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## *When Baptists All Learn How To Tithe*

Tune: "Since Jesus Came into My Heart!"

(The Rodeheaver Co., Owner. Used by permission.)

What a wonderful change in the world will be wrought,  
When Baptists all learn how to tithe,  
We will then reach a goal for which long we have sought,  
When Baptists all learn how to tihe.

### CHORUS

When Baptists all learn how to tithe,  
When Baptists all learn how to tithe.  
Oh, the dollars will roll, bringing joy to each soul  
When Baptists all learn how to tithe.

By our schools and our hospitals then we will stand,  
When Baptists all learn how to tithe,  
We will build them and make them the best in the land  
When Baptists all learn how to tithe.

Not a child will be homeless or wanting a friend,  
When Baptists all learn to tithe,  
And the old preachers' sorrows will all have an end,  
When Baptists all learn how to tithe.

Not a soul will be left to its darkness and woe,  
When Baptists all learn how to tithe,  
But of God and His love every creature shall know,  
When Baptists all learn how to tithe.

—MRS. C. D. CREASMAN

# CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

## EXCUSES

A Devotion by the Editor

"And they all with one consent began to make excuses."

The story is told of an oriental who went to his neighbor to borrow an ax: "I am very sorry, my friend, that I cannot lend you my ax, but you see I am expecting company for dinner today and I will need the ax to eat the soup with." A friend remarked: "That was a ridiculous reason to give that man for not lending him your ax." "My dear brother," exclaimed the ax owner, "one excuse is just as good as another when you don't want to lend the ax."

The excuses listed in the parable by Jesus are as ridiculous as the excuse of the oriental for not lending his ax. Excuses are only "inclinations" posing as necessities. It is surprising how quickly and unhesitatingly people build up little circumstances into mountainous difficulties when they want to use them as excuses.

One man must attend to his business, as if that forever prevented him from seeking salvation. Another person must seek pleasure and relaxation, as if that were just ground for refusing the invitation of saving grace. Still another loves his family and home, his wife and children, as if that were sufficient reason for declining the invitation to the feast of God.

While it is true that God's invitations do collide with our wishes, pleasures, purposes, and engagements which are sinful, on the other hand His invitations do not collide with our necessary and wholesome pleasures and employments of life. It is a perversion of God's provision for our needs to offer these things as the ground of our refusing His invitations.

Our business, if it is honorable, our pleasure, if it is wholesome, our home, if it is God-honoring, will be better and richer and nobler if we respond to God's invitation.

"And they all with one consent began to make excuses. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come" (Luke 14:18-20).

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

**Normal Environment:** Daniel L. Huntwork, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Milwaukee, and his wife cancelled their 30-day vacation plans when they discovered he "couldn't quite make the grade" in paying his \$250 world mission pledge.

Pastor Huntwork worked the 30 days in a factory to earn the \$250. His job was screwing wingnuts onto bolts, inspecting welds and operating a buffer. He worked five nights a week, punching out at 1 a. m. It was a week before any workers learned he was a clergyman.

"I wanted it that way," he said. "We religious workers live too sheltered lives. We forget there are some words in our language that are in common usage in the factory.

"Everyone in Christian work should get out and work with his hands in normal environment, so he won't get too far away from these problems. He should do it every three or four years."

**Strength Through Persecution:** At the Copenhagen Congress, Samuel Vila, of Spain, told of persecution in his country during the civil war, when worship was forbidden. Baptists entered closed chapels and stood for the entire service so as not to disturb the dust on the pews and furniture in that inspectors determined the use of the building by the dust. Since September, 1945 the churches have been open, and now they are filled at every service. It is not uncommon for penitents to interrupt the preaching to confess Christ.

**Real Post-War Hero:** "The Story of Dr. Wassell," Navy physician, whose exploits early in World War II won him a personal commendation from President Roosevelt, is ready to add a post-war chapter. Dr. Corydon Wassell, rear admiral retired, of Hot Springs, and Mrs. Wassell, will sail from Los Angeles, October 18 to take up missionary hospital work on the little Hawaiian island of Molokai.

Dr. Wassell, a former Little Rock physician, has been living in Hot Springs since his retirement. Getting a bit restless, he went to Little Rock to see the Episcopal bishop and explained that he would like to do some work for the church. He will serve without pay as a physician in a 32-bed hospital.

**Prohibition:** Representative Joseph R. Bryson, of South Carolina, told the 2,000 delegates to the World's WCTU Convention, meeting in Asbury, N. J., that forces favoring a return to national prohibition are gaining in this country. He added that a steady increase of dry territory under local option has been proceeding ever since repeal. Some 20,469 option elections have been held since repeal and dries have won 12,519 of them.

**Christ Stamp:** Ted Richmond, director of Wilderness Library, Sherman, Ark., has written President Truman and Postmaster General Hannegan suggesting that "the proposed

Christmas stamp bear the picture of Jesus Christ instead of the likeness of the beloved but fictitious Santa Claus."

"I'm not reflecting on good old Saint Nick," Richmond wrote. "I just feel that if there ever was a time for greatness — a time to uphold the name and teachings of that Man of Galilee—that time is now!"

Mr. Richmond, who has been publicized throughout the nation for his outstanding work with his free rural library, is the founder of "Wilderness White Christmas," an annual event on Wilderness Library's calendar which has now become Ozark Mountain folklore.

**Summer Missionaries:** Three hundred college students from campuses in every Southern state served this summer as associate missionaries to regular workers of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. "It is our hope," said Dr. Courts Redford, associate executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, "that this program will help mission volunteers to discover their aptitudes and interests. At the time, the help given the missionaries on the field and the results in soul-winning are stimulating and encouraging."

**Discrimination:** A Negro said: "If you discriminate against me because I am dirty, I can make myself clean. If you discriminate against me because I am bad, I can reform and be good. If you discriminate against me because I am ignorant, I can learn. If you discriminate against me because I am ill-mannered, I can improve my manners. But if you discriminate against me because of my color, you discriminate against me because of something Nature gave me and over which I have no control."

**"Faith is the Victory":** President Harry S. Truman has endorsed the 17th annual observance of Religious Education Week which will be marked throughout the country September 28 through October 5 with these words: "Never before has there been as much need as today for teaching youth that spiritual growth is the goal of all history. Continued moral development is possible through instruction in the doctrines of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. This is the faith we live by and nothing can break that faith."

**Ring in the Votes:** In an effort to get voters to go to the polls on election day, the Ministerial Association of Uniontown, Pa., rang church bells and broadcasted church music and hymns over amplifying systems. The program was part of a campaign to outlaw liquor sales in the city. The association, led by President Carey S. Osborne, pastor of Great Bethel Baptist Church, initiated local option petitions this summer and obtained enough signers to get the issue on the election day ballot.

# Across the Editor's Desk

## God Is Sovereign

It was to be expected that the release of atomic energy would set off a volley of theological interpretations of this amazing new discovery. Pastors, evangelists, and theological professors have searched the Bible, particularly the book of Revelation, for some clue as to the meaning, purpose, and ultimate end of atomic energy in the divine economy.

The searchers have come forth with many strange and divergent views and pronouncements. Some see in the atom bomb the "handwriting" on the wall for the whole race. There are those who view the atomic bomb as the instrument of warfare in the battle of Armageddon, which they believe to be in the not too distant future. Some advance the idea that if the world is destroyed by atomic energy, it is but the working out of God's will and plan to bring the world to an end. Others see only the arrogance of man in the use of atomic energy for destructive ends. The thought is advanced that man is getting ahead of God and may destroy the world before God is ready for it to be destroyed.

In general, the discussions of and the theories advanced concerning the release of atomic energy arrange themselves into two mutually exclusive schools of thought. Professor W. Burnett Easton, Jr., of Lawrence College sums up the reasoning of one group in this manner: "God did not allow man to discover atomic energy until He was ready that man should discover it. Whether it is God's intention to use this means to bring this world to an end, or to lead it into a new era of creativity, it is impossible for us to say . . . But we can say that whatever God intends He will accomplish, and that His purposes are good and righteous altogether."

Professor Roger L. Shinn summarizes the opposite view: "It seems to me that there is a tremendous difference caused by the fact that it is now man who threatens to undo the history ordained by God. In Biblical prophecy and apocalypse, it is God who in one of His final mighty acts brings history to an end. Now it is man who in blatant self-assertion, in fear-nourishing pride, threatens to take his destiny into his own hands and hurl himself to destruction. This is the miserable arrogance of the creature who never learned to serve his Creator, the final blasphemy of man who thought that he could be God."

There is truth on each side of the argument. It is true that "whatever God intends He will accomplish." God is sovereign and omnipotent. He has survived the upheavals and catastrophes of human history, and we have reason to believe that He will survive the atomic age with His purpose and plans.

Further, and as stated by Professor Lawrence, "the success of the Christian church is not contingent or preventing wars or saving man or society from destruction," nor is "the validity of the Christian faith . . . imperiled even if the whole world be destroyed." On the other hand, it is quite true that "it is God who in one of His final mighty acts brings history to an end." The "blatant self-assertion" of man cannot overpower the sovereign will of God.

Making man a free moral agent was just as much an act of sovereign power on the part of God as was the act of creating man in the first place. But in making man a free moral agent, God did not abrogate His sovereignty. If God were less than sovereign, He would not leave man free.

It is true that, "wicked men defy God's purpose and His will is distorted and disobeyed," in the pursuit of selfish and sinful interests. The only thing that has prevented the destruction of the world long before now is the intervention of sovereign grace. The race, left to itself without the intervention of sovereign grace, would soon sin itself to extinction.

We do not know whether, in the plan of God for the consummation of this age, God will allow man, in his wreckless use of atomic energy, to bring about the destruction of the world; or whether He will hold in check this destructive power with which men are now dealing.

It may be said with finality that men can take neither the control nor the final consummation of the world out of the hands of God. While we are waiting on the will of God, those who love and follow Him must be busy carrying out the commissions of our Saviour and go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

## Are We Evangelistic?

Southern Baptist churches reporting 100 or more baptisms in 1946 are listed by states in the current issue of the Quarterly Review. There are four states which do not have a single church reporting as many as 100 baptisms during the year. They are: Arizona, California, Illinois, and Maryland. The District of Columbia, New Mexico, Mississippi, and Virginia report only one church each which baptized 100 or more persons during the year.

In North Carolina there were two churches which baptized more than 100 persons. In Missouri there were three; in South Carolina four. The report includes five churches in Florida, six in Alabama, seven each in Arkansas and Tennessee, and eight in Louisiana.

Georgia had 12 churches baptizing 100 or

more during the 12 months period and Oklahoma had 16. Texas led the entire South with 38.

A total of 112 churches out of 26,401 in the Southern Baptist Convention reported baptisms of 100 or more persons on profession of faith in 1946. These 112 churches, with a combined membership of 306,603 baptized a total of 15,068 persons.

South Elk Horn Church, Elk Horn, Ky., had the largest number of baptisms in proportion to church membership: 635 members, 226 baptisms. Highland Park Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., led the entire South in number of baptisms with 371; Bellevue, Memphis, Tenn., is second with 354.

We Southern Baptists boast of our evangelism. There is ground for spiritual elation in our achievements. We are doing a great work along all lines of Christian endeavor. But too few of our 6,000,000 Southern Baptists are doing the work. If 6,000,000 Southern Baptists were actually enlisted, all phases of our work would be multiplied several times.

For instance, should we not expect every Christian to win at least one soul to Christ during a twelve months period? If that stand were reached, the baptisms in every church would equal the number of members on the church roll each year. At that rate we would be able to carry out the commission of Jesus in our generation and so preach the gospel to all the world.

Evangelism is strongly emphasized among us. But why are we not winning more people to Christ? The answer to that question is obvious and simple. The predominant number of our people depend upon church evangelism as distinguished from personal evangelism. They depend upon the total program of the church to win the lost to Christ and it never occurs to them that they are personally and individually responsible for winning lost souls.

The church is a powerful agency for evangelism and its impact upon the lost must not be discounted. Yet the influence of the church as an evangelistic agency should not be substituted for personal evangelism by each individual Christian. But just that is done by the vast majority of our people. Therein lies the weakness of our evangelistic efforts.

## Accomplishment

A young man sauntering along was whistling carelessly. A little boy near by asked: "Is that the best you can whistle?"

"No," answered the big boy, "but can you beat it?"

The little boy said he could and proceeded to show him. When he had finished he said to the big boy, "Now see if you can beat that."

The big boy whistled again, much better than before. "How do you like that?"

"Well, that's all right," replied the little boy, "but if you can whistle that way, what are you whistling the other way for?"

# NOTES OF ADVANCE

New Hope Church, White River Association, a pastorless church, had five additions by baptism in revival services in which J. T. Richardson and Associational Missionary Claude Crigler had charge. The church is erecting a new building.

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Troy Church, Hope Association, had 11 additions by baptism in evangelistic services in which Pastor R. F. Eaton was assisted by Pastor Bruce H. Price, Beech Street Church, Texarkana. Pastor Eaton taught "Building a Standard Sunday School," to 50 workers following the revival.

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Ira Patishall of El Paso, Tex., has become associate pastor of First Church, Forrest City. Mr. Patishall is well known in Arkansas having served as educational director in Immanuel and Second Churches, Little Rock, and as pastor at Lewisville, Nashville, and Fordyce. He left the Fordyce pastorate to become educational director at City Temple Church, San Antonio, Tex., and later he went to El Paso, Tex., as pastor of Temple Church. He will have charge of music and education at Forrest City. Minor E. Cole is pastor of the Forrest City Church.

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First Church, Glenwood, had 50 additions, 33 by baptism, and three other professions of faith in evangelistic services with Pastor Jessie Reed, Park Place Church, Hot Springs, doing the preaching and Deacon Earl Gaither, of the Park Place Church, directing the music. The church does not have a pastor.

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H. L. Lipford, who was forced because of ill health to resign the pastorate of First Church, Earle, where he had served nine years, is much improved and is now available for supply work. With continued improvement, he hopes to enter the pastorate again soon. He may be contacted at 1015 North 26th St., Fort Smith.

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Plum Bayou, Harmony Association, had 63 professions of faith, 20 uniting with the church for baptism, 12 additions by letter and two rededications in revival services in which Pastor Lloyd Sparkman, Southside Church, Pine Bluff, was the evangelist. Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Lowery, First Church, Pine Bluff, had charge of the music and directed the work of the young people. The revival was held in the new church building. A. F. Robinson is pastor.

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New Hope Church, No. 1, Black River Association, had 20 additions by baptism in revival services with Pastor Arnold Teel doing the preaching.

## Pastoral Changes

C. W. Tapley from Big Creek Association as missionary.

R. Wilbur Herring from San Marcos, Tex., to Calvary Church, Little Rock.

Dean Newberry, Jr., from Ben Lomond, Brownstown, and Paraloma Churches, Little River Association, to First Church, Wilton.

First Church, Wilton, had 14 additions, 11 for baptism, in revival services with Missionary H. B. Donnell, Little River Association, doing the preaching. There were 23 conversions in a Vacation Bible School held in connection with the revival. Dean Newberry, Jr., is the pastor.

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The paper office is in receipt of resolutions adopted by First Church, Russellville, on the resignation of Pastor Fritz E. Goodbar, who has been elected vice-president and business manager of Central College. Pastor Goodbar has been with the Russellville Church nine years. The resolutions say: "During the years Pastor Goodbar has served as our pastor, this church has prospered in every department, materially, financially, and spiritually; our church plant has been enlarged and made more attractive; our membership greatly increased, our Sunday School and Training Union built up; and above all, the spiritual life of the church quickened. In every activity of the church, Sunday School, Training Union and every phase of the Young People's and Women's work, this church has had the untiring and unfailing labors of Mrs. Goodbar. She has been a wise counselor, a great leader."

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Rev. James H. Thomas, Nevada, Mo., supplied the pulpit of First Church, Dumas, September 14. Mr. Thomas is available for supply work or the pastorate.

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Rowe's Chapel Church, Mt. Zion Association, had 30 additions, 23 for baptism, during revival services in which Pastor H. M. Robertson, Whitton Church, did the preaching and his daughter, Ruby, played the piano. Pastor Carl Bunch directed the music.

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A study of the 69 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention with more than 3,000 members shows that they gave \$9,010,807 in 1946 for their local work and \$3,345,230, or 27.1 per cent, for missions and benevolences. First Church, Dallas, gave 57.2 per cent to missions to lead the South in percentage for missions.

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New faculty members at Ouachita College include Dr. James L. Blakeney, general counselor for the student body; Mrs. J. B. Buchanan, student secretary; Tommy Copeland, assistant in biology; Miss Mildred Davis, assistant in business administration; Emory McKenzie, assistant professor of English; Mrs. Harma McKenzie, assistant librarian; Mrs. Duncan Mitchell, instructor in piano; Mrs. Richard Petty, instructor in biology; Miss Margaret Riddle, librarian; Miss Erma Simmons, assistant in English; Mrs. Dan Thomas, instructor in English; Mrs. Cleve Turner, assistant dean of women, and Marcus Kaufman, instructor in mathematics and physical education.

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Blooming Grove Church, White River Association, had a revival which resulted in six professions of faith. The church is pastorless, but Missionary Claude Crigler led in the making of plans to begin repairs and redecoration of the church.

## They Tithe

Thirty-four of the 36 deacons of First Church, Little Rock, have pledged a tithe of their income to the church for the associational year beginning October 1

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More than half the active membership of Washington Church, Little River Association, pledged to tithe their income for at least three months at recent evangelistic services in which Rev. Erwin L. McDonald, of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., did the preaching.

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First Church, Strong, R. O. Ekrut, pastor, already has 90 members who have pledged to tithe their income for a period of three months.

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First Church, Baton Rouge, La., has enlisted 1,003 members to "test the tithe" the last six months of 1947.

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Immanuel Church, Little Rock, W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor, already has 1,090 tithers but hopes to boost the figure to 2,000 on Tithers' Enlistment Day, October 5.

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New Bethel Church, near Osceola, had 20 additions, 17 by baptism, in revival services with Evangelist Homer Martinez, San Antonio, Tex., doing the preaching and Charlie W. Shackette, Louisville, Ky., directing the music. One young lady surrendered for special Christian service. Curtis H. Downs is pastor.

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In 1940 Perry Hayden heard a sermon on John 12:24. Since it was wheat-planting time in Michigan where he lived, he decided to plant a cubic inch of wheat, pay the tithe of the harvest to his church, replant the nine-tenths, and continue this for six years, then give the land a Sabbatical year of rest. Depicting the six years of sowing, harvesting and tithing, and portraying many of the famous men who cooperated in the venture is the new film, "God is My Landlord." It can be secured for free showing from Dynamic Kernels Foundation, 537 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.

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Rev. C. P. Walters, 74, of North Little Rock, died September 14. He had spent 50 years in the ministry, serving in Arkansas and Louisiana.

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Arkansas gave \$10,270.20 to Southwide causes during August, according to the report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of this amount \$10,104.72 was given through the Cooperative Program and \$165.48 to designated causes. The Southwide total was \$523,407.23.

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The men of First Church, Nashville, entertained the men of First Church, Hope, with a watermelon supper recently.

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W. O. Carver, professor emeritus of Comparative Religion and Missions at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has been named acting head of the Department of Theology of the seminary, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. H. W. Tribble to become president of Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass.

# Arkansas Welcomes Dr. Johnson, Signal Baptist Leader, to Fayetteville Church

Walter L. Johnson, pastor of First Church, Philadelphia, Miss., has accepted a call to First Church, Fayetteville, effective October 1. Dr. Johnson, a native Kentuckian, is a graduate of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., and he studied for six years at Southern Seminary, Louisville, where he received the degrees of Bachelor of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy.

Dr. Johnson comes to Arkansas highly recommended by Southern Baptist leaders as a great organizer, a prodigious worker, a strong denominational leader, and a real missionary. He served the Foreign Mission Board for four years, studying in Mexico and teaching Greek New Testament and religious education in the mission seminary at El Paso, Tex. He has been active in denominational affairs, and is at present a member of the Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College, chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Committee on Stewardship and Evangelism, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Evangelism, and also a member of the Convention's Committee on Correlation.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge writes: "Dr. Johnson is a rare combination of superb gifts. He is one of the greatest New Testament scholars in any pastorate in the nation. If you were to name the three greatest New Testament Greek scholars among Southern Baptist pastors today you would have to include this deeply consecrated and humble man of God."

Dr. G. S. Dobbins, of Southern Seminary, says: "Dr. Johnson made an outstanding record of achievement while in the Seminary. He was a Fellow in the Department of New Testament under the Seminary's great and distinguished scholar, A. T. Robertson. It was my privilege to hold a meeting in his church more than once, both before and after he became pastor; hence I know first hand something of his constructive leadership. He will be an asset to Arkansas Baptists."

Pastor C. Z. Holland, First Church, Jonesboro, comments: "It has been my privilege to know Dr. Johnson since our student days at Southern Seminary. As a student he did an excellent work. His work at Philadelphia was characterized by thoroughness in every detail. He led a great church in evangelism and consecration. I predict that he will meet the great challenge of our fine church that ministers to the University of Arkansas faculty and students. Dr. Johnson's coming to Arkansas will add strength to our Baptist leadership."

Dr. Johnson went to the Philadelphia Church in 1942 when the membership was 769. Since then 535 have united with the church and the present membership is 1,039. The Sunday School enrollment has grown from 516 to 901 including 159 in a mission which was begun this year.

The financial record shows large growth. By October 1 of this year the building fund will have risen to \$60,500 from \$1,500 in 1942. During three of the five years the Sunday School has been recognized as Advanced Standard by the Sunday School Board, one of three or four in the Southern Baptist Convention. During three years Philadelphia led the churches of Mississippi in Sunday School study course awards.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children, Paul, 18, and Kathleen, 11.



Dr. Johnson

## Personal Witnessing Reaches One in Four

In giving a summary of his first year's work at First Church, Des Arc, Pastor Ernest Baker reported that he made 80 personal visits to lost people with the definite aim of explaining the plan of salvation and urging them to trust the Lord as Saviour. Out of the 80 contacts, 20 made profession of faith. Pastor Baker comments: "It is interesting to note that one out of each four persons personally contacted gave their hearts to the Lord. If we see them, some of them will hear the Word."

The church has had 54 additions during the past year, with 28 of them for baptism. The Arkansas Baptist has been put in the budget and goes into the homes of all resident members. A Butane heating system is now being installed.

During the year Pastor Baker made 636 sick calls, held 759 services in homes, visited 1,382 homes, made 80 soul winning contacts where he witnessed 20 professions of faith, conducted 19 funerals, attended 16 associational meetings, two state meetings, the Southern Baptist Convention, and made eight visits to the school and five to the hospital.

New Hope Church, near Sparkman, honored its college young people at special services September 7. The church has three young people in Ouachita College. They are Evelyn Deaton and Mary Elizabeth Selph, volunteers for mission work and Bob Nash, a ministerial student. John Eason preached on "Christ Lifted Up." It was his first sermon. Roy B. Hilton is pastor of the church.

First Church, Searcy, had a 14-day revival with Cecil H. Franks, Falls Church, Va., doing the preaching and Frank Adams, Paragould, directing the music and led the young people who came 30 minutes early to the services to discuss practical problems. Young people occupied a special choir at the evening services. W. R. Vestal is pastor.

## LeTourneau Foundation Buys Pine Lake Annex

The LeTourneau Foundation has purchased the 444-acre Pine Lake property from the Baptist State Hospital for an interdenominational Christian camp for young people, according to an announcement made by W. C. Blewster, of Magnolia, chairman of the hospital's Board of Trustees. The property, where the hospital has operated a convalescent home, is 17 miles south of Little Rock.

The purchase includes a large stone building, four modern houses, a large administration building used as a nurses' home, several smaller structures, a number of barns and other buildings, an 18-hole golf course, a lake covering nearly 40 acres, and facilities for various forms of recreation.

The LeTourneau Foundation is a non-profit religious and educational corporation headed by R. G. LeTourneau, internationally known industrialist and Christian worker. Mr. LeTourneau is president of R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., which operates factories in Longview, Tex.; Peoria, Ill.; Toccoa, Ga.; Vicksburg, Miss.; and Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

The Foundation has for the past decade operated Bethany Camp at Winona Lake, Ind., each summer. Mrs. LeTourneau, who has personally directed that camp, wanted a larger one farther south. Bethany Camp was sold at the close of the 1947 season.

Pine Lake was built in 1947 by the Arkansas Shrine organization as the Shrine Country Club. Some years later the late Dr. John R. Brinkley purchased the site from the Shriners and converted it into a hospital. For the last few years it has been used as a convalescent home by the Baptist Hospital.

There were several prospective buyers who wanted the property for commercial purposes, but the Board of Trustees of the hospital accepted the bid of the LeTourneau Foundation in that it will be used for Christian purposes.

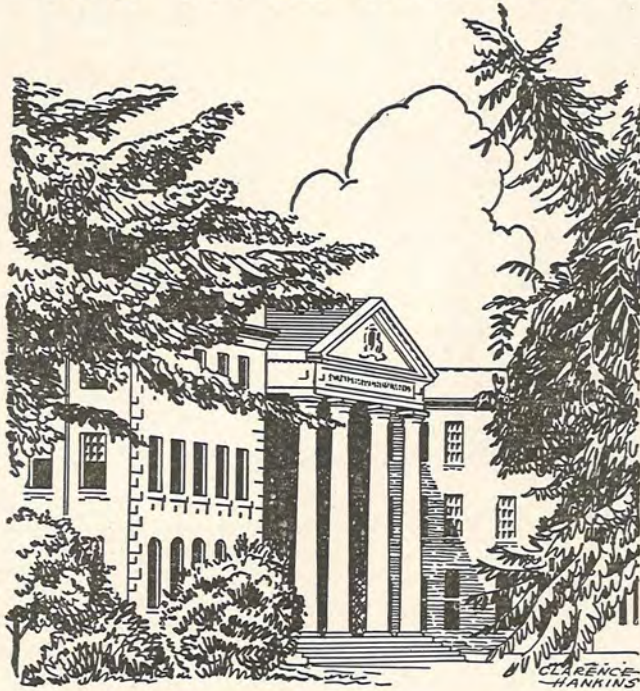
First Church, Mena, had 23 additions in revival services in which Pastor T. H. Jordan, First Church, Van Buren, did the preaching. One young man surrendered to the ministry. Pastor Jordan writes: "Pastor James A. Overton is one of our very best preachers and pastors. He is greatly loved by his people. He has led the church in building two Sunday School annexes, and it is now erecting a mission building in a needy section of the town. It will be one of the most beautiful church edifices in the city."

Humphrey Church had 13 additions, nine for baptism, in revival services in which Pastor R. D. Harris did the preaching.

Rev. C. L. Randall, South Pasadena, Calif., expects to visit in Arkansas soon and is willing to assist in a revival meeting while here.

Pastor Charles D. Tibbels, Black Rock and Clear Springs Churches, Black River Association, reports that both churches have had a good year. Black Rock had a 10-day revival which resulted in 17 conversions, 13 additions by baptism, two by letter, and one by statement. Rev. Bennie Pearson, Memphis, Tenn., did the preaching. Clear Springs had 22 conversions in a revival with Pastor Ralph Cadwell, Vannsdale Church, doing the preaching.

## YOUR TITHE WILL DO THIS...



*Fort Worth Hall, Southwestern Seminary  
Fort Worth, Texas*

SOUTHWESTERN Baptist Theological Seminary this fall enters the fortieth year of its inspiring history. During her years of service she has trained young men and young women for religious work at home and abroad, a recent tabulation showing that 250 foreign missionaries and 193 home missionaries have gone from her halls. Enrollment last session was 1,376.

Two new buildings are considered

SUCCESS in the tithing campaign will remove Southwestern Seminary's shackling physical handicaps, enabling us to fulfill our God-given mission of training a great company of consecrated men and women for the work of evangelism at home and abroad.

E. D. HEAD, *President*

*Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*

"musts" for the Seminary in the training of her large student body. One is the Scarborough-Truett Memorial Building, honoring two great Texans who contributed so much of their lives to development of the institution, and the other is for the School of Religious Education, dedicated to preparing leaders for all educational work in the churches. Your tithe will make these buildings a reality.

# A MILLION SOUTHERN BAPTIST TITHERS FOR CHRIST



**Benefiting: All local, state, Southwide and worldwide causes. "And prove me now, saith the Lord."**

# Will Baptists Match Their Opportunities?

By DUKE K. McCALL

How long will the Atomic Age last? Dr. Karl Z. Morgan, nuclear physicist who worked on the atomic bomb project at Oak Ridge, Tenn., is quoted as speculating: "The Stone Age lasted a hundred thousand years. The Iron Age spanned a thousand years. The Machine Age has been with us just one hundred years." Then he asked, "Will the Atomic Age last only ten years?"

## Civilization Can Be Saved

One . . . two . . . three . . . the years are slipping past and with them the opportunity for Christians to spread the saving knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Time and the tides of evil wait for no man, but tithing Christians can seize time by the forelock and force the tides of evil to subside. Through the leaven of Christian character our civilization may yet avoid the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah.

A Christian, as a recipient of the unmerited favor of God, is under the compulsion of the time in which he lives. He must match the opportunity of his days with a standard of Christian stewardship acceptable unto God and adequate for the spread of the gospel. We know that the tithe—one-tenth of a man's income or increase—was the first divine standard for stewardship and remains a goal yet to be reached by the average Christian.

Some one has indicated the various levels of giving as: "The tip level, where you drop in a nickel or a dime as a gratuity to God for His services; the entertainment level, where you pay when you go to church as you pay when you go to the ball park but have no obligation if you do not attend; the emotional level, where you give only as and if you feel like it; the Bible level where tithes and offerings are presented as a regular proportionate recognition of God's ownership and our stewardship."

Thus far the cause of Christ has been advanced by our tips rather than by our tithes. Southern Baptists are now giving approximately two per cent instead of 10 per cent of their income to the Lord's work.

Actually multitudes of the 6,000,000 Southern Baptists do give their tithes and offerings to the Lord's work. The need is not to ask these Christians to give more but to ask the others to come up at least to the standard of the Old Testament, a standard which met the favor of Jesus Christ. Concerning those who tithe but overlooked justice and the love of God, he said, "These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone" (Luke 11:42).

## Three-Month Tithing Emphasis

"Wanted: A Million Southern Baptist Tithers for Christ" has been the challenge throughout this year. The appeal now is supplemented and intensified by a three-month tithing test among Southern Baptists planned for October, November, and December.

Sunday, October 5, has been designated as Tither's Day. On that day every Southern Baptist must face the challenge of the Lord concerning tithing for at least a period of three months. God said, through Malachi, the prophet, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the win-

dows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it,"

This three-month tithing emphasis will do many things:

For one thing, Southern Baptists are now giving approximately \$25,000,000 to all religious purposes each quarter of the year. An estimate based on government figures indicates that a tithe of Southern Baptist income for October, November, and December would be \$125,000,000. Thus, this three-month tithing program is potentially an effort to secure an additional \$100,000,000 to be used in the local churches, for state causes, and for worldwide witness on the basis of the present Cooperative Program distribution.

The most important result of this three-month tither's enlistment appeal will be the development of the spiritual life of the individual Christian. Here is an appeal to each one to consecrate time, talent, and treasure

to the Lord. The emphasis is not upon the extraction of dollars but upon the infusion of dedication. Only a high spiritual experience and a sensitivity to the needs of a lost world will enlist tithers.

A permanent result of this effort to enlist all Baptists to tithe for at least three months will be the undergirding of the expansion of our witness in the years ahead. Having proved the Lord and found him faithful, we will also test the tithe as the expression of Christian stewardship and thus experience the spiritual blessings promised. Then multitudes of us will want to continue to measure our giving to Christian causes in terms of tithing thereby assuring that our expanded Christian witness can be maintained.

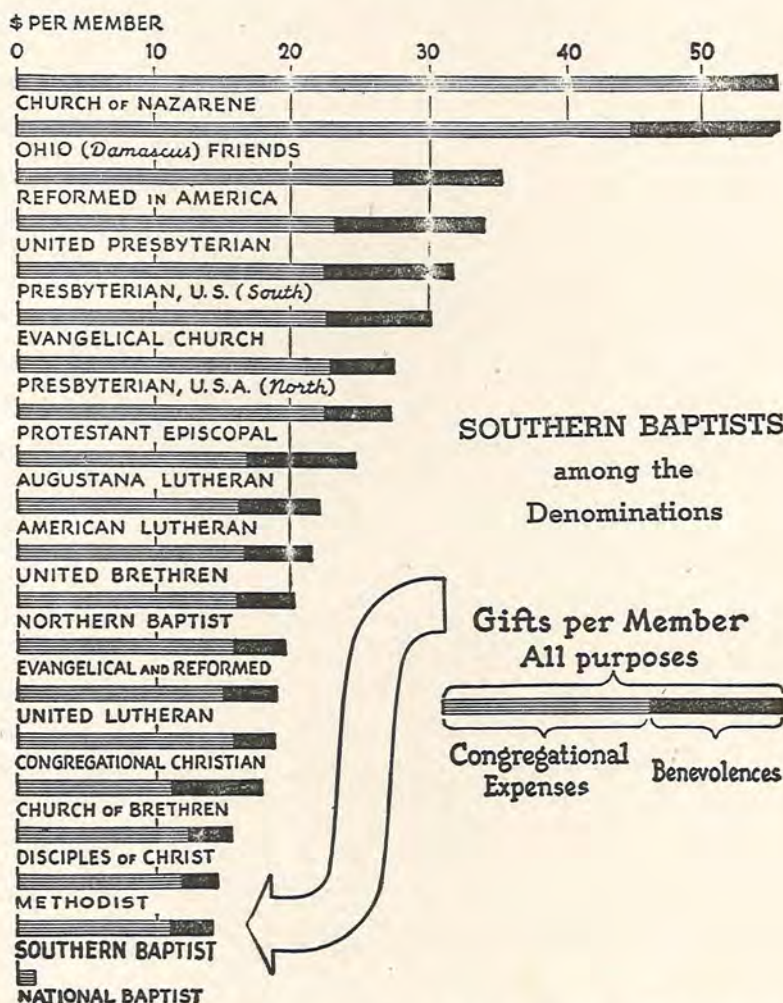
## What of the Need

Is there a need for such a special tithing appeal as this? Local churches answer: "We

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## Are We Proud Of Our Record?

In the chart below, based on figures collected by the United Stewardship Council, we can discover just how much we are giving to the cause of Christ at home and abroad . . . Are you proud of this kind of a record?



By courtesy of Dr. George Morelock, Methodist Church, the United Stewardship Council (1945 figures)



# Foreign Missions Can Be Guaranteed Only by Strong Home Missions Program

By JOHN CAYLOR

Many denominational leaders returning from the congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen expressed themselves to the editor as to the need of home missions.

In countries where home mission work is not emphasized, the Baptists are losing members. Where home missions is promoted vigorously, local churches are growing and interest in foreign missions is increasing.

The inevitable will happen when the home base is neglected. One of the best ways to guarantee the future of foreign missions is to promote a vigorous, live, local church program. Home Missions is the link between the work at the home base and on the foreign field.

As Dr. H. C. Goerner says we must make America Christian if we are to win the world, and we must evangelize the world if we are to make and keep America Christian.

## Home Missions at Ridgecrest

The home mission program at Ridgecrest was of interest to a great number of people this year. Held in August, the meeting missed the attendance of a number of people who would have been vitally interested in the program because revival meetings kept them away.

In order to reach for evangelistic inspiration a larger number of Southern Baptists, home mission week has been moved up to June 1-8 in 1948. The program committee has met and outlined a program of emphasis upon rural missions and evangelism. It is hoped that the inspiration of that meeting may contribute largely to summer revivals in rural churches as well as to evangelism in all the field.

Some of the questions raised in other religious bodies will be answered affirmatively by Baptists in the home mission Ridgecrest program by speakers on mass evangelism, personal soul-winning, the evangelist's message, the new birth, and church-centered evangelism.

## Baptist Chaplains

The Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention reported to the September meeting of the Home Mission Board that it had endorsed nine men for chaplains in the Army Reserve, five for regular Army, one for Naval Reserve, four for regular Navy, one for Veterans' Administration, and one for National Guard. It is reported that chaplains are still needed in the various services.

## In the Western States

The Cooperative Missions Department has been authorized to hold a special conference for workers in California, Arizona, and New Mexico next spring. The first attempt at a western conference was made in May of this year when workers met in Prescott, Ariz., for a home mission conference.

Two extra workers will be employed in California for the rest of 1947 in response to a special designation from Woman's Missionary Union for that purpose.

## New Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Arms were elected by the Home Mission Board to serve in Taylor and Roundrock, Tex., in the Mexican field.

Rev. Isaias Valdivia becomes pastor of the

Mexican Baptist Church of Harlington, Tex., and Mrs. Valdivia will do kindergarten work.

Miss Daffie Boone of Ashboro, N. C., has been appointed to serve in the Friendship House at New Orleans.

Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Rand are student missionaries in New Orleans.

## Books and Magazines

During the first months of 1947, 104,000 books have been distributed by the Home Mission Board. Several reprints are now in process. The 1948 graded series consisting of five new books is now being processed. The primary book is in printer's proof; manuscript for the intermediate book is in readers' hands; the adult manuscript is being typed; part of the manuscript for the young people's book is in hand; and the junior manuscript is expected momentarily.

The October issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions will consist of 115,000 copies.

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## Trinity Association Has Active Churches

By LOUIS A. GUSTAVUS, *Missionary*

Corner's Chapel Church, organized in 1941 with 14 charter members, now has a membership of 139. It has a \$3,000 church building with no indebtedness and has a monthly budget of \$175. Pastor J. M. Wilkinson gives his full time to the ministry of the church.

Corner's Chapel is one of the few churches of the state that can boast a Sunday School and Training Union attendance above its enrollment. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 92 with an average attendance of 95. The Training Union has an enrollment of 69 and an average attendance of 75. The Training Union is Standard with an average grade of 73 per cent.

Work at Greenfield Church began with the organization of a Sunday School and a revival in 1937. The mission became a church in 1939 with a membership of seven. The present membership is 79. The church has a modern building erected at a cost of \$6,000.

There are 10 tithers at Greenfield and the monthly budget calls for \$75 with \$11 going for missions. Osborne Justice is the half-time pastor.

Average Sunday School attendance is 51. Two sisters have a record of having not missed a Sunday School period in 10 years. Bobby Sue Scoggins' record is still unbroken. With an average attendance of 35 in Training Union, the yearly grade has averaged 79 per cent. The church has an active WMU organization.

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First Church, Norphlet, Loyal Prior, pastor, had 90 additions, 49 for baptism, during the first 11 months of this associational year. Eight of these, four by baptism, came during a one-week revival in which Pastor H. B. Tillman, First Church, Conway, did the preaching and J. T. Stocks, Smackover, directed the music.

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Mr. Howard Standrich, 85 years of age, his wife, his daughter, his son-in-law, and his granddaughter—all living in the same home—were baptized by Missionary Ottis Denney, following a revival at Moore Church, Newton County Association.

## Will Baptists Match Their Opportunities?

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have increased our building indebtedness \$10,000,000 in the past two years and that is but the beginning as building restrictions are further relaxed." Southwide agencies answer: "We were surveyed by the Executive Committee which placed a total of our need for buildings, equipment, and endowment at \$21,000,000." State conventions answer by pointing to special campaigns for colleges totaling \$40,000,000, for orphanages totaling \$2,000,000, for hospitals totaling \$18,000,000. This three-month tithing emphasis proposes to answer all these cries for financial assistance at once.

Tithing would transform our Southern Baptist foreign mission effort. Instead of 560 missionaries, there would be support for 4,500 missionaries. This is based on the fact that a tithe of Southern Baptist income would channel \$19,000,000 through the Cooperative Program to our Foreign Mission Board, with the Home Mission Board receiving \$7,000,000, and \$2,000,000 going to each seminary every year. At the same time, the work of our local churches could be multiplied by two, and the work of our state mission boards by three.

What would happen if Southern Baptists caught the vision of the increased power of the forces of Christ backed by tithing Christians?

In these days our need of God and God's dependence upon us for His purposes are united. Time magazine reported that a sense of the tremendous responsibility thrust upon them forced the Civilian Atomic Energy Commission into a deep hush at its first meeting. The new chairman of the Commission, David Lilienthal, broke the silence by saying, "I have taken the oath of office many times in my life but never have the last four words of that oath meant so much to me. I think you would like for me to open this session by repeating them—'So help me God!'"

Christians and non-Christians are united in such a plea for God's presence in the plans now being made for the peace of the world. God pleads for our participation in His redemptive plan, saying, "Ye are my witnesses." God needs our faithful stewardship for the ushering in of the kingdom of the Prince of Peace. We need God or all our councils and plans and programs and devices of economics and statesmanship are doomed to failure.

Measuring our share of the load by the tithe, let us become in truth "laborers together with God" that all men may say at last, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." For every Southern Baptist that means a pledge to tithe for at least three months or tithe for life. "Prove me now . . . saith the Lord."

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A summary of the work of Missionary E. H. Acuff, Bartholomew Association, for August shows that he traveled 1,685 miles, preached 52 times, held four revivals, witnessed 18 conversions, taught one Sunday School class, conducted one funeral, visited 75 homes, received 22 subscriptions to the Arkansas Baptist, and collected \$197.29 for associational missions among other things.

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Evangelist Purl Stockton, Little Rock, did the preaching and directed the music in a revival at Lake Charles, La., which resulted in 33 conversions.

# Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN  
Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH  
Editor, The Commission

## Baptist Work in Japan

Secretary Baker J. Cauthen sends a report of impressions on our work in Japan after a visitation of the Japanese churches in company with Missionary Edwin Dozier. The Japanese people appreciate the kindness and friendliness of the American soldiers and do not hesitate to talk with them.

Much damage was done to our Baptist work during the war. Eight church buildings were destroyed; but the school plants at Fukuoka and Kokura, the first for boys and the other for girls, were damaged only slightly. The college, seminary, boys' school, and women's training school at Fukuoka have a combined enrollment of 2,400 students. The girls' school at Kokura has a student body of more than 800.

The 16 churches with which Southern Baptists have been identified in Japan withdrew from Kyodan, or the Union Church, and have organized a Japan Baptist Convention. Japanese Baptists are hopeful and courageous.

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Secretary Cauthen expresses the opinion that we must send to Japan the missionaries now under appointment as soon as possible, and within the next five years appoint at least 60 new missionaries. We have been able thus far, on account of housing conditions, to send only three to Japan since V-J Day, but we hope that a number of other missionaries will be in Japan by the end of the year. Southern Baptists were slow, so slow, about getting into Japan, and then with relatively few missionaries. God has given us another opportunity and we must not fail this time.

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The Japan Convention is planning a program of advance. The Baptists of Japan will, of course, take the leadership in their evangelistic, educational, publication, medical, and orphanage work. But Southern Baptists must reinforce them in every way possible.

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## Baptist Work in Palestine

At the September meeting of the Board a new missionary, Finlay Morrison Graham, was appointed to Nazareth, Palestine. He was born and reared in Scotland. He has a Master's degree from Glasgow University and is a thorough-going Baptist. During his service in the Royal Air Force during the war he became deeply interested in working with the Moslem Arabs.

Last year when he was released from service he returned to Palestine and began mission work among the Arabs "with a few praying friends to back him." Nine months after attending the language school in Palestine he was preaching to the Arabs in their own language, winning their hearty commendation thereby.

While in school he met Mrs. Julia Hagood, whom he married September 10. They plan to do evangelistic work in Transjordan. Mr. Graham is heartily commended by Secretaries Rankin and Sadler and Pastor Theodore F. Adams, who had conferences with him in

Copenhagen; also, by Miss Kate Ellen Gruver of Nazareth, who is home this year on furlough.

## Southern Baptist Relief Center

At the meeting of the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board September 11, the name of the relief center at New Orleans, maintained by Southern Baptists, was changed to Southern Baptist Relief Center. This phase of our relief work will be coordinated with the relief program of the Baptist World Alliance, promoted through the Relief Committee of the Alliance, of which Dr. Paul Caudill of Memphis is chairman.

Our Baptist people who have visited Europe in recent weeks and have seen the suffering in nearly all the countries visited, are of the opinion that we must do far more for our fellow Baptists in war-stricken lands. We must not let them perish from cold and hunger. We must increase our shipments of clothing through the facilities offered for distribution of relief, particularly among our fellow Baptists in Europe.

The most effective methods for implementing this program will be worked out in conjunction with the World Baptist Relief committee and information given to Southern Baptists through various channels of publicity.

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Treasurer Buxton's report submitted at the September meeting shows receipts of the Foreign Mission Board for the first eight months of \$3,689,904, compared with \$3,264,561 the corresponding period last year. The receipts through the Cooperative Program for August were \$320,646.04, compared with \$269,064.85 for August, 1946.

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Secretary George W. Sadler is spending several weeks visiting our mission fields in Nigeria. He will probably return the last of October. Secretary Rankin returned from the Baptist World Congress with the conviction that the Copenhagen meeting gave new courage to European Baptists and gave our own people a deeper realization of our obligation to minister unto European Baptists in their great need. Miss Marjorie Moore visited our mission fields in Italy and Spain after the Copenhagen Congress and will give to Southern Baptists through The Commission interesting stories concerning our work in Europe.

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Secretary Everett Gill, who will bring to the October meeting of the Board a full report of his two years' residence in Latin America, is greatly encouraged over the prospect of our work in all of the Latin American republics which have been entered by Southern Baptists. There are many adversaries as well as open doors, but we are confident that God will match the faith of Southern Baptists by His grace and power if we do our full duty.

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Recent departures are: Miss Eva Sanders and Miss Mary Evelyn Fredenburg, from New York September 2 by boat to Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa; Dr. and Mrs. John Bryan from

San Francisco August 29 to China; Miss Katherine Skinner to Mexico August 25; Rev. and Mrs. Stephen P. Jackson from New Orleans August 18 to Brazil; Miss Sophia Nichols, Rev. and Mrs. Oz J. Quick, Miss Irene Branum, Rev. and Mrs. J. Winston Crawley, Rev. and Mrs. J. Glenn Morris, Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Jowers, Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Herring, and Mrs. G. W. Strother from San Francisco September 5 by boat to Shanghai; Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Pool from New Orleans September 16 by boat to Nigeria, West Africa.

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Recent arrivals from mission fields are: Georgia Mae Ogburn from Chile, now at 3011 Valley Street, Meridian, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Sullivan from Brazil, now at Martin, Tenn.; Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Lunsford from Brazil, now at 719 Creath, Jonesboro.

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## When You Say You Tithe, TITHE

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

Some years ago, when a group of Southern Baptist pastors were discussing sermon topics and treatment, Dr. F. C. McConnell, pastor of the First Church, Anderson, S. C., was asked for his outline on tithing. He replied:

"When you say you tithe, tithe!"

There was a moment of suspense, smiles. And then it began to dawn on the group that Dr. McConnell had stated the whole case in one short sentence. I have repeated that sentence many times, and it always registers. Almost the identical group that heard Dr. McConnell make the statement the first time were together on the Queen Elizabeth, returning from Copenhagen. We asked him if he had a sermon for the tithing campaign this fall. He said he did. We asked him for his outline. He replied:

"When you say you tithe, tithe!"

## God Keeps The Books

Mr. David Johnston, one of our young men at Druid Hills, had a special assignment in research out on the Pacific Coast this summer for which he received a slight extra stipend in his university work. Returning to Atlanta for a few days with his parents, he said to me:

"I made a little extra money this summer, and I am happy to bring you my tithe of this extra earning. I have tithed every dollar God has entrusted to me. I remember what you said at the new member meeting the Friday afternoon after I joined the church—that God keeps the books."

## "I Don't Argue With God"

An 80-year-old deacon, encouraging his young pastor to present the tithing campaign this fall, concluded:

"I've been tithing every dollar God entrusted to me for 67 years. God says it is right. My heart tells me it is right. I don't argue with God. Business men, farmers, young people, housewives—everybody can tithe. Everyone should tithe. My prayer is that everyone will tithe."

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Brumleys Chapel Church, near Conway, had 14 additions, 13 for baptism, in revival services led by C. A. Maule, Jr., with J. Gurney Lowe, Neosho, Mo., directing the music. A Vacation Bible School was held the last week of the revival. The church is expected to go from half-time to full-time.

## Women's Missionary Union

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## Why Have Royal Ambassador Camps?

By ALVIN HATTON

"The work of a Royal Ambassador camp like this is just as important as the mission work Baptist people are doing in Africa," said one of our missionaries at camp a few weeks ago. The man who made this statement was Milford Howell, a personal friend of mine, who returned a short time ago from serving his first term as a missionary in Nigeria, Africa. I was surprised to hear him say this because I knew he was so completely sold on the importance of foreign mission work, particularly that which is being done in Africa. We were alone in his cabin at Ferncliff.

Being convinced myself that Royal Ambassador camps were of great importance, I did not disagree with Milford's statement, but rather added, "Well, I guess a camp like this where a boy listens to missionaries and learns about mission work is a mighty good place for the Lord to impress a boy that he should be a missionary"

"Yes," said my friend, "but that is just a part of it. The other part is that the boys who will not and should not go as foreign missionaries are getting something here that will make a big difference in their lives and in the cause of Christian missions in years to come. Not many of these boys will actually go as foreign missionaries, but the ones that do not go will be Sunday School teachers, deacons, pastors, business men, etc., and their lives, their prayers, their money, their interest is what is so vital to the missionary program."

That is the main idea of a Royal Ambassador Camp—to challenge a boy with the importance of our missionary task at home and around the world. Certainly we do not spend all our time thinking about the heathen in Africa. In RA Camp we try to win all the unsaved boys to Christ. In one of our camps this summer we had 30 professions of faith in Christ, 15 in one and three in the other.

But we don't stop there; at camp we want a boy to get a vision of a needy world. That is why we spend money to bring missionaries to live in camp with us for five days. That is why we study the Bible and mission books.

That is why we see mission movies and pictures. An RA Camp gives a boy plenty of outdoor life—swimming, recreation, etc. These contribute to missionary education and inspiration for boys. Where is a more appropriate place to listen to a missionary than around a camp fire?

Just because this is on the WMU page that is no sign that preachers, deacons, and other people of the male species cannot read it. Really, I am hoping that some of the above named individuals, as well as some of our good Arkansas women, have read this far and will continue, because for the present this is the best pulpit I have and I have something burning in my bosom that I must say.

I am convinced that we have not put enough prayer, thought, and money into building camps for our boys (and girls) in Arkansas. So far we have made the kids pay all the bill in almost every case. And the bill has been too high for many to pay. If camps are worthwhile, then it is worthwhile to put some Baptist money into camps for our young people.

Will you please join me in praying that, if it is the Lord's will, we may soon have our own camp site in Arkansas where we can use it many weeks in the summer to reach many more of our young people for Christ and His cause out to the ends of the earth.

### Chartered Chapters

Royal Ambassadors have an attractive charter which we would like to have grow in use and significance to RA members. Beginning January 1, 1948 all previously issued charters will be invalid. After January 1, the 1948 charters will be issued only to chapters fulfilling the following requirements:

1. The chapter must be organized with counselor and officers according to the RA Manual.

2. The chapter must meet at least three times within the three months period prior to application for the charter.

3. The counselor makes a statement of intention to carry out the purposes of Royal Ambassadors as given in the RA Manual and the programs in Ambassador Life.

The charters will be issued annually from the state office without charge to qualifying chapters.

## Baptists Turn Night Club Into Church

By MARGIE P. McCALL

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — (BP)—Where a night club orchestra used to sit and bang out tunes until daybreak, a choir now sings the songs of Zion . . . where the "emcee" once held forth, a pastor behind a pulpit preaches the gospel of the Saviour from sin . . . and where floor shows were once staged twice each night stands an altar where believers in the Lord of life make public their faith in God!

The change came about when Baptists purchased the Gulf Coast's once highly advertised Comet Club, and converted the building into the house of worship of Pascagoula's Eastside Baptist Church. Rev. J. L. Morgan organized the church, and Rev. A. L. Ott is preacher.

The little room, now the pastor's

study, finished with knotty pine, and now lined with shelves full of well worn religious books and Bibles, was once the "exchange room" where the club kept the money for the gambling tables, roulette wheels, poker and other games. The gambling room itself, located at the rear, now serves as the Primary Department of the Sunday School. Where a complete bar and "cocktail lounge" was situated, the Baptists have the church kitchen where Christian fellowship is enjoyed and the Sunday School Nursery Department for the little folks.

The main church auditorium was used by Comet Club as the main dance floor, and the dining room. The walls are finished in a pale green and cream color scheme, and the canopy above the stage is designed to provide excellent acoustics.

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## Heroes of Faith

By W. M. SEAY  
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Faith is that strong energy of soul Godward by which Christian men and women not only live triumphantly but also by which they die gloriously. So did the heroes of faith celebrated in the 11th chapter of Hebrews. They wrought and fought valiantly, and "died in faith." That makes a difference. That lets in the light. That gives power to our souls. That brings in fragrance on the breezes. That azures the sky with fadeless blue. That tells the enchanting story of light and life and love.

We are not confined to a tomb; we are enfranchised into the limitless liberties of space. For to die in faith is not to die at all. It is just to say goodbye to the body and kiss it sweetly into the dust. It is to leave the tabernacle of clay, and be at home with God in the eternal tabernacle of light.

They died in faith, because they lived in faith and by faith. They lived heroically, they strove manfully, they suffered without complaining, they dared divinely. They were not loafers on the sands of time. They were not religious diletanti dipping daintily into this and that, chasing moonbeams, and gathering stardust, but they were yoked to a task that taxed the iron of their strength and challenged the temper of their finest nobilities. They moved as steadily on their path as the earth does on its orbit. There was the ruggedness of mountains in their natures.

Listen to what they did:—"They subdued kingdoms, they wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of the lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." They were not cowards; they were God's gladiators. They kept their souls open always to God, breathing the atmosphere, working in the energy, and walking in the light of faith.

Faith has nerve and grit and calm like that. You cannot frighten the fight out of faith, because it feeds on Christ. It may be swept to unknown seas on strange voyages, yet Christ will fire its heart with a flame no winds can extinguish and no waters quench. Reaffirm your faith then, tighten its girdle for the march, and grasp a new grip on God. For faith in God, faith in the promises, faith in the city that hath foundations and that lies over the hills of time, is fixed on a solid foundation that no proud learning of man, no violence of aggressors, and no cunning of devils can remove. We Christians need a resurgence of that kind of faith as we stand anxiously at the cross roads of human history.

mended for this purpose. Below are the names of some good ones: Aeolian Collection Anthem Book II (Lutkin) for SAB.

Concord Anthem Book, No. 1200 (Davison) for SATB.

Junior Choir Church Year (Rutenbeck) for Two-part.

Junior Choir Anthem Book I for SA.

Junior Choir Anthem Book II (Holler) for Unison.

It would be helpful if the church set aside in the budget for the new year an adequate amount for purchase of necessary music and supplies. Your leaders, too, need guide books and materials for their plans.

## Figures to Inspire

September 14, 1947

CHURCH	S.	S. T. U.	Adns.
Fort Smith, First	1017	311	5
Little Rock, Immanuel	981	288	4
Including Missions	1412	575	4
Little Rock, First	836	254	30
Pine Bluff, First	765	244	6
El Dorado, First	740	178	3
Arkadelphia, First	630	275	76
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	604	248	
Including Missions	638	272	2
Paragould, First	541	236	1
Fort Smith, Immanuel	540	110	1
Benton, First	538	142	4
Including Missions	623	114	
Hot Springs, Second	530	151	6
Including Missions	623		
Camden, First	529	111	
North Little Rock, First	512	108	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	508	95	3
Hot Springs, Park Place	446	134	10
McGehee, First	433	114	3
Little Rock, Gaines St.	409	260	4
Conway, First	399	75	30
Warren, First	369	72	
Malvern, First	361	97	2
Paris, First	355	102	
Fordyce, First	354	120	2
Hot Springs, Central	338	93	
Stamps, First	334	124	
Hamburg, First	333	188	
Fort Smith, *alvary	323	56	
Hot Springs, First	319	61	
Springdale, First	314	92	
Including Missions	464		
Rogers, First	309	94	
Siloam Springs, First	300	174	2
Mena, First	285	86	
Cullendale, First	282	89	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	279	80	5
Norphet, First	229	118	9
El Dorado, Westside	229	88	
Pine Bluff, Second	213	58	1
Greenwood, First	197	67	
No. Little Rock, Central	186	61	
Little Rock, Bethany	166	67	
N. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	160	70	2
Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial	159	40	
Fort Smith, Oak Grove	157	45	1
Levy, First	147		
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	146	51	
Mt. Ida, First	136	105	
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	131	84	
Little Rock, Calvary	131	59	2
No. Little Rock, Grace	103	26	
South Fort Smith, First	92	19	
Tuckerman, First	85	18	
Fort Smith, Bethlehem	71	7	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	67	43	
Little Rock, Bellevue	57	30	
Texarkana, Trinity	46	38	
Little Rock, Biddle	40	27	

## October Calendar of Events

### For Sunday School

#### Associational Work

- I. Educational activities:
  - (1). Help churches observe Training and Preparation Week.
  - (2). Teach books on administration.
  - (3). Lead classes to elect officers.
- II. Associational officers meeting:
  - (1) Reports on Training and Preparation Week.
  - (2). Adopt associational program for next year.
  - (3). Plan inside enlargement campaign for November.
  - (4). Plan associational program for November enlargement—youth in charge.
- III. Sunday School Workers' Meeting—week following last Sunday in month:
  - (1). Install associational officers.
  - (2). Adopt associational program for next year.
  - (3). Department conferences.
  - (4). "Eight Opportunities for Every Church."

#### In The Churches

- October is Sunday School training month.
- Observe October Training and Preparation Week.
- Have Training School—general and department books.
- Observe State Mission Day, October 27.
- Complete plans for the best use of Sunday school records.
- Check Standard ratings.
- Study the advantages of the use of visual aids in teaching.

### For Training Union

#### Activities for Churches

1. Put on the Bible Reading Crusade for the fourth quarter. Report number of Bible readers enlisted to State Training Union director as soon as the Crusade is finished.
2. Install new officers in all unions, departments, and the Training Union.
3. Add new unions and Story Hours as needed.
4. Continue to cooperate with the association in extension work.
5. Promote personal soul-winning.
6. Lead all members to make an offering to state missions on State

Mission Day the last Sunday in October.

#### Activities for Associations

1. Hold the associational executive committee meeting, and seek to lead every church in the association to engage in the Bible Reading Crusade. Work out the associational calendar of events and activities for 1948.
2. Attend your state associational officers' clinic, if it is held in October.
3. Make big plans to observe Southern Baptist Associational Training Union Day with a great mass meeting in your association on December 8.
4. Continue the extension work throughout the month.

### Three Important Training Union Dates

1. November 10 — associational officers clinic for all associational Training Union officers to be held at the Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. Expenses of one car from each association will be cared for at the rate of three cents per mile both ways. There will be morning and afternoon sessions.
2. December 8 - 12—associational Training Union rally in 40 associations, conducted by eight teams of two men each. These will be night meetings.
3. March 19 - 20, 1948—State Training Union Convention, Immanuel Church, Fort Smith.

### Are You On The Honor Roll?

An honor roll of churches having youth choirs is being compiled by the state director of church music. Send in your report at once so that you may be included in the roll.

One choir is no longer adequate for any church. Training and service in the music of the church belongs to all the people, young and old. With the high type of public school music now being taught in most of the schools of Arkansas, it is reasonable and right that the churches offer a place of service to boys and girls through choral organizations for each group.

Care in choosing suitable material for use by these groups is most important. The Baptist Book Store has many fine collections of music which have been recom-

## Mission Department Workers Count

### 586 Professions of Faith in August

August has been a splendid month for the workers of the Mission Department. These evangelists, associational missionaries, missionary pastors, and others report 586 professions of faith, 192 additions by letter and otherwise, making a total of 778 additions during the month.

Below are brief summaries of the reports from different workers.

#### Associational Missionaries

Twenty-three missionaries are aided by the Mission Department. The reports from 22 of them for August are summarized as follows:

Revivals	46
Sermons preached	591
Professions of faith	303
Additions by letter, etc.	108
Total additions	411

#### Missionary-Pastors

The missionary-pastors are those whose salaries are being supplemented by the Mission Department. There were 27 of them in August and their report is as follows:

Sermons preached	290
Professions of faith	127
Additions by letter, etc.	45
Total additions	172

#### Superintendent C. W. Caldwell

Attended Ridgecrest Conference on rural churches.

Churches visited	8
Mission Points visited	1
Community surveys	1
Financial programs planned	2
Revivals conducted	2
Sermons preached	23
Professions of faith	32
Additions by letter, etc.	10
Offerings for state missions	\$106.87
Other offerings	44.00

#### M. E. Wiles, Rural Evangelist

Revivals held	3
Sermons preached	42
Professions of faith	52
Additions by letter	7
Financial programs planned	3
Church building improvement	2
Communities surveyed	1
Offerings for state missions	\$387.38

#### R. A. Hill, Rural Evangelist

Attended Ridgecrest Conference on rural churches.

Revivals held	2
Sermons preached	22
Professions of faith	28
Additions by letter	20
Financial program planned	1
Church fields formed	1
Church buildings improved	1

## Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Supt.

Offerings for state missions	\$ 81.63
Other offerings	155.53

#### D. C. Bandy, Rural Evangelist

D. C. Bandy came into the state August 18. He spent a few days with the superintendent and Missionary J. J. Franklin in a revival at Beck's Chapel in Arkansas Valley Association. The sermons he preached there captured the hearts of his hearers. Then he went to a mission point near Lake Village where he set up a church budget and led the church to call a pastor. His address is 712 Park Avenue, Hot Springs.

#### Ottis Denney, Pioneer Missionary In Newton County

Church visits made	13
Homes visited	50
Committee meetings	17
Community surveys made	2
Financial programs planned	4
Mission Sunday Schools organized	2
Revivals held	2
Sermons preached	30
Professions of faith	13
Additions by letter	1
Offerings for Cooperative Program	\$48.52

#### Hugh Cooper, Pioneer Missionary in Rocky Bayou Association

Church visits made	11
Mission points visited	3
Revivals held	3
Sermons preached	45
Professions of faith	24
Volunteers for ministry	1
Offerings for state missions	\$15.00
Offerings for Cooperative Program	\$35.00
Other collections	\$90.00

#### Joe Fred Luck

Joe Fred is chaplain of the State Sanatorium, Booneville, and his report for August is as follows:

Patients visited	950
Prayer and Scripture at bedside	150
Welfare cases	20
Sunday Schools held	10
Preaching services at Sanatorium	32
Total services held	47
Professions of faith	7
Pieces of literature distributed	700

## Orphanage Board Asks Name Change

By L. B. SNIDER

We are making an effort to develop a program of care at the Arkansas Baptist Children's Center which in quality of service rendered will be second to none anywhere. All aspects of our policies and program are child centered and designed to meet the children's needs.

The name of a child caring organization should serve the children's needs and for this reason our Board of Trustees is suggesting that the name of our organization be changed to "Arkansas Baptist Children's Center." The legal name of our institution was "Arkansas Baptist Orphans' home," and not "Bottoms Baptist Orphanage."

Not many of the children we serve are actually orphans and the terms "orphan" and "orphanage" constantly remind them of their dependency, and for these reasons our Board felt obliged to drop these terms. Since Arkansas Baptists own and operate the institution, we thought the term "Arkansas Baptist" should by all means be a part of its legal title. The word "center" was chosen in preference to the term "home" because, in the first place, a children's institution is not a family home and cannot be made one, and institutional care of children is not and cannot approximate family living.

In the second place, the term "center" was preferred to the term "home" because our organization offers a broader service to children than mere institutional care. We provide both institutional and foster home placement services. The term "home" refers exclusively to institutional services for children and is, therefore, too narrow to describe all the services we render.

A third reason for our choosing the word "center" instead of home is that this is the term that is being used by progressive child caring organizations everywhere which offer the same type of services we give. Our Board is asking our State Convention for approval or disapproval of the aforementioned new name at its next session.

Toward commemorating the great services of Mrs. G. W. Bottoms to our institution, our Board has named our beautiful new administration building the "Bottoms Memorial Hall."

Our policies have recently been revised and they are now flexible

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and are designed to serve the needs of the children of the state who need our help. We now admit any normal white child whose needs we think we can meet. We have no age limits for the admission or disposition of children.

Children are now admitted with or without their guardianship. We require guardianship only when our having it is in the interest of the child.

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## Small Churches Need Preacher

By M. E. WILES  
Rural Evangelist

When I went to Columbus I found the church there without a pastor, but the people were ready for a revival meeting. We had extra large crowds every service. At first the people thought they were too busy to try to have day services, but eventually we persuaded them to try it.

We had 35 additions to the church with 33 of them coming upon profession of faith. Among those baptized were a mother and four of her children, four sisters and a brother from another family, two brothers from another, and a mother and daughter from another. It was one of the finest meetings I have been in.

A committee went with me to Washington in the interest of attempting to form a pastoral field with the two churches. They are only about 10 miles apart and both of the churches need a resident pastor.

We presented to the deacons a suggested church budget, which is something they have never carried out successfully before. A special offering of \$226.60 was made for state missions.

Columbus Church is more than 50 years old, and it has been one of the outstanding churches of Hempstead County. Mrs. J. R. Autrey, widow of the late Dr. J. R. Autrey, is still a great worker in spite of ill health. She has been the musician of the church for many years and is still at the job.

If any one should know of a really good preacher who would love to take on two good half-time churches and live in a small village among some of the best people in the state, please send the name and address to Dannie Hamilton, Columbus.

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### THE BOARD CAME TO THESE CONCLUSIONS:

1. Since school men in general agree that an enrollment of 1,050 is the most economical and the best working unit, we should help Ouachita care for that number.
2. To care for 1,050 students, two more buildings are needed now—one for the science hall and library, and the other a boy's dormitory. These buildings were unanimously voted by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, but the need today is much greater than when the Convention started the Million Dollar Campaign. During last year we erected three large buildings—a girls' dormitory, an apartment house, and a classroom building besides 43 apartments.
3. More teachers, more buildings, and more equipment are necessary if we keep Ouachita's doors open to all who want to enter. In recent years the student body has increased 300 per cent, the number of teachers 20 per cent, buildings and equipment about 50 per cent.
4. A committee was appointed to confer with Dr. Otto Whitington and others in regard to the best plans for completing the Million Dollar Campaign and for meeting the emergency at Ouachita College. The illness of Dr. Whitington, director of the Campaign, is regretted. From the hospital, Dr. Whitington asked that plans be made for completing the Campaign.

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# Satisfaction in Inner Self Is Fundamental Test of Life

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

The chief purpose of the author of the Book of Ecclesiastes, says Dummelow, "is evidently to offer men counsel, the result of his own experience, as to the principles on which they shall order their lives." "Our rule," says he, "must be to alternate wholesome labor with reasonable relaxation, assured that, although the ways of God's judgment are obscure, all well doing shall in the end be shown forth as approving itself to the divine judge."

The book as a whole is somewhat different from the other books of the Old Testament. The gaze is turned "inwards" and the matter of existence is presented as "a puzzle beyond our powers to solve" (Dummelow). Nevertheless, the book abounds in advice for the conduct of life, and some of the lessons will remain for all time as worthy objectives for life.

### Vanity of Vanities

Man's life, being brief at best, is saddened in the eyes of the natural man by "the purposeless and monotonous repetition which meets on all sides."

The ancient writer goes on to say, "What profit hath man of all his labor wherein he laboreth under the sun? One generation cometh, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth forever" (Eccl. 1:3, 4). If a person were to think of life only in terms of the ceaseless repetition of living and dying and without any thought of future life it would indeed be for him "vanity of vanities."

And yet this is precisely what the philosophy of many amounts to in life. We live as if life in its fullest and final form is to be realized here in the flesh. We seem to be unaware that a man's years are three score and ten.

It is only as one contemplates the purely material aspects of life with its ceaseless rounds of "going and coming" that life loses for us so much of its meaning, its splendor, and its hopeful promises. We must be able to see beyond the rivers and the sea, beyond the living and the dying of man if we are to lay hold of the meaning of human life.

Even wisdom, as such, is not satisfying to the heart of man. "If I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal" (1 Cor. 13:1). Unless one is able to lay hold of the thought life of Jesus and see beyond the mere temporalities of life he can have no basis for hope, no grounds for lasting joy.

All flesh is as grass. As the flow-

## Sunday School Lesson For September 28

Eccl. 1:2, 17; 2:1, 11, 24; 12:1-8, 13-14

er of the field, our carnal, finite temples fade and give way to age and decay. Even mirth with all of its boastful pleasures stands empty at the bar of divine judgment.

"I searched in my heart how to cheer my flesh with wine, my heart yet guiding me with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what it was good for the sons of men that they should do unto heaven all the days of their life. I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards; I made me gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit; I made me pools of water, to water therefrom the forests where trees were reared; I bought men-servants and maid-servants, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all that were before me in Jerusalem; I gathered me also silver and gold, and the treasure of kings and of the provinces . . . Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and, behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, there was no profit unto the sun."

### The Days of Thy Youth

Of one thing the writer is certain, and this he makes indisputably clear in the closing chapter: "Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 12:1).

We are to make the most of our opportunities in the days of our strength. One of the greatest tragedies of man is found in the wasted life—the life that fails to honor God in its youth. The best thing to serve God with is a strong mind and a strong body and the best time to serve Him is in youth,

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that is, if one time can be better than another. Literally the "best time" to serve God is the present, for that is all that we can lay claim to. No man knows what shall be on the morrow. Life is little more than vapor that appeareth for a little while and then vanisheth away (James 4:14).

The recent world war demonstrated the strength of youth when coordinated and applied in a given direction. The generals, and the men who drew the blue print for victory were men of senior years. But the real battle was fought by young men. It requires young life to stand the gruelling hours of long flying on bombing missions. The strength of young men likewise was required in the infantry as it made its way through snow and mud and rain and heat and cold in mortal combat.

In a similar way the work of the kingdom of our Lord demands the consecration of young life. When the powers of body and mind and soul are failing it is too late to render the type of service that one day might have been rendered in the name of the Lord.

### The Whole Duty of Man

"This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

Thus the author of Ecclesiastes comes to a fitting conclusion with a lofty and eloquent plea. If we "fear God, and keep his commandments" we shall find our place in the divine scheme of things and reap constant joy in the doing.

The author goes on to remind us that God will bring "every work in the judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Tragic indeed it is to contemplate such a statement for the life of the unbelieving world, but glorious indeed is the contemplation for the Christian. For the Christian has nothing to fear as he faces the future. He is confident that nothing can separate him from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. For him, God's promises stand sure and steadfast and offer comfort in every hour of need.

## Full-Time Rural Church Is Model

By H. W. JOHNSTON

Hopewell Church, Current River Association, is certainly entitled to the title, "The Model Church." It has gone from fourth-time preaching to full-time and is the only full-time country church in the association. C. F. Gwinup is the capable pastor.

Hopewell has one of the very best Training Union organizations in the state. The adult department is Standard, and other departments are working toward that goal. The Sunday School has been Standard for several years.

The Cooperative Program and associational missions share generously in the church's budget. The church is a living example of what a rural church can and does do for the glory of God and for the whole program when it really tries. It has an evangelistic spirit that wins people to Christ and to the church.

## Men Back Campaign

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP) — The Baptist Brotherhood of the South and the state Brotherhood secretaries of the Convention territory have gone all out in promotion of Southern Baptists' Tithing Campaign this fall.

"All reports received from our state Brotherhood secretaries indicate they have pushed everything else aside to give the tithing campaign full promotion during the coming weeks," says George V. Schroeder, associate secretary.

"We are praying that their efforts coupled with those of our other denominational organizations might bring resounding success in this Southwide stewardship effort."

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After the war started and material prosperity increased our people seemed to be satisfied without taking a great interest in the practice of titling. This three month "Prove Me" Campaign is reviving the interest of our people in the teaching and practice of titling.

The demand for literature and pledge cards has been enormous. We placed large orders for tracts and posters and cards, etc. We have been forced to make two additional orders for these materials. Some days the orders have been so numerous that one person was kept busy wrapping packages and getting them ready for the mail.

As we write this article, we find ourselves in a tense predicament. A number of orders are on the desk, and we are completely out of pledge cards. A week ago we placed the order, but we have not yet received the cards. We are hoping that they will arrive before any of our churches are inconvenienced by the delay.

When you read this article, we hope that you will have received the shipment of tracts and cards that you ordered. We wanted you to know that we are doing our very best. Most of you are aware of the difficulty that we now encounter when we try to get material delivered to us.

We believe that there will be 50,000 new tithers, but we shall not be satisfied with that number. Remember the slogan, "Every Baptist A Tither."

October 5 is the day. Maybe you are going to make September 28 Enlistment Day in your church. Give your people great encouragement, and urge them to commit themselves to the practice of titling.

If there are any who hesitate, insist that they try titling for three months. Then insist that they keep it up. The Lord will fulfill His promise, and it shouldn't be difficult to persuade the people to be permanent tithers.

"There's something wrong with the Catholics," is the headline of a little announcement put out by the Catholic Information Society of Little Rock. Many will admit that this is true. Doubtless there are many, many Catholics who know it is true. We say that there is much wrong with the Catholic totalitarian system, and man-devised dogmas.

## C. P. Walters Passes Away

Rev. C. P. Walters passed to his reward on Saturday, September 13. He has been a long time resident and pastor of various Baptist churches in Arkansas. He has been retired for sometime and has been in poor health. He left a host of relatives among whom is his preacher brother, John T. Walters, of Louisiana.

## Another Pastor Gone

Pastor G. H. Ussery of Perryville recently passed to his reward. He has been a useful man in kingdom work. Brother Ussery was pastor of Second Church, Monticello, for some time. He did a real constructive work in the early period of the life of that church. He was also missionary in Delta Association for some time. Then he was missionary in Little River Association from which position he went to Perryville several months ago where he served as pastor until his death.

Brother Ussery was an earnest preacher, and the people appreciated his ministry. The people at Perryville demand good preaching, and Brother Ussery was a successful pastor there. Among the relatives is his preacher son, Calvin, who until recently has been pastor at Glenwood. We shall greatly miss Brother Ussery for his place will be hard to fill.