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Till we are free

One of God's most interesting creatures is the chambered nautilus. And the poet, another of God's interesting creations, has done more to



build an image for this deep-sea denizen than has the naturalist. If you want inspiring lessons for life, stick with Poet Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894) and his "The Chambered Nautilus." But if you want the unvarnished truth about the nautilus, a living fossil, you better go with the naturalist. The accom-

panying portrait is of a 100-foot-long nautilus photographed in New Caledonia in 1965. It is from a beautiful new book, *The Hidden Sea*, by C. Lavett Smith, with photographs and notes by Douglas Faulkner, published recently by The Viking Press at \$14.95.

Contrary to the life story of the nautilus as indicated by Mr. Holmes in his famous poem, this cephalopod does not build its own shell over a period of years, adding chamber after chamber as it grows. Instead, the shell is created by the adult female of the species for a place to lay her eggs. And the newly hatched nautilus does not settle down for a long residency inside the shell. Much less do they turn sportsmen and use the shell as a sort of canoe for thrilling voyages. Soon after hatching the young leave the shell to grow to enormous proportions in the depths of the sea. (one of the distinctions of the nautilus is that it is the largest living creature without a backbone.)

But the conclusion of the Holmes poem is just about as beautiful as the abandoned, high-vaulted shell that set the poet off. And it is especially appropriate for us at the beginning of a new year, when we are all aspiring to live a little better:

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll:
Leave they low-vaulted past:
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's
unresting sea."

Erwin L. McDonald

A PASTOR questions the approval of convention messengers for a policy of "holding the line" and cutting budgets. See this letter under "The people speak" on page 4.

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A COUPLE from Arkansas are serving with the US-2 mission program in California. Further information on Mr. and Mrs. Jim Landrum is found on page 5.

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KIBLER CHURCH has an outstanding outreach program. See how by reading a report on page 6.

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CHAPLAIN E. A. Richmond hasn't lost his marbles and he can prove it. This story, about his work at the Boys' Industrial School, is found on page 10.

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BAPTIST EDITORS have picked doctrinal polarization as the top Southern Baptist news story of the year. Turn to page 15 for the rest of the list.

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SBC MEMBERSHIP will soon reach 11.6 million, according to statistical projections. For more information, see page 16.

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Race Relations Day

President Carl E. Bates of the Southern Baptist Convention has written a letter to pastors of the convention urging the observance of Race Relations Sunday on Feb. 14.

"The Christian Life Commission and the Home Mission Board, under the leadership of Foy Valentine and Arthur Rutledge, have led the way in promoting the observance of Race Relations Sunday," writes Dr. Bates. "Since the day was adopted by the SBC as a part of our denominational calendar a few years ago, only a small number of our churches observed this special day; but in 1970, according to the most accurate estimate available, more than 7,500 SB churches did so."

Pointing to recent developments in the nation and in the convention, Dr. Bates said that the present time provides "an excellent opportunity

A matter of life and death

In a proclamation commuting to life the death sentences of 15 Arkansas prisoners, Governor Winthrop Rockefeller has focused the spotlight of human conscience on capital punishment. This action by the Governor, within two weeks of his leaving office, makes permanent, as far as the men currently in Arkansas' death row, a moratorium he had previously set up against executions. But for that moratorium, all of the 15 prisoners could long since legally have been in their graves.

What the Governor said in commuting the death sentences is as noteworthy as the action itself. "I cannot and will not turn my back on life-long Christian teachings and beliefs, merely to let history run out its course on a fallible and failing theory of punitive justice," he said.

The practice of capital punishment cuts squarely across the earthly life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Christ said that he came into the world "to seek and to save"—not to destroy—"that which was lost." He said that he came that "they"—everyone, including the vilest of sinners—"might have life" and have it "more abundantly." He taught his disciples to love even their enemies, and to show this love by laying their very lives on the line to go to the most remote places on earth to proclaim his forgiving love. He dramatically commuted, himself, while he was dying, the eternal death penalty for a penitent thief being crucified with him and gave to him the gift of eternal life.

for us to proclaim the gospel of Christ in new and freshly effective ways." He expressed as "a prayer of my heart" that pastors "will find it possible to give careful consideration to the observance of Race Relations Sunday..."

With his letter, Dr. Bates enclosed packets of materials prepared by the Christian Life Commission and the Home Mission Board for possible use in the proposed observance.

Any pastors not receiving the materials may secure them by writing to the Christian Life Commission, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn. 37219, or to the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30309.

One of the bright spots on the horizon of our day is the continuing emphasis of our denomination on the urgency for all of us professed followers of Christ to be Christian in our attitudes on race.

The fallibility of capital punishment, as pointed up by Mr. Rockefeller, is an interesting consideration. "What earthly mortal has the omnipotence to say who among us shall live and who shall die?" he asked. People are fallible, whether they be the accused, the accusers, or the executors. And, as the legal system now operates, it is one imperfect human being, a governor, who must finally decide whether another human being is to be put to death. If the sentence is carried out, it is some other fallible human being who throws the switch or pulls the trigger that delivers the death blow.

Governor Rockefeller has set a good example for other governors in this noteworthy action. Let us as God-fearing citizens do all we can to protect society from the criminal element, not overlooking the regenerative processes of God's grace in the human heart as the most potent crime remedy of all.

Lutheran hotheads

Editor Elson Ruff of *The Lutheran* writes: "Every day I get a few letters which I can hardly believe have been written by Christian people. I can't explain the venom in the air. There must be some sort of pollution of the spirit as well as the atmosphere. Fortunately, it's only a small minority of our people who are infected, but they make themselves heard loudly."

I am glad we Southern Baptists are all sweet and even-tempered.

A great potential

With a series of great dams, engineers have tamed the mighty Colorado River, making it usable for flood control, irrigation, hydro-electric power and recreation. Miracles are happening also on the Arkansas River as engineers are making it usable for navigation, recreation, flood control and beautification. In the case of the Colorado River we may say it was harnessed for the common good. In the case of the Arkansas River, as well as the Mississippi, it was not only harnessed but made deeper for deep draft watercraft. In some cases, it was straightened by changing the course of the river across bends and useless horseshoe curves. It will be interesting to see the further development of the Arkansas as more and more freight passes through its many locks and dams.

It is not always possible to stop a river or turn it around at our pleasure. It is possible in some cases to change its course or divert it from dangerous erosion. There are many deep rivers



DR. ASHCRAFT

with strong currents in our world today. It is not likely that they can be stopped or turned around. Many can, however, be directed for the common good. The course can be diverted from disaster to useful purposes for all. God's people are responsible at this point.

The great trends and currents of human history have been influenced and directed by how well it goes with God's people. Even the most pessimistic people are saying that a great sweeping world-wide revival is the most needed thing on the face of the earth. I agree. What can we do about it? Our Evangelism Conference on Jan. 25-26 will deal with such matters. A great spiritual awakening in America could solve most of our problems, even the Viet Nam crisis. A great revival could stem the tides of inflation and our runaway economy. It could bring balm to the wounds of men, and healing to hating hearts. It could cause our mission projects to blossom as the rose. It could begin right here in Arkansas on Jan. 25, 1971.

Many, many earnest pastors and church leaders are praying daily as they make their arrangements to attend these Holy Spirit directed sessions. God's people can change the course of the trends and currents of history, making them usable for the common good.

I must say it!—Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary.

The people speak

A wee fly in the ointment

In thinking through my feelings about our recent convention, I have some conflicting emotions. I thank God for the harmony that was apparent. Our program was superb both in personnel and content.

But, did you know that in a most strategic hour we have voted unanimously to retreat, to cut back? We did just that. Without a voice of opposition—without a single objection.

On August 6, 1970 Dr. Ashcraft sent to members of the executive board a report from the finance committee concerning the 1971 budget. The second paragraph read, "As of the first six months the receipts to the Cooperative Program represent a .59% increase; however, the budget was projected on the basis of reducing the requests by the departments by 1%, the amount expected from the Cooperative Program, so as to allow for the reduced income and also to hold the line during this period of inflation and recession."

Our convention adopted the budget presented by the finance committee and executive board. In effect, we have told Dr. Ashcraft and our departmental

personnel that we want them to spend this year "holding the line", when it seems to me we ought to be sounding the bugle for them to "charge." May God deliver us for placing our leadership in such restricted circumstances.

Redemption may be near though! We also voted unanimously to spend the year 1971 teaching our people of the greatness and strength of the Cooperative Program. I pray to our God that we will do what we have voted to do. From the pulpit, in the classroom, in our homes, through our publications let's make our people aware of what God wants of them. Let's teach stewardship of life. Let's be bold about stewardship of money. God's people will respond with a "yes."

May God deliver us from a "holding the line" attitude in our churches and in our convention. I would like to be able to say to our leaders at Baptist Building, "Let's get up and go, enlarge our missions outreach, provide additional state evangelists, strengthen our Bible teaching program and help to reach into more associations and local churches."

If we do our job in 1971, 1972 will see Arkansas Baptists ready to move ahead.—L. B. Jordan, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Heber Springs, Ark, and member of the Executive Board

'Big bang' theory out the window?

PALOMAR, Calif. (EP)—Maybe galaxies evolve from infancy to old age instead of being born with a tremendous explosion in the universe.

If so, and that is what recent discoveries at observatories here and at Mt. Wilson near Los Angeles were said to indicate, then the "Big Bang" theory of creation is out the window.

Astronomers are studying two galaxies that seem to be mere infants—only 10 million years old. That is 1/100th the age most galaxies are assumed to be according to the big bang theory of the origin of the universe. That theory holds that 10 billion years ago all the matter in the universe was concentrated at one place, and exploded.

Astronomers W. L. W. Sargent, associate professor of astronomy at Caltech, and Leonard Searle, a staff member of the Hale Observatories, have been looking for young galaxies. Proving that such objects exist would be evidence that galaxies evolve from infancy to old age and also indicate that they can come into existence billions of years after the big explosion.

Arkansas couple serving with US-2

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Landrum began serving early this fall in the US-2 program of the Home Mission Board. They were appointed for two years of work in Riverside, Calif. Their prime responsibilities are in connection with a chaplaincy program in an Indian academy.

Mrs. Landrum is the former LaVerne Gray, Fordyce. She graduated from Arkansas A&M College, Monticello, with a bachelor of science in education degree in the spring of 1970.

Mr. Landrum graduated in the spring of 1970 from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. Both served as BSU summer missionaries to the migrant camps of Oregon and Washington in the summer of 1969.

The Landrums were married in early June, 1969, and served as youth workers at Greenfield Church, Greenville, Miss., for the remainder of the summer. They plan to attend Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., after completion of two years of US-2 work.



H. E. "Pete" Raines (right), newly elected chairman of the Ouachita University Board of Trustees, discusses his new duties with the outgoing chairman, Jeral Hampton (left) and Daniel R. Grant, OBU president. Raines is a Crossett business executive.

Riley is granted Ouachita leave

Bob Riley, lieutenant governor-elect of Arkansas, will be on leave of absence this semester from his post as professor of political science at Ouachita University. The action was taken by the OU board of trustees after Dr. Riley had written them requesting the leave.

Daniel R. Grant, president of Ouachita, expressed the hope that Dr. Riley's duties as lieutenant governor would permit him to return to part-time teaching during those semesters when the legislature is not in session.

Riley's classes will be conducted in his absence by Jim Ranchino, associate professor of history and political science; Clearance Lovell, an ATAC staff member; and other faculty members.



REIGNING over homecoming weekend, Dec. 12, at Southern Baptist College, were (left to right) third maid, Janet Wadley, Tuckerman; second maid, Thana Vaughn, Hayti, Mo.; queen, Pam Bailey, Kenneth, Mo.; first maid, Cordia Person, Tuckerman; and fourth maid, Retha Strickland, Jacksonport.

Missionary notes

Rev. and Mrs. Lehman F. Webb, Southern Baptist missionary associates who have completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga., may now be addressed c/o Jerry Blaylock, 300 Burnside Dr., Little Rock, Ark. 72205. They are scheduled to depart for Singapore in February. Both Mr. and Mrs. Webb are from Arkansas. Born in Walnut Ridge, he also lived in Tuckerman while growing up. She is the former Virginia Bryant of Warren. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board last July.

New subscribers:

Church	Pastor	Association
New budget: Arbanna	Emmet Powers	Little Red River
One month free trial: Woodlawn	Herman D. Voegelé Jr.	Pulaski

Kibler Church outstanding in out-reach program

By PAUL E. WILHELM
Supt. of Missions

Kibler Church, located between Alma and Van Buren, has a resident membership of 184, and 96 non resident members. In the last five years this church has given nearly \$27,000 to missions. Of this amount \$14,766 was given through Cooperative Program.

The state mission, "Dixie Jackson," offering for the five years was \$343. The Home Mission, "Annie Armstrong," offering for the same period was \$547, and the "Lottie Moon" Foreign Mission offering reached \$4,467.

Even with the entire church plant being destroyed by fire, and the expense of its replacement, the Kibler Church

for the last nine years has consistently given 16 per cent of all undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program. An additional six percent of the church receipts is given to the support of associational missions.

The deacons of the church maintain a weekly ministry to a nearby rest home. Provisions were made this year of a personal gift at Christmas to every person at the rest home.

The church has a missionary family in its membership. Harold White, chaplain, is stationed with the Army in Anchorage, Alaska.

Kibler Church has conducted a "Distinguished" Bible School the last two years. It is a member of the CAVE plan and used films extensively in teaching and in mission promotion, especially during the weeks of prayer.

Mrs. T. W. Arnold, church WMU director, is also a member of the Clear Creek Association WMU organization. John Ross, minister of music, is associate associational music director.

Other members of the church serving in associational organizations include Mrs. W. I. Maynard, assistant associational WMU director; Mrs. Ruby Crawford, Children's Sunday School director; and Mrs. Roy S. Keller, instrumental activities director in the music organization.

W. H. Jenkins, pastor, is associational vice moderator, member of the church training organization, and chairman of the BSU committee.



Woman's viewpoint

By IRIS O'NEAL BOWEN

The cleanest ticker in town

Then there was the young man who sent his alarm clock to the laundry. . . It was a few years ago and we owned a little "Launderette" down on Main Street. People brought us their laundry all tied up in sheets or stuffed in pillow cases; we did the dirty work and when the customers returned, their bundles were all washed, dried, folded and wrapped.

You would never believe the variety of items people got mixed up in their laundry. . . pens, pencils, scissors, books, toys, bills, money, tape measures, even cold drink bottles. . . and one day we found an alarm clock.

We tried to decide how the clock got there and the most logical thought was that the young man would not wake up for the alarm, nor his wife's calls; so she, finally, in the throes of vexation, just threw the clock at him and went on to work.

We conjectured that when he finally awakened, late to work, he clambered out of bed and called in sick. Then to placate his wife, he decided he would surprise her, clean house and cook a nice supper.

Of course, the first thing he did was to change the bed and, gathering up everything he could find, he bundled it up and hid himself down to the laundry, not realizing, in his haste, he had also rolled up the clock his wife had thrown at him not many hours before!

Luckily, I did not wash the clock, but had it resting, all rewound and ticking, on top his bundle when he returned.

"You came awfully close to having the cleanest ticker in town!" I told him, but he just grinned.

. . . Perhaps right now, at the beginning of a new year, would be a good time to give our old tickers a good cleaning!

In the 24th Psalm David asks, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart. . ."

And, of course, there is Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

Would you not like for someone to say about you, "There goes a Christian with the cleanest heart in town"?

Suggestions and comments are welcomed. Mrs. Bowen may be addressed at 4115 Ridgeroad, North Little Rock, Ark. 72116.

Duncan to Lake City

Billy Duncan is the new assistant to Pastor John M. Basinger of First Church, Lake City.

Mr. Duncan, a graduate of Cushman High School and Southern Baptist College, is the recent pastor of Gregory Church. In his new position he will be their preacher for the Lake City Mission and youth director for the Lake City Church.

Deacon ordained

The First Baptist Church of Gentry, Arkansas ordained Leo Kaufman to the deaconship at a Sunday evening worship service recently. The ordaining council was made up of the ordained deacons, the Superintendent of missions, and the pastor, A. D. Corder.

Harry Wigger, superintendent of missions, brought the ordination message. Ordination prayer was given by LeRoy Jordan. Moderator was David Millsap.

Medical missions conference

A medical missions conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will be held Jan. 15-16 in Houston. The program will provide information to persons interested in medical missions.

Sheraton Kings Inn, located near NASA headquarters outside Houston, will provide facilities for the conference, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday and ending at 9:30 p.m. Saturday.



International students at Christmas



Approximately 40 college students from other lands, now studying in the United States, were guests here of a Christmas program in the Baptist Student Center, the night of Dec. 21, guests of the BSU, Tom Logue, state director.

The student group included numbers here from colleges and universities over the nation, sponsored by the Presbyterian denomination through its "International House" program. Also included were several from Arkansas campuses.

Left column, top, is a couple from Great Britain, engaged to be married soon. They are attending universities in the East.

Column left, center, are a group of students from the Orient.

Bottom left, two students from Costa Rica visit with a student from India.

Right column, top: Lloyd Spooner, Guyana, a student at Philander Smith, Little Rock, has just been served by Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas.

Right column, bottom: Mrs. Leon Dunham, former BSU director for Little Rock, passes the chicken for those desiring "seconds."—ABN Photos



LARRY WOOD

Wood ordained to the ministry

First Church, Bentonville, ordained its minister of music and youth, Larry Wood, to the gospel ministry, Nov. 22.

Harry Wigger, superintendent of missions of Benton County Association, served as moderator and Joe Layman, pastor of Lakeview Church, Cave Springs, served as clerk of the council.

Mark Terry, student at John Brown University led in the singing of hymns. Presentation of the candidate was by James T. Henry, chairman of deacons of the Bentonville church.

The interrogation of the candidate was led by L. A. Thomas, John Brown University. Ivan Crossno, student at John Brown University, presented the candidate with a Bible in behalf of the Bentonville church.

Ordination sermon was preached by Bill Bruster, pastor of First Church, Siloam Springs. J. M. Johns, pastor of Immanuel Church, Rogers, led the ordaining prayer.

Mr. Wood has served as minister of music and youth on a part-time basis since April of this year. Recently he has served as supply pastor. A recent graduate of John Brown University, he is enrolling now at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. His wife, Paula, has been the pianist for the Bentonville Church.

Missionary notes

Rev. and Mrs. Billy Bob Moore, Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from Kenya, may now be addressed at 1309 Leon, Gatesville, Tex. 76528. He was born in El Dorado, Ark., and also lived in Port Neches and Port Arthur, Tex., while growing up. She is the former Aletha Lane of Glen Rose, Tex. They

Conference on leadership will feature SBC theme

NASHVILLE—Eight Leadership Readiness Conferences will be conducted throughout Arkansas during March.

These are March 1, First Church, Jonesboro; March 2, First Church, Forest City; March 4, First Church, Fayetteville; March 5, First Church, Fort Smith; March 22, First Church, Batesville; March 23, First Church, Hope; March 25, First Church, Pine Bluff; and March 26, First Church, Little Rock.

The planning and conducting of 187 regional conferences in 28 state conventions is an effort by state and Southern Baptist Convention workers to help as-

sociational and church leaders bring men to God through Christ more successfully in 1971-72, according to D. Lewis White, coordinator of the conferences.

Using the Southern Baptist Convention theme "Living the Spirit of Christ in Expectancy and Creativity," the conferences will interpret materials and plans for planning, training personnel, and launching the 1971-72 church program. Associational leaders will be given assistance in planning and conducting associational leadership readiness clinics and associational launch night, Sept. 14, 1971.



MR. & MRS. HOBSON

Celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Aquilla Hobson, Cotton Plant, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 27.

The Hobsons were married December 24th, 1920, at the Deboe Hotel in Cotton Plant. They have three children: Mrs. Albert P. (Doris) DeMers, Balboa, Panama Canal Zone; Mrs. William (June)

Gross; Little Rock; and Wayne "Pete" Hobson, Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobson attend First Church, Cotton Plant, and are reported to be ardent readers of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Mrs. Hobson belongs to the Woman's Missionary Union.

were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966.

Rev. and Mrs. Sam G. Turner, Southern Baptist missionary appointees who have completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga., are scheduled to depart Dec. 25 for Tanzania (address: P.O. Box 188, Tukuyu, Tanzania, East Africa). He is a native of Van Buren, Ark. The former Bonnie Sherman, she was born in Conneaut, Ohio, and grew up near Albion, Pa. They were

appointed by the Foreign Mission Board last March.

Rev. and Mrs. Billy O. Gilmore, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, were scheduled to arrive Jan. 1 for furlough in the States (address: Rt. 6, Clarksville, Tex. 75426). Gilmore, a Texan, was born in Leverett's Chapel and also lived in Mt. Enterprise. Mrs. Gilmore, the former Lee Ann Cole, was born in Alma, Ark., and also lived in Raymondville, Tex., while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962.

The magnificent Ozark Mountains

I love the magnificent Ozark mountains for their lasting grandeur and beauty.

In the springtime I love their spring-fed lakes and sparkling, crystal streams filled with fabulous trout. Their huge green forests, their deep ravines, high cliffs, and their grassy plateaus make a picturesque view, while their bountiful crops, orchards and vineyards and farm homes add to the lovely views.

Again, in the summertime beautiful lakes, gleaming with their azure and emerald waters, make ideal spots for fishing, water skiing, picnicking, camping and other sports, especially along The Lake of the Ozarks.

In the sunny autumn their timbered ridges and myriad caves make a rugged kind of beauty from the razoredge of the ridge tops and narrow valleys to the cascading waters over the rugged stones, making music, as these majestic mountains seem to keep watch over the meandering rivers.

Whether you are viewing by the light of a full moon, in the stillness of early dawn, at noon, with the glorious sunshine spread all over, or when the golden beacon of the setting sun lights a placid lake, you are greatly enthralled.

But the late autumn surpasses all, when the summer greens give way to the flaming reds and yellows while the days remain clear and lovely. The oak trees, maples and hickorys glow along the rock-strewn hollows and hillsides, while along the roadsides skeins of brilliant red and yellow poison ivy climb the various trunks of trees and flaming red sumac, glowing like hot coals, heightens the lovely landscape. The best of artists cannot do justice to this gorgeous array of

beauty.

In the wintertime the glacial breath of winter locks the hills in icy grip. Most of the lakes and streams glisten and sparkle like crystals as the north winds sweep down in strong force, mantling the hills and valleys with a glistening blanket of snow, creating a marvelous, breath-taking sight.

All this wonderous beauty makes one pause and think of the Psalmist as he wrote:

"The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaim his handiwork.

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made the heaven and earth."

And like the Psalmist I would "sing praises to the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are good, his work is honorable and glorious. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

"Praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise him, all ye people, for his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

"Praise ye the Lord."—Mrs. Norman M. Wells, Hamburg

America indicted for child neglect

WASHINGTON (BP)—The White House Conference on Children, first to be held since 1960, considered reports indicting America for vast neglect of its children and urging major reforms in institutions at all levels of society.

In specific recommendations concerning religious groups, the panel urged that churches and synagogues "cultivate respect for different views and life styles" by teaching children to appreciate other religious or ethical values.

"Religious and moral education should emphasize that cooperation for the common good supersedes specific differences or disagreements," the panel on "Crisis in Values" observed. The report suggested, however, that the teaching of tolerance must not "curtail personal conviction and courage."

Among other proposals in the advance study reports were suggestions to: form experimental school systems as part of an assault on the status quo in education; establish a national network of supplementary child care services including day care facilities; consider starting public education at age three or four; establish a national health insurance program for children; change employment practices that disrupt family life; and create a top-level institute to guard children from harmful effects of the mass media.

Baptist beliefs

Too good to be true

By **HERSHEL H. HOBBS**

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel"—Acts 12:15.

When Peter was arrested "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God of him" (Acts 12:5). God answered the prayers by delivering Peter miraculously (vv. 6-11). Having been set free Peter went to the home of Mary, John Mark's mother, where the prayer meeting was in progress. In response to his knock Rhoda came to the door. Seeing him she was so happy that she did not even open the gate. Rather she ran to tell the others.

But when they heard it they reacted strangely. They did not believe the girl's story. Instead they told her that she was out of her mind (cf. Acts 26:24). But she, literally, "confidently kept on affirming" that it was true. By this the disciples knew that she had seen something. So they said, "It is his angel." Popular Jewish belief was that each person had his/her guardian angel. The Bible does not teach this. But they assumed that this was Peter's angel taking his form to appear to them. It was not until they opened the door that they knew that it was Peter himself (vv. 16 f.).

The interesting thing is that when their prayers were answered they did not believe it. It was too good to be true! Like the disciples first seeing Jesus alive after his resurrection, they did not believe for joy (Luke 24:41).

Which poses a question about prayer. Did they actually believe that God could free Peter in spite of the chains, guards, and iron gates? Evidently they did. Or else they would not have been really praying. Theirs was a mingled faith and lack of faith. They believed God could do it. But their faith faltered at the acceptance of the fact until it was confirmed by sight and hearing.

Are we not the same as they were? So like the father of the demonized son we should ever pray, "I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:24).

Your state convention at work



CHAPLAIN RICHMOND offers spiritual counsel and guidance to a student at the Arkansas Boys Training School.

Missions

E. A. Richmond carries proof he 'has not lost marbles'

"Marbles are his trademark," someone recently remarked of E. A. Richmond, chaplain of the Arkansas Boys Training School at Pine Bluff.

It all started back in 1955, soon after Chaplain Richmond arrived at the institution to begin a long tenure of service for Arkansas Baptists. One of his new charges challenged him to a game of marbles.

Chaplain Richmond gracefully declined, saying, "Son, Brother Richmond doesn't have any marbles." Whereupon the youngster replied, "Yes, sir, I been thinkin' for several days you lost your marbles."

Since that day Chaplain Richmond has not been without two "glassies" in his pocket and has given away quite a sack full with a word of advice to the recipients.

In 1955 Arkansas Baptists could only afford to send Chaplain Richmond to work with a salary—no house or car allowance and nothing for necessary supplies. These he provided himself. This he did and more, for he, himself, had spent 13 years of his youth in a Texas orphans home.

God blessed his ministry among the unfortunate boys at the school, and as the word of it spread he began to receive contributions for construction of a

much-needed chapel. During the past 15 years he has received \$57,000 in gifts and \$44,000 in state appropriations, and among the pines on the campus today stands the E. A. Richmond Chapel and educational annex, a genuine monument to his dedicated effort.

The chapel is now used for a full program of religious worship and instruction which is a part of the overall discipline of the school. Many volunteers are used, including 17 regular workers in Sunday School. Vacation Bible School each year requires others. Bible "Sword Drills" are held on Wednesday nights and produce genuine competition in Bible learning. Each month Chaplain and Mrs. Richmond host a birthday party for all boys with birthdays that month, and there is all the ice cream and cake a boy can eat.

The spiritual results of these years of service are many, including 1505 boys baptized into various churches following their conversion experiences. The chaplain offers counsel and guidance to all during their stay.

Through Chaplain Richmond, members of Arkansas Baptist churches are taking Christ to a special world of young folk. The result is a "new life" and a "new start" for many. It is another ministry of Arkansas Baptists through the Cooperative Program.—R. H. Dorris, Director of Chaplaincy Ministries

Baptist Men's Day

In most churches across the Southern Baptist Convention Jan. 24 will be a very special day. This will be the annual observance of Baptist Men's Day.

For the past several years there has been an increasing number of churches that have been using this special day to give emphasis to the place of men in the church and the kingdom work. Special opportunities are provided for men to express their ideas and to give their testimonies related to Christian stewardship.

In past months many people have expressed the opinion that the great need in all of our churches is for a greater utilization of the men and their abilities in the promotion of the master's work. The really great need is for men to become involved in the work of the church rather than just doing church work.

Observance of Baptist Men's Day not only gives special recognition to the men, but affords them an opportunity to share their faith, beliefs, and ideas with others in the church. There are many ways in which men may be used to the glory of God on this day. From this special day many discoveries will be made that will more effectively utilize men throughout the years.

A special Baptist Men's Day booklet and poster has been mailed to all Baptist Men presidents, Brotherhood directors and pastors. The booklet contains suggestions and plans for Baptist Men's Day and the poster may be used to promote the event. Use them to make Baptist Men's Day, Jan. 24, a great day for your church, for the men and above all, for the glory of Christ.

The advancement of the Lord's work in missions, stewardship and witnessing waits on men. Let's give them an opportunity to really get involved in 1971.—C. H. Seaton

About people

David K. Morris, director of public relations for the Alabama Baptist Convention's State Executive Board since 1958, has resigned effective Jan. 1, 1971, to enter private business.

Morris will become president of a newly formed Montgomery public relations agency, Advertising/Communications Inc., which will offer broad communications services to commercial and non-profit, service-type organizations. A former national president of the Baptist Public Relations Association, he is well-known in denominational and public relations circles.

Morris designed an advertising and public relations campaign in Alabama for the state convention and churches in the state called "Main Stream" which has won national recognition by the Baptist Public Relations Association. The campaign features radio and television commercials primarily.

California leader to speak here

S. M. Lockridge, pastor, Calvary Church, San Diego, Calif., will speak three times during the State Evangelism Conference, Jan. 25, 26. The conference will be conducted at Life Line Church, 7601 Baseline Road, Little Rock. Dr. Lockridge has been pastor at Calvary 18 years. He has preached in many state evangelism conferences in the United States and has participated in evangelistic crusades in East Africa, sponsored by Southern Baptists.



DR. LOCKRIDGE

Dr. Lockridge delivered the commencement address at Linda Vista Bible College and Seminary in May, 1970, and received an honorary doctor of literature degree. May 30, 1970, he preached the baccalaureate sermon and received an honorary doctor of divinity degree at California Southern Baptist College, Riverside, Calif.

The conference will begin at 1:45 p.m., Jan. 25, and close Tuesday night, Jan. 26. It is designed to bring Bible, inspiration and methods to motivate our people to be evangelistic. It is not limited to ministers.—Jesse S. Reed, Secretary of Evangelism

C. Hart Westbrook

C. Hart Westbrook, 84, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary who was associated with the University of Shanghai, in China, died Dec. 11 in Franklin County, Va.

Appointed for China in 1912, Mr. Westbrook served the University of Shanghai as acting dean, dean of the faculty, head of the English department, and professor of English, psychology and education.

He married a missionary colleague, Louise Ellyson, in Shanghai in 1924.

He was interned by the Japanese for seven months in 1943 but was repatriated late that year. He returned to the United States and taught psychology at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

In October 1946 he and his wife went back to the University of Shanghai, remaining there through November 1948. After they returned to the States he lectured in education at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and was assistant professor of psychology at Richmond (Va.) Professional Institute (now Academic Division of Virginia Commonwealth University).

Besides his wife, Westbrook's survivors include twin daughters, Mrs. George H. Rose, Harrisonburg, Va., and Mrs. Charles L. Smith, Franklin, Va.

Mrs. Westbrook may be addressed at 17 Towana Rd., Richmond, Va.

Hurley B. Axum

Hurley Benson Axum, 63, El Dorado, president of the Exchange Bank & Trust Co., died Dec. 27.

Mr. Axum was a past president of the El Dorado School Board, the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce and the El Dorado Kiwanis Club. He was a member and a deacon of First Church.

He was a past president of the Arkansas Wildlife Federation and the Union County Wildlife Club.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Idelle Wheat Axum; two daughters, Mrs. Mona Turnham of Shreveport, La., and Mrs. Donna Mutscher of Austin, Tex., who as Miss Arkansas was named Miss America of 1964; three brothers, W. G. Axum of Strong, R. B. Axum Jr. of St. Louis and Thomas Ray Axum of Lawson, and three grandchildren.

W. H. Glover

W. H. (Hemp) Glover, 70, North Little Rock, a retired insurance agent, died Dec. 27. He was a member of Pulaski Heights Church and the Chickasawba Masonic Lodge at Blytheville.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Dollie Jones Glover, and two sisters, Mrs. Lucille Hambricht of Huntington Park, Cal., and Mrs. J. S. Pirtle of Englewood, Cal.

The cover



In God's plan

"Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter."

—Psalm 74:17



FOLLOWING the morning service Nov. 22, First Church, Hope, dedicated its new air-conditioned bus.

Albert Zimmerebner, Church Training director, Hubert Thrash, Sunday School director, and James M. Hart, minister of music and education, look on as Pastor Gerald W. Trussell accepts the keys to the bus from W. H. Peterson Jr., chairman of the Bus Committee. Pastor Trussell led the prayer of dedication.

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	Baptist Book Store	Robert Bauman
	Sharing Time	K. Alvin Pitt
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Gwin Terrell Turner

MONDAY NIGHT "What God is Doing"

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	"The Kingdom Is Coming"	W. O. Vaught, Jr.
	Baptist Book Store	Robert Bauman
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	Sharing Time	Paul Huskey
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| | "The Bible Meeting Human Needs" | W. O. Vaught, Jr. |
| | Congregational Singing | |
| | Panel Discussion—"The Needs of Humanity" | |
| | Moderator—Kenneth Chafin, Gwin Turner, S. M. Lockridge,
W. O. Vaught, Jr., Tal Bonham | |
| | Music | |
| | Baptist Book Store | Robert Bauman |
| | Special Music | |
| | "Improving the Lives of People" | S. M. Lockridge |

TUESDAY AFTERNOON "Openness to New Opportunities"

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| 2:00 | Song & Praise | Ural Clayton |
| | Bible Study | Gwin Turner |
| | Sharing Time | Ed Onley |
| | Congregational Singing | |
| | "The Security of the Believer" | Clarence Shell Jr. |
| | Congregational Singing—"Saved, Saved" | |
| | Special Music | |
| | "Into Today's World" | Kenneth Chafin |

TUESDAY NIGHT "Openness to the Holy Spirit in Evangelism"

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| 6:45 | Song & Praise | Ural Clayton |
| | Bible Study | Gwin Turner |
| | "The Perseverance of the Saints" | Tal Bonham |
| | Congregational Singing—"The Sweet Bye and Bye" | |
| | Special Music | |
| | "The Lordship of Jesus" | S. M. Lockridge |
| | Altar Call | |



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NEW "HALO" STATION—A Radio-Television Commission staff member tries out the ham radio equipment recently installed at the Commission in Fort Worth, Texas. The station, operated by volunteers forming the BAPTCOM Ham Radio Club, is a new link in the "Halo Net," which relays emergency messages between missionaries and their home bases.

All-Muslim class affects nursing school's program

GAZA. (BP)—All 19 students in the current class of nurses at the Baptist Hospital in Gaza are Muslims from Gaza, a unique situation which has caused the hospital to revise some of its Christian worship service approaches.

In addition to being Muslims, many of the students are also from refugee camps. The class, 10 boys and nine girls, is the school's largest in recent years. The students, who are about halfway into their first year of study, are expected to complete a three-year course plus a year of on-the-job experience.

The current class is the second to be made up solely of Gazans, according to Mrs. Patty Moore, Southern Baptist missionary press representative in Gaza. The previous class, which was graduated in mid-1970, was the first all-Gazan group to complete the school's course of study.

Finding young men to fill openings in the school is never a problem, Mrs. Moore reported, partly because boys get better training in English than girls. Also, "there is a certain prejudice against nursing for girls, among a segment of the community," she added.

Since opportunities for education beyond secondary school in Gaza are limited, Mrs. Moore said, male applicants for the nursing school always outnumber the available openings.

Before the Arab-Israeli war of June 1967, some of the students had Christian backgrounds—Catholic, Maronite, Greek Orthodox and Evangelical. Some were Baptists when they entered the school, and others were baptized while they were students.

It was possible to have prayer meetings, Bible studies and other religious meetings in which Christian students led

Wells drilled for stricken Pakistan

FENI, East Pakistan (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries in East Pakistan are sinking tube wells in an effort to do something for the Pakistani people living in the area affected by a recent cyclone and tidal wave. Purchased with relief money appropriated by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 93 wells were providing water for the people by Dec. 8. The missionaries have promised the government of Pakistan that they will attempt to complete 200 wells, but they have been requested to sink an additional 50 on Hatia Island.

James F. McKinley Jr., chairman of the Pakistan Baptist Mission and head of the mission's relief committee, said if resources continue and the missionaries remain physically able to do the work, all the wells will be completed by Jan. 15.

Creation featured in new textbook

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (EP)—A new high school textbook offering creation as a live option to evolution for the theory of origins has been released by Zondervan Publishing House here.

Titled, *Biology: A Search for Order in Complexity*, the book is, according to co-editor John N. Moore of Michigan State U., "a scientifically accurate alternate to currently available biology texts which contain heavy emphasis on biochemical and physical science principles of abstract explanation of matter and energy."

Unique in the book is a unit on "Theories of Biological Change" which presents the evidences for both creation and evolution as a theory for origins—the first time in nearly half a century.

the programs and witnessed to non-Christians. Many of the students participated in chapel services on the hospital compound.

However, with none of the students having Christian backgrounds, student-led Sunday meetings for nurses had to be discontinued. "The students have no idea of the real meaning of Christianity," Mrs. Moore said. "Now witnessing is more simple and more individual."

The school of nursing in Gaza has contributed to the nursing staff of the Baptist Hospital in Yemen, with two Gaza graduates currently serving there. It also trains nurses to work in other hospitals in Gaza and helps to raise the health standards of the area, Mrs. Moore said.

Many of the graduates have gone to other countries to further their education, "and hopefully to carry with them the new understanding of the message of Christ which they received," she added.

Doctrinal polarization picked top '70 Southern Baptist story

NASHVILLE (BP)—Doctrinal polarization in the nation's largest Protestant denomination was selected by Baptist news editors as the most newsworthy story concerning Southern Baptists during 1970.

The ten most newsworthy stories concerning Baptists were picked by the editors of 30 Baptist statewide newspapers and the editors of the Baptist Press in balloting conducted by Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The top three stories on the list each polled more than 200 points in a ranking system which gave 10 points for each first place vote, and decreasing points to lesser ranks in order.

Running second and third behind the doctrinal polarization story were (2) a controversial seminar sponsored by the SBC Christian Life Commission featuring debates on the Playboy philosophy and situations ethics, and (3) Baptist efforts to grapple with the problems of racial prejudice.

Each of the top three stories were broad general terms for a whole series of events that occurred during the year within the Southern Baptist Convention. The ballot listed several sub-topics under the general trend stories, as follows:

—“Baptists face doctrinal polarization: Affirming the Bible Conference meets before SBC; convention requests withdrawal of Broadman Bible Commentary (Genesis volume); editorials rap “hostile” spirit at convention; Sunday School Board official urges reconciliation; board complies with SBC commentary request; board withholds two quarterlies ‘not up to standards,’ Leo Eddleman named doctrinal reader (at board).”

—“Letters, editorials protest Christian Life Commission Seminar on “Authentic Morality” (which features) debates on Playboy philosophy, situation ethics; SBC refuses to cut commission’s budget.

—“Baptists grapple with racial prejudice: 15 black students confront Denver convention; Birmingham church splits over accepting two Negro members; numerous SBC churches quietly accept Negro members; Pastor’s prayer claims racial mob in North Carolina town; Southern states face school integration orders, Baptists uphold public school system and some question establishment of private schools to avoid integration.”

The doctrinal polarization story and all its related events received 319 total points in the balloting; the Christian Life Commission seminar got 254 points, and the racial prejudice story received 222 points.

All the other stories on the ballot received about 100 points or less. Listed in order, with the number of points each received, were the following:

4. Baptism controversy hits North, South Carolina Baptist associations; California convention refuses to delete prohibition against alien immersion; Alabama, Arkansas conventions study the issue. 112 points.

5. SBC, state conventions feel economic squeeze: SBC may be short of total budget by \$750,000; Kansas, D. C. conventions approve budget decreases; Tennessee, Virginia keep budgets at same level; Virginia narrowly defeats effort to cut SBC budget allocation; New Mexico convention delays budget adoption due to sweeping reorganization caused by financial crunch. 106 points.

6. Hurricane Celia devastates 75 Texas Baptist churches; Baptists send aid; four churches, university get federal loans for repairs; convention asks school to seek other financing; tornados hit Lubbock, Tex., churches and Oklahoma City home for aged. 81 points.

7. Twelfth Baptist World Congress, Tokyo, emphasizes peace, reconciliation; V. Carney Hargroves (American Baptist) elected president over Herschel Hobbs (Southern Baptist). 77 points.

8. Baptists continue opposition against aid to parochial schools: President Nixon pledges support to Catholic educators, asks Congress for parochial school aid, names panel to study issue; education voucher plan proposed by OEO; parochial defeated in several state referendum votes. 73 points.

9. Baptists oppose report of President’s Commission on Obscenity and Pornography; Baptist testifies during commission’s hearing; some call for new commission; Congress disavows report, adopts new law on pornographic mail. 68 points.

10. Baptist missionaries serve in world’s trouble spots: Viet Cong terror provides reason for Baptist ministry in Vietnam; Baptists send aid to Nigerian civil war victims and missionaries credited with saving 1,000 lives; missionaries, Baptist hospitals serve both sides of Arab-Israeli conflict; missionaries evacuated from troubled Jordan; missionary in Beirut, missionary’s son in Uruguay, kidnapped but released unharmed. 63 points.

While the balloting in the first three stories was decisive, it was very close in the last seven spots, often with only a few votes separating the ranks of the stories.

Running close behind the number ten story was the decision by the U. S. Supreme Court upholding tax exemptions for churches, and the adoption by the

SBC and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs of a statement on tax exemptions. It received 62 points, one less than number 10 on the ballot.

Emphasis on youth involvement in the SBC during 1970 ushered in by Mission 70, a national youth convention in Atlanta, ranked 12th with 55 votes.

Baptist reaction to the president’s appointment of a special personal representative to the Vatican received 44 votes, 13th in order of ranking by the editors.

The observance of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845 in Augusta ranked 14th, with 42 votes.

There were a dozen other news developments concerning Baptists on the ballot, prepared by the national editors of Baptist Press in consultation with five bureau chiefs, but all of the other items received less than 30 points.

W. C. Fields, director of the SBC’s news service, said that the ballot included several guidelines as suggestions for the editors to use in selecting the top stories. The guidelines included such criteria as the amount of coverage by Baptist and secular newspapers; the extent of readership interest generated by the stories; and the opinions of the editors on which were the most newsworthy.

Fields pointed out that the balloting did not determine which news developments in 1970 were the most significant from a historical or strategic perspective, but rather which ones generated the most news.

He added that many of the specific stories within the board categories—such as the decision by the SBC to withhold the Broadman Bible Commentary, or the split in the Birmingham church over acceptance of Negro members—could well have been separate items on their own, but the editors of Baptist Press felt that combining many facets of the same running story gave better news perspective to the entire year’s news flow.

Christ described as ‘one solid point’

D. Elton Trueblood told 3,000 students at Hong Kong Baptist College that Jesus Christ could be the one solid point in their lives in their uncertain world. Trueblood, noted Quaker theologian and author, was the principal speaker for the college’s religious emphasis week. The week’s theme was “Rock of Ages—Jesus Christ.”

In the afternoons, Trueblood presented a series of lectures on “Modern Christian Thought and Its Criticisms.” He cited the need for a breed of Christian intellectuals to bring about a synthesis between the religious extremes of fundamentalism and liberalism. He called this “The New Evangelicalism—a necessary synthesis for the future of Christianity.” —Foreign Mission News

SBC statistical projections show membership 11.6 million

NASHVILLE (BP)—Statistical projections based on an early profile analysis indicate that membership in Southern Baptist Convention churches will be 11.6 million, Southern Baptist leaders were told here. The projections also indicated a probable increase in baptisms, total receipts, mission expenditures and church music enrollment.

If the unofficial projections are correct, membership in Southern Baptist churches had increased by 143,620 over the 1969 total church membership. Total mission gifts were projected to be \$137,221,065, an increase of \$3,996,730. The

estimate disclosed a probable increase in number of baptisms from 368,225 to 369,072. This would be an increase of 847 baptisms.

Probable decreases were projected in Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union enrollments.

"The 25,055 churches involved in this estimate are not completely representative of all Southern Baptist churches," said Martin Bradley, secretary, research and statistics department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "Some church-size categories and state conventions are over represented due in part to the sequence of associational meetings," said Bradley. "However, allowance is made for this in the statistical process of projection. Projections made in a similar way last year proved to be very accurate."

The total Training Union ongoing and cumulative enrollment was projected to be 2,492,534, compared to 2,640,396 in 1969, a decrease of 147,862. Sunday School enrollment was projected as 7,295,669 in 1970, a decrease of 122,398. Woman's Missionary Union enrollments were projected as 1,200,190 in 1970, a decrease of 91,031. Brotherhood, the men's and boys' mission education organization, was projected to decrease by 8,176 with a total enrollment of 422,163 for 1970. Music ministry continued upward with an estimated total enrollment of 1,072,056, an increase of 9,562.

Total receipts were estimated to be \$886,528,174, an increase of more than \$43 million.

Final statistics based on church letters from more than 34,000 SBC churches will be released by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Research and Statistics department in February.

The preliminary statistical projections were released here during sessions of planning meetings with leaders from 32 Baptist state conventions.



•Why Speed Kills—"Speed Kills" has become a favorite shibboleth among those who fear the burgeoning drug culture, and last week a team of Los Angeles' doctors presented shocking new evidence why the slogan should be taken seriously. Methamphetamine, they report in the current issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*, may cause a serious and potentially lethal disease of the arteries. Typically, the disorder involves a progressive inflammation of the medium and small arteries throughout the body, and a common result in permanent damage to the kidneys, intestines, liver and pancreas. In four cases, the disease proved fatal. In view of the rising use of methamphetamine, the California investigators fear that speed-induced angitis may become a national health problem among drug users. Indeed, new cases are turning up at Los Angeles County Hospital at the rate of one a week. (*Newsweek*, Nov. 16, 1970)

•Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, has criticized newspapers that refuse to accept advertising for movies rated "X" or "R." Valenti added that the policy is "the politically attractive thing to do." He predicted that if enough newspapers institute bans on films with restrictive ratings, the rating system will collapse, and there will be no guide for judging films. According to Valenti, one of the authors of the rating system, ratings are designed to indicate whether a film is suitable for children.—(*Louisville Courier-Journal*, Nov. 9, 1970)

ALL ABOUT ARKANSAS

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Church that split over Negroes is chartered, calls pastor

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—A new church organized from about 300 people who walked out of the First Baptist Church here when the church refused to accept Negro members was chartered and dedicated here, just after it called J. Herbert Gilmore as pastor.

The new pastor of the Baptist Church of the Covenant, organized with 316 charter members including the two Negroes who were rejected by downtown church, was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church.

During the service held to charter and dedicate the church, the dean of the School of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, William E. Hull, told members of the new church they would be despised and ridiculed by many in the institutional church. Hull told members of the Baptist Church of the Covenant not to despair, however, for "it pleases God to use the despised."

Hull traced the development and decline of the nation Israel, observing that the congregation of God is "forged in the furnace of crisis."

"Indeed, it is characteristic of the

church to be born on a cross, for the church is the response of God to the plight of man. Not because circumstances are opportune, but precisely because they are desperate, does this pilgrim company appear on the scene," he continued.

Hull, a native of Birmingham, reassured the congregation that "if you have your back against the wall, you are in good company." He warned the members of the church, however, against rejecting "the larger congregation" because "the few" are always formed out of "the many" and exist for their renewal. "Cut off from the whole church, the remnant lives without mission and, therefore, without hope," Hull cautioned.

Prior to the dedication service, the group held a business session, voting unanimously to call Gilmore as pastor, and accepting 41 additional members to the charter list, bringing the total to 316 charter members. Twenty other applicants are awaiting membership.

The members also approved payment of checks to the local Baptist association, to the state convention, and to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Nixon asks welfare reform as aid to nation's children

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Richard Nixon made a special plea for national welfare reform in a major address at the opening session of the 1970 White House Conference on Children, a meeting held once every decade since 1909.

"The welfare system has become a consuming, monstrous, inhuman outrage against the community, against the family, against the individual—and most of all against the very children whom it was meant to help," the President told the 4,000 delegates convened here to examine issues relating to children today.

President Nixon reminded the delegates that in the last 10 years alone the number of children on welfare has nearly tripled, to more than six million.

"Six million children caught up in an unfair and tragic system that rewards people for not working instead of providing the incentives for self-support and independence; that drives families apart instead of holding them together; that brings welfare snoopers into their homes; that robs them of pride and destroys dignity," the President said of the present welfare program. "I want to change all that," he declared.

The President asked the delegates to support his present welfare reform bill known as the Family Assistance Plan, still bogged down in the Senate as of mid-December. The legislation passed the House of Representatives by a margin of almost two to one last April.

Nixon's welfare proposals, among other things, would establish a floor under the income of every American family with children. He has asked for, and the House has approved, a minimum income of \$1,600 a year for a family of four.

In terms of its consequences for children, Nixon said that the Family Assistance Plan "can fairly be said to be the most important piece of social legislation in our nation's history."

In discussing the nation's responsibility to its 55 million children under the age of 14, the President said that government alone cannot achieve a better life for all. Equally and often more important, he declared, is the role of other agencies and groups.

"For the child is not raised by government", he said. "The child is raised by the family. His character is shaped by

About people

The assistant executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Joe L. Ingram, has been elected as executive secretary-treasurer of the convention to succeed T. B. Lackey, who is retiring in September 1971. Ingram, 50, has been assistant executive secretary of the convention for the past ten years.

His election by the Executive Board of the Convention is contingent upon ratification by the state convention when it meets in Oklahoma City next November. Ingram will assume the position Sept. 4, 1971, the effective date of Lackey's retirement.

The board paid tribute to Lackey for his 45 years of service to Oklahoma Baptists as pastor, district missionary and state convention official. Lackey was assistant executive secretary of the convention before his election as executive secretary 19 years ago. His retirement is effective on his 20th anniversary.

Ingram, a native of Russellville, Ark., was pastor of Immanuel Church, Shawnee, Okla., before his election as assistant executive secretary 10 years ago. Previously, he was pastor of Nogales Avenue Church, Tulsa, Okla.; First Church, Okemah, Okla.; First Church, Rio Vista, Tex.; and Woodlawn Church, Little Rock, Ark.

Ingram is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., where he lived during much of his childhood, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Active in denominational service, Ingram is currently chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Stewardship Commission. He has served as stewardship secretary for Oklahoma Baptists in connection with his work as assistant executive secretary.

those people he encounters in his daily life."

The church, home and school, mass media and other voluntary organizations have distinctive roles which government cannot do, he said. Many of these agencies and groups "have helped and they can help more," the President noted. "They can give heart and inspire hope, and they can address themselves not simply to children but to that one special, precious child," he said.

In discussing the legacy that he would like to leave the country from his years in office, Nixon mentioned "a better understanding among the generations, the races, the religions—and among those with different values and different lifestyles."

The first thing that Nixon said he would like for his administration to achieve for children is peace, "not just of ending the war, but of ending it in a way that will contribute to lasting peace."

Buying major appliances

With more than 200 million major appliances in use, the average American homemaker is the operator of thousands of dollars worth of complex mechanical equipment. Since the purchase of major appliances involves spending major sums from the household budget, the wise shopper will proceed very carefully.

Do not purchase because of price alone. Consider the value and performance record of the appliance you want. Be sure that you fully understand the warranty or guarantee. What period of time is covered by your warranty? What does the contract include? Labor? Parts? Both? Must you pay for a service contract?

Refrigerators usually provide a warranty for the first year, and usually an additional four years' protection for the refrigerating system itself. You can prolong the life of your refrigerator if you follow these rules: do not allow a heavy accumulation of frost or dust on the coil mechanism; place it in a well ventilated spot; do not store hot foods; avoid frequent opening and closing of doors.

Gas and electric ranges: Before you buy a range, investigate the cost and availability of gas and electricity in your area. Remember, too, that a 220-volt line is usually necessary for an electric range—or that a gas line might have to be installed.

Washing machines: The size of a washing machine is measured in terms of the dry weight of clothing to be washed—and care should be taken never to load them beyond their capacity. Washing machines are referred to as "completely automatic," "automatic" and "automatic-action." The completely automatic takes clothes through an entire wash cycle without manual control. An automatic washer does not have a thermostat to vary water temperatures. In the automatic action, or semi-automatic, each stage must be operated manually.

Used appliances: Normally complaints in this area indicate that merchandise is defective and does not render the performance promised. Frequently the complainant reports she has been unable to obtain service from the company—or that the company is unable to correct the problem. Such companies usually have limited guarantee periods—or none at all.

If you are in doubt—check the Better Business Bureau to see if this is a company that has a record of satisfactory service.

IRS exempts churches from close scrutiny of accounts

WASHINGTON (BP)—Examination of church books by the Internal Revenue Service for taxable, unrelated income will be severely limited, according to proposed regulations published in the Federal Register here.

The new proposed regulations are in harmony with the tax reform bill earlier enacted into law and signed by President Richard Nixon. Under the new law, churches and religious orders are still among the charitable organizations not required to file annual information returns on institutional assets and details of management.

However, a church engaged in an unrelated business is required to file an unrelated business tax return, since such income of churches is no longer tax exempt. Currently owned businesses will be taxed after five years. This means that on Jan. 1, 1975, churches will have to begin paying taxes on income from unrelated business income.

The newly proposed regulations relating to churches, conventions or associations of churches provide for no examination of the books of such organizations to determine whether or not they are engaged in unrelated trade or business.

An exemption for such an examination, however, is provided for in the event that the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate "believes that such organization may be so engaged and so notifies the organization in advance of the examination." Such examining officer shall be no lower than a principal internal revenue officer for an internal revenue region.

"Baptists Who Know, Care"

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

The bookshelf

The Lion's Eyeglasses, by Charles Vildrac, Coward-McCann, 1969, \$4.64

This children's story is about a lion who solved the problem of his failing eyesight by finding himself some glasses. Many odd and amusing incidents happened when the lion lost his glasses and had to call on the animal kingdom to help him find them.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, by Wilson Sullivan, American Heritage, 1970, \$5.49

This biography of the 32nd President is another in the Junior Library series of American Heritage Publishing Co. It focuses on the significant events of Mr. Roosevelt's life from his idyllic childhood till his death, in 1945. It has much to say of his role in guiding the nation through the catastrophe of the Great Depression and the turmoil of World War II.

New Hampshire, by Elizabeth Yates, Coward-McCann, 1969, \$3.86

This is another of the States of the Nation series of Coward-McCann. The author reports that much new industry in recent years has made New Hampshire the fastest-growing state in New England. Miss Yates, author of numerous books for children, presents a vivid and compelling picture of the state, where she was a long-time resident.

The Turned-on Executive, by Auren Uris and Marjorie Noppel, McGraw-Hill, 1970, \$7.95

The goal of the authors, both noted business analysts and writers, is to help the reader to develop skills that will help him to be efficient and move ahead faster in his chosen career. Among the suggestions are some on how to use one's secretary 100% of the working days and how to turn your wife on to your career and help her to help you.

Where Are You, God?, by David A. Ray, Revell, 1970, \$3.95

The author, founder and president of the Association for Inspirational Living, deals with typical life situations involving tough challenges, frustrations, faults, illness, necessity for making decisions, grief, and coping with the unpredictable.

Habitation of Dragons, by Keith Miller, Word, 1970, \$4.95

Writes Mr. Miller: "This book is not meant to be a substitute for your own prayers and thoughts but only some footprints of a Christian wanderer on the inner journey who is finding tremendous hope in the midst of life." He gives direction of "men and women who would like to try to spend a few minutes every day thinking and praying about the problems of the Christian way."

An old friend

By JOSEPHINE M. OPSAHL

Do you know that the banana is one of man's oldest friends? It has been used a long time in nearly all tropical countries. Plant scientists today are puzzled as to where its original home really was.

We in northern countries are familiar with only the yellow and red-skinned ones. But this fruit comes in many colors and sizes. Some bananas are tiny three-inch ones. Others are round or are shaped like crescents or melons. Still others come in pink, purple, or orange. Some are spotted or striped.

Just as you and I use bread and potatoes as staple foods, people of warm climates find the banana exceedingly useful. They cook some varieties when green, using them as vegetables. Others are eaten ripe. Some are even dried, like raisins or prunes, for future consumption. Sugar, syrup, starch, dyes, vinegar, alcohol, acid for tanning leather, and even a fine white flour are made from bananas.

People also use other parts of the banana plant in many ways. They use the big leaves for thatching the roofs of their homes. They use them for wrapping paper, tablecloths, and umbrellas. From the leaves and stalks, they make rope and twine.

The banana plant itself is as interesting and unusual as it is useful. What appears to be a solid trunk is really leaf stalks rolled tightly together. The new leaves develop in the center. The plant bears only one bunch of bananas. But it puts out shoots which produce other plants.

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The exciting canoe

By THELMA C. CARTER

One of the most exciting pioneer boats still being used in warm Pacific islands is the outrigger canoe. Perhaps you have seen pictures of long, slender outrigger riding to the safety of beaches on top of great foamy waves.

Outriggers are still used by fishermen. They also carry cargo in the South Pacific, the Indian Ocean, and the Coral Sea. Outriggers are used for fishing, even in the lake areas in our own country.

The belief is that South Sea Islanders invented this clever island watercraft in order to travel from one island to another. An outrigger is a cleverly built ocean craft. It is a long, canoe-like boat, propelled by paddles. A supporting piece of floating wood is fixed parallel to the canoe by stout sticks.

Some outriggers have sails. Others are propelled solely by paddles. The magic of the outrigger canoe, skimming over

coral reefs and riding like a bird over the crests of waves, lies in the supporting piece of floating wood. This piece of wood balances the tug of sails and prevents overturning the canoe.

Outriggers used to be made of crudely burned-out and hewed-out logs. Today some are made of fine wood.

People who know about ocean craft, the timetable of ocean tides, and the dangers of rocks and island reefs, say that it takes great skill and training to steer outriggers to the safety of beaches. Steersmen of outriggers make every twist of the paddle count in handling their boats.

If a steerman is not alert and careful, the outrigger canoe may move as if on a pivot, drifting dangerously in a circle at the mercy of the seas.

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An easy landscape

By JENNIE E. HARRIS

You can easily make a landscape that will be a beautiful gift for a home.

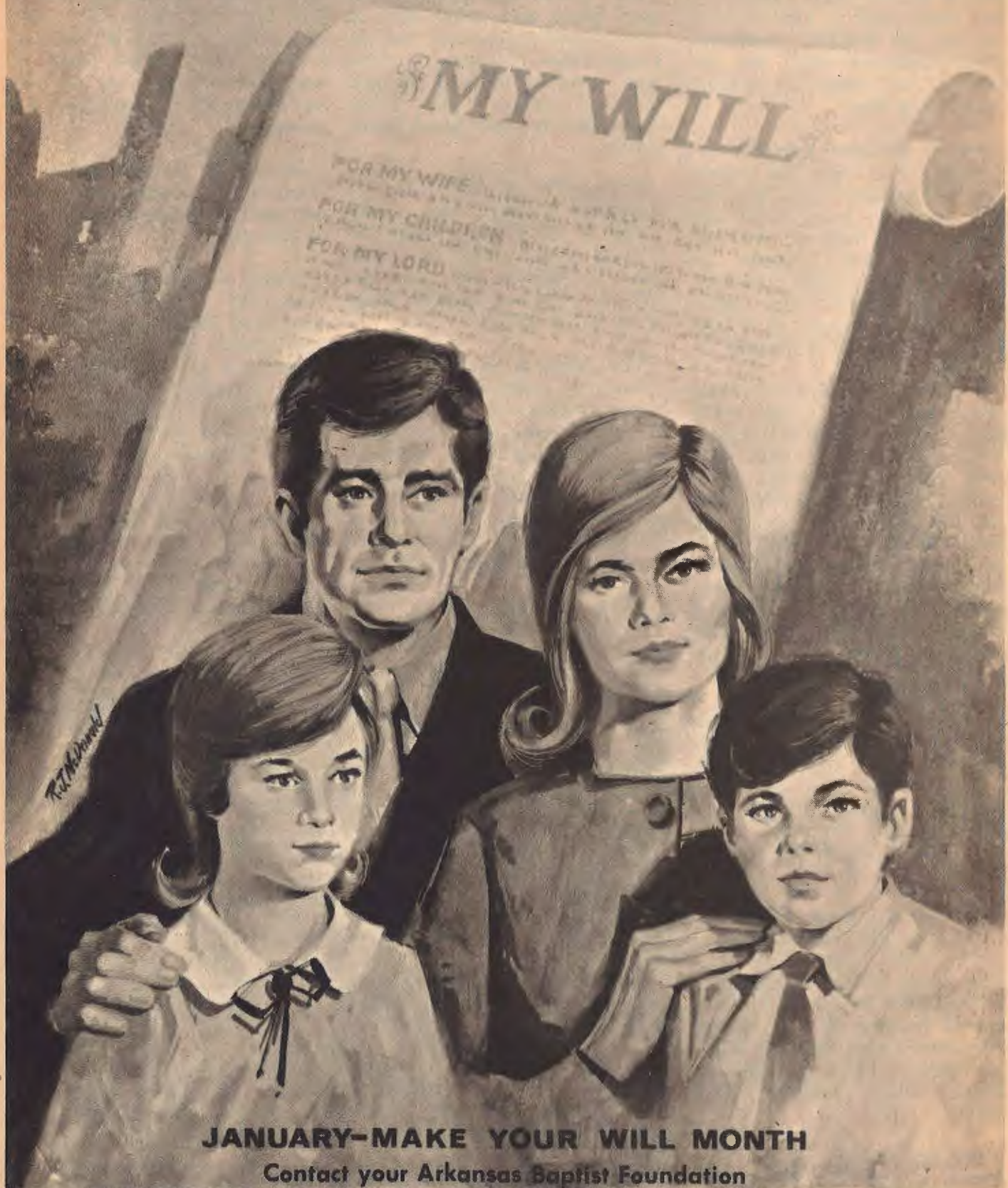
Select scenic skirt material, enough to center a scene in the picture frame you plan to use. Cut cardboard to fit the frame. Stretch the scene over it and fasten the cloth in place at the back with glue.

Dip a toothpick into glue and outline some of the scene, such as clouds, butterfly, rock, flowers, and trees. Spray glitter on the glue portions. After this is dry, frame the picture.

When it is hanging over a piano or bookcase, this will look like a real painting. People will scarcely believe you made it. In lamplight the glitter makes the whole scene seem almost real.

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YOUR INVITATION TO PEACE OF MIND



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The nature of the kingdom

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Matthew 9: 14-17; 13: 31-33, 51-52;
Mark 4: 26-29

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE KINGDOM (Mt. 13: 31-33)

In two complementary parables, Jesus portrayed the outward expansion and the inward development of the kingdom. Just as the tiny mustard seed produces a large plant, the kingdom of God will grow from an insignificant beginning in Galilee into a world-wide movement. And just as a bit of yeast placed in a batch of dough will permeate the entire batch, so the kingdom will permeate all. The real problem here is to identify the lump of dough: is it society, or is it a personality? Probably both.

NAUTRAL LAW IN THE KINGDOM (Mk. 4: 26-29)

There seem to be two central ideas in the parable of the seed growing of itself—mystery and orderliness. Life and the life process in nature are deeply mysterious, so much so that with all our knowledge of the universe the thoughtful person still stands in awe as he contemplates life. Also, the life process carries on in an orderly fashion so that, having planted seed, the farmer goes about his normal routine fully confident that the seed will sprout, grow, mature, and produce new grain. Just so, time and patience are required for the gospel to germinate and bear fruit; and, precisely so, God's spiritual crops grow and ripen after his natural law of the spirit in an orderly fashion.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The Christian religion is not patched-up Judaism. It is a new religion of joy in which the old ceremonies such as fasting do not fit.

2. There is, however, a spiritual continuity from the old to the new; and we continue to pick up spiritual gems from Old Testament literature.

3. The kingdom which Jesus planted in Palestine has grown from a small movement to become a universal enterprise, and, like yeast, never stops working until it has worked its changes in the life of a disciple and in society.

4. The kingdom of God is deeply mysterious, so much so that many have spent the major years of their lives contemplating the wonders of the gospel. But that gospel does not have a chance to bear fruit until it is planted in the soil of human hearts.

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to fit his new theology into the old institutions and practices of Judaism, Jesus did not hesitate to depart from the old order. Perhaps John had thought to overhaul the old order by bringing in some new ideas and activities, but Jesus said any such repair job would be like sewing new sections of unshrunk cloth onto old garments, with the result that the new will tear the old, and will not match it (see L. 5: 36).

So, one of the first complaints against the new religion was that Jesus and his disciples were too happy. They had just observed them at Matthew's banquet (10-14) and had found fault with such goings on, on the assumption that religious people ought to fast and be sad rather than feast and be glad.

But Jesus insisted that the banquets of joy had come to stay; and, therefore, since the old institution could not receive new activities, the new religion would call for new institutions.

3. New Wine and Old Bottles (v. 17)

Jesus went on to say that the new wine of his kingdom cannot be fitted into the old bottles of Judaism. The new religion must have new forms.

The old forms and ceremonies, having grown old and brittle, cannot stand up under the excited fermentation of the new gospel of Christ.

CONTINUITY (13-51-52)

The first three parables studied had to do with setting up the new kingdom in contrast with the old order. This parable of the householder shows that there is also some continuity between the old and the new. Jesus had said in the Sermon that he did not come to destroy but to fulfill the law and the prophets. Here he says that a scribe whose function it is to interpret the law, if he is also instructed concerning the new movement, will be able to bring up valuable lessons from both the old religion and the new. The spiritual content of the Old Testament religion is carried over into the new to provide an essential continuity, but the Christian religion had to have new forms and new ceremonies.

The parables to be studied this week can help us to understand the nature and function of the kingdom of God, and to relate it properly with the Old Testament people of God.

THE NEW KINGDOM AND THE OLD COVENANT (Mt. 9: 14-17)

When Jesus brought the kingdom to Galilee, opposition developed. Some of the most ardently religious people failed to understand him. The disciples of John the Baptist wondered why Jesus' disciples did not fast. Luke's account indicates that the Pharisees and scribes were also involved in this inquiry (Lk. 5: 30-39). They probably staged the incident, hoping to generate strife between Jesus and the followers of the Baptist who was already in prison. Jesus answered in three parables, all of them indicating that fasting is not an appropriate expression of the kingdom of Christ.

1. The Parable of the Bridegroom (v. 15)

In this brief parable of one sentence, he manages to draw two important distinctions: The kingdom of God is to be experienced in joy, much like a wedding festival, rather than an experience of sorrow; and fasting is not an appropriate means for expressing joy, though it would be appropriate in time of deep sorrow such as came upon them when Jesus was killed.

One of the primary characteristics of the kingdom is its joyousness. People experience joy as they enter the kingdom, experience joy as they develop in the kingdom, and know joy when they depart from the earthly phase of the kingdom to move up to the heavenly phase. Paul understood all this when he wrote, "The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." Evidently, Jesus would have no part of their dualism doctrine that spirit and flesh are set in conflict and that the way to exalt the spirit is to put down the flesh.

One of the last recorded testimonies of John had been that as a friend of the bridegroom he rejoiced at the bridegroom's voice (Jn. 3: 29). John's disciples would remember this statement when he told them that they as wedding guests should not mourn so long as their bridegroom was present.

2. New Patches on Old Garments (v. 16)

Although John the Baptist had sought

Mother and son

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Luke 2: 41-53, 8: 19-21;
John 2: 1-12, 19: 25-27;
Acts 1: 14

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Today's lesson is the second in the unit study "Jesus and Others." Last week's lesson, "Getting To Know Jesus," was a discussion of Andrew's following Jesus and becoming a soul-winner. Also, Philip's following Jesus and finding Nathanael was discussed. Today we are dealing with a unique phase of Jesus' life, his relationship with his earthly mother.

Basically, there are two extremes to avoid in our thinking concerning Mary. One extreme is the worship of Mary, commonly referred to as Mariolotry. Imagine praying to Mary and asking her to intercede with her son on your behalf! The other extreme is to avoid Mariolotry by completely ignoring Mary. Between these two extremes is the correct view. After all, she was blessed of God and an unusual person in history.

Jesus' Early Home (Lk. 2: 51, 52)

The interesting thing about the childhood and boyhood of Jesus is that so little is said in the four gospel accounts. We have every reason to believe that Jesus experienced a normal growth as a boy and was the product of a devout Jewish home background. His keen spiritual aptitude and interest is evidenced in his explanation of his lingering behind in the temple at the age of 12: "I must be about my Father's business" (Lk. 2: 49).

Verse 51 indicates that Jesus as a boy was subject to parental control. Also, note the serious thinking on the part of Mary ("...his mother kept all these sayings in her heart"). Mary was completely aware that her son was not just another boy.

Verse 52 indicates that Jesus grew and developed physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. Baptists in general have no problem accepting the divinity or deity of Christ but have a terrible struggle accepting his complete humanity. His perfect humanity was a ground of his divinity.

Jesus' First Miracle (Jn. 2: 1-5)

The setting of the first miracle was a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee.

Jesus' mother was present and took the initiative in informing Jesus that all the wine had been consumed and a need existed for a new supply.

The content of verse four is the reason for studying this particular passage today. Was Jesus rude to his mother? Did he show disrespect by addressing her as "woman"? To be sure this word did not indicate disrespect to the Jewish mind. Rather, it was a term of endearment and respect.

Also, Jesus needed to explain to his mother that although he had great love for her he held a higher allegiance to do the will of his Heavenly Father. "Mine hour is not yet come" was instructive to Mary because his hour was to die at Calvary as a vicarious atonement for man's sin. Jesus took orders not from Mary (although he granted her request and performed His first miracle) but from his Heavenly Father.

Other deductions from the passage:

1. Jesus put his approval upon marriage.
2. Jesus did not think it sinful to engage in merriment and festive joy.
3. In my opinion, the wine mentioned here was fresh wine. The kind Jesus created was new wine and was drunk before fermentation set in. He did not create something for the purpose of making men drunk.

"My Mother and My Brethren" (Lk. 8: 19-21)

Jesus gave a terse reply when told that his Mother and brothers were standing outside and wanted to see him. He said, "My mother and my brethren are these which hear the Word of God, and do it." The problem in the relationship never appeared to be on the part of Jesus; he clearly understood his mission, role and purpose. He understood all his various relationships. However, there was a problem with Mary and the half-brothers

of Jesus in understanding their relationship with Jesus. We are reminded that Jesus once warned that a man's foes may well be those of his own household.

Jesus felt that spiritual kinship transcended earthly blood ties. This is a mind-to-mind and heart-to-heart relationship. All those who live in the center of God's will are the true kindred of Jesus.

Jesus on the Cross (Jn. 19: 25-27)

Mary's devotion to her son was manifested throughout Jesus' life and more especially at the death of Jesus. She, along with other women mentioned in verse 25, stood by. Jesus took note of his mother's presence as he died on the cross. To Mary he said, "Woman, behold thy son" and to John he said, "Son, behold thy mother." Jesus instructed John to demonstrate all the care and kindness a son should show his mother. He knew John would render such love to Mary. Thenceforth John received the mother of Jesus into his family. Why did Jesus not say these words to his half-brothers? This is a difficult question. Probably John was chosen because he was specially loved by the Savior.

A Further Mention of Mary (Acts 1: 14)

The death of Jesus did not end the love or devotion of Mary toward Christ. Please note the further mention of Mary in Acts 1: 14. This could be called an epilogue to our story. Mary's affection and steadfast devotion never faltered but grew through the years and even following Jesus' death on the cross. Is there any love equal to that of a mother?

Conclusion

This is a study of Jesus' relationship with his mother. One fact that stands out in clear focus is Jesus' supreme relationship to his Heavenly Father. This transcends all our ties or kinships. Jesus was true to his mission. He had come to seek and to save that which is lost. Upon a person's acceptance of Jesus as Savior and Master, he enters into the highest possible relationship with Jesus Christ. Heaven alone will reveal the entire meaning of this sentence.

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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Banner, Mt. Zion	33		
Berryville			
First	139	40	
Freeman Heights	127	51	
Rock Springs	97	63	
Blytheville, Calvary	196		4
Booneville, First	279	217	
Camden, First	370	75	
Charleston, North Side	81	63	
Cherokee Village	80	26	
Crossett			
First	408	129	
Mt. Olive	211	135	2
El Dorado			
Caledonia	46	47	
Ebenezer	144	47	
Temple	26	34	1
Farmington, First	118		
Forrest City, First	514	171	
Ft. Smith, Haven Heights	244	153	
Gentry, First	193	77	
Glenwood, First	136		
Greenwood, First	295	99	
Hardy, First	40	52	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	245	71	
Helena, First	218	97	
Hope, First	409	141	
Hot Springs, Lakeshore Heights	135	47	
Jacksonville			
First	373	83	3
Marshall Road	296	114	1
Jonesboro			
Central	449	109	2
Nettleton	289	149	
Lake Hamilton	128	52	
Little Rock			
Geyer Springs	683	320	3
Life Line	570	147	2
Luxora, First	57	28	
Magnolia, Central	575	238	1
Melborne, First	145	78	
Monroe	64	45	
Monticello			
Northside	111	70	
Second	179	68	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	558	123	
Southside Chapel	35	18	
Calvary	369	141	1
Central	250	65	
Forty-Seventh St.	203	79	2
Gravel Ridge First	156	73	
Highway	133		
Sixteenth St.	54	32	
Park Hill	766		
Paragould, East Side	229	118	
Paris, First	344	135	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	189	83	
East Side	175	113	
First	727	92	
Green Meadows	86	41	
Second	175	50	
Van Buren, First	457	268	4
Jesse Turner Mission	23		
Chapel	51		
Vandervoort, First	52	18	
Warren, Immanuel	227	91	
West Memphis			
Calvary	217	122	1
Second	74	85	

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Alicia	65	52	
Banner, Mt. Zion	25		
Berryville			
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Freeman Heights	86	45	1
Rock Springs	89	62	
Booneville, First	182	164	
Camden, First	336	70	
Charleston, North Side	87	51	
Cherokee Village	84	21	
Crossett, Mt. Olive	205	105	
Dumas, First	186	28	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	36	22	
Ebenezer	119	47	
Temple	28	26	
Farmington, First	89	38	
Forrest City, First	373	121	
Ft. Smith			
Enterprise	54	43	1
First	946	323	13
Gentry, First	141	45	
Greenwood, First	208	78	
Hope, First	338	100	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	178	48	
Hot Springs, Lakeshore Heights	106	37	
Jacksonville, First	314	77	
Jonesboro			
Central	391	122	3
Nettleton	259	122	
Lake Hamilton	100	48	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	126	65	
Geyer Springs	432	196	5
Luxora, First	62	15	
Magnolia, Central	485	175	2
Marked Tree, First	147	48	
Melbourne, First	131	60	
Monroe	65	21	
Monticello			
Northside	89	72	3
Second	166	50	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	491	157	1
Southside Chapel	34	25	
Calvary	311	121	1
Central	181	40	
Highway	122	50	
Sixteenth	58	30	2
Paragould, East Side	222	119	
Paris, First	270	54	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	178	72	
First	601		1
Green Meadows	33	21	
South Side	478	100	1
Tucker	7	11	
Oppelo	17	13	
Springdale			
Berry St.	96	38	
Elmdale	202	61	
Mission	11		
First	374	183	8
Van Buren			
First	340	157	8
Jesse Turner Mission	25		
Chapel	52		
Vandervoort, First	47	16	
Walnut Ridge, First	222	111	5
Chapel	17	24	
Warren			
Immanuel	235	75	
Westside	60	39	

A group of Boy Scouts visiting the FBI office stopped to view the pictures of the 10 most wanted men. One boy pointed to a picture and asked if that really was the photograph of the most wanted person.

The FBI agent in charge assured him it was.

"Then why," the Scout asked, "didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

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The old pastor beamed to a young husband who had been having his troubles since wedding the village spitfire. "Jim, I'm pleased to hear you and Emmy are back on speaking terms."

"It's just her that's back, preacher," replied the youth. "I'm listening."

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THE UNSEAMLY A smile or two

A recently ordained minister was explaining to his bishop why he resigned from his first charge.

"There were 34 girls, old maids and widows there—all eager to marry the pastor," he said.

"Well," the bishop said, "you know there is safety in numbers."

"Not for me," replied the minister. "I found safety in Exodus."

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By the time a man learns where he stands his feet hurt.

Nothing makes people go into debt like trying to keep up with people who already are.

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Give some people an inch and they think they're rulers.

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Horse sense is that rare quality that restrains horses from betting on the human race.

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One of the oddest things about modern life is the number of people who are spending money they haven't got for things they don't want, to impress people they can't stand the sight of.

In the world of religion

Atheist charges prayers 'ordered'

AUSTIN, Tex. (EP)—Mrs. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the nation's first lady of atheism, says she doesn't mind if astronauts are moved by personal conviction to pray in space. But she says she is against prayers in Apollo flight plans.

"We can prove that religious ceremonies (during Apollos 8 and 11) were carefully pre-planned by the government, code named 'experiment P-1,'" she charges in a new lawsuit. The ceremonies, Mrs. O'Hair says, were even printed on the flight plan."

"The astronauts were following direct orders when they prayed and read the Bible in space," she said.

On these grounds, Mrs. O'Hair is asking the Supreme Court to review her original suit which would prohibit such religious services in the future.

U. S. District Judge Jack Roberts here dismissed Mrs. O'Hair's original suit, ruling that astronauts have a right to pray in space and such prayers did not infringe on the rights of atheists.

"Apparently, the plaintiffs are claiming that they have a right not to be exposed to religion as they were during the televising of the Apollo 8 flight," Roberts said. "This, however, does not amount to coercion."

Religious holidays being questioned

WALLINGTON, N. J. (EP)—A trustee of the board of education here says he will try to eliminate religious holidays in public schools if the U. S. Supreme Court bans a voluntary program of prayers in schools of another New Jersey community.

George Demchak said it is inconsistent to prohibit prayers and then permit students time off for Christmas, Easter and other religious celebrations.

He made the statement a few days after the school board in Netcong, in western New Jersey, appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court to be allowed to have voluntary prayer. The Netcong plan sets a place where students may listen to one of their number read invocations from the Congressional Record. The prayers are those used in the Senate.

Cites ecology view in Old Testament

LOS ANGELES (EP)—The first five books of the Old Testament clearly admonish Jews to care for the earth, says

Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, editor of the *Jewish Spectator*. Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin admits the authors "did not use the term 'ecology,' but they knew... what we moderns only now are beginning to understand: Men must take care of their environment."

Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin said man must not befoul and destroy his environment for his life depends upon the preservation of the life-sustaining "blessings of the soil, the waters and the air of this world."

She pointed to the Biblical command to "rest" the soil to restore natural strength, to warnings against destruction of an enemy's fruit trees (like the modern-day danger of defoliation in war theatres), codes against water pollution and prohibition against contamination through human wastes.

'Roses' queen given NT bestseller

PASADENA, Calif. (EP)—A special issue of the best-selling paper-back New Testament in Today's English Version titled, *Good News for Modern Man*, was presented to the 82nd Tournament of Roses queen here by Tournament president A. Lewis Shingler.

A copy each was also supplied to all six of Queen Kathleen Arnett's court.

The New Testaments, supplied by the American Bible Society office in Los Angeles, were autographed by Billy Graham, the Grand Marshal of the 1971 rose parade on New Year's Day.

More than 23 million copies of the modern version of the New Testament have been distributed in the United States since its first publication in 1966, the 150th anniversary year of the American Bible Society.

Vandalism cited for church closing

PHILADELPHIA (EP)—"My church has been wrecked," said Stanley W. Hatch, as he surveyed a large hole in a stained-glass window and the rubble of smashed chairs. "I'm not going to take this any more. That's the last straw."

The minister of St. Mark's Tabernacle Baptist Church, 7th and Susquehanna Streets, prepared to close the church which stood, he said, in "the worst hell-hole of Philadelphia."

The continuous vandalism was brought about by poverty and boredom, Hatch said. He and his congregation tried to open a trade center across the street but became strangled in debt and never were able to launch the project.

The boiler has blown up twice in two weeks. Somebody outside keeps tightening up the top valves. "One of these days," Mr. Hatch said, "we would all go sky high."

He admitted he has been unable to help the hundreds of area youths who are drug addicts.

"I said to them once, come to me—come to me first. That was a big order. It turned out it was one I could not fill."

Challenges use of offensive book

PITTSBURGH (EP)—A Baptist minister in suburban Allison Park has challenged a book used in Deer Lakes High School senior English classes, charging that *Catcher In The Rye* contains "hundreds of phrases where God's name is used in vain."

Jesse Jones, pastor of Calvary Independent Baptist church, said the book was brought to his attention by his daughter, a senior at the school.

"I would not repeat to men, let alone to women, some of the remarks and phrases in the book," Smith said.

The book is being used as part of an English course and each student is asked to read portions of it aloud for class discussion.

School Principal Ralph Mastandrea said he "might have to do something about the book in light of the complaint... I might turn the matter over to the director of curriculum to see if we can't find another book to replace the one now in question."

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