200	55
Gentry	199	92
Greenwood	198	81
Prescott	190	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	182	92
Little Rock,		
Reynolds Memorial	167	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	154	59
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	138	35
Monticello, Second	134	75
Douglasville, First	122	53
Levy, First	122	26
Including Mission	235	46
Little Rock, Trinity	119	35
South Fort Smith	115	40
Pine Bluff,		
Matthews Memorial	114	58
Douglasville, Second	88	35
Little Rock, Westside	82	36
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Texarkana	68	22
Little Rock,		
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STUDENT UNION TO HOLD SPRING RETREAT

William Hall Preston of the Southwide Department of Student work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the principal speaker at the State Baptist Student Spring Retreat, to be held at the First Church, Conway, April 23-24. This meeting is designed to instruct and inspire newly elected Student Union Council members from the campuses of Arkansas.

Definite information and inspiration is provided, and plans are outlined and discussed for the coming year's work. Retiring Student Union officers and adult leaders from the different campuses will provide the program leadership, sharing with the new council members plans, programs, ideas, and helpful suggestions.

The following State Student Union officers will preside and lead conferences: President, John McClanahan; First Vice-president, Bobbye Ann McAlister; Second Vice-president, Marilyn Webb; Third Vice-president, Tommy Hinson; Secretary, Anita Fox; Reporter, Phillis Ford; Music Chairman, Richard Perkins; Ridgecrest Chairman, Charles Meltabarger; Stewardship Chairman, Maurice Dunn.

Adult leaders assisting with the program are as follows: Miss Elma Cobb, Student Secretary, Baptist Hospital; H. B. Tillman, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Conway; Mrs. J. H. Cox, Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Todd, Ouachita College; Arthur Peterson, Magnolia; Dan Thomas, First Church, Arkadelphia; Mrs. Leslie Buchanan, Editorial Assistant, Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock; Miss Russeleen Baldrige, Baptist Book Store, Little Rock; Ralph W. Davis, State Training Union Director; Miss LaVerne Ashby, State Y. W. A. Secretary, Little Rock; T. D. McCulloch, State Student Union Secretary.



Mr. William Hall Preston
Department of Student Work
Baptist Sunday School Board

★ NURSERY NEWS ★

By Mrs. EDGAR WILLIAMSON

Congratulations to Second Church, Hot Springs! Three of their Nursery Departments have attained the Standard of Excellence rating. The superintendents are: No. 1, Mrs. Clifton Sexton; No. 2, Mrs. Dave Johnson; No. 3, Mrs. Lucille Doss. O. L. Bayless is the pastor, and W. R. Kimball, Sunday School Superintendent.

Immanuel Church, Little Rock, has four nurseries, now. A new one recently added, enables them to have a separate department for the two year olds. Immanuel has equipped Nursery No. 1 with thirteen built-in beds. These were built according to the Sunday School Board's specifications with an individual cabinet for each baby. Each nursery has a germicidal lamp. Nursery superintendents are: No. 1, Mrs. W. A. Geurin; No. 2, Mrs. J. F. Thornton; No. 3, Mrs. F. M. Dorsey; and No. 4, Mrs. H. P. Jolly.

First Church, Siloam Springs, B. N. Simmons, Pastor, Dale Wilson, Superintendent, has made provisions for three nurseries in their new educational building. Already, they feel the need for another nursery and plans to provide for it are included in the new auditorium blue-print. Recently, in an enlargement campaign the following Nursery superintendents were elected: No. 1, Mrs. Glen Howard; No. 2, Mrs. Homer Bynum; No. 3, Mrs. R. W. Duncan. Mrs. J. E. Dodson was elected superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department.

"A little child shall lead them." When a baby is enlisted through the Cradle Roll and Nursery Departments, there are usually two adults led into the Sunday School and church. Let them help build your Sunday School and church.

Do Not Delay!

Write NOW and ask for a worker to direct your

Summer Music School

The schedule is being made early to avoid disappointment. Workers are available for two weeks.

Cost is \$35 a week plus expenses of travel and entertainment.

Day classes for Primaries, Juniors and Intermediates are held, and evening classes for Young People and Adults.

Enroll Now!

In the State Demonstration Teaching Clinic, to be held in Central Baptist Church, Hot Springs April 18-23:

Enrolment is limited. Only a limited number may enroll, but there is still room for more, so send your name, address, church, and office held in Sunday School, at once.

Enrolment TIME is limited. In order to provide the best entertainment possible, enrolment time will be limited to Saturday, April 10. All enrolments should be sent in, on or before Saturday, April 10. DO IT NOW!

Remember! Bed and meals will be furnished, free of charge, to enrolled clinicians. The only expense will be transportation to and from Hot Springs, and the two dollars registration fee, payable in Hot Springs.

Enroll Now! Send name, address, church, and Sunday School office to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

DO IT NOW!

Honor Club Program

For Training Unions

During the first part of April an optional program will be sent to each Training Union director in the state, and the young people and adult unions are urged to use this Baptist Honor Club program, Sunday night, April 25. Only two copies of this optional program will be sent to each director, with the understanding that any additional copies needed may be obtained by writing Ralph W. Davis, State Training Union Director, Baptist Building, Little Rock.

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Centennial Sunday Is April 4!

Many of our churches will observe April 4 as Centennial Sunday; the major objectives of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for 1948, our Centennial Year, will be set forth in the services of this day. These objectives are:

- Evangelism
- The Payment of the Honor Debt
- The Completion of the Ouachita Campaign
- The Opening of Central College
- The Raising of the Co-operative Program Budget

Each Centennial objective is a tremendous challenge to the love, loyalty, and work of every Arkansas Baptist.

The goal of winning and baptizing no less than 25,000 souls during 1948 brings to our hearts the urge to do our best! It brings to every Baptist and to every Baptist church in Arkansas the challenge to do twice as much praying, going, and witnessing than we have done in previous years. If the men of the Brotherhood will lead out in evangelism, the rest of the church will invariably follow.

The payment of our Honor Debt is before us. Twenty-thousand loyal members of the Honor Club in 1948, will pay the debt in full. Every church in the state has a supply of Honor Club information

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sheets and pledge cards. These will be made available to the people on Centennial Sunday, and everyone present will be given the opportunity to join this club. The Brotherhood Department is endeavoring to lead in the sacred task of arousing Arkansas Baptists to the challenge of redeeming the honor of our denomination by paying off this debt in 1948.

The Ouachita Campaign is in a critical stage. May God help us to bring this campaign to a successful conclusion during our Centennial Year.

The successful opening of Central College is another sacred duty of Arkansas Baptists, and is right before us. This will require the

A True Story

Newsweek Magazine carried the following story in a December issue:

"Ten-year-old school girls in Nuremberg were recently ordered by their teacher to write an essay, traditional in German schools, entitled 'The Most Beautiful Day of My Life.'

"One of these gray-faced children wrote as follows: 'The most beautiful day in my life was February 17, 1947, when my brother died and I inherited his shoes and his woolen underwear.'"

That is all there was to the story. But isn't it enough to make us dig deep into our pockets and deep into our clothes closets to send material help to these people of Europe?

full co-operation of loyal Baptists throughout the state.

To under-grid all our work we must raise the Co-operative Program budget for 1948. It is \$516,660, the largest budget in the history of the Convention. With God's help, we will raise this amount, and more! The loyal giving of our tithes and offerings, and the co-operation of our churches in sending in larger percentages to the Co-operative Program will bring this to pass.

"Rise up, O men of God!"

Texas Missionary

Assumes New Job

E. A. Ingram of Beaumont, Texas, was recently elected as missionary for the Pulaski County Baptist Association, and began his work in Little Rock March 1. Brother Ingram has been head of city mission work in Beaumont, Texas, for the last three years, and he comes to Little Rock to promote the city mission program which has been directed by Taylor Stanfill for the past five years.

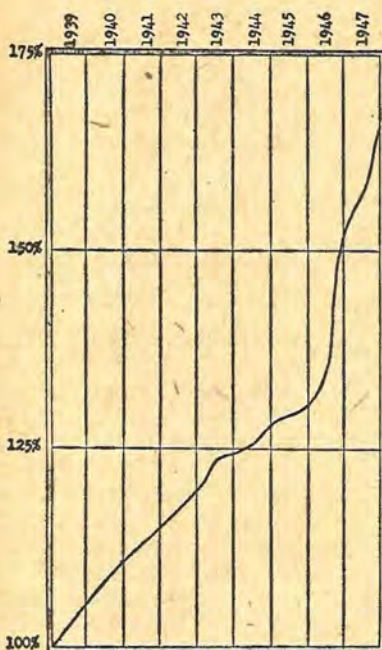
Rev. Ingram attended Baylor University, Yale University, and Southwestern Seminary. After serving as pastor of several churches in Texas, Rev. Ingram and his wife went to Brazil to work with the Foreign Mission Board. While in Brazil Rev. and Mrs. Ingram worked in co-operation with Rev. and Mrs. Bagby in the establishment of one of the largest Southern Baptist schools in Brazil.

During his city mission work in Texas, Brother Ingram has helped organize several mission stations, has promoted the associational organizations, and has led the Baptist churches of his association to co-operate in the promotion of an effective denominational program.

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My mother's life made me a man.—John Masfield.

OLD PREACHERS IN DISTRESS

INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING



The accompanying graph shows the increase in the cost of living as revealed by government statistics from 1939 to December 31, 1947.

This will explain why so many of our old preachers and widows of preachers have been forced to request increases in the amounts they were receiving from the relief department of the Relief and Annuity Board.

The real pinch began to be felt toward the end of 1946. Since that time several hundred have requested increases, and scores of old preachers and widows of preachers who had never asked for assistance, and who had thought they would never need it, have found their meager incomes insufficient to provide the necessities of life and have sought help from this department.

For every request which the committee thought worthy, some increase has been granted, and in most cases these increases have meant the difference between the bare necessities of life and dire want.

Never before has it been so imperative that the churches of our Southland follow the Calendar of Denominational Activities as recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention and take an offering during the month of April for the relief department of the Relief and Annuity Board.

It is our prayer that the response to this appeal will be such as to make it possible for us to meet the needs of these old servants of our denomination to such a degree that will enable them to have the assistance they so richly deserve.

All money given for this purpose should be sent to your state office designated for ministerial relief.

Envelopes may be had by requesting same from:

RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

206 Baptist Building, Dallas 1, Texas

Walter R. Alexander, Executive Secretary

Robert S. Jones, Associate Secretary

A Glimpse of Our Work

Would you be interested in taking a week's trip with your Superintendent of Missions? In this article I want to take you to some of the places I visited last week, and let you know something of the services I was engaged in. Let's begin with Sunday, March 14.

Pastorless Church Visited

About 7:00 o'clock Sunday morning, March 14, I drove out of Little Rock to fill an engagement with Concord Church, which is between Heber Springs and Batesville. Lonnie Lasater had made the engagement and promised to meet us there. He was anxious that I see this field and talk with the people about helping them in their program. I made a mistake on the way, turning off on the wrong road and of all the mud, muck, and mire, you have never seen. I did get to the church in time for the morning service, though, and heard a splendid sermon by Brother Lasater. The people brought their dinner and we had a delicious meal.

After the meal, Brother Lasater and I met with the deacons for a conference. I have never seen deacons more optimistic and enthusiastic about their possibilities. It is a rural community and, yet, they have a consolidated high school with approximately 500 pupils enrolled. The church is pastorless and badly in need of a new building. It is their desire to build a nice attractive house of worship and have a full time pastor about which I encouraged them. The only church near is a weak General Baptist Church. The possibilities are unlimited.

Following the conference with the deacons, I delivered a message to the congregation and it was announced that I would preach that evening, also. I spent the rest of the afternoon in a visit with Delbert Garrett, looking over the new building at Floral, for which the Mission Department had given some aid. As I looked on that beautiful native stone building, I rejoiced in the contribution we had made. As I thought about the splendid progress at Floral, with a pastor on the field, I could not help thinking about the church where I had just visited. The possibilities are far greater at Concord than at Floral.

The evening service at Concord was well attended and a great spirit manifested. At 12:00 o'clock, Sunday night I was back home, having had a wonderful day in the Lord's work.

Department of

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Monday, March 15

Monday afternoon I attended something new. It was a "Round Table Book Study," sponsored by one of the circles of Immanuel's W. M. S., which met in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Vaught. It was an interesting program, indeed. It was my privilege to introduce the new City Associational Missionary, E. A. Ingram.

Later in the afternoon, Mrs. Caldwell and I accompanied Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Queen to Bearden, to join with that church in a welcome service for their new pastor, Edgar Griffin. Missionary A. P. Elliff had planned the affair and presided over the service. Several messages of welcome were given. Brother Queen delivered the principal address. The church gave the pastor and family a lovely shower. Isn't it a fine thing when a missionary and church can work together in planning a great welcome service for an incoming pastor? Well, we were back home at 12:30 that night, having had another great day in the Master's service.

Committee Meeting

In addition to many office duties, Tuesday, I spent some time with a committee of the State W. M. U., in discussing the program for the Week of Prayer for State Missions. I have found this W. M. U. organization to be firmly behind our mission program. They desire to know more about the great need so that they may pray more earnestly for them and give more generously.

Rural Church Visited

I had the pleasure of speaking, recently to the people of the East

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End Baptist Church, where H. A. Nettles is the full time pastor.

The church has organized a Brotherhood and this meeting was dedicated to the men who are backing up their pastor in this rural church. We predict great progress for them.

Ouachita College

Thursday afternoon I journeyed to Arkadelphia, to have a visit with the ministerial students and to speak to the Ministerial Alliance in the evening. T. K. Rucker, Chairman of our Mission Committee, and pastor of First Church, Malvern, accompanied me. This was a pleasant journey and a profitable one, I believe. I am seeking the names of all ministerial students who desire church work, and the Sundays which they have open. Then, through the associational missionaries, we will do our best to get these young men into our pastorless churches.

Pike Avenue, North Little Rock

Friday night was given to showing our film on local missions to the Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock. This church has a very conspicuous place in the film. It was started as a mission by the Baring Cross Church in an old store building. They have a new building now, and are making great progress. The church was completing a week's study course at this time and the auditorium was practically filled when the film was shown.

Sunday, March 21

I began a revival meeting with the Humphrey Baptist Church, located near Pine Bluff, Sunday evening, March 21. It was a pleasure to speak to the South Side Baptist Church Sunday morning, where Lloyd Sparkman is pastor. This is a great church and is really supporting the mission program. I went to Humphrey for the afternoon service and began the meeting Sunday night. The meeting will close March 28.

On March 29, I begin a meet-

Highfill Church Makes Progress



Pastor and Mrs. E. G. New

Pastor and Mrs. E. G. New have been with the Highfill Church for the past two years. During this time there have been 29 additions to the church, 13 of these were received by baptism.

When Pastor New came to the Highfill Church, there were only 14 persons enrolled in the Sunday School. The average attendance now is 39.

Plans are underway for a new church building. A building fund has been started and has grown to \$3,500.

ing with East Side Baptist Church, Paragould. Jeff Rousseau is pastor.

I just thought I would let you know the type of service I am trying to render and the sort of schedule I often have.

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Mother's Day has been designated as Hospital Day in our Baptist churches throughout the South. From earliest childhood we are taught the meaning of unselfishness, kindness, and mercy. Hundreds of people in Arkansas are desperately in need of hospital care but are unable to pay for it. We, as Arkansas Baptists, have indicated our willingness to carry out the third part of the Great Commission to heal, by erecting a hospital in Little Rock. We must further this work by taking care of more medically indigent people, as well as the pay patients.

Arkansas The Baptist State Convention ^{save several years in} has given us permission to ask for a special offering in every church in the state, to be designated as a "charity love offering fund." This fund will be kept in a separate bank and used for no other purpose than the care of the sick who are unable to pay. The patients admitted to the Baptist State Hospital under these funds, will be given the same care as the hospital's full-pay patients. In order for their admission to be accepted, the Baptist church in their vicinity will be asked to send a letter, signed by the pastor and two officers of the church, indicating that the patient is eligible for our charity fund. When the patient leaves the hospital, his bill will be stamped "Paid by the Baptists of Arkansas."

Remember—A Mother's Day Love Offering will be taken in your church Sunday, May 9, for charity patients at the

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A Prophet Among The Exiles

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

Sunday School Lesson
For April 4, 1948
Ezekiel 1-4; 33:1-9

man, who proved faithful through all hardships, is given in the first chapter of Ezekiel.

This man was living among the captives by the river Chebar (Kabour), which was a large, navigable canal. He was in a strange land, among depressed kinsmen and countrymen, yet God called him to preach, and lead his people as God would direct, and for possibly twenty-two years, (1:2; 29:17), Ezekiel was "the voice of Jehovah to the house of Israel." Let us examine his call: God opened the heavens and Ezekiel saw "visions of God" which reveals to us that this definite and clear call was a direct manifestation of God. We know that Ezekiel did not actually see the Person of God for "no man hath seen the Father except through the Son," but, somehow God made himself known to him. We read that the vision consisted of the whirlwind, cloud, fire, brightness, color, four living creatures, the wheels, firmament, voice, and a throne with the likeness as of a man above it.

God Commissions His Servant

Never doubt that a person has a definite work to do and a place to serve when truly called of God. God does not call one to task and leave him ignorant and powerless, but gives him that which he needs to fulfill his ministry.

After the vision, at the sound of the voice, Ezekiel, in humility and submission, fell upon his face: God addressed him, "Son of Man," meaning one sent from God as a human being to like beings, wholly dedicated and submissive to God, and advised Ezekiel to stand so he might receive his orders. Then, as is always true before one can serve, the spirit entered Ezekiel's heart; he was commissioned to speak to his own people, in his own tongue, giving rebellious Israel the Word of God faithfully, fearlessly, regardless of their at-

titude. "Be not afraid of them," commanded the Lord; how diligently should we harken to His voice today with zealous boldness and preach the gospel, regardless of the indifference, insolence, impudence, scorn, even hatred of the enemies of our God!

Ezekiel was given a book or roll by the Lord and commanded to eat it before going to speak to the house of Israel. This he did. Can you imagine that this would be an unsavory morsel, quite difficult to consume? Yet, "Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness." His task was unpleasant, speaking warnings to a people with the spirit of anarchy and disobedience, yet it was sweet to him for he had completely surrendered to the will of God.

The great burden of the prophet's work is "I have made thee a watchman—therefore, hear the Word at My mouth and give them warning from Me." The walled cities of the past never slept without those great gates closed and barred, and a watchman alert upon the walls. He was to search out the wrongs in the lives of his people, denounce and direct according to the Word of God. His duty was three fold: first, listen to the warnings of God and be faithful in transmitting them; second, warn the wicked, discharging his obligation, even though they refused to heed; third, warn the righteous that they must turn from their backsliding to the Way of Jehovah.

God Reveals the Future

In Chapter four we read of God's command for Ezekiel to prepare a tile for use in presenting object lessons of the judgment of God upon Jerusalem because of the rebellion of the people. He is to portray a city upon the tile, surrounding it with an army. Then he is to enact the part of Jehovah as the besiegers triumph, representing God's judgment. Next, he is to take an iron plate and make it as a wall between himself and the city and set his face against it. The iron pan is a symbol of the barrier which the

Baptists Asked To Share Eggs

L. B. Snider, Superintendent of Arkansas Baptist Children's Center, is asking Arkansas Baptists who raise chickens that they share their eggs with our dependent children. In the spring time, eggs are large and plentiful, and it is in this season that they are stored. Last year the people responded liberally to our call and sent in sufficient eggs to supply our children for some five months.

This year we hope enough may be sent in to supply us for the entire year. We have ample space in our cold storage to store approximately two hundred cases of eggs.

A number of our children have a deficiency in bone and muscle development, therefore, need an abundance of eggs to help overcome this deficiency.

We shall be glad to send one or more empty egg cases to any church, missionary society, individual, or others to be filled. Also, we shall be glad to return the egg cases to those who send their own.

sins of Israel have built between them and their God. The people had separated themselves from God: He now reveals His judgment against them.

The Word of God warns sinful men; judgment is coming some day. Today, does America act as if she believes? Do Christians live and witness as if we believe the Word of God? Again, in chapter 33, God speaks of Ezekiel's responsibility as a watchman unto the house of Israel. We read, "...and the people be not warned... that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." We are all watchmen of God to an evil, idolatrous generation. We are required to warn; if we warn and they do not heed, we have delivered our souls.

This Sunday we start the second quarter of this year; we study a new series. In the cycle of the Uniform Lesson Series, we study the New Testament one quarter, the Old Testament the next, and so forth. In 1945, our historical unit was "Studies in Genesis;" in 1946, "A Nation in the Making;" in 1947, "The Rise and Fall of a Nation." The last study was on the Kingdom of Israel, which later became two kingdoms. You recall our most interesting lessons on the last days of the prophet Samuel, Saul, the first king, then David, and Solomon. After Rehoboam, Solomon's son, came to the throne, Israel as a nation divided, with ten tribes composing the Northern Kingdom, and the two tribes, Judah and Benjamin, becoming the Kingdom of Judah. Approximately 200 years later, because of their rebellion against God, which resulted in a sinful, idolatrous nation, the Northern Kingdom fell before the Assyrians. It was never re-established. Lasting a little over 300 years, Judah, through the same route of sin and rebellion, was carried into captivity by the Babylonians.

With the Jewish people captives, and in exile, we left them, only to begin our study now in this quarter, right where we left off last year. This was a dark, dismal period in the life of the chosen people of God.

This first lesson deals with Ezekiel, who was a captive in Babylon. With the rebellion of King Jehoiakim against Nebuchadnezzar, actual captivity started, even though Judah had been in the Babylonian king's power for approximately three years. This deportation, found in II Kings 24:1-14, took the chief men, princes, and men of valor into exile in Babylon. Also, they took Ezekiel, who was the son of a priest, Buzi.

A Call From God

Even though His people had disobeyed and were in dark, gloomy circumstances, God did not leave them alone; for in His mercy and goodness He raised up prophets to warn, rebuke, predict, and sustain the faith planted within their hearts. One of these was Ezekiel. The call of God to this

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Mr. B. L. Bridges, Gen. Secretary
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Dear Mr. Bridges:

The check for \$65.00, the 5th payment from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was received yesterday, and I appreciate it very much. More than the money, I most deeply appreciate the fine, honest spirit of the Baptist denomination in paying this money to us when you do not have to at all. These checks come in nicely for me now, as I am a retired teacher. I thank the Convention through you.

With kindest wishes always,
 (Miss) Olive M. Jones

Keeping Our Promises

The above letter is only one of many that we receive as we pay our old debts. We have recently published several of these letters. It makes our hearts swell with pride when people say things like this, whether they are Baptists or not; yet, should it make our hearts swell with pride? We are doing no more than our duty. If Christian people will not pay back dollar for dollar the amount they borrow when they can do it, they become a disgrace to Christianity. When we do pay it we only do our duty. We are happy when we are able to do our duty, but we are due no special praise.

Remember, one of our goals for this Centennial Year is to finish paying the old debt.

A special committee, composed of Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Department, Mrs. C. H. Ray, W. M. U. Department, and Ralph Davis, Religious Education Department, is sending out literature, and making special efforts to bring the number of Honor Club members up to 20,000. Ask your pastor, superintendent, W. M. U. president, or Brotherhood secretary, to supply you with Honor Club literature.

At the close of February, commodity prices stood at 159.2 (1926 equal 100), a decline from the 163.7 reported January 31, but well above the 144.3 reported in February, 1947.

DO IT TODAY!

If your church has not made its contribution to the Co-operative Program, be sure to mail it to us today. Otherwise, it may not be reported in the quarterly report for the first quarter of 1948. We know you want some amount listed after the name of your church. Call your church treasurer, and ask him if he has forgotten to mail it in.

If you mail it today, it will reach us before our books close.

Southern Baptist Convention

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Memphis, May 19-23.

We cannot make your reservations for you.

Make your reservations by writing C. D. Bell, 2119 Hall Wood Drive, Memphis, Tennessee. It is time that you were getting this done.

Rose and Benton

The First Church, Benton, under the leadership of Pastor Virgil A. Rose, is enjoying marvelous growth and development. The Benton Courier gives a report of some of the activities of this great church, and features twenty-four young people who have surrendered to religious work. There are few churches in Arkansas that have enjoyed more rapid growth than this one. Brother Rose is a tireless worker, a superb preacher, and an aggressive leader. They have finished their quota for the Ouachita College Campaign, and are giving almost \$7,000 this year for the Co-operative Program.

Prince and Paragould

Pastor Irving Prince, Paragould, has accepted the presidency of Central College. This announcement and write-up was made in last week's issue of the paper. It was the writer's privilege to supply for Brother Prince a Sunday, recently. Large congregations greeted us. Brother Prince was conducting a revival meeting, elsewhere. It was a delight to be in his pulpit, and to see the splendid work that he has been doing as pastor of this great church. Pastor Prince is a patient, persistent, and tireless leader. His people have followed him nobly. They are erecting an addition to the church building. The Sunday School is growing and the organization needs more space. Brother Prince is leaving a great church where he has served for several years. He, and his son, Lee, are alone since the home-going of Mrs. Prince about a year ago. We wish for him a successful administration as president of Central College. We pledge our hearty support.