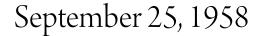
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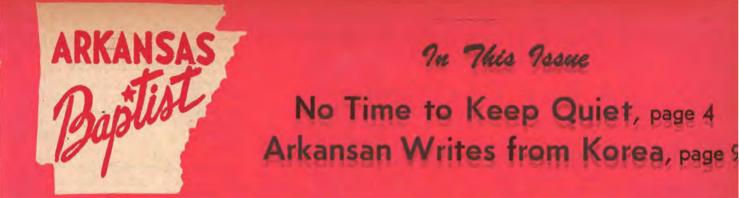
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SEPTEMBER 25, 1958

Executive Board News and Promotion-

A Key Decision

HE KEY decision for everyone is— "What am I going to do with my life?" The greatest concern of every person— "What am I making of my life?"



These matters can be ignored and one can just drift through the years picking here and pecking there until life is done.

But the Bible states that God never intended for any man to grovel through life and crawl through the year's like a worm.

God the Father sent Jesus, His son, "into the world that man might have life and have it more abundantly." For this reason Jesus told his followers that it was more blessed to give than to receive.

Therefore those of us who know Christ as Savior and Lord have a great obligation on our shoulders — that of telling the world about the abundant life.

This involves — "What will you do with Jesus" — but it also involves following him as Lord and Master as well as surrendering to him as Savior and Lord. In other words the Gospel declares that a Christian cannot "serve two masters; for either he will love the one and hate the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon."

This being true, we are to put on a program of leading the saved of our churches into a richer life of service. We believe in evangelism and have a wonderful program to evangelize the people. We believe in teaching and have wonderful programs of teaching. We believe in Bible stewardship and have a program of stewardship. But so far our "program" has led only 20 per cent of our people to be good stewards. Eighty per cent of our church members are spending their lives and time on things that really do not matter in this business of living an abundant life.

The church that can do something to get the members to dedicate all to Jesus Christ will be helping them to make "a key decision."

The Forward Program of Church Finance will help your church reach and minister to those who are with you in name only. It will help you to show them what they can do with their lives and their money.

Many of the 80 per cent are confused and perplexed because of a guilt complex, and are accusing the church leaders of institutionalized religion. They live in a conflict with competing voices calling for them and theirs. So, we can readily see that we need to go the second mile in helping these people.

The Forward Program of Church Finance will do more to help these church members, who are in the 80 per cent bracket than any other plan. It will help them see that living for Christ is an adventure of the heart, mind, spirit, and will. The Program leads the church member into an ever-widening knowledge of God, and has been instrumental in increasing reverence for God. The plan shows the individual church member that there are new heights of spiritual discoveries to be made and challenges him to do more than ever before for kingdom causes.---Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

Additional Associational Meetings

Additional meetings scheduled for promotional meetings in Associations:

Date	Association	Place	Speaker	Board Member
Sept. 1	6 Gainesville	Piggott	C. W. Caldwell	E. Clay Polk
Sept. 2	5 Hope	Magnolia	S. A. Whitlow	W. C. Blewster
Sept. 2	9 Dardanelle- Russellville	unannounced	Ralph Douglas	Emil Williams
Oct.	2 Liberty	1st, Smackover	S. A. Whitlow	Dale Taylor
Oct.	7 Red River	Beech St., Gurdon	S. A. Whitlow	Harold Hightower
Oct.	9 Independence	Batesville	Ralph Douglas	Leslie Riherd
Oct. 1	7 Harmony	1st, Pine Bluff	Ralph Phelps	Amos Greer
Oct. 2	0 Benton County	1st, Decatur	S. A. Whitlow	A. L. Hart
-S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary				

Revival Reports

DYESS CENTRAL Church, Mississippi County Association, Aug. 19-28: Allen Van Horn, East Side, Dewitt, evangelist; Marvin Hester, pastor; five by baptism, four by letter, six rededications.

KNOWLES CHURCH, Liberty Association: Peter Nortier, evangelist, Pastor Harold Diffie, song leader; 10 by profession. The church's first VBS was held during the week with an average attendance of 40.

CORD CHURCH: O. I. Ford, evangelist; four by profession.

CEDARVILLE CHURCH: Jesse Reed, evangelist, Pastor A. T. Suskey, music director; three by baptism, four by letter, one other profession, and one decision for special service.

LAKE VILLAGE: W. O. Vaught Jr., Immanuel, Little Rock, evangelist; Williard Burnham, 1st Church, Crossett, music directors; C. R. Pierce Jr., pastor; two by profession, two by letter, 25 rededications.

1ST CHURCH, Hampton: Jack Thompson, Ft. Smith, evangelist; Leon Lowe, Ouachita College, singer; C. Pheleen Boone, pastor; 10 by baptism, two by letter, one decision for mission service.

NEW HOME: O. I. Ford, evangelist; C. M. Miller, pastor; 5 by profession.

LEE MEMORIAL Church: Arnold Teel, Amboy Church, North Little Rock, evangelist; Pastor Eugene Webb, music director; five professions, five by letter and one rededication.

CALVARY, West Memphis: Billy Walker, evangelist, W. B. Sawyer, pastor: 64 additions, 42 by baptism, 400 rededications, 60 family altars begun, 50 new tithers. A \$100,000 bond campaign has been launched to build an educational building. During the eight months Mr. Sawyer has been at the church there have been 221 additions, 114 by baptism.

J. M. STAGNER, Immanuel, Texarkana, did the preaching in a recent revival in 2nd Church, San Leandro, Calif. There were five additions by baptism and seven by letter.

1ST CHURCH, Pangburn: Pastor C. D. Schmidt did the preaching, and B. B. Huffman directed the music; 10 decisions for Christ.

• REV. AND Mrs. Van Gladen, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Mexico, have left for their permanent field of service. Their address is Xicotencatl Norte 115, Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico. Mrs. Gladen is the former Alma Ruth Franks, Lepanto.



Little Rock Pastors Take Issue With Report

IN DENUNCIATION of a charge made by Harvard Psychologist Dr. Thomas F. Pettigrew that Protestant preachers in Little Rock had failed to show ministerial courage during their city's racial crisis; religious leaders have snapped back with sharp rebuke.

Pettigrew's charge was made at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in Washington, D. C., where he said that most Little Rock Protestant ministers privately favor racial integration but have remained publicly silent.

In support of the ministers, Rep. Brooks Hays (D. Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said, "I believe that our ministers have followed what Paul enjoined the early Christians to do: teach truth and love."

Dr. Dale Cowling, president of the Little Rock Ministerial Alliance - an organization representing both Negro and white pastors, said, "The ministers in the main churches exhibited a strong kind of courage during the crisis."

"I don't know of any preacher in Lit-, tle Rock who has lost his church over the integration," said the Rev. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church which claims the city's largest congregation.

Rt. Rev. Robert R. Brown, Episcopal bishop, said: "Mr. Pettigrew was in to see me this past week. He told me such a statement had been prepared. I furnished him with information which seemed to satisfy him that the statement was incorrect."

A survey conducted by a colleague of Dr. Pettigrew showed that only eight of approximately 100 Little Rock ministers "actively and publicly supported the integration.". The eight "pushers," as Pettigrew called them, included the city's two Jewish rabbis.

"Like many courageous religious leaders before them, they have suffered abuse and demotion for their beliefs and actions," Pettigrew told the psychologists in Washington.

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Cover Story **Old-time Fellowship** At Associational Meet

MODERATOR Eldon Pennington. Buckner Association, right foreground in this week's cover photo, shows just the right technique for getting a square meal together in a hurry at a typical Baptist dinner-on-the-ground.

This picture was snapped by the editor of the Arkansas Baptist at the closing session of the Buckner Association, at James Fork Church, Friday noon, Sept. 12. Shown with the moderator is a section of the crowd that stayed through the closing meal.

The association welcomed to its fellowship the Amity Church, Hackett, one of the oldest churches in that section of the state, which until recently was affiliated with the Landmark movement. Pastor of the church is H. G. Milam, Rt. 2, Greenwood. The church has a membership of 60.

Named as officers for the association for the coming year were: Eldon Pennington, Dayton, moderator; Warren Leonard, West Hartford, vice-moderator; Clifford Lyon, Mansfield, clerk; and Wendell Henderson, post master at Waldron, treasurer.

The next annual session will be held on Sept. 10 and 11.

Preaching the introductory sermon next year will be Alvin Willsy, Huntington. The missionary sermon will be preached by Harold Plunkett, Hartford.

Churches of the association which now send the Arkansas Baptist to their families through the church budget plan, and their pastors, are: Abbott, Perry Babb, pastor; Bates, Vernual Ridgeway, pastor; Clark's Chapel; Denton, Walton Parker, pastor; Hartford, Harold Plunkett, pastor; Haw Creek, Carl McClendon, pastor; Huntington, Alvin Willsy, pastor; Ione, John E. Evans, pastor.

James Fork, Hugh McGehee, pastor; Mansfield, Clifford Lyon, pastor; Pleas- . ant Grove No. 2, John E. Evans, pas-tor; Rock Creek, Waldron, J. M. James, pastor; West Hartford, Warren Leonard, pastor.

The Midland Church, Richard Lanman, pastor, and the Pleasant Grove No. 3 Church, Hugh Adams, Waldron, pastor, are taking the paper on the one month free trial.

Texas Baptists Set Achievement Goals

DALLAS -(BP)- Texas Baptists will attempt to establish 300 new churches and missions next year and will try to increase their total gifts through co-operating churches to \$85 million.

Other achievement goals for 1959 set when the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas met here include a five per cent gain in Sunday school enrolment, a 15 per cent increase in Training Union enrolment, 75,000 baptisms, and total mission gifts to state and worldwide objectives of \$9,-350,000.



BUCKNER Association officers: left to right, Eldon Pennington, Dayton, moderator; J. P. McGill, Waldron, associational missionary; and Clifford Lyon, Mansfield, clerk.

140 Students Register As Midwestern Opens

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - (BP)- "This may be the most important year in the history of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary," President Millard J. Berquist told the 140 students registering for the school's first year of operation here.

"This class will be responsible for setting the pattern for the seminary in the days ahead. The fingers of the future will point back during the next five, 50, or 100 years as we write history," he continued.

The 140 students represented almost the capacity of the new Southern Baptist Convention seminary, meeting during the coming year in buildings of local Calvary Baptist Church. Berquist said 150 students would be capacity. and he anticipates late registrants will cause the enrolment to reach that figure.

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ERWIN L. MCDONALD

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS September 11, 1958

EDITOR

Open Letter The Saturday Evening Post Independence Square Philadelphia 5, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

PERMIT me to pose one question in connection with your statement to the effect you are changing your policy and will now accept liquor advertising because this is declared by your president "to be appropriate at this time, and compatible with the viewpoint of the vast majority of its present and potential audience":

Have you descended to the point that you are now mapping policy on the basis of what is expedient, what is financially profitable, rather than what is right and what is best for our families and our nation?

Yours sincerely, Erwin L. In Donald

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No Time to Keep Quiet

"OUR COUNTRY! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong!"

So declared Stephen Decatur at Norfolk, Va., in 1816.

A similar toast, given by Carl Schurz in the United States Senate in 1872, has an even greater appeal to some:

"Our country, right or wrong!

When right, to be kept right; When wrong, to be put right!"

NO SCIENTIFIC survey is necessary today to reveal that there are some kinks in our official affairs here in America and in Arkansas and must somehow be straightened out. This is a time for Christians to pray without ceasing. But it is also time for Christians to act in the interest of civic and moral righteousness. There are enough Christians in Arkansas to take the state for Christ. And that is the greatest need

of the hour. What laws, courts, and public officials cannot accomplish in human relations, the love of Christ in the hearts of the people can bring to pass.

It is no accident that Baptists as a great religious body have across the years been staunch believers in the Bill of Rights as set forth in the Constitution of the United States. The principles of liberty and justice for all men, including the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," were tenents of the Baptist faith long before our nation's constitution was written.

Some would deny ministers and church editors a voice in political affairs. Their reasoning seems to be that politics is always to have a bad connotation; that religion has no contribution to make in the field of public affairs; and that religion must not touch

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Personally Speaking . . .

A Revised Version

MAN from our neighborhood showed real restraint on a recent rainy afternoon.

He was driving straight into a parking space near the door of a



DR. McDONALD

Park Hill supermarket and was just ready to make a landing. Suddenly, a lady driving down a lane that ran at right angle to the parking spot, seeing the situation, speeded up and wheeled her stationwagon into the man's

parking place, right under his nose.

It would not have been so bad, he reported, if he had not been caught without his raincoat. Or if she had just kept quiet. But as he started to walk past her as she was sliding out of her vehicle, she said: "Oh, I bet I got your parking place!"

Now here is where our hero began to earn his medal. Here is where he showed the most commendable restraint - of course, his lips were probably sore for several days thereafter from having been bitten so hard.

He did not say, "Oh, not at all!" That would have been polite, but both of the principals in this little drama would have known it was more than slightly a fib.

And yet, neither did he retort: "Wasn't that what you meant to do?" Although that would have been as true as rude.

What he did say was: "That's quite all right" — but here his restraint slipped just a little and he added: "but I nearly ran into you before I saw you coming."

The lady's famous last words: "Oh, really?!!!"

The moral of this story is: If women would only wait for us men to be gentlemen about who gets the choice parking places on a rainy afternoon, there would be a lot fewer men caught without raincoats who would get wet!

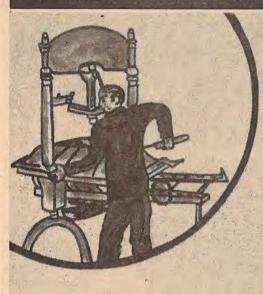
Some of us have a new, modern version of Romans 12:10:

Be kindly affectioned every one to himself, in honor preferring old No. 1.

Erwin L. M. Donald

ARKANSARS BAPTIST

Your ARKANSAS BAPTIST Scrapbook



William E. Woodruff founded the <u>Arkansas</u> <u>Gazette</u> at ArkansasBst in 1819, the first newspaper in the state.

Woodruff established the first circulating library in the state in 1843.

No Time

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that which is political lest it become contaminated.

It goes without saying that such reasoning is quite foreign to the traditional Baptist view that all of life is sacred and that there can be no compartmentalizing that admits Christ to certain areas of life and shuts him out of others. We may not need politics in religion, but, brethren, we need religion in politics!

We have scheduled to appear on the ballot in Arkansas on November 4 a proposed amendment titled The States Rights Amendment, No. 53, which, if adopted and carried out, would establish a police state the like of which we have never before seen in democratic and Christian America.

For those of us who are in places of leadership to keep quiet at a time like this and fail to warn our people of this threat to our rights and privileges as American citizens would be for us to fail our forefathers, many of whom paid with their lives for the liberty we presently enjoy. To be remiss at this point in standing for the basic human rights for all our people would, for all practical purposes, make us traitors to our country and to our God.

Dr. Comish Named Training Director

NASHVILLE, Tenn. ---(BSSB)-- Allen B. Comish has been named to a newly-created position of superintendent of training in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department.

Dr. Comish, a native of Louisiana, attended Southeastern Louisiana College, and is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. He has a D.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary.



Bouquet

Dear Friend:

You have done a fine job for all the state of Arkansas in your fine editorials about the proposed States Rights Amendment. I am indebted to you for your wise and thoughtful analysis of this proposal. I sincerely trust our people will be aroused to the dangers involved in this unAmerican proposal. W. O. Vaught, Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Appreciation

Dear Dr. McDonald:

Words cannot express our appreciation for your generous article about our summer program in the September 4 issue of the Arkansas Baptist. We trust sharing our experiences and blessings will help others.—David Meier, Educational Director, 1st Church, Ft. Smith.

Post Goes Wet

Dear Editor:

A very radical change in policy was made by the Curtis Publishing Company in Philadelphia on August 27, 1958 relative to the Saturday Evening Post, America's oldest magazine, by throwing out its ban against alcoholic beverage advertising, which it had held since 1897.

This change, coming 25 years after the repeal of the eighteeneth amendment, was declared by Robert E. Mac-Neal, president of the Curtis Publishing Company, "to be appropriate at this time, and compatable with the viewpoint of the vast majority of its present and potential audience." He said the move had been "periodically considered" by the board of directors.

Letters of protest should flood the **Post's** editorial office — Independence Square, Philadelphia 5, Pa. This is the appropriate time for action. Strike while the iron is hot. Let them know that such advertising is displeasing to millions of Americans.

The National Reform Association, sponsor of the Crusade Against Liquor Advertising, is preparing for release within a very few weeks a new Crusade Against Liquor Advertising Brochure containing information about the Crusade and how you may participate. For information write: Rev. J. Renwick Patterson, executive secretary, The National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

• ROBERT S. DENNY, associate general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the principal speaker for the annual student nurses' Religious Emphasis Week at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Sept. 29-Oct. 3.



New Church Established In Campbell Station Area

THE CAMPBELL Station community, north of Newport, one of the oldest in the state, now has a thriving new Baptist church.

The church was organized in August of 1954 under the leadership of Missionary Cecil Guthrie, Newport. It began with 20 charter members.

The attractive new building recently completed stands on ground donated by one of the members, W. O. Keeter. Several Christians of other faiths, inspired by the spirit of the small church, made contributions toward the erection of the building.

When the building was completed, several months ago now, the total cost was only \$15,000, approximately half of which had been paid in cash.

An organ has been purchased this year and the building was air-conditioned for its revival in August. The membership now has reached 42.

Pastor during the past summer was Eddie McDonald, III, a ministerial student from Ouachita College, and son of Pastor and Mrs. Ed F. McDonald, Jr., 1st Church, Newport, Under his leadership the church has started a full program, including a Training Union.

The sponsoring church for what started out as a mission and is now the Campbell Station Church, was 1st Church, Newport.

John Baker, 1st Church, Newport, a former Sunday School superintendent at the Newport church, has recently been called as pastor.

A WORD WITH THE PRESIDENT-Adiel J. Moncrief, Jr., third from left, has a private word with Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, when the two are together at Ridgecrest, N. C. Moncrief, pastor of 1st Church, St. Joseph, Mo., was re-elected chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Convention during its annual session at Ridgecrest. Hays was guest speaker. Others standing by, from left, are A. C. Miller, Nashville, Commission executive secretary, and Commission members Carl P. Daw, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and W. L. Meadows, Quitman, Miss. -Baptist Press Photo.

Morrilton Pastor Hears Mission Call

PASTOR C. Glynn McCalman, 1st Church, Morrilton, has written the Foreign Mission Board offering his life in service on the mission fields of Brazil.

Announcement of his decision was made at the evening service on Sept. 7. (CB)

• CENTRAL CHURCH, Magnolia, has moved the location of its mission to North Washington on the west side of town. The church plans to spend about \$10,000 on the building. Charles Baskin, Ouachita student, is mission pastor. (CB)

• GRAND AVENUE Church, Ft. Smith, has elected the following to serve as deacons for three years: Frank Biffer, Joe Fite, Clyde Jameson, Lloyd Conrady, Byron Gunselman, Ralph Wakefield and Olin Young, (CB).

Centennial Observance Services Scheduled

DR. B. L. Bridges, Arkansas Baptist Foundation, will speak at the morning worship service Sept. 28 at 1st Church, Sheridan, beginning a week of special Centennial Observance services.

The program includes:

Sunday evening, centennial dinner featuring testimonials on "What My Church Means to Me."

Monday: E. B. Jones and Hollis A. Purtle, Magnolia, former pastors; Mrs. V. W. Stuckey and Mrs. Dan Nall speaking on "100 Years Ago — 100 Years from Now."

Tuesday: J. G. Murray, Fordyce, former pastor.

Wednesday: Denominational night featuring O. C. Robinson, Pulaski superintendent of missions; E. L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist; C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of missions; Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary; choir of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

Thursday: L. C. Tedford, North Little Rock, on "Historic Churches of Arkansas."

Sunday: Special sermon by Pastor Wendell Welch.

• 1ST CHURCH, Bay, Max L. Taylor, pastor, has put the Arkansas Baptist in the church budget after a trial subscription. Bethel Church, Harrisburg, is now receiving the paper under the budget plan and Yarbro Church, Blytheville, Orland Beard, pastor, is receiving it under the trial subscription offer.

By Jay W. C. Moore Concord News Notes

ORDINATION services to the gospel ministry were conducted recently in 1st Church, Ft. Smith for Ronnie Condren. M. E. Wiles served as moderator; Amos Greer, Missionary in Harmony Association, delivered the charge; David Mier; minister of education, presented the Bible; Faul Cook, associate pastor, offered the prayer and Dr. Smith, pastor, preached the sermon. Condren is, the pastor of the Corner Stone Church, Harmony Association, and a student in Ouachita.

TWENTY-EIGHT students have enrolled in the Concord Seminary Extension Center for the second year's work in two classes. The classes are being taught in Grand Avenue Church. Jack Hull, pastor of 1st Church, Lavaca, is teaching Theology and Dan P. Lea, 1st Church, Jenny Lind, is teaching Old Testament. Jay W. C. Moore is the director.

GRAYSON TENNISON, executive secretary of the State Convention of Pernambuco, North Brazil, spoke in the September TU rally in Temple Church. Serving on a panel discussion with Dr. Tennison on the work in Brazil were A. L. Malone, 1st Church, Ft. Smith, Harold Burns, Calvary Church; Mrs. Jim Pleitz, Grand Avenue, and Charlotte Dewey, a Junior, from the Lavaca Church.

THE LAVACA CHURCH has employed a full time minister of education. He is Ernest Hogan, formerly pastor of the Highway Church. Jack Hull is the pastor.

IN PREPARATION for their fall revival Northside Church, Charleston and Pastor Frank Faries will have a week's music school conducted by Jerry Howell, minister of Music, Grand Avenue Church, and following this the church will study the book, God Calls Me. The revival will begin Sept. 29 with Robert Parker, Calvary church, serving as the evangelist and Jim Chatham, Grand Avenue, directing the music.

FIRST, PARIS, Tommie Hinson pastor, has conducted a church wide TU enlargement campaign.

A BIG TENT revival was conducted in Myrtle, Miss., Sept. 8-18 by Dr. Harold J. Smith, 1st Church, Ft. Smith.

Arkansan Participates In California Crusade

WILLIAM J. SEWELL, 1st Church, Searcy, has returned from San Francisco where he served as one of 115 Southern Baptist pastors who preached in a simultaneous revival effort that was a follow-up to the Billy Graham revival.

Mr. Sewell was in the Municipal Auditorium of the West Lake Section of San Francisco.

Incomplete figures were 260 baptisms and 148 additions by letter. Mr. Sewell praised the Golden Gate Seminary for the tremendous impact it has made and is making in the state.



RECEIVES ADVANCED STANDARD—The Sunday School of 3rd Church, Malvern, has been awarded Advanced Standard recognition. The church is the second in Arkansas and the ninth in the Southern Convention to attend the recognition. Left to right are Howard Wright, Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Jeff Peckham, superintendent of training, and Dexter Blevins, pastor.

• DR. AND Mrs. W. Maxfield Garrott, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan who are now in the States on furlough, have recently moved from Batesville to Louisville, Ky., where Dr. Garrott will teach at Carver School of Missions and Social Work. Their address is 2911 Skylark Ave., Louisville 6, Ky. Dr. Garrott is a native of Batesville.

• DR. A. E. PRINCE writes that he has closed his work as pastor of 1st Church, Lafayette, La., and is moving to St. Louis, Mo., where he will do pulpit supply work and serve as interim pastor. Mrs. Prince will teach in the St. Louis schools. Friends can reach them at Post Office Box 4014, Jennings Station, St. Louis 21, Mo.

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41 Nurses Graduated By Baptist Memorial

GRADUATION EXERCISES for 41 students in Baptist Memorial Hospital's School of Nursing were held at Bellevue Church, Sept. 15.

Dr. Frank S. Groner, administrator, presented awards to outstanding students, including Miss Harriette Brasher, Lafe, Ark., who received the scholarship medal. Other graduates from Arkansas were: Delores Ann Adams, Blytheville; Lavada Crain, Rowher; Billie Sue Edwards, Fayetteville; Ellen Foster, Batesville; Mary Ernestine Hope, North Little Rock; Freda Fern McDaniel, Cash; Marjorie Marilyn Moores, Jonesboro; and Thelma Patricia Perez, Ft. Smith.

3rd Church, Malvern, Attains Advanced Standard

ADVANCED STANDARD recognition has been awarded the Sunday School of the 3rd Baptist Church, Malvern. The award was presented by Robert Dowdy, Sunday School Department, Nashville.

Mr. Dowdy was also the principal speaker of the evening. Howard Wright is superintendent of the school, Mrs. Jeff Peckham is Superintendent of Training, and Dexter Blevins is pastor.

Dr. Edgar Williamson, state Sunday School secretary, served as master of ceremonies.

Mr. Blevins said the Sunday School initiated its drive for Advanced Standared in September, 1957, with the idea of producing more effective teaching. Since the opening weeks of the campaign the Sunday School has averaged an increase of 41 in attendance per month. The current average attendance is approximately 350.

Of the 90 Sunday School workers, fifty-four have earned worker's diplomas.

● PLANS FOR the erection of a concrete block building for the Southside Mission of 1st Church, Booneville, have speeded up since the Aug. 24-31 "homefolks revival" in which 12 professions and 10 additions by letter were recorded. Mission pastor Ben Bledsoe did the preaching with Lynn Watkins, TU direetor, leading the singing. Sunday School enrollment is nearing 175, and the Training Union now has more than 100 enrolled.

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HYPOCRITES

The man who says he is kept away from the church by hypocrites is not influenced by them to stay away from anywhere else.

Business is full of them, but if he sees a chance to make some money, he goes right on.

Society is crowded with them, and yet he never thinks of becoming a hermit.

Married life is full of them, but that doesn't make him remain single.

Hell is full of them, and yet he isn't doing a thing to keep from going there.

He wants to have you think that he is trying to avoid contact with hypocrites; and yet he takes not a single step toward the only place no hypocrite can go—Heaven.—Baptist Digest



THIS GOLD IS MINE

The minister, depressed and frustrated, thought the Arizona desert held nothing worthwhile, certainly not gold! But, as he and Pablo searched, he discovered something of great value—something he had not known was lost. A thrilling story. Buy it today! \$2.75

AT YOUR BAPTIST BOOK STORE

The Bookshelf

Written as the juvenile, fictionalized story of Lottie Moon, Her Own Way, by Helen A. Monsell, should prove to be a popular book with all ages.

The book begins with Lottie Moon's girlhood years to the time when her strong will yielded to the will of God to become a missionary to China. Six chapters deal with her China experiences. It closes with the story of two warring Chinese armies calling a truce so that Miss Moon could pass safely between their lines.

Feet of Clay, by Frank T. Florence, Jr., Exposition Press, 1958, \$2.75.

As a soldier in World War II, author Florence came upon the body of a German soldier who had been killed by a blast from a machine gun. The blood stained hands of the dead man clutched a small black book. It was a Bible printed in German. His dead thumb held the book open at a verse marked in red pencil. The verse was Luke 12:4, "And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after they have no more that they can do. But I will fore warn you whom you shall fear; fear Him, which after he hath killed you hath power to cast into hell, yea I say unto you, fear Him."

This was to mark the turning point in the spiritual life of Mr. Florence. How Christ replaced "Baby," his machine gun, as his best friend, is told in this inspiring book.

Following his war experiences, Mr. Florence was graduated from Georgetown College, Kentucky, and from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. He is now pastor of Ormsby Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

We heartily recommend this book. History of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, by Carrie U. Littlejohn, Broadman Press, 1958, \$3.00.

Dr. Littlejohn, who was head of the WMU training schools from 1931 until her retirement in 1951, weaves much of the human interest angle into this story of the beginning, growth and maturity of this sister school of Southern Baptist Seminary. Her keen sense of humor and the charming style make this a delightful book.

The Evidence of God in an Expanding Universe, Edited by John Clover Monsma.

Is there a God for the atomic age? Here forty reputable scientists representing all branches of the physical and biological sciences, from mathematics and astronomy to organic chemistry and nuclear physics, affirm their belief in the existence of a personal God. Editor Daniel A. Poling of Christian Herald, says of the book: "This book is an epic achievement. The book is universal in its appeal — educators, clergymen and all other religious people, young people especially, and indeed all who are illiterate."

The Barrier, by Sallie Lee Bell, Zondervan, 1958, \$2.50. This is a prize winning novel in Zondervan's \$5,000 Christian Fiction Contest. It is the story of Meredith, who found herself strangely drawn to the forbidding, yet strikingly handsome stranger who gave his name only as "Bill". The reader will be thrilled to see how one lovely and irresistible girl changed the lives of three men as she sought to break the "barrier" to reach the man she couldn't help loving.

Prelude to Independence, The Newspaper War on Britain 1764-1766, by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Alfred A. Knopf, 1958, \$6.00.

The earlier newspapers in the Colonies generally had been colorless sheets, but the Stamp Act, by taxing the newspaper business along with other branches of the printing trade, spurred the editors to militant opposition against the British Government, an attitude that the bulk of them thereafter maintained consistently. Their aggressiveness brought them into constant conflict with the royal authorities over the issue of the freedom of the press, but the patriots, despite their high professions, adopted an equally intolerant attitude toward Tory Newspapers.

Thanks to the pressures of the time, the newspapers introduced practices that have had a lasting effect on American journalism.

Books received included:

52 Sermon Outlines On the Titles of Our Lord, by Rowley Hill, Baker Book House, 1958, \$1.75.

The Old Testament, its Intent and Content, by Griffith A. Hamlin, The Christopher Publishing House, 1958, \$2.50.

Cooperative Evangelism, Is Billy Graham Right or Wrong? by Robert O. Fern, Zondervan, 1958, \$.75. Much Prayer—Much Power, by Peter

Much Prayer—Much Power, by Peter Deyneka, Zondervan, 1958, \$1.50.

Ten Famous Christian Athletics, by Mel Larson, Zondervan, 1958, \$1.50.

Just For Mothers, by Dorothy C. Haskin, Zondervan, 1958, \$1.00.

Outlined Programs for Women's Group's, by Kamhouse and VerVooren, Zondervan, \$1.50.

These My People, by Lillian Dickson, Zondervan, 1958, \$2.00.

Into A New World, by J. Winston Crawley, Convention Press, 1958.

Through Trial to Triumph, by Hugh Wamble, Convention Press, 1958.

Echoes from Indonesia, by Buford L. Nichols, Convention Press, 1958.

Fun Together, Games for Children At Home, Camp, Church and School, by Sylvia Cassell, Broadman Press, 1958, \$1.75.

Ethics and United States Foreign Policy, by Ernest Lefever, Meridian Books, 1957, \$1.25.

At Your Orders, Lord! by Robert Savage, Missionary to Ecuador, Zondervan, 1957, \$1.00.

Christmas In Our Hearts, by Charles L. Allen and Charles L. Wallis, Fleming H. Revell, 1957, \$1.00.

Arkansan Writes from Korea Mission Field

IT HAS been too long since my last news letter about mission work in Korea. You have been getting news from others and know that God continues to bless. Whether in the Hospital, in the Seminary, Orphan Homes or preaching directly in churches and elsewhere it thrills our hearts to see people being saved and His Body built up. All that we do is a means to an end, the salvation of lost souls.

Many students in the College-Seminary have been drafted into the armed forces during the year. This usually means they will serve for three years before being released to return to the Seminary. We hear good reports from some of these men as they have opportunity to preach and give their testimony to their fellow soldiers.

During this time some may change their minds about preaching and be lost to the cause. Some of the fine young people sent to America have finished their training and are returning to take up work where they have been so badly needed. Others are remaining to complete work for their doctorates before coming back.

New Churches Open

During the past year many new Churches and preaching places have been opened. Our Korean Baptist Convention has adopted a new Five Year program that we feel is proving a great blessing to all the work. Each Church organized will become entirely self supporting financially by the end of its fifth year.

Money it had been receiving from the Foreign Mission Board will be diverted to new areas for opening out stations and mission points. We had several self-supporting churches before this new program was put into effect. During the past year many more became self supporting. Each succeeding year the number will increase. There are many areas still where little or no mission work has been done.

A few weeks ago we were asked to go to one of these remote places to see and approve land for the building of a new chapel. We flew from Seoul over the mountains due east to Kang Noong on the east coast, one hour's flight. It was here we dedicated a beautiful church last year.-Since then, a number of churches have sprung up in that area.

We went by bus about four or five hour's trip, up the coast almost to the front lines, demilitarized zone, to a city called Sok Cho. This city has a population of about forty thousand. There are only two other churches there: Methodist and Catholic. Most of the people in the area have perhaps never heard the Gospel.

The city is right on the seacoast. Most of the people are fishermen. It is interesting each morning to see several hundred diesel-powered boats going from the harbor out to sea to fish. Then in the evening returning loaded with their catch. Looking at these men of the sea one is reminded of the story of Jesus walking on the shores of Gallilee when He said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

As we looked over this city from the top of a hill, I felt that were I young again beginning my life as a missionary, this would be the place for me to settle down and work. I'm recommending that we help the few Baptists there to buy the land and put up a church where they can worship properly. Just now they are using the pastor's little house as a place of worship.

The house and yard have long since ceased to accommodate the crowds that come to worship and hear the Gospel. Pastor Im said to me, "Now the people in this city believe there are Baptist missionaries in Korea. I have told them many times but they said, "We only know what you have told us. We have never seen the missionaries'." It was the first time they had seen a Baptist Missionary.

New Missionaries Arrive

We have been greatly heartened by the coming of new missionaries to Korea. The Doctor Tabors, O'Conners, Gammages, Misses Hunt and Lambert, and others, all new, but dedicated to give their lives in service for Him here.

We have a vision of 100 missionaries in Korea in our time. This would be the minimum of what Baptists need now. The doors are wide open for every phase of our mission program. I'm afraid these doors will not remain open indefinitely. We are looking to the time when large numbers of God-called, well trained men and women will come from our Seminary to lead the churches and open up new areas to the Gospel.

At least two more well equipped hospitals are sorely needed. During these brief years Baptists have been working in Korea, the Lord has manifestly blessed in giving fruit as perhaps in no other field where Southern Baptists have work. For this we give thanks.

We are not satisfied, especially in view of the opportunities and needs confronting us. We have spent over 38 years in mission work in the Orient. As we realize the needs and opportunities here we could wish for another like period to give the Lord in service in Korea. Since this will not be possible we urge young men and women to dedicate their lives to God responding to His call to invest their lives here now.

We couldn't carry on without your continued prayers for us and our noble Korean coworkers.—John A. Abernathy

• FIFTY-FOUR awards were given following a week's school of music instruction at 1st Church, Pangburn. Miss Nona Johnson, Pine Bluff, was instructor.



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Hays' Book Gives Inside **View of Political Life**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - (BPN) - An inside view of political life is revealed by a well-known Southern Congress-



man, Brooks Hays of Arkansas, in a new book, "This World: A Christian's Workshop."

Congressman Hays is also president of the Southern Baptist Convention, the country's secondlargest Protestant His denomination. book will be pub-CONGRESSMAN HAYS lished Oct. 15 by

Broadman Press.

"This World: A Christian's Workshop" presents the ideals and goals which Hays has stood for in public life and his concept of vocation as a religious responsibility. A biographical sketch and excerpts from his speeches give a rounded picture of his dramatic career.

Hays' problems have been those of his constituents of Arkansas' 5th Congressional District in which Little Rock is located. And the more publicized issues of Little Rock's racial strife and federal-state relations are also his problems.

Hays has lost about as many races in hotly contested Arkansas primaries as the average politician ever entered, but he has been sent to Congress since 1943, and he was recently re-elected for a two-year term.

He is also active in Washington's Calvary Baptist Church, and in his home church, 2nd Baptist, Little Rock. He is now serving his second term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In sophisticated Washington, "Brooks Hays' Punch" has been a standard party item since 1943 when he first went to Washington as a Congressman. It is a mixture of orange juice and ginger ale - no alcohol.

It was Hays who introduced a resolution in 1953 for a prayer room in the Capitol, and today this chapel stands as a memorial to the Sunday school teacher from Arkansas who has proved once more that there is a place for religion in public service.

Despite Hays' serious interests his sense of humor is keen, and the Washington Post says he is the best story teller in Congress since Chauncey Depew.

Risk Ambush Seeking Missionary

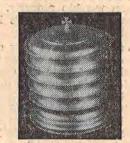
FRENCH SOLDIERS risked ambush to search olive groves and mountain top villages in Algiers for an American missionary believed to have been kidnapped by nationalist rebels, possibly to care for their wounded. The only trace found of Lester Edgar Griffith Ju., 34, was the charred remains of his station wagon.

Missionary W. O. Harper **Drowns Off African Coast**

WINFRED O: Harper; 37, Southern Baptist missionary to East Africa, drowned September 4 in the Azanian Sea during a holiday outing with other missionaries stationed at Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika. The group was celebrating the arrival of additional missionaries — among them two medical doctors who worked for more than an hour in a fruitless effort to restore life.

News of the tragedy reached Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, by phone from missionaries in Dar es Salaam. The report indicated that Mr. Harper and three other missionaries were on a coral reef when a strong undertow pulled them out to sea. The others were saved, but Mr. Harper was carried beyond immediate rescue.

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Revised Music Calendar

Feb. 6 — Adult Choir Festival (7:00 p. m.) Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock,



Feb. 7 - Youth Music Festival (9:30 a. m.) Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Feb. 28 — Junior Music Festival (9:30 Gaines St. a. m.) Church, Little Rock. March 4 - Graded Choir Workshop (10:00 a.m.) Grand Ave. Church, Ft. Smith.

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March 5 - Graded Choir Workshop (10 a. m.) 1st Church, El Dorado.

March 6 - Graded Choir Workshop (10:00 a. m.) 1st Church, West Memphis.

March 7 — Primary Choir Festival (10:00 a. m.) Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.

March 29 — Associational Hymn Sings.

May 18-19 - Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.

May 31 — Associational Hymn Sings. June 15-20 — South Arkansas Music Conference, Ouachita College.

June 22-27 - North Arkansas Music Conference, Siloam Springs Assembly.

June 9-15 — Glorietta Music Conference (Church Music Dept. will sponsor bus).

Aug. 10 - Preparation Day for Selected Music Workers.

September Is Church Music Month

Sept. 7-18 - Associational Music Officer Planning Meetings.

Nov. 17-19 - State Convention.

Nov. 29 or Dec. 20 - Associational Carol Sings.

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It's Annual Report Time

Reports submitted at the end of September should cover the entire year's work, i. e. the total of the three reports previously submitted this year plus activities of the fourth quarter (July-September). Extra WMU report forms were sent in order that a report might be sent to the State WMU Office. Therefore, the ANNUAL report should be made in triplicate and one copy sent to State WMU Office, one copy accompanied by reports of the individual youth organizations to the 1957-58 associational superintendent.

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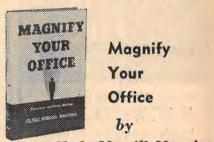
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"This Mission was started Easter Sunday afternoon April 6, 1958, in an old log barn at North Tomahawk Community, 16 miles from Yellville. More than 100 families live in this

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area. There has never been a church or Sunday School or any denomination in the community and the only Sunday School near is a union Sunday School in a school house four miles away.

"We have had an average attendance of more than 70 in Sunday School; over 60 in Training Union and 45 additions to the church, mostly adults. We recently conducted a two-weeks revival there and took a head count of the attendance. More than 150 local people attended nearly every night. An estimated 250 people attended the openstream baptismal service.

"The greatest need is a building where we can get the people inside for worship. The cool weather will hurt our attendance for we have been seating many on an open porch. The local people are pledging money and labor to erect a building but they are poor and many of them have large families to support. They are giving liberally of what they do have.

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classes of men or several levels of faithfulness and accomplishment.

For instance, there are men who, as far as is known, do nothing for their church. These are men who never attend its services or support its work. And there are many more of these than

MR. TULL

can be found at first glance.

Then, there are men who come to their church occasionally, but they are irregular or sporadic both in their attendance and in their support of the program of their church. Men in this class do no real work for their Lord. Sometimes they attempt such work, but their efforts are not sustained.

Another group is made up of those rank-and-file fellows who are generally regular in their attendance and in their giving. Some of this group are tithers. Few of them accept any measure of responsibility, but they may be counted upon to be at the services. They do little real work because they have never been trained in service.

A fourth group is made up of men who are above average in faithfulness. They are always there! Most of them tithe. Men of this group manifest alertness, and a real interest in the affairs of their church. They can be enlisted in the work program of their church; and they can serve the Lord with a degree of effectivenss. However, the real program of their church must be interpreted to them by others.

Finally, we find a small group made up of a few men who are spiritually wide-awake, spiritually alert, spiritually sensitive, and spiritually responsive. They have a keen awareness of the Godgiven work of their church; and they are entirely willing to give of themselves to the limit to make their church succeed in every phase of its life and work.

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• SIXTY PERSONS attended the 4th annual youth camp of 1st Church, Arkadelphia, at Spring Lake Aug. 11-15. WINGATE, N. C. —(BP)— The president of a Southern Baptist Convention-related junior college here has been named chairman of a committee of the American Association of Junior Colleges.

He is Budd E. Smith, president of Wingate College, an institution of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He heads a committee to advise the junior college association on ways of improving its services to independent and church-related member colleges.

Grand Canyon College Names Acting President

PHOENIX, Ariz. —(BP)— Trustees of Grand Canyon College here have appointed its dean and registrar, Glenn Eason, to serve as interim president.

Loyed R. Simmons president since 1955, left recently to become president of California Baptist College.

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But Chatterbird kept right on. "Chatta-chirp-chirp. Chatta-chirp-chirp."

"Little birds," said his mother from a high branch on the tree, "soon it will get very cold. Before winter comes we shall all fly to the sunny South where it is warm."

The little birds nodded their heads all except one. He was too busy.

"Chatta-chirp-chirp. Chatta-chirpchirp."

Then one morning the wind blew very hard. The beautiful tree shook, and the leaves fell. Try as he might, Chatterbird could not find a single one of his family.

Soon it began to snow. Chatterbird began to shiver. He was so cold. Then he saw a pigeon happily munching a peanut.

Little Chatterbird called to him. "Mr. Pigeon, please help me. I am so cold. I cannot find my family or my friends."

Mr. Pigeon looked up and saw the unhappy little bird. "Why didn't you go south with them?" asked Mr. Pigeon.

Chatterbird could not answer. He was too cold even to chatter.

Mr. Pigeon felt sorry for him. "Lit-

THE TEEN AGE By JUDY MCDONALD



"I sure hope you washed behind your ears like Mom told you to."

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tle Chatterbird," said he, "you had better fly to the sunny South where it is warm. Soon it will get much colder."

"But I do not know how to get there," cried Chatterbird.

"I never 'go there myself," said Mr. Pigeon, "but the wise old owl can tell you how. He hears most everything."

When nightfall came, little Chatterbird huddled against the tree. He was so alone and so frightened.

Suddenly he was startled by a noise. "Who-o-o."

"Who-o-o, is that?" stuttered Chatterbird.

Out of the night soared a big black shape that landed near him. "I am the wise old owl," said the big black shape, "and you must be little Chatterbird."

"Please help me to find my family and friends," cried little Chatterbird. "I am so cold and lonesome."

The wise old owl spoke again. "Little Chatterbird, what were you doing when all the other birds were learning. about going south?"

"Chatta-chirp-chirp. Chatta-chirpchirp," answered little Chatterbird meekly.

"I thought so," said the wise old owl. "You were so busy chattering and chirping that you did not have time to listen."

Chatterbird hung his head if shame. "Very well," said the wise old owl, "I'll tell you how to find your family and friends. Listen very carefully."

Next morning little Chatterbird began his journey south. He remembered all the things the wise old owl had told him.

The sun began to shine and the trees looked greener. He even saw flowers. Then from the air he saw his family and friends in the branches of a beautiful tree. Happily he soared down and joined them. He was in the sunny South.

Of course, Chatterbird chatta-chirpchirps with the rest of them. BUT SOMETIMES HE LISTENS.

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A Smile or Two

THE TEACHER was trying to impress on the children how important had been the discovery of the law of gravitation.

"Sir Isaac Newton was sitting on the ground, looking up at an apple tree. An apple fell on his head, and from that he discovered gravitation. Just think, children," she added, "isn't that wonderful?"

Just then a keen-witted small boy spoke up and said, "Yessum, and if he had been settin' in school lookin' at his books he never would have discovered nothin'!"

"WHAT'S MY trouble, Doc?" asked the patient.

"I'm not sure what's wrong with you," replied the doctor, "but if you were a building, you'd be condemned."

MARRIAGE ENTITLES women to the protection of strong men who steady the ladder for them while they paint the kitchen ceiling.

A HENPECKED husband was being examined during a court trial. "Do you mean to tell me that you've always treated your wife with respect?" asked the examiner.

"Always," replied the husband.

"And you've never spoken harshly to her?"

The man paused for a moment and the attorney, quick to seize his opportunity, said, "Be careful how you answer."

"Well," said the husband, "I do remember I yelled once to "Put down that poker!"

BILLY GRAHAM tells the amusing story of a fire which broke out in a small town Church.

When the fire brigade, siren wailing, arrived on the spot the minister recognized one of the men. "Hullo, there, Jim — I have not seen you in Church for a long time," he chided.

"Well," answered the sweating man, struggling with the hose, "there hasn't been a fire in Church for a long time."

Time for Action

THE WOMAN barged into the doctor's office carrying small boy. "Doctor!" she shrieked. "Herman swallowed our mantel clock!"

"Heavens!" gasped the doc. "Does it bother him?"

"Bother him?" exclaimed Mama. "Me it bothers!"

"But why should it bother you?"

"Every time I go to wind it, he bites my finger."—Greater Northern Goat.

ONE SMART idea would be a car pool for parents with children of driving age.—George Hart.

"WELL, WILLIE, your sister and I are going to be married," beamed the young man. "How's that for news?"

"Shucks!" retorted Willie, "You just finding that out?"-R&R Magazine.

Sunday School Lesson

Justice and Judgment

By DAVID GARLAND

· (Pastor, Baring Cross, North Little Rock)

Bible Material: Isaiah 1:10-20; Amos 7:7-9; Matthew 7:15-27: 25:31-46 September 28

HIS IS the final lesson of a series dealing with the Bible teachings on social justice. It is fitting that such a study should conclude with an analysis of the judgment of one who is altogether



just. God, despite all of His love, longsuffering and mercy, is faithful to His Word and will execute it in absolute justice. He has a standard and men will be judged accordingly. He is faithful to forgive all who come seeking forgiveness. He is fierce in His dealings with those who refuse

to seek forgiveness.

I. God and the Standard.

(Amos 7:7-9)

Having revealed to Amos the destructive nature of the locusts and the allconsuming qualities of fire, God indicates to the prophet the method whereby men become the victims of these forces. They fail to measure up to God's expectations. "Thus he showed me: and, behold, the Lord stood beside a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And Jehovah said unto me, Amos what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel; I will not again pass by them anymore . . ." Because they fail to meet the requirements of the plumb, they will be turned to desolation and waste. The God of Israel is the God with a standard. Those who do not acknowledge it and measure up to it will be turned over to the judgment and justice of the holder of the plumbline.

An admonition to those who have HI. not measured up. (Isaiah 1:10-20)

Here Isaiah the prophet paints the very touching picture of a brokenhearted father who reflects upon the conduct of wayward and ungrateful children. They are rebellious, the seed of evil-doers. They deal corruptly with each other. Their whole nature is iniquitious. There is no soundness to be found in them: "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds and bruises and stripes . . . There is no hope for them in this condition. Therefore, in light of such grim prospects, the prophet admonishes them to "Hear the word of Jehovah, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah." The call

is a call to put away evil and learn to do well. This is the Old Testament call to repent. "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil: learn to do well; seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." This is no less than God's call to turn from wickedness to righteousness. It is the difference between life and death,

III. The condemnation of those who never measure up.

(Matthew 25:31-46)

In preparing the hearts of His followers for the great and unbelievable things which were to happen to them and to Himself, Jesus revealed a picture of the Judgment. He makes it clear for all to see that men will be judged by the way they have responded to the opportunity to meet human need. There will be a great time of judgment. Christ will be seated upon the throne of judgment. All the nations of the earth will appear before Him, He will separate them, some to the right hand and others to the left hand. Those on the right hand will be those who have belonged to and been blessed by God. They are His brethren. They and God have had common experience in life and now they will have it in eternity.

In addition to those on the right hand there will be those on the left hand. These are those who when there was hunger, "And you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me . not." They refused to measure up to the opportunity of their day. When need arose they refused to recognize it. Therefore, they are ordered: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels . . ." Here it is made crystal clear that when one belongs to Christ that he will give of self and resources to all in need. If he fails, it is clear indication that he is not nor has he ever been the possession of Christ as Lord and Master. If he belongs not to Christ he will be denied the eternal provisions of those who do belong and who have measured up to His expectancy.

IV. How to know? (Matt. 7:15-27)

It is abundantly clear through the teachings of Jesus that a man may know and be known by the fruits of his life. "By their fruits ye shall know them." "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." There will be those who say that they are with Him and for Him but who

have never given their hearts and lives in faith and surrender. To such as these He wil say, "I never knew you: depart from me." Now it is clear that every man may know the destiny of his soul. It is determined by His attitude toward Jesus as Saviour. If it be one of faith and trust he will bear fruit in the Kingdom. If there be no fruit there is every indication that he has not had faith and trust. One who has faith will be about the Father's business. He will be proving his faith by his works. Let us measure faith by works and works by faith. Then we may know if ours be true and pure.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

Regional Conferences

September 28

Program, Five Regional Sunday School Conferences.

MORNING SESSION, 10:00, call to worship; 10:15, Welcome, host pastor; 10:20, program preview, Edgar Wil-



liamson; 10:30, We Strive to Serve, Bradley Bolin: 10:40, song; 10:45, Let's Face the Facts. Williamson: Edgar 11:15, recognitions, announcements; 11:25, We Propose to Share With Others, Roy Boatwright: 11:50, special music;

DR. WILLIAMSON 11:55, Facing the Future Together, S. A. Whitlow; 12:30, lunch.

Afternoon Session, 1:45, call to worship; 2:00, We Plan to Improve, Allen B. Comish; 2:20, conferences: administration, Roy Boatwright, S. A. Whitlow and Wayne DeHoney; adult, Ernest Adams; young people, James V. Lackey; intermediate, Allen B. Comish; junior, Mrs. Lillan Moore Rice; primary, Mrs. James Coates; beginner, Mrs. Edgar Williamson; nursery, Mrs. J. E. Morrow, Jr.; cradle roll, Mrs. Wallace Hough; extension, Mrs. Will S. Mc-Craw.

3:20, Assemble in main auditorium; 3:25, special music; 3:30, Swing Up the Line in '59, Wayne DeHoney; 4:00, adjourn.

- Evening Session, 7:00, worship; 7:15, our 1958-59 Sunday School program, James V. Lackey; 7:40, conferences, (same leaders and places as afternoon conferences); 8:40, special music; 8:45, That They Might Have Life, Wayne De-Honey; 9:15, adjourn.

October 13, Central Church, Jonesboro; October 14, Second Church, Pine Bluff; October 15, Beech Street Church, Texarkana; October 16, Second Church, Little Rock; October 17, Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith.

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