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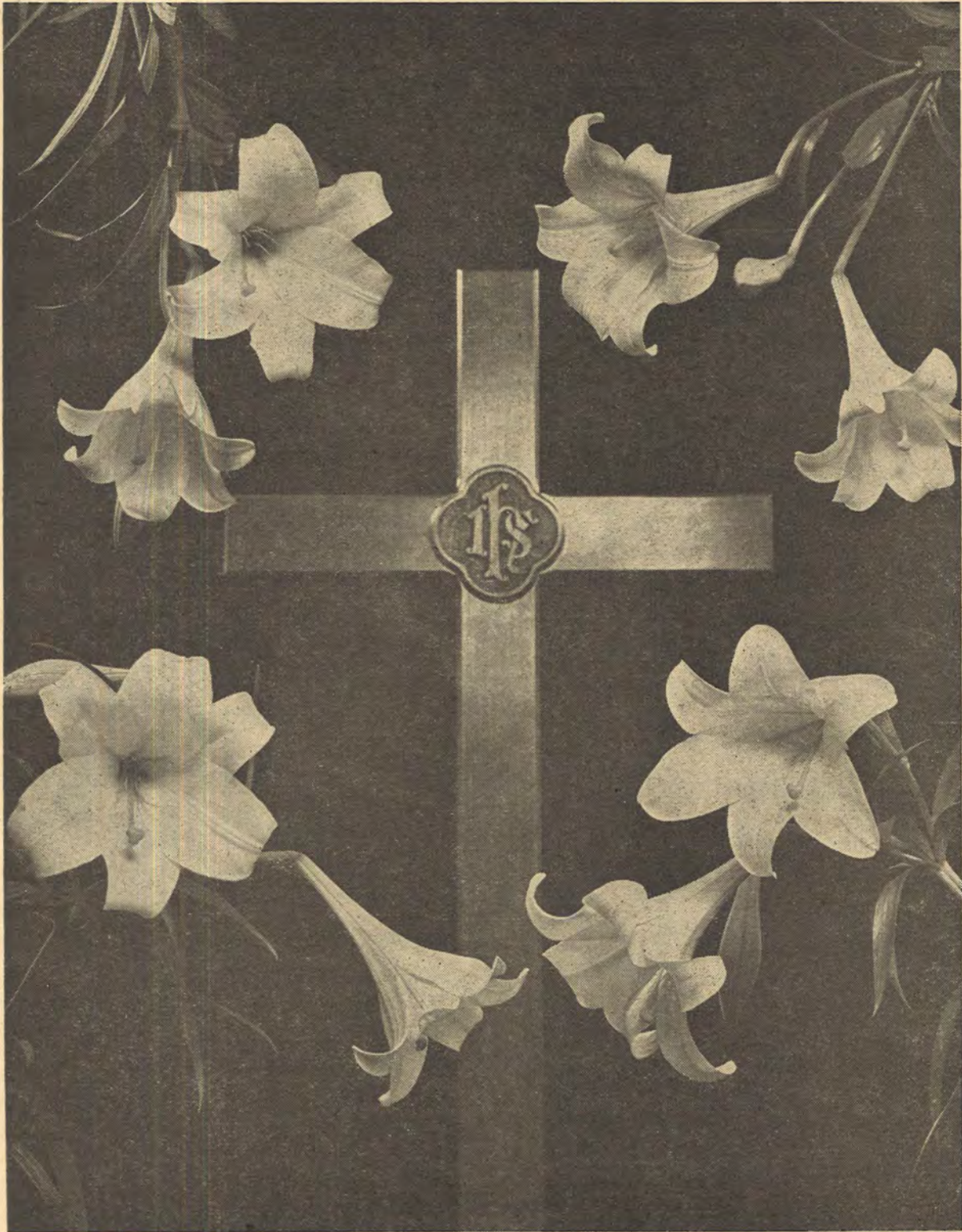
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**Beyond the Cross is the Empty Grave  
and the Living Christ**

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## Life Beyond The Grave

By ELMER A. WRIGHT

"If a man die shall he live again?" (Job 14:14) Not a new question even in the days of Job. From the world's earliest morning man has asked this question as he buried his head and turned in his loneliness to search for its answer in things animate and inanimate.

Death is a word impossible for the human mind to define or entertain. That man lives on in some manner or condition after this tenement of clay is dissolved has been the prevailing idea all back across the struggling centuries since the advent of death into the world.

### Not Made to Die

In one form or another, though distorted it may be, the idea of a future life persists and outlasts all efforts made to destroy it. Universally, man believes he was not made to die. True, every generation of men brings forth a crop of infidels who deny that the Scriptures bring God and immortality to light. "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God."

In his last sad hours a professed atheist requested to be buried by the side of his Christian wife and daughter. When asked why, he replied: "If there be a resurrection of the righteous, they will get me up somehow or other and take me with them." This man though an atheist had not been able to quench the yearning of the soul not to sink into oblivion.

To every generation of men the Epicurean philosophy of life makes its appeal: Eat, drink, and be merry; fiddle, dance, and sing. Go all the gaits. Don't miss anything! Be sure and enjoy this life, there will be no other; death is the end.

In the days of the French Revolution infidelity reigned supreme, and frightful was its reign. The government itself dethroned God, abolished the Sabbath, and declared death an eternal sleep. Churches were turned into temples of reason and their bells melted down into cannon. The "holy guillotine" worked overtime and across the sunny vine-clad hills of France strode such indescribable want and suffering that this infidel government, frightened at the harvest of its own sowing, reinstated God and immortality and gave the pendulum a shove in the reverse direction.

### Only God Satisfies the Soul

The flocks and herds upon a thousand hills graze in perfect tranquility; not a thought of future want disturbs their repose. It is not so with man. No matter what his wealth, fame, knowledge, power, or other earthly conditions he is never satisfied. From king to beggar "man never is but always to be blest." Why is man never satisfied?

Queen Elizabeth of England, proud ruler of a farflung realm upon whose shores the sun never sets, with ten thousand dresses in her wardrobe, enough one would think to satisfy the vanity of any woman, but was she satisfied? Far from it. And from her dying couch comes the wail: "Millions of money for an inch of time."

So far as we know the beast of the field finds gratification for its every desire here in the world, while man has been created with immortal longings that no earthly blessing can satisfy. He pants after satisfaction infinite in duration.

The great missionary explorer, David Liv-

ingstone, found among the natives of darkest Africa this belief: "We live only a few days here, but we live again after death; we do not know where, or in what condition, or with what companions, for the dead never return to tell us. Sometimes the dead do come back and appear to us in our dreams; but they never speak, nor tell us where they have gone, nor how they fare."

### Death Opens Eternity's Door

Science tells us that in the physical world matter is indestructible. At most man, or other agencies, can only change its form. In the realm outside the physical, is it then reasonable to believe that God will allow man, the flower of His creation, and "created in His own image" to irretrievably perish at death? We believe not.

In the beautiful Greek drama of Ion the belief in immortality is eloquently uttered by the young Greek about to yield his life a sacrifice. When asked by his beloved Clemanthe if they shall meet again, he replies: "I asked that dreadful question of the hills that seemed eternal, of the clear streams that flow forever, of the stars among whose fields of azure my spirit has walked. As I look upon thy loving face I feel that there is something in thy love that cannot wholly perish. We shall meet again, Clemanthe!"

Of what avail are the sweet ties of friendship and love if we part forever at the grave? Love's language is forever and she speaks a single tongue.

The tomb is not a wall; it is a door. It closes in life's twilight; it opens in eternity's dawn.

We meet elderly people whose gray locks tell us that bleak winter is upon their heads, but we know by their genial handclasp, winning smile, and cheering words that eternal spring dwells in their hearts.

### Instinct of Justice

If there is no future life why do elderly people well beyond the proverbial three score and ten, their bodily powers failing and only the twilight of life's late afternoon remaining, have no abatement in the yearning to live on? If the short span between the cradle and the grave is all there is of life it is only reasonable to believe that with elderly people interest in life would wane and fade away as the end draws near. But such is not the case. It is highly noticeable that many elderly people apparently think less on death than do the young and middle-aged; they have reached the plane of highest and broader living. Life is fuller and sweeter to the aged, and death is taboo.

That death is not the end of all we are convinced even without revelation. Here in the world we see some of the wicked flourish "like a green bay tree" while some of the righteous are apparently forsaken and deprived of the very necessities of life. Death enters the picture before the wicked are punished or the righteous rewarded. The instinct of justice deeply embedded in humanity, though perverted it may be, makes retribution beyond the grave a necessity.

And when time and vicissitudes have exacted their toll, and the last loved things to which affection clings are dying, and life's brief race is well nigh run, the words of Jesus near the tomb of Lazarus bring a peace that passeth all understanding. "I am the resurrection and the life."

## Spiritual Relaxation

A Devotion by the Editor

"I will give you rest."

Were you ever tired to the point of exhaustion, wearied with the press of a multitude of duties and responsibilities?

Does this nervous tension carry over into your Christian service and your activities in your church? Do you feel that from a sense of duty you must assume your share of the responsibilities of your church and do your share of the work of the church and take your place in the organizations of the church. Even though you are conscientiously striving to do your Christian duty in the church and in the Lord's service, do you feel weary and tired and exhausted from it all?

If this has been your experience, then it is to you that Jesus addresses this invitation recorded in Matthew 11:28-30. He promises to give you rest, relaxation.

However the rest he promises is not the cessation of activity, nor the freedom from responsibility. One finds rest from the weariness of one engagement by changing to another engagement which so absorbs his attention that he completely forgets for the moment the former engagement that wearied him.

Jesus declares that He will give you a burden that will rest you, an engagement that will refresh you, a service that will so absorb your interests that your weariness is completely overcome by the stimulation of a new interest.

When we find the secret of the rest that Jesus offers we will experience a relaxation of the tensions of life, both in the secular and spiritual engagements. If people would come to Jesus as He invites them to do instead of blowing their tops, if they would accept His yoke instead of complaining against the inevitable but minor irritations of the day, they would discover a new zest for living, a new outlook upon life, a new and refreshing relaxation under life's responsibilities, a new and wholly adequate communion and fellowship with Jesus, the Lord of life.

Do you have difficulty relaxing? Are you seldom free from that tired feeling? Does it seem that the tensions of life are too much for you to endure? Then let me suggest that you accept this invitation of Jesus:

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Why Look For The Living Among The Dead?

A group of devoted women came to the tomb of Jesus expecting to find His body there. But the angel said, "He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

These early followers of Jesus were looking for Him in the tomb and among the dead. That is where they had left Him, and they thought He would stay there, they had no idea that the grave could not hold Him.

#### The Grave is Not a Shrine

To those who look for Jesus among the dead, all heaven cries out in protest, "He is not here. Why look for the living among the dead?" But had they not buried Jesus? And with Him they had buried all their dead hopes and disappointments. They expected both Jesus and their hopes to stay dead. They would make a shrine of the grave and pour out their helpless and despairing devotions there, never hoping or expecting that they might find and worship the living Lord.

How many of us today make the pilgrimage to the graveyard of our dead hopes in search of Jesus. We linger there and weep over the lifeless forms of our former expectations and pour out our devotions before the wreckage of our fallen castles. But we shall never find Jesus among the debris of our dead hopes and expectations, the plans and enterprises which have collapsed and lie in ruins at our feet. Perhaps our hopes died and our plans went awry and our enterprises failed because Jesus was not in them in the first place, or because we became more wedded to them than to Jesus Himself.

If your hopes have failed, you may be sure that He has a better hope for you. If your plans have not worked out, then you may

know that He has better plans for us. If your undertakings have come to nothing, then you may be certain that He has better undertakings for you. Jesus does not abandon you to the graveyard of the dead past.

#### Frontiers of Life

If you want to meet Jesus, do not go to the graveyard of the past but go to the frontiers of life, where men and women are struggling with the problems and difficulties and disasters of life. Tell them of the risen Christ and the living Lord. Get into the procession of Christian witnesses and the enterprises of the Kingdom of God.

The angel said to the women, "And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead." Jesus Himself commissioned His disciples to "go into all the world," "make disciples of all the nations;" and He promised, "I am with you alway."

Jesus did not promise to be with us in the graveyard of our disappointments or in our idleness and indifference. Jesus promised to be with us when we are out on the frontiers, going, witnessing, making disciples, teaching as He commanded.

Are you looking for Jesus, and are you wondering where you may find Him? Then don't search for Him among your disappointments and failures and dead hopes of the past. Look for Him among the live issues of the day. Look for Him among the opportunities and privileges and obligations of the present. Look for Him among the needy and the suffering to whom you may minister. Look for Him in a great program of Christian service. You will not find Jesus mourning over the past that is dead and gone. You will find Him on the present frontiers of life.

### The Gospel of Evangelism

The occasion for the gospel of evangelism is the fact of sin. Were it not for sin there would be no need for the gospel of evangelism. Therefore anyone, whether he be preacher or layman, who proposes to deliver the message of the gospel to others must first recognize the fact of sin in the lives of all men. The gospel of Jesus Christ has no application to anyone except a sinner. There are but two classes of sinners—sinners condemned to eternal death and sinners saved by grace. Hence, the gospel is the story of saving grace.

#### All Have Sinned

The Bible is clear and emphatic on this question of sin: "All we like sheep have gone astray"; "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"; "There is none righteous, no not one"; "I came not to call the

righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Not only must the evangelist, minister, or layman who delivers the gospel message recognize that all men are sinners, but those who receive the message or to whom the message is delivered must recognize that they are sinners before they will believe the gospel of evangelism or accept its invitation and its offer of saving grace. It was to those who refused to recognize themselves as sinners that Jesus addressed His statement, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Along with the recognition of sin, both by the bearer of the good news and those to whom the good news is addressed, there must be the further recognition of the consequences of sin. So long as sin is considered a harmless sort of thing the strong language of the gospel concerning sin will not be taken

seriously. Sin must be recognized for the deadly thing that it is, for "the wages of sin is death."

#### A Killer

Sin is a killer, a destroyer of life. No other interpretation can be placed upon the teachings of the Bible concerning sin; and no other interpretation can be placed upon the actual experiences of sin in human life.

Sin is abhorrent to God. He cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. To consider that God condones sin, to the extent that He will not hold the sinner responsible for his sins, is to make God a participant in the sins of the sinner.

To water down the teachings of the Bible concerning sin is at the same time to water down the teachings of the Bible concerning salvation. This process of watering down the gospel of evangelism is calculated to leave the sinner comfortable in his sins. To leave the sinner comfortable in his sins is the surest way to rob the sinner of all hope of salvation. The gospel of evangelism is intended to disturb the sinner in his sinful state; it is intended to arouse him to a consciousness of his danger and to point him to the only remedy for his sins—the atoning work of Jesus Christ.

To call sin by a pleasant name does not change its content any more than it would change the nature of strychnine to label it vanilla extract.

#### Wave of Evangelism

A wave of evangelism is sweeping the southland, particularly the Southern Baptist Convention constituency. It is sweeping the state of Arkansas. East of the Mississippi River, 18,000 churches will be engaged in Simultaneous Revivals this spring. Many associations in Arkansas are planning Simultaneous Revivals. Practically all our churches will hold one or more revivals during the year. In addition to the special revival efforts, there is growing emphasis upon personal evangelism and reaching and winning the lost to Christ in the regular weekly services of the churches. All this is as it should be and we glory and rejoice in the spirit of evangelism which is permeating our whole denominational life and the lives of our individual churches, pastors and laity.

Our one instrument in our evangelistic efforts, whether these efforts be special revival services, or personal evangelism, or the regular weekly services in our churches; the one and only instrument for our use is the gospel of evangelism. And the first emphasis in this gospel, the one emphasis without which the rest of the gospel message is meaningless, is sin—universal sin, deadly sin, sin that is destroying human life, wrecking human society; sin that is abhorrent to God, sin that crucified Jesus.

Therefore let us not fail in our evangelism to let it be known that the gospel of Jesus Christ is addressed to sinners, and that the invitation of the gospel is addressed to sinners, and that the salvation by grace, which the gospel offers, is offered to sinners.

(Next week we will discuss repentance—Editor.)

# Kingdom Progress

## Leachville Church Dedicates New Building



The members of the First Church, Leachville, B. W. Pierce, pastor, will dedicate their new church building on Easter Sunday, March 25. This building has been constructed and all debts paid within the past three years. It is built of buff brick and its gothic lines are enhanced by the stained glass windows.

The dedication services will last throughout the day with lunch served at noon. All former pastors, members, and friends are most cordially invited to attend.

E. C. Brown, pastor of First Church, Blytheville, will preach the dedicatory sermon in the afternoon.

### Assets Are Growing

A report from Dr. C. H. Bolton, secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, indicates that the assets of the Foundation are increasing and that this agency is destined to serve the denomination and its agencies and institutions with increasing effectiveness in the years ahead.

Dr. Bolton reports that the present assets of the Foundation has passed the half million mark, being now \$505,000. The Sunday School Board was the first of the agencies to make a deposit to the assets of the foundation when it set up a Bible fund in the sum of \$25,000. The Relief and Annuity Board has deposited \$100,000 of government bonds with the Foundation, Foreign Mission Board \$25,000, and the Home Mission Board \$50,000. Other agencies have voted to deposit some reserve funds with the Foundation as soon as they can work out arrangements. During the current year total assets comprising the corpus of the various trust funds increased \$81,834.33.

The average earnings for 1950 were 4.38 per cent. Investment income for the year totaled \$13,794.46.

### First Church, Benton Receives 50 Additions

First Church, Benton, B. K. Selph, pastor, had Harvey Elledge, evangelist, and John Moreland, song leader, both of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, in a revival meeting, March 4-11.

A Sunday School at night program was directed each evening preceding the worship hour by Dr. J. F. Sawyer, Sunday School superintendent. Each department participated in the program with an average attendance of 215.

There were 50 additions to the church.

### Humble Goes to Pine Bluff

Earl R. Humble has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Prescott, to accept the call of the Bethel Church, Pine Bluff. He will begin his work at Pine Bluff the first Sunday in April.

Pastor Humble is a graduate of Ouachita College and of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has had thirteen years experience in pastorates in Texas and Arkansas. He is to be the first pastor of Bethel Church which was organized just five months ago.

The members of Bethel Church have purchased a building site in a rapidly growing residential section of Pine Bluff, and expect to begin the erection of the first unit of a church plant this spring. They also expect to provide a home for the pastor by the time Mr. Humble moves on the field.

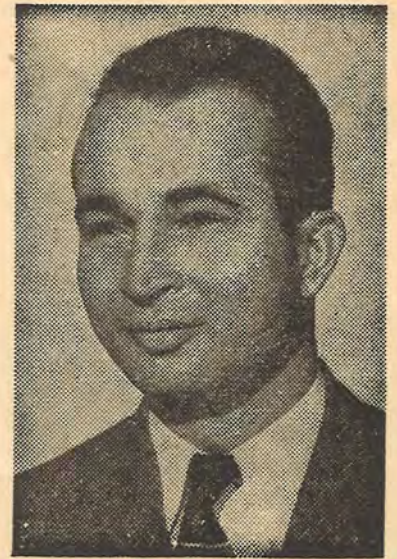
### First Church, Sparkman Dedicates New Building

First Church, Sparkman, C. H. Seaton, pastor, has just completed the debt on their new building, which has been paid within the past two years. At the same time the gifts to the Cooperative Program and to all phases of the denominational work have been increased.

Sunday, April 29, has been designated as Debt-Free Dedication Day, which will be an all-day service. Included in the services will be the dedication of a new organ and a piano. An invitation is extended to all who care to attend.

We need to recover some sense of moral indignation. Jesus could never look upon moral wrong, injustice or cruelty with any degree of complacency. And His "woe unto thee" still stands.

### Handicapped But Not Discouraged



A. D. Williams

Such is the case with A. D. Williams, who is an A.B. graduate from Louisiana College and who will receive his B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary in May of this year.


Mr. Williams is blind, that is his handicap. But in spite of this handicap he is extremely confident that the Lord has called him to preach and has a definite place of service for him. "This is not the handicap," he says, "that some would think it to be. For many years now I have travelled, worked, played, and studied without sight until it is pretty natural to do my work as I am. Friends and loved ones can testify that I am independent in doing things for myself."

Mr. Williams has done radio work as well as supply preaching and directing choirs.

He is married and his wife is also a graduate of Louisiana College and has attended New Orleans Seminary and Southwestern Seminary. She is a registered nurse.

All he asks is that friends and those interested will provide opportunities for him to get started as he comes from the seminary next May. He is highly recommended by Dr. E. D. Head, president of Southwestern Seminary; Charles A. Trentham, professor of Theology, Southwestern Seminary; E. Leslie Carlson, professor of Old Testament, Southwestern Seminary; and Ralph D. Churchill, publicity director, Southwestern Seminary.

It is stated that he is interested in radio and evangelistic work primarily, but that pastoral work would be prayerfully considered. Mr. Williams may be reached by addressing him P. O. Box 6008, Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth 15, Texas.



*Listen to the*  
**BAPTIST HOUR**

Date: March 25

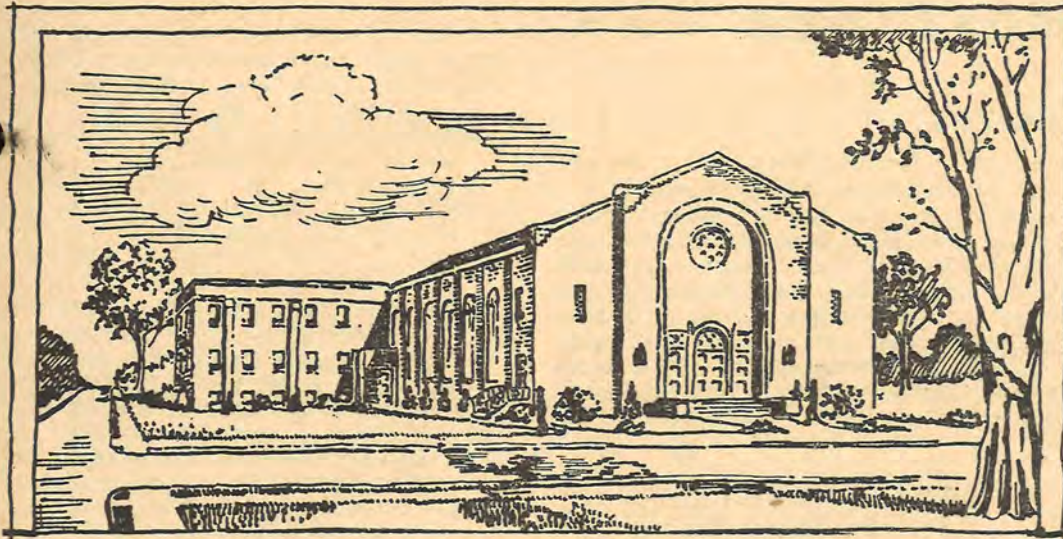
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Subject:  
"Which Way America?"

#### Arkansas Stations:

**KTHS, Hot Springs, 2:30 p. m.**  
**KENA, Mena**  
**KXLR, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.**  
**KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.**  
**KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.**

# First Church, Forrest City, In Building Program



*Architect's Version of Prospective Building*

The First Church of Forrest City, T. K. Rucker, pastor, began construction of their new \$300,000 building on October 1, 1950. In spite of unfavorable weather, most of the steel is up and brick is now being laid. All materials for the building are either on hand or definitely promised.

The old property has been sold and the new building is located on a new site with ample parking space. The new structure is modern in style, design, and furnishings, being equipped with indirect lighting in the sanctuary, inter-communication system throughout the building; chapel, offices, and sanctuary will be air-conditioned, hearing aids are provided the partially deaf, and a public address system for the sanctuary, which extends to the chapel and nursery.

The education plant provides the general church office, pastor's study, secretary's office, supply room, library, education direc-

tor's office, ladies' parlor, choir room with capacity for 50, kitchen with all modern facilities, and a chapel with a seating capacity of 150. The present organ will be installed in this chapel. A new \$10,650 Wick's organ is being purchased for the sanctuary.

The first floor of the education building will accommodate two adult departments, separated by modern folding doors, which will serve multiple purposes. These two departments will be used for Training Union groups, serve as a dining room for approximately 200 people and will also be used as a recreation center. There will be a layout in the tile floor for recreational games. Provision is made for another adult department to assemble in the chapel.

The education building provides two departments for the Young People, two for intermediates, two for juniors, two for primaries, one for beginners, and four for the nursery.



*Pastor T. K. Rucker*

The educational unit will accommodate 800 in Sunday School and the auditorium has a seating capacity of 800. Folding doors are used in each of the departments in order to accommodate the Training Union.

Even before the new building is completed it has become apparent that it will be inadequate to meet the needs of the community. However, there is sufficient space at the rear of the new structure for another educational unit and this is in the over-all plan of enlargement as soon as it is necessary.

The church sold bonds in the amount of \$100,000 to complete the structure. The schedule, as set up for the bond issue, is to be paid off in ten years. However, the church expects to retire the indebtedness within five years.

## Temple Church, Fort Smith Goes Forward

Temple Church, Fort Smith, celebrated the first anniversary, March 4, of their pastor, Murl Walker.

When Pastor Walker came to the Temple Church, the Sunday School enrolment was 211 with 142 average attendance. The present enrolment is 354 with 269 average attendance. In Training Union there were 82 enrolled with 55 average attendance. This number has increased to 212 enrolment with 174 average attendance. Total additions to the church during the past year have been 117, 76 of these coming by letter and 41 by baptism.

Pastor Walker broadcasts each Sunday over KWHN, Fort Smith.

## Manning Church Gives 34 Awards

Pastor Robert E. Lewis of the Manning Church conducted a Training Union Study Course, February 12-16, with 40 enrolled and 34 qualifying for awards.

Pastor Lewis taught a class composed of young people and adults using the book, "Working Together in a Spiritual Democracy." Mrs. Robert E. Lewis taught a class composed of juniors and intermediates using the book, "Witnessing for Christ."

## Religious Emphasis Week, State Teachers College

By THOMAS HUGH MOORE

"Everyone of us meets frustration and obstacles daily, which we must conquer in order to live satisfactorily. Some people meet these situations trusting in God, while others depend on their limited human capacities and soon give up," Thurman K. Rucker, pastor of First Church, Forrest City, told students of Arkansas State Teachers College, in the first of a series of discussions for the twenty-ninth annual observance of Religious Emphasis Week, which began on the Conway campus February 12.

Mr. Rucker chose "Religion in Everyday Clothes" as the theme for the observance, which was opened with his keynote address at a special assembly in Ida Waldran Memorial Auditorium at 1 p. m. Monday, February 12. Evening services, dormitory discussions, and personal conferences with the guest speaker, continued through Friday, February 16, when Religious Emphasis Week officially closed.

"We need not drink, smoke, or pet to be popular, but we should not try to harangue the world into conforming to our pattern. Instead, our simple good example will accomplish more," Mr. Rucker told students in a discussion on being "Pure, but Not Prudish," Tuesday night. Other subjects used in the

services were: "Social Pastime and Amusements," "The High Cost of Loving," and "How to Face Disappointment."

"This year's Religious Emphasis Week was of vital religious significance to Arkansas State Teachers College students," Miss Ursula Stephens of Gurdon, president of the Student Christian Association which sponsors the annual observance, said. "The fact that each evening more students attended the services made members of the SCA feel that this was one of the most successful of the annual observances for emphasis on the spiritual growth and development of the students here," Miss Stephens continued. "We are grateful to Mr. Rucker for his contribution to the success of the Twenty-ninth Religious Emphasis Week at Arkansas State Teachers College."

## Sixty-five Additions to Church In Louisiana Meeting

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, held a meeting with Trinity Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Dr. E. B. Abington, pastor, February 11-25. There were 65 additions to the church. Evangelist Kirkpatrick says, "Pastor Abington is doing an excellent work and is promoting a great program in Trinity Church."

# ★★★ Christian Horizons ★★★

## Dr. Walter M. Montano, New Editor Converted Catholic Magazine

Dr. Walter Manuel Montano, author, traveler, statesman, and Christian missionary, has accepted the invitation of the Board of Directors of Christ's Mission, Inc., of New York, to become its Executive Director and Editor of its publication, *The Converted Catholic Magazine*.

Dr. Montano follows in the steps of the illustrious former priests, Father O'Connor, founder of Christ's Mission, and Dr. Leo H. Lehmann, the late Executive Director and Editor. For more than 70 years Christ's Mission has been rendering effective service to both Roman Catholics and Protestants. In addition to the unique ministry of its publication, Christ's Mission has given aid to more than 300 former Roman Catholic priests, and has freely and widely distributed literature designed to enlighten Protestants and to lead Roman Catholics to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Montano has a deep insight into the nature and practices of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. His book, "Behind the Purple Curtain," is regarded as a classic exposition of the teachings and methods of Rome, and has been voted the most outstanding book of its class in 1950 by many major religious organizations.

Dr. Montano's wife is the former Esther Piper, daughter of Dr. William H. Piper, Baptist minister in Chicago for many years. She is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, and was called by the late Dr. James Gray "the sweetest Christian singer that has gone through MBI."

Dr. Montano plans to reserve part of his time to fill speaking engagements. Inquiries regarding open dates should be addressed to Christ's Mission, Inc., 160 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

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## Reveal Seoul Church Properties Shipped to Japan

All "Cultural properties" belonging to churches and other Christian institutions in Seoul were shipped by American planes to Japan before the second fall of the Korean capital in January.

This disclosure was made in a letter received from Christian leaders in Japan by Protestant church officials in Pusan.

The letter said the properties are being "well preserved" in Tokyo pending their return to Korea after the war situation has been "properly settled."

However, the letter added, in case the situation develops unfavorably for the United Nations forces, the properties will be sent to the United States for preservation.

Reporting the receipt of the letter from Tokyo, Korean newspapers in the United Nations perimeter expressed their "deepest appreciation" to the United States air force for its action in shipping the church properties to Japan.

The Christian Times, published in Pusan, declared that the gesture represented "an expression of true friendship and spiritual unity among Christian people."

—Religious News Service.

## Brantley Resigns New Orleans Rescue Mission

Clovis A. Brantley has resigned as superintendent of the Rescue Mission and Woman's Emergency Home, Home Mission Board units in New Orleans, and has accepted the pastorate of Valence Street Baptist Church. Brantley has been superintendent of the work in New Orleans since 1940, having begun his service as an understudy of Dr. Newbrough during seminary days in New Orleans.

## SBC Designated Gifts Increase Almost Half

Total gifts to Southern Baptist Convention causes passed the three and one-quarter million mark late in February. Southern Baptists contributed \$3,284,113 to all Southern Baptist Convention causes the first two months of this year. This is 31.4 per cent or \$785,424.26 ahead of last year's \$2,498,688 for the same period. Most of this increase is accounted for in designated offerings up 45.7 per cent or \$627,823, from \$1,375,009 in 1950 to \$2,002,832 in 1951. This covers most of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for missions.

The Cooperative Program also increased from \$1,123,679 in 1950 to \$1,281,280 in 1951, 14 per cent or \$157,600 for the two-month period. The announcement was made by Dr. Duke K. McCall, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention and Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee.

—Baptist Press.

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## American G. I.'s in Korea

"An army that will take time to do a thing like that can never be defeated."

These were the words of Dr. Hyunki J. Lew, acting Bishop of the Methodist Church in Korea, in describing the American G. I.'s who take time off between battles to rescue orphans of war. "I have seen them pick up orphans, carry them around and take care of them. Lots of them have contributed hundreds of dollars for the care of these orphans and refugees."

Along with Dr. Kyung-Chik Han, head of the Emergency Committee of the National Christian Council of Korea, Dr. Lew was interviewed at a press conference upon his recent arrival in New York at the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Han, who headed the largest refugee church in Seoul, said that there are now 4,500,000 refugees in South Korea—some in about 120 refugee camps, others on nearby islands. On Cheju, he said, there are about 100,000 refugees, including some 12,000 Christians and 1,200 orphans; on Kojay another 100,000 of whom about 3,000 are Christian, and on the small island of Kaduk there are nine orphanages and some 300 Korean clergymen and their families.

Korea's 1,000,000 Christians, Dr. Han said, are an influential minority, who learned the processes of democracy in their churches and will be important in building a democratic future in Korea.

—National Council of Churches.

# A Smile or Two

It was at the closing exercises at a city public school, and Marjorie was reading a composition of her own on "Grant's Work in the Civil War."

She was getting along well until she started to describe Lee's surrender.

"Lee," she said, "was handsomely attired in full uniform, while Grant wore nothing but an old ragged Union suit."

—Watchman-Examiner.

"I tried counting sheep, like you advised me," a clothing manufacturer told his partner, "but I couldn't get to sleep anyway. I counted thousands of sheep. Then, before I realized what I was doing, I sheared them, combed the wool, spun it into cloth and made the cloth into suits. But I lost \$20 on each suit—and for the rest of the night I lay awake worrying."

Sailor: "There's a torpedo heading straight for us!"

Lady Passenger: "Gracious, I do hope it's one of ours."

Teacher: "Some fish travel long distances. Can anyone give me an example?"

Scholar: "Yes, ma'am. A goldfish. It travels around the globe every day."

In a Boston store, 'midst a collection of ties in bright, clashing colors, the sign read simply: "Listen."

Chat: "How do you like your new boss?"

Chum: "Oh, he's okay but a little narrow minded."

Chat: "Why do you think so?"

Chum: "He thinks words can only be spelled one way."

They were entertaining friends in their new prefabricated home. Suddenly one of the guests sat up and listened.

"Surely you're not troubled by mice already."

"That's not mice," replied the householder. "That's the people next door eating celery."

A young minister had been asked quite unexpectedly to address a Sunday school class. To give himself time to collect his thoughts, he said to the class. "Well, children, what shall I speak about?"

One little girl, who had herself memorized several declamations, called out: "What do you know?"

The man had just been pulled over to the curb for speeding. The officer, pad in hand, approached the car.

"O. K. you," he snapped, "what's your name?"

"Aloyicious Gloustershire Merkwitzsky-vitch," the driver replied.

"Well," the cop said, pocketing his pad, "don't let me catch you again."

Two small boys were hesitant about approaching their mother for a permission that was almost certain to be denied. They felt that they must take the long shot, however. "You ask her," said Billy to his younger brother.

"No, you."

"Oh, go on, you ask her," urged Billy.

"No, you," said the younger brother, "you've known her longer than I have."

# A Hiding Place

By MADISON RANKIN PRICE  
Newport News, Virginia

Is the end of the world drawing nigh? Is mankind destroying himself? What will the near future bring?

No one but God in heaven can answer these questions which are brought to mind during these days of grave uncertainty.

Down through the ages man has uncovered many sources of great energy: fire, nitro-glycerin, electricity. But never in all history has anything with such efficacy as atomic energy been discovered. The dynamic force unleashed by splitting the atom is so great that the human mind cannot comprehend its vast potency.

How shall man use this power which has been given him? God created the world as a place of beauty and happiness, and it is not His will to have fear dwell in men's hearts. Atomic energy was meant to aid man in his progress, not to destroy him.

Working for the good of man, atomic power could be infinitely useful. Atomic engines in trains and ships would solve the problem of carrying great quantities of fuel. Such engines would have almost unlimited potentiality. Atomic power could displace coal, petroleum, and electricity as a means of kinetic energy in the giant industries of this machine age.

Radioactive substances, discovered during atomic research, are used today by medical science to cure hitherto seemingly incurable diseases. Cancer's death toll has been greatly reduced as a result of such treatment.

Although atomic energy has innumerable possibilities in working for man, today the countries of the world seem to be far more interested in using it as a means of destruction. The bomb which killed thousands of innocent Japanese in 1945 is tame when compared with the weapon now being tested in the wastes of Nevada. The blinding flashes from the recent explosions have been seen for distances up to four hundred miles.

A year ago the western world was almost thrown into panic when it learned that the Soviet Union possessed atomic weapons. Ever since this discovery the great munitions and armament plants of the world have been running a race. This race could end in destruction on a scale not witnessed on the earth since God destroyed the world with a flood. This is a melancholy outlook.

Some might claim that in time all our problems will solve themselves and the peoples of the world will live in harmony, but how can one ponder upon this idea when all countries are talking peace and preparing for war? Such hypocrisy promotes fear and distrust in the minds of our international leaders. With these conflicting elements ever present, it is impossible to work successfully together.

It is doubtful whether the world situation will improve when placed in the hands of the younger generation which has learned that school bells mean bomb drills, not recess; and sirens mean air raids, not shiny red fire trucks.

Atomic energy has been a great factory in engendering anxiety and suspicion. The people of the world shudder when they think of an atomic war, but what do they do about it?

There is a power greater than atomic power which will shatter fear. It is the power of prayer. Use of atomic power is subject to human limitations. The power of prayer is available without limitation. A God-fearing nation, unitedly believing in and exercising the power of prayer, would have no reason to fear any foe with human weapons.

Understanding will destroy suspicion. To understand we must love, not hate; trust, not fear; be firm, but gentle. Although it seems that in this world there may be no place of rest and peace, there is a shelter in this time of storm. "The Lord is our Rock, and in Him we hide."

## New Testament Evangelism — Main Line

By DR. B. V. FERGUSON

The Lord has a right to expect His people to be consecrated and dedicated to His service. It is true that we live in a world with a downward pull but we believe that the evangelist who majors on reconsecration is making a false appeal. That is the pastor's job. The people who go forward to reconsecrate themselves in a revival meeting usually are the same ones who have gone each time before. It becomes such a habit with them that they get a thrill out of it. Some are sincere and some are insincere. We know of a deacon who came forward when the appeal was given and when he gave the evangelist his hand said, "I don't need to reconsecrate my life, but I thought I might influence others."

Baptists ought to remain scriptural. It is imperative that we be true to the plan of salvation and to church membership. In Matthew 18 we are told how we ought to conduct ourselves toward those of the household of faith. If our brother trespass against us we are to go in person and tell him his fault. If he will not hear, we are to take one or two more; and if he will not hear, we are to make the final appeal by carrying it to the

church. If he does not then hear, we are to treat him as a heathen, and a publican.

The evangelist who undertakes to stir up the people is making a false appeal. We have observed that those who will respond to an evangelist and will not respond to a pastor are not sincere. Why does an evangelist make such an appeal? Because it makes the people feel that they are having a great revival, when in reality they are emotionally stirred, but that is the end of the whole matter.

There are evangelists who make the appeal for re-baptism. We are well aware that baptism follows conversion, but the people who respond to such an appeal are either the most consecrated people in the church or they are the emotionally unstable. Most of those who come are those who have trusted the Lord in childhood and were baptized. The evangelist makes the appeal because it makes him feel that he's some mighty one. Again he counts noses to make it appear that there's been a great revival.

In this false appeal we have three examples who came and were rebaptized. The first, a man who later left his wife, took

## Bad Diplomacy

By REUBEN E. ALLEY, Editor  
Religious Herald

In dealing with religious bodies the United States Government often displays a woeful lack of understanding and of good taste. It is one thing to negotiate with a religious hierarchy which wields the political authority of a national state and another thing to intrude upon the affairs of a state church or a free church. The latest example of indiscretion is found in a report from London where the American Embassy had the audacity to distribute among the Anglican clergymen an official State Department publication with a suggestion that this material be used by the clergymen for a sermon on United States foreign policy. It would be hard to conceive anything more ridiculous and imprudent. The State Department deserved the sharp criticism which it received from the Church Times, an Anglo-Catholic weekly paper, when it said: "We deplore this attempt to make use of the Church of God for political propaganda . . . . We are not here concerned with the merits either of this publication or of American policy. But the Embassy appears to need a sharp reminder that the pulpit is for the proclamation of the Word of God and for His Word alone." The State Department should understand better the meaning of religious liberty.

And here is something to ponder. Imagine a stripling ghost writer in the State Department writing a sermon for the Archbishop of Canterbury. Why, the very idea!

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## Too Much Sand

By ERWIN McDONALD

One of Louisville's most beautiful sanctuaries has long been noted for its wide expanse of concrete steps and its massive stone columns. But a few months ago the steps that had welcomed a stream of worshipers over a period of forty years began to crack and crumble.

What had lent grace and dignity to the church and had served a most essential purpose became an eyesore and a threat to the safety of all who came near.

As the task of tearing away and replacing the defective steps got under way, I asked a building contractor standing by how he accounted for the deterioration.

"Just one thing is responsible," he replied. "Too much sand and not enough cement!"

Too much sand and not enough cement! Is not this the diagnosis for many a sick and weary soul today? Too much sand of the secular and not enough cement of the spiritual!

another woman, to whom he was never married, and died with her a shameful death. The second, the son of as good parents as I ever knew, who wrecked his family and never goes around a church. The third, a girl who in great sincerity came, but afterwards joined the Catholics.

Strong Baptist churches were not built by such methods and we believe the great commission was given to the Baptists. The Lord will greatly bless the Baptists if we stay on the right line and will not get pulled off by these independent groups who seem to want the glory for themselves. We believe that the Lord meant for His churches to stay on the main line and to co-operate to the end of carrying out the great commission, that we may get the glory for Him and not for ourselves.



# Arkansas' Sixty-Second Annual Meeting

## APRIL 3-5, 1951

## SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

### Theme: PREPARE



**MISS MINNIE LANDRUM**  
Missionary to Brazil



**REV. LOYD CORDER**  
Secretary, Direct Missions  
Home Mission Board



**MISS ALMA HUNT**  
Executive Secretary, Southern  
Woman's Missionary Union



**MRS. F. E. GOODEBAR**  
President, Arkansas W. M. U.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 o'clock

Theme: Prepare Ye the Way

#### Worship Period

Greetings—Mrs. M. Ray McKay and Mrs. Chris Gill  
Organization and Appointment of Committees

#### Special Music

President's Message—Mrs. F. E. Goodbar

Hymn: "Come, Women, Wide Proclaim"

Through Community Missions—Mrs. Ralph Douglas

—In Personal Witnessing, Mr. Raymond Lindsey and Mrs. Vernon Hall

—Through Reading, Miss Mary Christian

#### Prayer

Missionary Message—Miss Minnie Landrum, Brazil

Benediction

### TUESDAY EVENING

5:45 o'clock

Y. W. A. Banquet  
Second Baptist Church

### TUESDAY NIGHT

7:30 o'clock

Theme: Make Straight the Highway

#### Worship Period

Report of Young People's Secretary—Miss Doris DeVault

Special Music—Ouachita College Quartette

#### Prayer

Playlet: "With New Zeal"

A presentation of the program and activities of the missionary organizations for young people in the local church.

Missionary Message—Miss Martha Franks, China

Benediction

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:30 o'clock

Theme: Exalt the Valley

#### Worship Period

Report of Executive Secretary—Miss Nancy Cooper

### THURSDAY MORNING

9:30 o'clock

Theme: And the Glory of the Kingdom

#### Worship Period

Memorial Service—Mrs. J. S. Ro

Report of State Treasurer—Miss Nancy

Report of Auditor—Mrs. W. C. Edward

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Missionary Message—Miss Martha Fr

Prayer

Report of Nominating Committee—Mr

Message—Miss Alma Hunt

Benediction

# Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union

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#### THE WAY

Prayer  
 Through Mission Study—Mrs. R. H. Jones and Miss Mary Christian  
 Special Music—Bottoms Baptist Orphanage  
 Missionary Message—Miss Minnie Landrum, Brazil  
 Hymn: "We've a Story to Tell"  
 Message—Miss Alma Hunt  
 Benediction

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 o'clock

Theme: Level the Mountains and Hills

Worship Period  
 Hymn—"O Zion Haste"  
 In Arkansas—Miss Jeanne Whisenhunt and Gwendoline Luster  
 Special Music—Arkansas Baptist College  
 Through Stewardship—Mrs. Ford Maggard and Miss Mary Christian  
 —"The Other Woman"—a playlet  
 Missionary Message—Rev. Loyd Corder, Home Mission Board  
 Benediction

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

5:30 o'clock

B. W. C. Banquet  
Second Baptist Church

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:30 o'clock

Theme: Make the Rough Places Plain

Worship Period  
 Report of State B. W. C. Adviser—Miss Dollie Hiatt  
 Special Music—Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing  
 Message—Miss Alma Hunt  
 Hymn: "Send the Light"  
 Missionary Message—Rev. Finlay M. Graham, Lebanon  
 Benediction



MISS MARTHA FRANKS  
Missionary to China



REV. FINLAY M. GRAHAM  
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Book Consultant  
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Young People's Secretary

## Arkansas' Sixty-Second Annual Meeting

Woman's Missionary Union  
April 3-5, 1951  
Second Baptist Church,  
Little Rock

Detailed program of the Sixty-second Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas will be found in the middle pages of this issue of the **Arkansas Baptist**. Every mission-interested Baptist will find it most attractive, and every church, particularly those having W. M. U. organizations, should be represented at the meeting. Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, president, will preside.

**Program Personnel:** Arkansas is fortunate to have the following out-of-the-state speakers: Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Southern Woman's Missionary Union; Miss Minnie Landrum,

missionary to Brazil; Miss Martha Franks, missionary to China; Finlay Graham, missionary to Lebanon; Loyd Corder, secretary of Direct Missions for the Home Mission Board; Miss Mary Christian, book consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mrs. S. A. Whitlow, Hope, is program chairman.

**Representation:** In addition to any who are on the State W. M. U. Executive Board, Associational Superintendents, District Young People's Leaders, there may be five delegates from each W. M. U. and one from each young people's organization. These should be elected by the Society.

There is no limit on visitors. All should register immediately upon arrival.

**Entertainment:** For a number

of years entertainment has been solicited on the basis of room and breakfast for \$1.50 per person, per night. That plan will be employed this year. The housing committee is at work and sufficient number of rooms are available for all who will come.

Hotel accommodations may be secured in any of Little Rock's leading hotels, which are conveniently located. The Albert Pike is in the same block with the church. Reservations should be made direct with the hotels.

**Executive Board Luncheon:** The annual meeting of the Executive Board will be held in the new education building of the Second Baptist Church, Eighth and Cumberland, at 11 o'clock, Tuesday morning, April 3. Luncheon will be served at noon, price 75c. Advance reservation must be made for all meals to be served at the church.

**Y. W. A. Banquet.** Preceding the presentation of young people's work on Tuesday night, April 3, the annual Y. W. A. banquet will be held at 5:45 o'clock at Second Church. Miss Doris DeVault, State Young People's Secretary, will be in charge of the banquet and the service to follow.

**B. W. C. Banquet:** The State B. W. C. Federation will meet for a banquet Wednesday evening, April

4, at 5:30 o'clock at Second Church. Miss Elma Cobb, state president, will preside.

**Attend!** Study the program. Fill your car with others and attend this very important, inspirational meeting.

Nothing cooks your goose quicker than a boiling temper.

### T-O-D-A-Y!

Make Reservations  
**State Y.W.A. Banquet\***  
5:45 P. M.—APRIL 3RD  
Second Baptist Church  
Little Rock, Ark.

Price \$1.25 per plate  
and

**State B.W.C. Banquet**  
5:30 P. M.—APRIL 4TH

Second Baptist Church  
Little Rock, Ark.

Price \$1.25 per plate

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\*Note: Correction of time and price on Y. W. A. Banquet.



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## Let Us Sing

B. B. McKinney, our beloved director of Church Music for Southern Baptists, writer of hundreds of hymns and gospel songs, will be the honored guest for the great Pulaski County Association Music Rally, Sunday afternoon, April 8, in First Baptist Church, North Little Rock. This announcement is made by M. O. Kelley, Association Music Director. Dr. McKinney will conduct the congregational singing on this occasion and will remain for several days to conduct special classes in the Simultaneous Church Music Emphasis program sponsored by the association.

O. W. Moran, host pastor will lead the devotional and the choir of First Church, under the direction of Mrs. Joe Simmons, will present three special musical numbers.

Churches in Greater Little Rock and throughout the county will be bringing large delegations to the Music Rally and also to the schools being held Monday through Friday night. Friendship, Forty-seventh Street, Bellevue, South Highland, and Ironton are having schools with the following outstanding church musicians as members of the faculty: Dr. B. B. McKinney; Mrs. A. M. Norton,



B. B. McKINNEY

Oran, Missouri; Ray McClung, Hot Springs; Mrs. Perry Parsons, Mrs. Glen Henry, and Mrs. B. W. Nininger.

Every church is urged to have a Music Study Course during this week if it is not possible to participate in one of the centrally located zone schools.

## Broadman Books

### Tomorrow You Marry

Joe W. Burton, Author. Price \$1.25. This book is about one of the most important decisions in life. It is a fresh, readable sympathetic, and Christian approach to courtship and marriage.

In writing *Tomorrow You Marry*, Dr. Burton has made wise use of all the best books from other sources, so that he does not approach this work as an amateur but with a background of the scientific as well as scriptural facts and truths involved. It is spiritual in emphasis and practical in application.

### Europe, Whither Bound?

Nan F. Weeks, Author. Price, Paper 85 cents. This book will help study groups and individuals get better acquainted with the European situation as it affects Southern Baptist missions generally. Without questions or other teaching helps, it is more

## Coming Events

March 30—Youth Choir Festival, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia

March 31—Junior Choir Festival, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia

April 27-29—Baptist Student Union Spring Retreat

April 29—Join the Training Union Day

July 3-11—Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, Siloam Springs

July 7—Hymn-playing Tournament, State Assembly

July 13, August 25—Organized Summer Field Work (Training Union)

September 4—State Association Sunday School Leadership Meeting, Little Rock

September 16-21—Forty-four Associational Sunday School Rallies

October 15-16—State Sunday School Convention, Jonesboro

October 29—State Associational Training Union Planning Meeting,

of a resource book, or background book than a study text.

## What Is a Vacation Bible School?

A Vacation Bible School is a school held in a church for three hours a day, five days a week, and for as many days as possible. (A standard school is one of ten days or more.) The time should be that which is most satisfactory for the school, but while the public school is closed.

Even if one has had no Vacation Bible school experience he can promote and conduct a successful Vacation Bible school if he will read, study, and use the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GUIDE, department textbooks, and other literature.

The Vacation Bible School is for pupils from four through sixteen years of age, grouped into four age groups the same as in the Sunday School—Beginner, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate—with the teacher or teachers using for each age group or department the textbook prepared for that group.

There should be a standing committee, composed of the pastor, the general Sunday School superintendent, and the Beginner, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate department superintendents of the Sunday School, to recommend a Vacation Bible School principal for election by the church.

There should be four departments or age groups, with one or more teachers and group leaders for each department.

There should be no classes: the pupils should be taught by departments.

There should be no paid teachers—they should serve on the same basis as the teachers in the Sunday School and should consider themselves missionaries.

There should be a budget. A school should not be expensive.

There should be an offering at the close of the school for the expenses.

For a package of free helps, please write to the Religious Education Department, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Month of April

### Emphasis: The Improvement of Teaching

#### In the Associations

1. Make plans for promoting Christian Home Week, May 6-13
2. Study Standard ratings in the churches
3. Promote Intermediate Day, April 29
4. Hold Sunday school workers' meeting: Theme—"The Improvement of Teaching."

#### In the Churches

1. Promote the church library
2. Study use of Cradle Roll and Extension departments
3. Prepare for Christian Home Week, May 6-13
4. Observe Intermediate Day
5. Check quotas for enrolment and attendance
6. Teach books on teaching.

## Figures to Inspire

	Sunday, March 11	SS.	T.U. Addi.
Fort Smith, First	1188	784	26
Including Missions	1401	841	
Little Rock, Immanuel	1091	520	5
Including Missions	1290	692	
Little Rock, First	1001	537	11
Including Missions		629	
Hot Springs, Second	903	214	12
El Dorado, First	872	450	
Including Missions	935	495	
Little Rock, Second	737	175	28
Benton, First	791	189	
Including Mission	858	237	
Pine Bluff, South Side	600	241	7
Including Mission	634	273	
Pine Bluff, First	575	279	
El Dorado, Immanuel	545	400	4
Including Mission	583	433	
Camden, First	532	174	1
Including Missions	819	426	
Texarkana, Beech Street	529	342	6
Crossett, First	511	212	
El Dorado, Second	503	267	
Forrest City, First	485	324	
Fordyce, First	466	222	1
Smackover, First	458	307	4
McGehee, First	450	159	3
Including Missions	569	214	
Little Rock, Baptist			
Tabernacle	438	197	
Magnolia, Central	423	218	3
Including Mission	468		
Springdale, First	422	266	
Including Mission	494		
Hope, First	411	154	2
Paris, First	398	146	1
Including Mission	427		
Rogers, First	391	130	2
Hot Springs, Park Place	377	172	
Fort Smith, Calvary	376	302	
Hot Springs, Central	372	201	
Hamburg, First	363	144	2
Norphlet, First	357	274	18
Siloam Springs, First	347	229	11
El Dorado, West Side	346	143	3
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	345	157	
Cullendale, First	341	173	1
Little Rock, South High-			
land	337	142	5
Searcy, First	325	138	2
Conway, First	312	132	
Mena, First	308	160	12
Hot Springs, First	305	95	1
Little Rock, Ironton	290	183	17
Monticello, First	285	165	
Fort Smith, South Side	280	229	
Pine Bluff, Second	277	150	8
No. Little Rock, First	272	121	
Bentonville, First	265	115	
Texarkana, Calvary	260	100	
Wilson, First	235	118	8
Fort Smith, Temple	224	137	5
Little Rock, Hebron	216	150	
Jacksonville, First	214	98	1
Including Mission	262		
Gurdon, Beech Street	199	104	2
Little Rock, Forty-			
seventh Street	197	118	3
Hot Springs, Piney	196	141	1
Gentry, First	192	111	
Conway, Second	190	93	
Springdale, Caudle			
Avenue	167	147	
Hot Springs, Grand			
Avenue	132	63	
Strong, First	121	58	
Fort Smith, North Side	97	63	2
Warren, Immanuel	94	133	
Monte Ne, First	83	59	
Little Rock, West Side	77	51	
Gillett	67	60	
Maenolia, Immanuel	60	63	
Little Rock, Bellevue	55	56	3
Geyer Springs	53	56	
Walker, Liberty	53	50	
North Little Rock,			
Gedar Heights	52	51	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	47	34	

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## Newton County Association Hymn-Sing

On January 28, 1951, the Boxley Church was host to the Newton County Association Hymn - Sing. There were eighty-four people in attendance with five churches represented. Two pastors, five pianists and seven directors were present.

The theme of the Hymn-sing was "God's Love Through Song," and the devotion was given by Mrs. Paul C. Mayes.

Special numbers included two choir numbers, three trios, one solo, one duet, and one quartet.

The next Hymn-Sing for this Association will be held on April 22, 1951, at the Parthenon Church,

# "Choose You This Day"

## Report of Training Union Convention

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Seventeen hundred Baptists from over the state swarmed El Dorado, March 16-17, in the interest of Training Union work. They were there from every age group, and a good fifty per cent were under 25 years of age. Someone was heard to say that Ralph Davis always has a good convention, and certainly this one was a tremendous success.

Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Secretary and Editor, Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, brought the keynote address Friday morning, a highly informative and inspiring message built around the theme, "Choose You This Day." He reported 1,441,195 members enrolled in Training Union in Southern Baptist Churches. Dr. Edgar Williamson, however, the speaker following Dr. Lambdin, reminded us that over 5 million Southern Baptists do not attend Training Union at all. We are thrilled to think of an army of a million and a half people in Training Union every Sunday, but what a challenge the other 5 million present us!

Dr. Lambdin noted the phenomenal increases in the amount of literature being published and distributed and called attention to the challenging monthly themes contained in the quarterlies throughout 1951, for example: "Knowledge or Ignorance"; "Christian Friends or Worldly Companions"; "Godly Homes or Pagan Households"; "Creative Living or Aimless Drifting"; "Conviction or Compromise." What a blessing these lessons will be to those who study them prayerfully and follow through to appropriate them in every day life.

### Are We Training Effectively?

Dr. Edgar Williamson, Director of Religious Education, Arkansas, brought a heart searching message on "Training for What?" He informed us that the very first Training Union was organized only 59 years ago, (1892), and was called a B. Y. P. U.; four years later the Convention began to sponsor the movement; 29 years ago in 1922, the Convention placed the Training Union under the supervision of the Sunday School Board. Twenty-five years ago, in 1926, the first Training Union magazine was published; today the combined figure of Training Union literature distribution has passed the 2 million mark. The original magazine recently having an increase of 25,000 copies in one month.

Dr. Williamson suggested five things the Training Union should

produce (1) Soldiers, with all that word implies. (2) Leaders, "for one of the outstanding needs of the day is for consecrated, trained, sacrificial, spirit filled leaders who have a vision; pastors, officers, and leaders in every phase of church work," he said. (3) Soul winners. He said every Baptist from the Junior department up should have the ability to take the Bible and win the lost. And he said, "A half dozen scriptures could master the technique of soul winning." (4) Volunteers for full time service. He stated that a recent seminary survey revealed that 75 per cent of the young men training for the pastorate received their first impulse for service in that field, in their Training Union; and 250 missionary volunteers interviewed claimed that every one of them had yielded to the call of missions under the influence of the Training Union. (5) Workers should be produced by the Training Union; not leaders but the rank and file; not generals but privates, so to speak. Then he related the fact that 40 per cent of the Baptist enrollment have become liabilities, there are far too many displaced Baptists, and the remedy may be found in the Training Union, once they were enlisted.

### "Controlling the Harvest"

Dr. John L. Hill, layman and long time educator, now Director of Promotion for Ridgecrest and Glorieta, Nashville, Tennessee, in his inimitable way spoke on "Controlling the Harvest." He confessed that his long and fruitful career began as president in a local B. Y. P. U. but he would not admit the year. Using for his text, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," he spoke on sowing good, and reaping accordingly. "To sow clean living, clean speech and thoughts will reap a harvest of self respect, physical efficiency, and wholesome health.

"Sowing faith in God reaps salvation, the guidance of the Spirit of God, and the marvelous grace of God. Sowing a winsome personality," Doctor Hill said, "would make us all better folks than we are; we would be easier to live with and work with. Kindness and friendliness will reap appreciation and gratitude from others, and satisfaction within ourselves.

"Sowing devotion to the home would reap happy company, and the courtesy of our fellowman." He emphasized that modern families should learn to enjoy each other's company more because the nearest thing to heaven we can know here is a happy Christian home.

"We should sow loyalty to the church—all of it. Supporting it with our presence, our talents, our finances, and in return we would reap Christian fellowship."

Doctor Hill closed his message by saying we should sow "real treasures: an investment in youth; that a deep sincere appreciation of youth would reap inspiring thoughts, refreshing contacts, the company of youth, and fruitful, victorious, happy living.

"Don't fool yourself, God is not mocked, whatsoever we sow, we shall also reap," he said, "and you should sow like someone was seeing you."

### Jesus, An Expert In Home Problems

Mrs. Frank Leavell, in an unusual approach, presented Jesus as the efficiency expert in solving problems in various homes. He touched in Palestine. The emphasis of her message was that if Jesus is made the Master of family life, He will still solve the problems that arise in many of our homes.

On Friday afternoon Doctor Hill returned to the platform to discuss "The Price of Spiritual Poverty." "The danger of this day," he said, "is in allowing the physical to dominate the spiritual. The physical demands attention, it rebels if neglected. 'This world' is magnified in our minds with no concern for the next. We have become spiritual dwarfs." He continued by saying the bill is too costly when America, once known as the fountain of spiritual power, is known today only for her wealth. "It is bad when the physical dominates the spiritual." "Get acquainted," he admonished, "with your spiritual self."

### Thirteen Groups In Sectional Meetings

Two periods on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning were devoted to sectional meetings, when about thirteen different groups sat together in counsel. In addition to state talent, a worker from the Sunday School Board was with each group to discuss special features of each department. Pastors, Associational Missionaries, Educational Directors, and all departments of Training Union from Nursery leaders on through the Adult department, enjoyed a work shop and open discussion of their local problems.

Junior and Intermediate sword drills were conducted during the afternoon, which resulted in eight contestants Friday evening; Martha Jane Wilson, First Church, Little Rock, won first place and Margaret Priscilla Stevens, First Church Stuttgart, second.

Sixteen associations represented in the speaker's tournament, and out of the sixteen speakers, four were chosen for the final contest Friday evening. Miss Mary Ann

Woodall, First Church, Stuttgart, won first place, and Tommy Purnell, First Church, Pine Bluff, won second. Miss Woodall and Miss Wilson are to attend Ridgecrest with all expenses paid.

### No Excuse for Darkness

Ralph Davis brought an excellent message Friday evening based on an old Chinese proverb: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." He insisted that evangelism must include TRAINING to be effective, else we find ourselves with a satisfied membership, an insipid church in a bewildered world. Unenlisted and unenlightened leadership can only lead on in darkness, hence our need of training to produce effective leadership for our churches.

### The Right to Choose

Dr. Leo Eddleman, a professor in Southern Seminary, and pastor of Parkland Church, Louisville, Kentucky, is a favorite speaker with Arkansans. In his message, "The Glory of being Able to Choose," on Friday evening, he emphasized the fact that Christians can be rewarded here and now for their service; there is no need to live in the past, nor long for the future, nor spend our time day dreaming, but the present is a decisive moment, the most important time we have. Doctor Eddleman cited his hearers to the fact that though it costs \$10,000 to train a young man for foreign missionary work, that is small when compared to the cost of crime in America. That it is not Christian people who are costing the government great sums of money, because consecrated people are never a liability to the country, but they are the greatest asset the United States can have.

The music of the Convention was superb, Southern College Choir under the direction of Mrs. Ben Lincoln; the combined choirs Friday evening, Southern, Ouachita, and twelve B. S. U. students from the University of Arkansas, under the direction of Mrs. B. W. Nininger; and Ouachita Choir, Saturday morning, under the direction of Fred Becker.

May we leave you with this thought from Dr. John L. Hill. "No doubt many of the five million Baptists who are not in Training Union, think they have 'arrived.' They do not need the fellowship, the inspiration, the development gained by affiliating with the Training Union. But the president of Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, a Ph.D. in mathematics, a brilliant man of great position, doesn't think he is too smart to attend and participate in the Training Union of his church; but meets with a small group every Sunday evening consisting of average people, typical of those who make up a good cross section of our country."

# Foreign Mission Advance

## Southern Baptists in China

Six Southern Baptist missionaries came out of Communist China in February. Nine remain there; but they have made application for exit permits.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, explains this exodus from China: "The decision to come out of China is that of the missionaries themselves. It is the policy of the Board to stand by the conviction of the individual missionaries in such matters. These missionaries stayed there during World War II. They are leaving China now because developments have convinced them that their continued presence under present circumstances will severely hinder Chinese Christians in their Christian activities and will constitute a source of grave danger to them.

"Some of these missionaries were imprisoned for one or two years during World War II. They stayed then because they were convinced they could do good by staying. That is, they felt they could help support Chinese Christians. They returned home upon repatriation, but returned as soon as possible to a country where there was no assurance of security whatever. They have remained in Communist-controlled territory for me two years now.

"We cannot question their courage and loyalty. Their experiences enable them to judge the advisability of remaining or leaving better than anyone outside of China can possibly do. To these individual decisions the Board gives its unqualified support. We strongly agree with them that for missionaries to remain in China is a hindrance to Chinese Christians on whom the immediate hope of the Christian witness in China lies.

"The very nature of the mission work of Southern Baptists abroad is such that the missionaries may withdraw without uprooting the work. From the beginning responsibility is placed upon the national workers."

Missionaries who have already left China are: Alfred Wolfe Yocum, who has served for three years under Communist rule in the Interior Mission; Grace Wells,

Ora Elizabeth Gray, Lorene Tilford, Harriette Law King, and Robert Fleming Ricketson, all of Shanghai.

Missionaries who remain in China are: Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Jackson, and Mrs. Lettie Spainhour Hamlett, Wusih; Irene Jeffers, and Mary Celia Demarest, Chinkiang; Ruth Everley Hayes, Wuchow; Ruth Pettigrew, Kwei-yang; Addie Estelle Cox, Shanton; and Pearl Johnson, Tsingtao.

## Pastors Challenged To Assure Support Of Mission Volunteers

A mission Volunteer Fellowship Conference was held at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in February. Registration totaled 601 students from 25 campuses. The emphasis culminated with a Missionary Day address by Dr. W. A. Criswell, who recently visited our mission fields. He spoke of the great sorrow which he felt, when a student in the seminary, because those called of God for foreign mission service could not be appointed for lack of funds. He dedicated his life then and there to become just as earnest in the support of foreign missions at home as the missionaries are in serving their Lord overseas.

More than 500 mission volunteers now in our seminaries are depending on their fellow Baptists at home to make it possible for them to give their lives in missionary service.

The week began with an address by Dr. Rankin to the mission volunteers on Monday night at which time he stated that the increased co-operative giving of Southern Baptists in 1950 will make it possible for us to appoint 100 missionaries in 1951.

## March Appointees

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Calcote, Wesson, Mississippi, for Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Craighead, Rockmart, Georgia, for Italy; Mr. and Mrs. James Loyd Moon, Gurley, Alabama, for Brazil; and Mrs. Ruth Myrtle Rumphol, Eal Claire, Wisconsin, for Nigeria.

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The T. U. Convention will meet with First Church, Little Rock, next year, on March 14-15.

# Mission Notes

By DR. C. W. CALDWELL  
Superintendent of Missions

Mississippi County Association has elected C. A. Johnson, pastor of New Providence, as missionary. He has been a real evangelistic pastor through the years and will lead in a great mission program.

The Superintendent of the Department spent a week with Altus Church recently. The church is pastorless, and he led it to raise \$100 which was the balance on the former pastor's salary; appointed a Pulpit Committee and engaged a prospective pastor to preach for them the following Sunday. There was one profession of faith and two additions by letter.

Central Church, Jonesboro, Reese Howard, pastor, reports a good revival in Woodrow Mission. The report follows:

"We are very happy over the good success of the Woodrow Street Mission revival. Quite a number were saved and united with our church. We are more hopeful of our mission there than we have ever been before. We are grateful to Brother Carl Bunch, our associational missionary, for the fine work and the good sermons preached during this meeting. We are also grateful to Mrs. Grace Stephens, Mrs. Paul Hanshaw, Mrs. D. H. Hardin for the music furnished, and to Brethren Dale Reaves and D. H. Hardin for their assistance in the singing and to all others who were so faithful to attend and help in many ways."

Missionary J. J. Franklin reports that Arkansas Valley Association will have Simultaneous Revivals, April 15-29. Rocky Bayou Association has the same date for theirs. Big Creek Association has set the first two weeks of August for their Simultaneous Revivals.

D. B. Bledsoe, pastor of First Church, Wilson, writes:

"Our church is launching out on a great mission program. We have established two mission points, with two more in mind for the near future. One of our missions is located in what is known here as Milltown, where our church has rented a three-room dwelling; the first Sunday there we had 32 pre-

sent. It is growing each Sunday. William Towery, who came to us from Jonesboro, is our newly elected mission pastor, and is doing a great work for and with us.

"The other mission point is at Carson Lake, about 5 miles northwest of here. We are running from 25-40 in our services there. I've never experienced such an evangelistic spirit, and mission spirit, as is evident in our church."

The Cassville Church in Newton County — organized about a year ago and aided by mission funds — writes: "We thank the Mission Board very much for the \$100 check we received to continue work on the building . . . we could never have built without your help."

First Church, Rogers, has purchased property for a mission. The following is taken from their church bulletin:

"Wednesday evening, in the regular monthly business meeting of the church, the congregation agreed to purchase the C. J. Denny property, adjacent to Sunny Side school. This property is 95 feet wide and 200 feet deep and is a corner location. The purchase price is \$3,500. Upon the possession of the property, the residence will be converted in order that services might be conducted. This is definitely another step of progress in the history of Baptists in Rogers. When the church is ready to make the conversion in the residence, volunteer labor will be solicited among the men. This bulletin will keep the membership informed concerning the needs of the mission."

We regret to report that again there is no Baptist preacher in Newton County. Some men have gone before the churches, but no call has been given at this writing. Pray that the Lord will send forth laborers into this field.

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions, spoke at the Caddo River Associational Workers' Conference, Monday evening, March 19, meeting with Glenwood Church.

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### Who Has The Right of Way?

*By Arkansas Safety Council*

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A little more care, a little more patience, a little more consideration for others could have spared us most of the suffering and bereavement resulting from these disasters. All too often—as motorists—we are given to vexation by what we consider the thoughtlessness or boorishness on the part of other drivers and pedestrians with whom we are sharing the road. In so thinking however, we move circumstances closer to an accident. Let us be tolerant and patient in our driving. Forgive, but avoid, the foolish driver and remember that when a life is at stake . . . NO ONE has the right of way!

The value you place on traffic safety is reflected in how you conduct yourself in traffic, in your walking-driving habits. Folks call it courtesy, or motor manners, or attitudes. By any name, a respect for your own well being and the lives of others is just good common sense — any way you look at it.

Drive and walk as though a life depended upon it—one does—and it may be yours!

"Motor Manner," the March safety programs of the Arkansas Safety Council is being sponsored by Arkansas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, in cooperation with the Council.

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# The Message of Life

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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Life is frequently preceded by death. It is one of the laws of nature that death must usually occur in order to produce life. If not death, then some extreme sacrifice. For example, the wheat kernel must be sown in the earth and decay in order to begin to sprout and shoot forth a stalk of wheat, which in turn produces many fold the original grain of wheat. This is true of all vegetation. Paul told the Corinthians that this is also true with human beings. This old body of ours must die. There is no other way. Paul said those who escape death must be changed; for the mortal man must be invested with immortality ere he can enter the celestial realm. (II Corinthians 15)

The message of eternal life reveals to us that Jesus had to die in order to give spiritual life to humanity. The human race was sold under sin; Adam sold us out to Satan. Satan was in control. He is mentioned in the scriptures as the prince of the power of the air. Jesus had to break Satan's power and conquer his strong hold—which was death.

## His Death Necessary To Our Lives

Each year we study afresh the cruel death of our Lord and His sufferings on Calvary's cross. Many times we have wished deep in our hearts that it had not been necessary for another to suffer thus for us; but it was. Paul wrote on two occasions that if there had been a law, a standard of righteousness, that could have given life, then Jesus would not have died. And if there were other ways and means for the salvation of mankind, then Jesus died in vain, for no reason at all. But the apostle made it clear that there was no other way.

So, we must accept the fact of the cross. We must confess the necessity of our Lord's cross and accept it as our very own. It is a personal and individual matter. It is humiliating. It is an ugly thing. It reduces all humanity to the same level—at the foot of the cross. We never quite reach the place where, in our minds, we can see the cultured and the moral in the same plight with the harlot and thief. We could never see our lovely teen-agers in the same light as we see criminals. Indeed, they are not sinners of the same type and degree, but both are sinners, and God had to reckon all in sin that He might pay the price of sin, and set ALL free. Salvation to all is on the same basis, on the same price level.

Sunday School Lesson for  
March 25, 1951  
Mark 15:33-37; -16:1-7

The cultured, the teen-ager, the good moral citizen are just as lost as is the criminal, the gangster, or the libertine, and each must receive a dose of salvation or the good moral person will spend eternity in the same hell with the immoral. And it is the helpless



condition of one and all that demanded another to pay the debt we cannot pay. Jesus was the only Personality in the entire universe who was able and worthy to negotiate the transaction which would guarantee eternal life to the race. He paid the purchase price of our redemption.

## The Resurrection Is The Message of Life

But the message of life is not all death and darkness. The real message of life is the glorious fact of the resurrection, of Jesus first and to all who believe in Him thereafter. We hate and dread and fear death. It is a mystery. It is dark and foreboding. It means separation from those we love and wish to live with. Many times it means overwhelming loneliness. The only time it is welcomed is when it relieves deep or long drawn out suffering, and even then one is never quite prepared for it.

But Paul did not look on death as we do today. Maybe so because he had been in the "third heaven" and knew better what awaits us than we are privileged to know. But the truth is if we were as consecrated to the Lord and His cause as Paul was, heaven would look better to us too. If all we had was invested in eternity, as was the case with Paul, we would have a deeper interest on the other side also. The only possessions Paul owned on this side seemed to have been a cloak or two and some books. No wonder he could say, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above

... Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth," because where a man's heart is will be his treasure also. Earthly investments are good just to the degree they are used for Christ. Someone has so wisely stated: "Only one day, t'will soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."

## Sting of Death Removed

Jesus died to remove the sting of death and the triumph of the grave. The victor's crown has changed hands. For that reason Paul could say, "All things are yours, whether . . . the world, or life, or death . . ." To him death was a door, merely a portal which one day would fold back and release him from this dying death, from the tired, broken body he carried around for many years, into real life, eternal life, into the presence of his Lord whom he loved to serve.

"Oh death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?" "Death is swallowed up in victory," through Him who pioneered the dark regions. A Man had to die to conquer death, but He did not remain in the state of the dead.

"Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes. He arose a victor from the dark domain and He lives forever, with His saints to reign. He arose. Hallelujah, Christ arose."

And His last words while on this earth, according to three writers, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, were those commissioning His followers to "go—tell others." Christ did not just die for you—He died also for your lost neighbor. He did not suffer only for me, He suffered also for all the lost around me. And He did not merely suggest that we might casually mention this great truth to others. He commanded His own if they loved Him—to keep His commandments—and His commandments include the need for witnessing, broadcasting, crying from the house tops as it were, that He died that they might live.

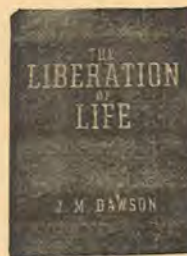
How can we be so complacent! How can we keep so quiet with an estimated 38 million lost souls in our southern cities alone. People live about us, swarm about us, who are lost, who need the Message of Life; and multitudes would accept it if Christian people were zealous to tell the glad story.

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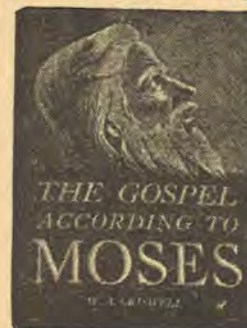
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March is the third month of the year and the last month of the first quarter. We are sure that every one of our co-operating churches will want to have a figure opposite its name when the quarterly receipts are published after the close of March. When you read this issue of the paper, there will be one Sunday left before the close of the month. If your church is not already in on the Co-operative Program, be sure to get an offering in before the month closes. We will hold our books open until the fifth day of April so that you will have ample time after the month closes to get an offering into our office before the March books are closed. Some of the smaller churches do not operate on the budget plan, but rather depend upon taking a collection sometime during the month for missions. If your church is in this list, be sure to take the collection and mail it to us before the month closes. We pay our missionaries by the month, and make contributions to our agencies on a monthly basis. We need your contribution every month.

We try to send to each church treasurer a report at the end of the month, if we have received no Co-operative Program offering during that month. There were quite a few churches that let this opportunity pass last month. In sending out these reports in such large numbers, it is inevitable that errors will occur. Occasionally, perhaps once in every 200 or 300 efforts an error will occur, and we will perhaps list some church as being delinquent that sent some kind of an offering. Then sometimes there are churches that did not make an offering that we overlook. We ask you to bear with us on these errors, which are always gladly corrected. Call our attention to any error that we make in connection with your dealings with us. We also ask for your prayers, because the work is heavy and often complicated.

## Tennessee Baptists Take Over Ward-Belmont College

By action of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist State Convention the historic property of Ward-Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee, was taken over by the Tennessee Baptist recently.

Ward-Belmont College has been a very popular school for young women for a long time. It was formerly a private stock company, but since 1948 it has been operated under a Non-profit Welfare charter by a small group of trustees.

It is our understanding that the Tennessee Baptists will not operate it as a school, but will use a part of the property for Baptist State Headquarters and the rest of the property as an income producing asset for the State Convention.

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Jesus was sympathetic and kind and patient and tolerant with all kinds of people except the wilfully malicious and mean. He was utterly intolerant of evil.

## The Other Leadership Conferences

Since preparing the copy for the last issue, we have held three Leadership Conferences. They were in North Arkansas, Fort Smith, Batesville, and Jonesboro. Dr. J. E. Dillard was the outstanding speaker in these conferences, and Dr. J. Howard Williams, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Convention of Texas, brought two marvelous messages at Batesville and also at Jonesboro. Williams is a great speaker and comes out of a state that is immense, and predominantly Baptist. Mr. R. G. LeTourneau visited Fort Smith and brought a marvelous message and appeal to a large Baptist gathering on the night of March 6. Dr. Dillard has his old-time promotional zeal and his messages, especially those in stewardship and the Co-operative Program, were the very best.

These conferences in North Arkansas were largely attended and they were everything that we had prayed for and wished for. They were much better attended than the conferences in other sections of the state.

We find that throughout the state Baptists are on the march. Much building is in progress and many of the churches are finding that their accommodations are too small immediately after the buildings are completed. This all adds up to the fact that Baptists are working and praying and giving and God is giving results. In our Leadership Conferences the churches and pastors that were hosts did a marvelously blessed thing in entertaining us. They were First Church, Hope, S. A. Whitlow, pastor; First Church, Camden, T. L. Harris, pastor; First Church, McGehee, Theo T. James, pastor; First Church, Little Rock, K. O. White, pastor; First Church, Fort Smith, J. Harold Smith, pastor; First Church, Batesville, Joe Shaver, pastor; and First Church, Jonesboro, C. Z. Holland, pastor. We are grateful to the pastors and churches for their courtesy and Christian fellowship.

## Another Great Preacher Goes to Heaven

Rev. H. M. Geren of El Dorado passed to his reward a short time ago. He was 77 years old.

Brother Geren has been one of our outstanding Baptist preachers. He has been pastor of both the First and Second Churches in El Dorado, as well as pastor of other churches from time to time. He not only had a fine spirit and progressive outlook, but he had a tender, heartfelt ministry for the flock of which the Holy Spirit made him over-seer. His long life and extended ministry in south Arkansas were exemplary, and Brother Geren was held in very high esteem. One of his sons, William Geren, is a minister in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Another son is a congressman. Other survivors are his wife, Mrs. Julia Goodwin Geren, Hugh Geren, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and two daughters, Mrs. Gifford Blyton, Lexington, Kentucky, and Mrs. Watson Lacy of California.

Brother Geren was one of the most beloved of our pastors and his ministry has been potent and influential.

## To Our Pastors

If you want a thing bad enough  
To go out and fight for it,  
Work day and night for it,  
Give up your time and your peace and your  
sleep for it,  
If only desire of it  
Makes you quite mad enough  
Never to tire of it,  
Makes you hold all other things tawdry and  
cheap for it,  
If life seems all empty and useless without it  
And all that you scheme and you dream  
is about it,  
If gladly you'll sweat for it,  
Fret for it,  
Plan for it,  
Lose all your terror of God or man for it,  
If you'll simply go after that thing that you  
want,  
With all your capacity,  
Strength and sagacity,  
Faith, hope and confidence, stern pertinacity,  
If neither cold poverty, famished and gaunt,  
Nor sickness nor pain  
Of body or brain  
Can turn you away from the thing that you  
want,  
If dogged and grim you besiege and beset it,  
YOU'LL GET IT!

## Ussery and Texarkana Calvary

The friends of Pastor C. C. Ussery, Calvary Church, Texarkana, will be happy to know this young church is enjoying many victories in its work. We notice that on a recent Sunday there were 313 in Sunday School and on Wednesday evening there were 136 in prayer meeting. One Sunday there were five additions by baptism and the offering amounted to \$501. Pastor Ussery is one of our fine young pastors and leaders.

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## Virginia Church Has Arkansas Night For Men in Armed Forces

Dr. Bruce H. Price and First Church, Newport News, Virginia, observed Arkansas Night, Sunday night, February 25, and invited officers and men from Langley Air Field Base, Fort Eustis, and Fort Monroe, which are near Newport News.

Dr. Price reports that 100 officers and men and their families were present on that occasion. Most of those present were from Little Rock, others from Lonoke, Hot Springs, and Cleveland.

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## Jesus DOES Save!

Hattie Bell Allen (Mrs. Clifton J. Allen) has written a Baptist Training Union study course book in the evangelistic field for Juniors, under the title of Jesus Saves (Broadman Press, Nashville).

Based on her own personal experiences and out of her wide contact in working with Juniors, Mrs. Allen has given in Jesus Saves a soul-winning book of great appeal. The book is also available in a teacher's edition which offers priceless teaching helps for the teacher's use in making Jesus the Savior real to boys and girls.

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