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# Editorial Comments

## Kingdom Economics

*A Devotion by the Editor*

"And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one. . ."

Appropriate as it may be to apply this parable, also the parable of the pounds, to personal powers and abilities, we are not justified in completely ignoring the obvious teaching concerning employment of money in the kingdom of heaven. Why should we use the "talent" or the "pound" to represent every other personal gift and personal ability and shy away from the actual monetary terms and their literal meaning.

We have interpreted the "talent" as musical ability, or teaching ability, or administrative ability, or preaching ability, and so on indefinitely. Such application is justifiable and true to the teachings of Jesus.

But I remind you that the talent was a monetary unit. And when Jesus used the term, He was talking about money.

A talent of gold was equal to \$1,200 in our money. Five talents, therefore, were equal to \$6,000. The purchasing power was at least ten times as great then as now. So five talents would equal \$60,000, two talents \$24,000, and one talent \$12,000. These are quite sizeable sums.

The parable of the pounds is kindred to but not identical with the parable of the talents. The word translated "pound" is "mina" equal to \$17. Ten pounds were trusted to ten servants, a sum equal to \$170 and this multiplied by ten would equal \$1,700.

Unquestionably these parables teach inescapable lessons concerning the use and employment of our material possessions for our Lord and Master in His kingdom.

The meaning of the parables is not exhausted by their teaching on the use of money in kingdom service. But this teaching cannot be ignored in any interpretation that appeals to reason and is true to the language used.

Spiritually responsibility is inherent in the acquisition of material possessions. It is a serious matter to despise and depreciate what God has given us.

Spiritual growth is commensurate with the spiritual employment of material possessions. Spiritual courage is necessary in the spiritual administration of material possessions. The approbation of the Master is the satisfying reward which is sought:

"His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:23.

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### "A Baptist Looks at Lent"

The above heading appears as a caption for an article appearing in the February 28 issue of *The Watchman-Examiner*. The article is written by M. Allen Gibson, pastor of the Chester United Baptist Church, Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Pastor Gibson sketches briefly the origin and history of Lent. He says, "Insofar as scripture sanction is concerned, there is no authority for Lent." He shows Lent to be "a theology of works based on the idea that a man, by his works, can justify himself with God." He says that Lent is an invention of man and "to a Baptist, Lent smells of legalism." The author quotes Dr. Emil Bruner as saying, "Legalism is actually the very heart of sin."

Doctor Gibson closes his article with two significant paragraphs as follows:

"Lent is a fragment of papal quackery, a remnant of medieval superstition, an un-Biblical practice, and an effort to breathe life into the dead bones of liturgical worship. The pulsing, thriving Christianity of the New Testament Baptists needs no Lent.

"Where religion is a thing of the humble spirit and contrite heart, where the Christian theology of regeneration is maintained, there Lent is superfluous, meaningless and deceitful. And what is more deceiving than a practice which tempts a man to believe that he is justified by works?"

The liturgical churches that observe Lent commonly emphasize fasting and abstinence. However, to Baptists who know the New Testament as their only rule of faith and practice, a fixed time for fasting and abstinence is only a mockery. All Christian people should abstain from that which is evil all the time. As for fasting, there is no virtue in fasting from food except when the interest of God's kingdom and one's enthusiasm in the service of the Lord are so absorbing that he forgets his hunger because he has "meat to eat" that is more sustaining than physical food.

Let not Baptists be drawn away from the New Testament pattern of Christian life and living by legalisms and liturgical formalities of worship.

### Catholic Iron Curtain

Religious News Service reports that Dr. Marcus Bach, professor of religion at the University of Iowa, has said that the time has come to do away with the religious "iron curtain" that separates Roman Catholics and Protestants. Of course, he would include Baptists under the general term, Protestant. He is quoted as saying, "If the leaders won't do it, it will be done by the people at the grass roots."

It will be recalled in this connection that not too long ago the Pope made an appeal to all non-Catholics to return to the fold of the Catholic Church. That is the only condition upon which Roman Catholicism proposes religious co-operation. It is an exclusiveness which bars non-Catholics from any sort of co-operative endeavor with the Catholic Church. The Roman hierarchy has raised an impregnable iron curtain between the Catholic Church and non-Catholics.

It is true that large numbers of the laity of both catholicism and protestantism are far more co-operative and would be happy to do away with the religious "iron curtain" but not to the Roman hierarchy.

### UMT Bill Returned to Committee

By a vote of 236 to 162 the Universal Military Training bill was recommitted to the House Armed Services Committee. This large majority to recommit was quite unexpected in the House and came as a surprise to the advocates of Universal Military Training.

Of course, the bill can be called up again during this session of Congress, yet it is admitted even by the proponents of the bill that this is unlikely. It is admitted that credit is due largely to church groups for this partial defeat of the Universal Military Training program, and it is only a partial defeat. Of course, the church groups were joined by educational institutions, by farm organizations, and by labor organizations, and other groups which sensed the danger involved in Universal Military Training.

This partial defeat of the bill does not justify any complacency on the part of those who oppose Universal Military Training. We must remain alert and never let up in our opposition to this military program.

We will have more to say about militarism later, so for the present we will be content to express our appreciation for this partial victory over the forces of militarism in our own government.

### Profits and Increased Rates

The U. S. Department of Commerce reports that the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company realized a profit of \$18,593,971 in 1950 and \$22,763,265 in 1951.

This represents an increased profit of \$4,369,294 in 1951 over 1950. The total figures represent what might be considered a sizeable profit and the increase in '51 over '50 would appear to be a substantial increase in profits.

Yet the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is continuously seeking an increase in rates. It is reported that a refund of \$2,000,000 is due the subscribers for telephone service by the Southwestern Bell because they have been charging a rate in excess of that which is allowed by the Public Service Commission. A refund of \$2,000,000 out of an excess profit of more than \$4,000,000 above the profit of 1950 would not seem to hurt too bad.

It will be recalled that Southwestern Bell promoted a wide-spread and intensive campaign of advertising in an effort to sell the subscribers to their service on the idea that the company was in desperate need of making a larger margin of profit. Of course, the subscribers to Southwestern Bell service must pay for this advertising expense in increased rates. Here is the paradox, telephone users are paying the expenses which the company incurs in propagandizing the same users for an increase in telephone rates. It was this very thing among other considerations which the Supreme Court frowned upon in its recent decision concerning increased telephone rates.

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The sick of the palsy came to Jesus with his back on his bed; he went away with his bed on his back. Jesus can give us victory over our circumstances.

## From The Editor's Desk

### Preachers In Politics

Recently we published an article by Dr. Jesus E. Tull of Pine Bluff on the question of preachers taking a hand in politics. Of course, there are always outcries from other interests opposing any participation in politics by preachers. They are advised to stick to the pulpit and not meddle in political affairs.

A recent Religious News Service release from Kansas City, Kansas, reports that Mayor Clark E. Tucker, addressing the ministerial alliance of that city, advised the ministers to arouse the interest of their congregations in good government and to keep that interest alert. The mayor is reported as telling the ministers that they were the "leaders for good" in the community and must remain on the job unless they wanted the underworld to take over.

And that is just the problem, if ministers and church people do not take an active part in politics with the determination to see that the highest type of citizens are elected to public office, from the municipality on up to the Federal government.

We say without apology that the forces of righteousness should by all means dominate the political life of every political subdivision of our country. We are derelict in our responsibility if we turn political affairs over to the underworld, the gambling and liquor interests, and the other forces which seek only personal gain from the government.

#### Immoral Influences

You may be sure that the liquor industry is on the job and using its influence and money to dominate politics to its own interests; you may be sure that the gambling interest is on the job using its influence and money to dominate politics to its own interests; you may be sure that business interests are on the job using their influence and money to dominate politics for their own personal gain. And so it goes throughout the whole political

structure of our nation.

Why should the preachers and Christian interests of the nation surrender to these other interests which seek to influence politics without regard to the moral and spiritual welfare of the nation?

"We have good democratic leaders, both state and national—The best that money can buy."

—L. C. Tedford

We would be the first to oppose sectarian partisanism. That is the reason we oppose the Roman Catholic Church seeking special favors for itself from the government. All religious interests in the nation should be committed to securing and maintaining the highest possible standard of morals in government. Public officials should be made to fear the displeasure of the voters who demand high moral standards in politics and government.

#### God in Voting Booth

Perhaps the one reason why the moral standards in politics and government are so low is the fact that too many voters forget their own Christian profession and Christian standards of morals when they go to the voting booth. And this is where the minister comes in. He should lay upon the members of his church their responsibility in the voting booth. He should make it clear that God is looking on when Christian people cast their ballots. The voter may enter the booth and shut the door, but he cannot shut God out.

It is the responsibility of ministers to alert their people on the moral and spiritual issues involved in politics. It will take courage to do so. It is entirely conceivable that it would cost a pastor his pulpit. But a minister of the gospel must be true to himself, to his God, and to his people.

### A Brighter Future For America

"How can I help expand opportunity in America?" Suppose you try to answer that question. Think hard now, and consider all the possibilities and all the opportunities which might enable you to help expand opportunity in America.

It would be a splendid exercise and would afford considerable self-discipline if each of us would take a pencil and paper and write down what we can do to help expand opportunity in our country, or to make a brighter future for our nation and for the generations coming after us. Suppose you try the experiment, suppose you just stop reading right now and get a pencil and paper and write down what you think you can do to help secure a better future for coming generations. Then,

when you have done that, finish reading this little item.

#### Letter Writing Contest

The Sheaffer Pen Company sponsored a nation-wide letter-writing contest among high school students on this question: "How Can I Help To Expand Opportunity In America?"

These high school students from every state, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and Canada, in answering the above question, named religion in addition to free enterprise, education, and better racial understanding.

Religious News Service reports that Craig Sheaffer, president of the Sheaffer Pen Company, which sponsored the contest, said: "Grown-ups worried about teenagers' ap-

parent lack of religious convictions would be reassured by the reliance on religion expressed in the contest letters. I think many would agree the majority of letters showed a stronger faith in the need for religion today than many of the adult generation seem to possess."

It is true that delinquency and crime are more wide-spread among teenagers today than ever before, yet this is only one picture of teenagers. And we need not be surprised because of this condition, because the teenagers have learned their delinquency and crime from the adult generation by means of the picture show, radio, television, newspaper, magazine, and more essentially still, from observation of their elders.

#### Adult Delinquency

But in spite of the delinquency and crime among teenagers, it is obvious to all religious workers that teenagers as a rule are thinking more seriously on religious matters than are the general run of adults. Certainly teenagers respond more quickly, more readily, and with greater abandon to the appeals and ideals of Christ than the average adult. What is needed today is a better adult generation, and we should not have to worry so much about the young people.

Some time ago we saw a little notation from a pastor who said that formerly parents came to him with problems concerning children, but that now children are coming to him with problems concerning their parents. We had the same experience in the pastorate when children came to us with problems concerning their parents.

Our chief problems today are adult problems, parental problems; problems which grew out of the irresponsibility of adults in responsible positions—responsible positions in human society, in the business world, in the religious world, in the teaching world, and so on.

When the adult generation is willing to face up to its responsibility and is willing to be responsible, we will have fewer problems with teenagers and young people.

#### The Divine Imperative

Did you ever notice how many times Jesus used the word "must" in connection with His own ministry? He was impelled by a divine imperative, no matter what the hazards or the sacrifices. He was impelled by this imperative in the carrying out of His mission though it meant the cross and the grave.

It is obvious from His teachings, from the teachings and ministry of the early Christians, and from the history of Christianity and present day Christian experience that the same divine imperative should impel every Christian today. "I must" should live in the consciousness of every follower of Christ. There is no place for complacency and indifference among Christian people. The experience of regeneration puts an imperative in the heart of every born-again child of God. The only way for a Christian to fulfill his mission in life and know the satisfaction of Christian experience is to yield himself to that imperative regardless of the hazards involved.

# Kingdom Progress

## Church Observes Third Anniversary



The Emmanuel Church, Hot Springs, observed its third anniversary on Sunday, February 17.

When the Emmanuel Church was organized three years ago, it had no reserve funds with which to purchase property or promote a program; it received no financial assistance from any other source than the contributions of its members. Yet the Emmanuel Church began its history with a full time program, with L. D. Summers, pastor. Immediately the new church adopted a budget which included contri-

butions to associational missions, the Co-operative Program, minister's retirement plan, and a budget subscription to the **Arkansas Baptist**.

At the present time, the Emmanuel Church owns a lot 100 x 200 feet on which it has erected a church auditorium with a seating capacity of 150, and an annex with six Sunday School rooms. The present membership numbers 85.

Two young men have been licensed to preach by the Emmanuel Church: John D. Floyd and L. C. Gaither.

### Life Service Band, Ouachita Elects New Officers

Lucien Coleman Jr., Little Rock, has been elected new president of the Life Service Band at Ouachita College. The Life Service Band, one of the most active organizations on Ouachita's campus, is a religious club for all students who desire to serve Christ throughout life, no matter what the individual's vocation may be.

Other officers include Winston Beard, Cullendale, vice-president; Cleo James, McGehee, secretary; Herman Voegelé, Hot Springs, treasurer; Cissy Coles, Pine Bluff, special service chairman; Dottie Whitsel, Kevil, Kentucky, mission chairman; Judy Allen, Eudora, program chairman; Eugene Keeland, Greenfield, California, visitation chairman; James E. Johnson, Kevil, Kentucky, publicity chairman; Neva Jo Ward, Nashville, recreation chairman; Theo James, McGehee, pianist; Archie Fray, Conway, song leader.

### Pastoral Change

Thomas D. Hill has resigned the pastorate of the South Fork Church, Gurdon, to accept the pastorate of the Holly Springs Church, Hermitage.

Pastor Burton A. Miley has been invited by the Sunday School Board to prepare a series of devotional readings to appear next fall in "Open Windows."

### Evangelistic Team Commended

Pastor W. R. Vestal and First Church, Searcy, had the assistance of Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, in a revival meeting recently. Paul D. McMillan, associate pastor of the First Church, Searcy, was in charge of the musical program and the youth work.

Pastor Vestal, speaking of Johnson and McMillan, says, "Together they comprised a splendid team, and since both are relatively new in the state, I would like to say this word for them: I have never had men work more devotedly in the interest of the church and the lost than these men did. And may I say to my preacher brethren of the state that any church will be blessed under the rich and thorough scholarship of Doctor Johnson. He has a warm compassionate heart and knows how to present the gospel to a lost soul."

The revival resulted in nineteen additions to the Searcy church.

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The terrible condition of the whole world but magnifies the truth that the gospel of Jesus is the only cure for the world's ills. If we believe that—and we can—we should be ashamed of ourselves for the little that we are doing to give that gospel to the world. Our Foreign Mission Board could multiply its activities many fold, and then touch only the fringe of the field. God help us to take our profession seriously,

## Arkansas Baptist Hospital Spiritual Emphasis Week



ROBERT S. DENNY

Mr. Robert S. Denny, Associate in Baptist Student Union Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, will lead in the annual student revival at Arkansas Baptist Hospital the week of April 7-11, 1952.

Mr. John Walker, Director of Music and Youth Work at first Church, Little Rock, will direct the music. Mrs. R. H. Green, of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will preside at the organ.

Special features of the meeting will include conference periods at the close of each evening service, breakfast at Boyle Park Tuesday morning, April 8, and Camp Fire Service Thursday evening, April 10, at Boyle Park.

The daily services will be held in the Hospital Chapel, as follows: 6:05 a. m.; 12 o'clock noon; and each evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all who desire to attend.

### First Church, Forrest City In New Auditorium

The construction of the new auditorium of the First Church, Forrest City, has progressed sufficiently, with a few improvisations, to conduct the scheduled revival in it March 30 to April 13.

H. A. Elledge of Oklahoma City, formerly of Baring Cross, North Little Rock, will be the visiting evangelist, and R. J. McMillan, First Church, Jacksonville, will have charge of the music.

Plans are under way to accept bids for the completion of the church auditorium and to sell second mortgage bonds to finance the completion of the structure.

### First Church, Paragould Does Mission Work

Two forward steps have been made recently in the mission program of First Church, Paragould. A pastor's home, the South Side Mission has been completed, and Pastor Kenneth Threet and wife are living in the new home.

Construction has begun in North Paragould on a \$20,000 mission building. The auditorium will accommodate 250 people, with eight adjoining class rooms. Gilbert Morris is the mission pastor.

## Minister Ordained



LUTHER BYNUM

Luther Bynum was ordained to the full gospel ministry on Sunday afternoon, February 24, by the First Church, Jacksonville.

Pastor Charles A. Thompson, El Paso, conducted the examination; Pastor H. W. Ryan, Marvell, and former pastor of the Jacksonville church, preached the ordination sermon; Deacon W. P. Bacon presented the Bible; Deacon Henry Lamb was chairman of the council.

Mr. Bynum is now a pastor in White County Association. He attended Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.

## Arkansas News Briefs

### From Here and There

Beginning March 9, Evangelist W. J. Morris assisted Pastor E. W. Gray and the Nimmons Church in a revival meeting.

Dr. O. L. Bayless, Second Church, Hot Springs, reported sixty-one professions of faith in a recent preaching mission at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Doctor Bayless was one of three visiting civilian ministers on the preaching mission to Ft. Leonard Wood. There were 200 ministers who participated in preaching missions at Army and Navy bases throughout the country during January and February.

First Church, Eudora, Dillard Miller, pastor, has recently organized a Brotherhood.

The Ouachita College Choir rendered a concert of sacred music at First Church, Carlisle, at the evening service on Sunday, March 9.

In addition to redecorating the associational missionary's home at Dermott, the Delta Association gave Missionary and Mrs. W. O. Taylor a food shower at the January meeting of the Worker's Conference. Missionary Taylor says, "The intrinsic value was about \$100, but the spirit prompting it was worth a million."

The Intermediate Training Union Department of South Side Church, Fort Smith, Victor H. Coffman, pastor, is sponsoring a

## University B. S. U. Leader



MISS LOUISE STUBBLEFIELD

Miss Louise Stubblefield, Charleston, senior student at the University of Arkansas, was recently elected by the more than seven hundred Baptist students attending the University as the Baptist Student Union Sweetheart. Miss Stubblefield has been very active in Baptist Student Work for the past two years. She has worked on several youth teams throughout the state. She has served as Social Vice-president of the Executive Council this year.

Miss Stubblefield was crowned Sweetheart at the annual Sweetheart Banquet held in First Church, Fayetteville. This is the social highlight in the BSU social program. It is a distinct and coveted honor to be elected BSU Sweetheart. The student is judged on the basis of consecration, duty, and personality.

Fellowship Period following the evening worship service.

First Church, North Little Rock, reports that Robert Dennis, until recently stationed with the Marines in Hawaii, but now discharged from the service, has surrendered to the gospel ministry and will soon enter school to prepare himself for his calling.

A youth team from Ouachita College will conduct a revival meeting with First Church, Carlisle, April 6-13. The team is composed of Jim Tillman, preacher; Truman Keahey, song leader; Elizabeth Coles and Maxine Woods, pianist and booster band leaders respectively.

Thirty-six churches in Liberty Association are planning simultaneous revivals from April 13 to 20, with two others planning revivals just preceding the crusade. Thirty-four churches co-operated in the 1950 Crusade.

R. A. Sims and Hal Gallop Jr., from Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, assisted Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, and Pastor Coy Sims in a youth revival, March 9-16. Bethel Church is a member of Motor Cities Association of the Detroit area which became affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention last November.

Pastor William Carl Bird, First Church,

## Ordained To Ministry



ALFRED W. PSALMONDS

Alfred W. Psalmonds, recent graduate of Moody Bible Institute, was ordained to the full gospel ministry by First Church, Stuttgart, February 10.

Pastor Walter N. Hill served as moderator of the ordination council and Deacon Harry Baker served as clerk. The examination of the candidate was conducted by Missionary T. S. Cowden, Centennial Association; the charge to the candidate was delivered by Pastor Jesse L. Boyd Jr., DeWitt; and the ordination sermon was preached by Evangelist Ralph Dodd, Little Rock, under whose ministry the candidate had felt the call to preach. Mrs. James Leonard, Memphis, sister of the candidate sang a special number; Deacon Ray Daugherty presented the Bible, and the ordination prayer was offered by Pastor Hill.

Mr. Psalmonds is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Psalmonds, Memphis, and his wife is the former Miss Isabelle Settle, Stuttgart. Mr. and Mrs. Psalmonds will be doing rural mission work under the supervision of Arkansas Baptist State Mission Board.

Hampton, has asked for the birth month and day of each member of the Hampton Church. His purpose is to send a birthday greeting to each member.

The Church Music Department is presenting the Annual Youth Choir Festival at Mitchell Hall, Ouachita Baptist College, Friday night, March 28 at 7:30 p. m. and the Junior Choir Festival at 3:00 p. m. Saturday afternoon at the same place. Many will be attending these musical events from every section of the state.

Central Church, Dyess, has received five additions by baptism and two by letter since January 15, and three young women have dedicated their lives for special Christian service. The Dyess Church and Pastor L. L. Jordan had the assistance of D. B. Bledsoe, First Church, Wilson, in revival services beginning March 9.

The First Church of Alexander recently purchased a home for the pastor and his family. Upon the occasion of the pastor's family moving into the parsonage, the church gave them a surprise shower of groceries and also a purse.



## Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

### Presbyterians Propose 19 Million Budget

A budget of \$19,086,000 for 1953 was recommended to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. by the denomination's General Council which met in Philadelphia recently.

The General Assembly will hold its 164th annual session in New York May 22-28.

Included in the proposed operating figure is a church benevolence budget of \$13,500,000 and a woman's budget of \$3,000,000.

### 15 Churches Sponsor Anti-Envoy Meeting

A meeting to protest the sending of an American envoy to the Vatican was held in First Methodist Church of Roxborough, under the sponsorship of fifteen Protestant churches. More than 1,000 persons attended.

Dr. Edward H. Pruden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., which President Truman attends, was the principal speaker.

The crowd filled the main church auditorium and overflowed into two large Sunday school rooms. Separate services were held in each room with Dr. Pruden's talk broadcast over a public address system.

Dr. John Barnes, host pastor, conducted the main meeting. Dr. Robert Bringhurst, president of the 21 Ward Clergy Club and Dr. Ross H. Stover, pastor of Messiah Lutheran church, officiated at the subsidiary gatherings.

### Baptists Name Church After Martyred China Missionary

The Baptist Church in Indio, California, has voted to become the Wallace Memorial Baptist Church in memory of Dr. William L. Wallace, Southern Baptist missionary to China who died in a Communist prison a year ago.

"We believe that perhaps this is the first such memorial to this man of God who gave his all in China," said Mrs. LoRene McNichols, church clerk, in a letter to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Other memorials to Dr. Wallace include an educational building at his home church, Broadway Baptist in Knoxville, Tennessee, and the William L. Wallace Memorial Trust Fund which was started by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stegall of Knoxville, Tennessee.

### Congregation Builds New Church Every Year

"A new church every year for the next ten years" is the slogan of First Baptist Church of Long Beach which has already helped build 14 new churches.

The fifteenth is nearing completion, with dedication planned at Easter time. It will be the University Baptist Church of Lakewood, an unincorporated area northwest of Long Beach which is one of the most rapidly growing population centers in the state.

First Baptist Church of Long Beach, with 3,488 members, is the largest congregation of the American Baptist Convention in California.

### Korean Ambassador Praises Work of Missionaries

The work of American missionaries is almost solely responsible for the historic friendship which has existed between Korea and the United States, Korean Ambassador You Chan Yang recently declared in an address in Washington, D. C.

"We people of Korea were the original isolationists," he said. "We didn't like war, we didn't like the strangers we associated with war, so we retired within our beautiful peninsula and put out 'No Admission' signs. We had three uninterrupted centuries of complete peace."

However, Ambassador Yang said, in the early 1880s "you good people destroyed Korea's isolationism."

"Now I'll smile as I tell you this," he continued. "You came calling on us with gunboats. We wigwagged to you not to come ashore and we may have fired a few antique cannon shots in your direction. We really did want to be alone. By way of reply, your naval squadrons bombarded our ancient forts, smashed them into smithereens, and you came ashore anyway."

Then, said the ambassador, the Americans said they wanted to sign a treaty of friendship with the Korean nation.

"Now I submit, and I think you will agree, that that hardly seems to be the way to make friends and influence people," he said, "but we did become friends after all and have remained staunch friends to this day."

"The reason is that your missionaries came," he declared.

The ambassador said that Korea owes its belief in democracy and the dignity of man to the influence of missionaries, teachers and physicians who came to the country.

"That belief in democracy has made it impossible for us to submit to Communism," he said.

### Baptist Joint Committee Adds Two Groups

Two more Baptist bodies have been admitted to membership in the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Joint Committee applications from the North American Baptist General Conference (German) and the Baptist General Conference of North America (Swedish) were approved and delegates from the two conferences welcomed.

This action raises to six the number of Baptist bodies with representation on the Joint Committee. The others are the American Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, Inc., and the National Baptist Convention of America. The latter two are Negro bodies.

A combined membership of more than 15,000,000 is now represented by the committee.

## A Smile or Two

A dumb dora was reading the latest war news. "What part of the body is a fray?" she asked her husband.

"A what?" he replied.

"A fray! F-R-A-Y. What part of the body is it?"

"I don't know," he confessed, completely puzzled. "How is it used?"

"Well, it says here in the paper: 'The General was shot in the thick of the fray!'"

Willie: "Hi! What's the idea of standing here in front of the office you got fired from last week? Waitin' to get taken back?"

Jimmie: "Not much! Wanted to see if they was still in business."

When the eighth-grader was asked, in an examination, to define and use in a sentence the word "cudgel," he came through nobly with this:

"A cudgel is a club. My mother and the other ladies at our church have formed a new cudgel which meets Wednesday afternoons."

"Why did I sock my wife, Your Honor? Well, she kept devilin' me all the time."

"Just how did she irritate you?" asked the judge.

"She kept saying: 'Beat me! Hit me! Go ahead, hit me just once and I'll have you hauled up before that bald-headed old reprobate they call a judge, and you'll see what he'll do to you!'"

"Case dismissed."

Once I had a little bird, and his song was the sweetest ever heard. He is gone—some cat got him!

Once I had a white pet mouse. He was great—pretty, dancing little mouse. He was ate—some cat got him!

Once I had a lovely beau. He was a dream—lots of cash to spend, you know. I could scream—some cat got him!

—Baptist Student.

After working his way up to a high government position, a man visited the town where he was born.

"I suppose the people here have heard of the honor that has been conferred on me?" he asked an old schoolfellow.

"Yes," was the gratifying reply.

"And what do they say about it?"

"They don't say anything," was the reply. "They just laugh."

—Quote.

The three New York business men were enjoying a vacation in the Maine woods. Each one had a reputation as an angler. On one excursion, it was agreed that the one who caught the first fish would pay for the dinners that night. One of them, a Scotsman, relating the story later, said: "Would you believe it—Those chaps both had bites, and would not pull in their catch."

"I suppose you lost, then," said the listener.

"Ah, no! My hook wasn't baited."

A taxi driver, whose fixed fare is thirty cents for the trip from the Mayflower Hotel in Washington to the Navy Department Building, received just that amount from a prosperous looking customer.

"That's correct, isn't it?" the man asked as the cabby stared at the three dimes.

"It's correct," answered the cabby, "but it ain't right."

**Guest Speaker  
New Orleans Seminary**



M. E. AUBREY

M. E. Aubrey, C.H., D.C. L., LL.D., ex-president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, will deliver the annual Layne Lectures at the New Orleans Theological Seminary, March 19-20. This is a major stop in an itinerary that takes him from the East to the West Coast.

One of Great Britain's most highly honored Baptist leaders, Dr. Aubrey received his education in the University of Wales, the Baptist College at Cardiff, Wales, Oxford University, and Cambridge.

Before becoming Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, the highest full-time position in the organization, he was a pastor in Cambridge, at the church at St. Andrew's Street. Many Cambridge students were influenced by him there.

He delivered the Loyal Address on behalf of the Free Churches at the coronation of the late King George. Later he became the first Free Churchman to address a convocation of the Established Church of England. The King made him a Companion of Honor in 1937, in recognition of his services.

**Herring Named New President  
Of Grand Canyon College**

Dr. Benjamin O. Herring, for six years president of Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in Berkeley, California, has been elected new president of Grand Canyon College in Phoenix.

If he accepts the presidency, he will succeed Leroy Smith who resigned recently to enter other work with the state Baptist headquarters also in Phoenix. The election is effective April 1, according to recent announcement by the chairman of the board of trustees, Vernon E. Shipp.

Grand Canyon College is in its first year on a new campus in Phoenix, having been moved from Prescott where it had been located since its founding in 1947 by the Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

Dr. Herring has recently resigned as president of the Golden Gate Seminary. Before going to California in 1946, he was a member of the faculty of Baylor University.

*Baptist Press News*

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**Facts of Interest**

By J. P. EDMUNDS

Since the beginning of the nineteenth century, 60 million people have migrated from Europe. Yet Europe's population increased from 148 million in 1800 to 396 million in 1950.

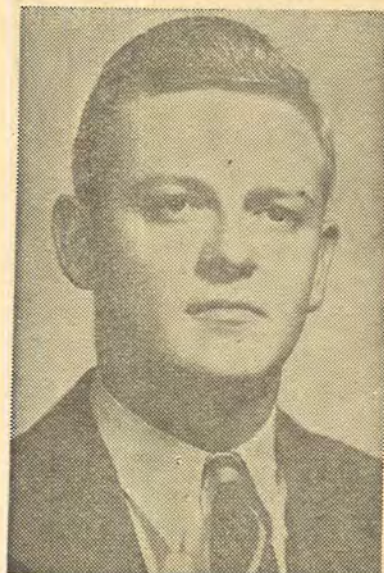
An estimated 300 million people now listen to *Voice of America* broadcasts in 46 languages. The radio audience will be greatly increased with the dedication this week of the first floating transmitter, three times as powerful as any radio in this country, on board a special Coast Guard ship.

The Defense Department reported last week that U. S. battle casualties in Korea had reached 105,992. The Army led with 86,852, Marine Corps, 16,868; Navy, 1,232; and Air Force, 1,040.

The British-Scandinavian expedition, which has returned from its second Antarctic expedition, has revealed new information on the thickness of the ice shelf in the icy region. It varied from 900 feet to 2,400 feet, and reached a thickness of 7,450 feet at one point.

Senator Homer E. Capehart and fifteen other senators have introduced a Senate bill, S2592, which would permit the air lines to grant "free or reduced rate transportation to ministers of religion."

**Heads Information Office  
Southern Seminary**



ASHLEY P. COX

Ashley P. Cox Jr., Macon, Georgia, has been named head of the Information Office, formerly known as the department of public relations, at Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Cox, a first-semester theological student at the Seminary, is a graduate of Georgia Southwestern College and Mercer University, where he obtained an A.B. degree in Journalism in December, 1947.

The 26-year old fledgling preacher, who graduated with first honors from the Pitts, Georgia, high school at the age of 15, served with the Air Corps for two years during World War II.

During his college days, Cox was president of the sophomore class, editor of the college newspaper and yearbook, member of several campus organizations, including Sigma Lambda, honor society. Georgia Southwestern College students voted him the "Outstanding Citizen" award in 1943.

Cox was a reporter for *The Macon Telegraph* for two years before he, in 1949, went into business for himself under the firm name of Cox and Associates, Inc., dealing in publicity, advertising and general public relations. During 1951, Cox served as projects manager for the Macon Chamber of Commerce.

Having felt called of God to become a minister of the gospel, he was licensed to preach last year by his home church, First Baptist Church, Macon.



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Charles Wellborn

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- KENA, Mena, 1:30 p. m.
- KDES, Paragould, 10 a. m.
- KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.
- KOSE, Osceola, 6 p. m.
- KVRC, Arkadelphia, 2:15 p. m.
- KRLW, Walnut Ridge

Consult local paper for time

**First Christian Martyr Was A Layman**

By MRS. JEAN CHRISTY FAVELL

"Me? Visit? Why, that's what we pay the preacher for!"

Have you ever said that? Do you feel that you have no personal responsibility for doing the Lord's work because you contribute your money to the church? You help pay the preacher. But is that enough?

Have you forgotten that Jesus gave the Great Commission to all believers—not just to preachers? That the first one to die for his Christian witness was not a preacher?

No, nothing exempts a Christian from doing his part of God's work. No one else can do it.

Check up on yourself. Maybe you haven't consciously uttered these sentiments, but your actions indicate this is the way you feel.

In a few weeks most Baptist churches will be engaged in a simultaneous effort in evangelism. Most likely your church is one of them.

Decide right now that you'll not leave everything up to the preacher but that you'll be obedient to Christ and do your part—that you'll give, pray, and—yes—even visit, that people may come to know the Savior.



## Home Service Speaker



DR. JAMES L. SULLIVAN

Principal speaker on the Christian Home Service at the Convention in Miami, Friday night, May 16, will be Dr. James L. Sullivan, pastor of First Church, Abilene, Texas. Dr. Sullivan's subject will be "The Home and the Church."

## Arkansas News Briefs

(Continued from Page Five)

The pastor's ideal deacon is described in the church bulletin of the First Church of Rogers, Rel Gray pastor:

The ideal deacon should be in regular attendance at all the services of the church; the ideal deacon should be a tither; the ideal deacon should see the spiritual needs beyond the local congregation; he should be a soul-winner; he should be the pastor's personal friend.

April 18 is "Tiger Day" on Ouachita College campus. "Tiger Day" is the day for high school seniors of Arkansas to visit Ouachita, look it over, feel the atmosphere of it with a thought of choosing Ouachita as the college they will attend next fall. Ouachita hopes to have a freshman class of 250 for the fall of 1952.

Pastor R. O. Ekrut and the Mount Olive Church at Crossett designated March 16 as Youth Day for the purpose of honoring the young people of the church. The young people will fill all responsible positions in the church organization for the day.

A great revival rally was held for Pulaski County Association at the Second Church, Little Rock, on March 17. Frank Shamburger, Associational Superintendent of Sunday School work, was in charge of the program. The entire meeting, both the mass meeting and the conference, centered on the revival. Dr. Dale Cowling, State BSU Secretary, was the featured speaker. Plans for the revival in all the churches of the association were outlined at this meeting.

The eleven o'clock services of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor, is broadcast each Sunday morning over radio station KWEM of West Memphis.

## Baptists Are Smart

By LLOYD A. SPARKMAN

I have not always given my people credit for being as smart as they are. At times a few of us have become interested in a repair or an improvement job and sprung it on the people. They desired to co-operate but were not sure that we did not have another project which would be thrust upon them before they had recovered from that one. Now they know emergencies do arise, but they also know that by wise planning our needs can be cared for in the budget. When a long range plan is explained, and a real need is there, they get behind it. With our unified budget all the members have a part in all the program of our church and our denomination. Some are more interested in Missions, some in the Orphanage, some in Ouachita, and many others would lay money aside for our much needed expansion program and the beautifying of our old building. By putting all the needs in the budget, and showing the people that we are dealing fairly with each need, they give their money to the whole cause and all causes are getting more money.

### Matter of Equity

What is true on the church level is true on the denominational level also. Designations even to Foreign Missions—if generally known—will cause designations by others so as to equalize the funds for other interests. Then too, there is a matter of equity. If an agency or institution lives from the Cooperative Program, it has no right to accept that, and at the same time seek to divert funds from the Cooperative Program. Our orphanage, of course, does not live from the Cooperative Program alone, but with the Thanksgiving Offering our people have adequately cared for the day by day needs of our orphan children. Funds collected for special campaigns come from church people who should pay those funds through their local church budgets. If we have campaigns, people will hold out money for them. Baptists are smart. If they know that appeals and letters will come for campaigns and "pet" objects from some leader or pastor, they will take that into account when they make their pledges.

The Training Union of the First Church, Huttig, Doyle L. Lumpkin, pastor, sponsored "Twin Night" on Sunday, March 2. Each member of the Training Union adopted some person who was not enlisted in Training Union work as a twin with the purpose of bringing that person to Training Union on that particular occasion, sit together through the program, and through the following worship service, and share together the fellowship hour following the evening worship service.

The Training Union of the Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, has recently experienced a quickening of interest due to the fact that the deacons of the church have taken a personal interest in the Training Union program and have adopted a systematic program of co-operation with the Union.

Pastor Sam C. Reeves of the First Church, El Dorado, has been invited by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention to prepare six fifteen minute transcribed devotional messages for use in "The Chapel Upstairs," series for use in some ninety government hospitals and stations.

I thank God for the special offerings. I believe in them and give to them. They are "over and above" offerings for me. As Baptists we are eternally grateful for the Lottie Moon Offerings. The other mission offerings are vital. Our Thanksgiving Offering is a must and a joy. We will not give too much, but we have six love offerings set up now—Foreign, Home, State Missions, Orphanage, Christian Education, Mother's Day.

If our people tithe and give an "over and above love offering" on the average of every two months, we shall have ample latitude for giving. Baptists are smart enough to know that special campaigns in Arkansas have been failing and the Co-operative Program has been succeeding. It is succeeding now. Through the Co-operative Program we paid Ouachita's debt and operated on a better scale in 1951 than in a generation. We will pay the balance of our old debts, pay the cost of liquidating Central College, make our final payment on the office building, and do more for all causes in 1952. We are raising the largest co-operative budget in our history, and we have only begun.

The Orphanage must have capital needs funds in 1953. We must build a boy's dormitory at Ouachita at once. We must get ready to help the Hospital before too long. We will need to give Southern Baptist College further assistance. To launch a campaign for one will pit it against the others. Basically, the fact is that it and all the others will be infinitely better off ten years from now, and our program will be a unified program with all our people supporting every institution and agency, and knowing that they share in the work nearest and farthest to the ends of a sin cursed world for which Christ died on a cruel cross.

### Co-operation Will Accomplish

For example: A \$30,000 allocation to our program in Arkansas from a church budget will provide \$12,000 to South Wide Causes; \$5,136 to Ouachita; and the remainder to be divided with every other interest in Arkansas. A \$20,000 allocation to our program in Arkansas from a church budget will provide \$8,000 for South Wide Causes; \$3,424 for Ouachita; and the remainder to be divided with every other interest in Arkansas. A \$15,000 allocation to our program in Arkansas from a church budget will provide \$6,000 to South Wide Causes; \$2,568 to Ouachita; and the remainder to be divided with every other interest in Arkansas. A \$10,000 allocation to our program in Arkansas from a church budget will provide \$4,000 to South Wide Causes; \$1,712 to Ouachita College; and the remainder to be divided with every other interest in Arkansas. A \$5,000 allocation to our program in Arkansas from a church budget will provide \$2,000 for South Wide Causes; \$896 to Ouachita and the remainder of the funds to be divided with every other interest in Arkansas.

In no other way can a church equitably care for, and share with, the whole cause. We must do right by all our work. Baptists will do right if they are shown the tried and proven way to victory.

Baptists are smart and will heed the call to do big things, in a big way, as big people. They will see through a plea for co-operation as compared with a program which is a separation of interests.

## Churches Multiply By Dividing

By M. M. BARNETT

Secretary of Evangelism, Jefferson City, Missouri

There are many paradoxes in life which one learns by experience to be fundamental in the "warp and woof" of the totality of reality. This is true in the Christian religion, as well as in nature, both theoretically and pragmatically.

Two of the many examples of multiplying by dividing are the swarming of bees and the marrying of people. The original swarm of bees divides and makes other swarms; the original families divide and make other families. This is surely God's method of increasing life.

Southern Baptists have grown great churches from small churches by following this great paradox in their Sunday Schools. However, both pastors and churches need to become truly missionary and carry this process on by dividing cheerfully our big churches into more and more churches. The people in a city can never be reached for Christ by building one large church, but by building many smaller churches, then growing them into larger churches, then dividing them into smaller churches, and on and on.

While in the great evangelistic crusade in Oregon and Washington last month, I saw this great paradox demonstrated in a very unselfish manner. Recently, the original Southern Baptist Church in Portland voluntarily divided and sent its pastor and about one hundred members downtown to organize a second church. The two churches then started a mission in another section of the city. During my first evening in Portland I helped to organize this mission into the Third Southern Baptist Church of Portland.

E. D. Giddens became the pastor of the

Baptist church in Richland, Washington, about two years ago. From this church of some three hundred members six other self-supporting churches have been formed during his brief ministry at Richland, and one other mission is now ready to become a self-supporting church. I was greatly impressed with the wonderful co-operative spirit between the mother church, which is only four years old, and her daughter churches.

As the United States government develops rapidly the basin of the Columbia river below the Grand Coulee Dam many new cities, towns, and communities will spring up in a brief period, as the thousands of people will rush into this fertile, irrigated, vast basin. As each new community is established a Southern Baptist church should be organized therein.

There are many cities, towns, and county communities where Southern Baptist churches should be organized in this two-state area of the northwest, especially on the west coast. Many of our churches and associations in the older Southern Baptist states should help organize and support many new churches in this territory in co-operation with the Baptist people there. After founding churches there, they become self-supporting in a very few months.

As we follow Dr. J. N. Barnette's program in getting 5,000 Southern Baptist churches to organize 5,000 new Sunday schools in March and April of 1952, we should see that quite a number of these potential churches are set up in the great northwest. We need now 100,000 Southern Baptist churches in the United States; in five years we should have twice that number.

## Preservation Of The Saints

By S. M. COOPER

I was not reared in a Baptist community. The greater part of the preaching which I heard as a boy was done by preachers who believed in apostasy. When I surrendered to the ministry, I had some doubts that had to be settled. I wanted to be sincere in my preaching. I wanted to preach what my Bible declared to be the truth. With no book to study but the Bible I came to have convictions as deep as my soul concerning this great Bible truth, "The Preservation of the Saints."

I believe that every redeemed person is a child of God, regardless of color or creed. Paul tells us in Galatians 3:26, that we are children of God by faith. In Romans 8:16, he says, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God." God's children are born into God's family. Every twice-born person is an heir of God: "If children then heirs . . .", we become heirs at birth and not at death.

I believe that Jesus, God's son, is an all-sufficient Savior. There is no power lacking on his part. "He is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." I believe in a Christ who is big enough to save every soul that will come to him. I believe in him who said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. . . ." Paul expressed assurance when he said, "He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

There can be no happy Christians without assurance. Jesus said, "Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven." Paul repeats, "My brethren, rejoice in the Lord." Christian people have every reason to be a happy people. Only the born again have any cause for rejoicing.

The hidden life is a safe life. Colossians 3:3-4 says, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." A big question for every soul is, Who is your life? On whom or what are you depending?

I love that song which says,  
"My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand."

I believe in the preservation of the redeemed because the gift of God is eternal life.

There are familiar verses, but how many believe them? I was in a community several years ago in a meeting. A man asked for a conference with me. I went to his home. He said, "Brother Cooper, I'm not happy preaching the doctrines which my brethren expect me to preach." I asked him why he didn't join the Baptists. His reply was that there was one doctrine which we preached which he did not believe, and he mentioned this doctrine. I said to him, "From the human standpoint, this doctrine may seem untrue, but are you willing to let Jesus settle the matter?" I then turned to John 5:24 and read these words: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." My friend joined the church that night.

### "I Apologize"

By L. H. DAVIS

In the Arkansas Baptist of February 14, I had an article under the caption "Arkansas Baptist Affairs in Good Shape."

In this article I had a bit to say of the good condition of our Institutions and Departments, but for some reason, I did not mention the Department of the W.M.U. This was an oversight, and I humbly apologize to all our good women. I could account for failing to include this organization by saying, I was like many husbands, who take their wives for granted.

The W.M.U. is an Auxiliary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. It has its own board which is active and alert. There is a committee also from the Executive Board of the Convention which co-operates with the W.M.U. work. Dr. David Moore, Arkadelphia, is the chairman of this committee, and the W.M.U. shares in the Co-operative Program of Arkansas Baptists.

The W.M.U. of Arkansas raised some \$375,000 for our work last year. This department has the following corps of workers: Miss Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Doris DeVault, Young People's Secretary; Miss Frances Winstead, office secretary; Miss Ruth Skiles, office assistant; and Mrs. W. E. Edwards, bookkeeper.

The W.M.U. makes special offerings to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions and other causes.

I am glad to say again that all our departments and institutions are in good

### Challenging Rivalry

An attendance contest between First Church, Springdale, and First Church, Siloam Springs, resulted in what Pastor Stanley Jordan calls a "red letter day" for both churches on Sunday, March 9.

The two churches tied in Sunday School attendance with 739 each, not counting the mission Sunday School attendance. The Siloam Springs church was in the lead in Training Union attendance for the same day with 426 to 354 for Springdale.

The attendance, however, was not limited to the Sunday School and Training Union services but spilled over for the worship services as well, so that every available space was taken in the church auditoriums and many people sat in their automobiles on the church ground and heard the service over their radios.

Pastor Stanley Jordan of Springdale and Pastor B. H. Eustis of Siloam Springs, without previous announcement, exchanged pulpits for the evening service. Each had capacity crowds.

Pastor Jordan reports that the regular offering through the Sunday School at Springdale was \$940 and that a "tub offering" in the worship service for the building fund amounted to \$886. Four persons united with the church on profession of faith and baptism and one by letter.

shape. I most humbly apologize for this oversight. There has never been a finer spirit in all phases of our Denominational work than at this time. This certainly is true with Miss Nancy Cooper and her fine corps of workers.

## Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Secretary

### Assembly Speaker

Arkansas Baptists will be delighted to know that the services of Mr. Troy V. Campbell, Director of Music and Education, First Church, Houston, Texas, have been secured for the 1952 session of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly. Mr. Campbell is outstanding in his field. He served the Arkansas Baptist Assembly last year as song leader, performing an outstanding service. Mrs. Campbell will be with us also. She is a fine musician, and will serve as pianist for the Assembly.

#### HAVE YOU MADE RESERVATIONS?

Space in Assembly-owned buildings is limited. Reservations are made on a "first come, first served" basis. Those desiring space in Assembly owned dormitories or cabins should make reservations NOW. A \$2 reservation fee will assure your accommodations — if you don't delay. Mail your reservation fee to Dr. Edgar Williamson, Director, 215 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

#### BUILDING BETTER SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Harold White, pastor, First Church, Luxora, says regarding the use of the Standard of Excellence for the Sunday School: "We are reaching for the Standard in Luxora this year. Average attendance for the Sunday School for February reached an all-time high in the history of the church. This can be attributed largely to our efforts to reach the Standard of Excellence."

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## Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary

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### A Record Brotherhood Meeting

A Brotherhood meeting recently held at Piney Baptist Church broke all attendance records. More than 500 people were there! It was probably the largest Brotherhood rally in the history of Arkansas, except the annual gathering on Brotherhood Night, on the eve of the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Piney Church is in Central Association, on Highway 270, west of Hot Springs. It is a wide-awake rural church. Edward Anderson is the very alert young pastor, whose spirit and leadership contribute much to the setting of a new record in Brotherhood attendance.

We congratulate Piney Baptist Church!

The Piney meeting is more evidence that when the pastor of a church determines that his church shall have a good Brotherhood, IT CAN BE DONE! When the pastor believes in the work and the worth of the Brotherhood movement, his church can develop a good Brotherhood.

#### A GOOD MEETING AT POCAHONTAS

Seventy-five men of Current River Association met at First Church, Pocahontas, for the quarterly associational Brotherhood Rally. The meeting was held on March 4.

We want to thank Mitt Bennett, Associational Brotherhood President, for his perseverance and his patience in staying on the job until his work has begun to bear fruit in the building of a good associational Brotherhood.

We believe that the Current River Association Brotherhood is going to exercise a vital influence toward the building of good church Brotherhood throughout the association, and in regions round about.

The success of Brotherhood work depends upon good leader-

ship. Men who believe in Brotherhood, and who prayerfully and patiently and lovingly stay with their Brotherhood until it gets on its feet and begins to walk for God and the church, — they are the real heroes of the Brotherhood movement!

#### BIG CREEK ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES

Under the leadership of H. M. Dugger, Associational Missionary, the organization of the Big Creek Associational Brotherhood has been set up. The officers are: Lloyd Horton, Viola, president; L. S. Pinnell, College City, Walnut Ridge, program vice president; Bernard Ford, College City, Walnut Ridge, attendance vice president; Henry Perryman Salem, promotion vice president; Byron Oliver, Viola, secretary-treasurer; W. A. Moody, Mammoth Springs, Raymond Knox, West Plains, Missouri, and J. R. Richardson, Gassville, Pastor Advisors.

We thank God for those in this area who believe in Brotherhood, and who have been willing to pay the price necessary to get Brotherhood work going.

Each church needs a Brotherhood. Every association will profit immediately through the organization of its men for a sustained program of work designed to strengthen every church in the association and to set forward all phases of denominational work within the association.

#### WANTED: MEN FOR RIDGECREST

If you are interested in attending Brotherhood at Ridgcrest, write the Brotherhood Department, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock, for information which will help you make your plans now for a very profitable week in "the Land of the Sky."

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# Department of Missions

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## Negro Leadership Conference Successful

The annual Negro Leadership Conference, sponsored by the State Department of Missions and the Home Mission Board, was held again this year at Morris-Booker Memorial College, Dermott. The president of the college writes:

"The special Leadership Conference just closed was a marvelous success. The white Baptist brethren co-operated to their fullest capacity, especially W. O. Taylor, the missionary over this area. Many great blessings came to us through the preaching of God's Word, the teaching of the Bible, the various conferences covering all of the segments of our church life, and the fellowship in general."

According to the president's report, there were 85 men present and 173 women, making a total of 258.

Some of the white pastors who assisted in the Conference, either as a preacher or conference leader, were: W. O. Taylor, Associational Missionary; Lloyd A. Sparkman, President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and E. E. Griever, Chairman of the State Mission Committee.

## RURAL CHURCH CONFERENCE, JUNE 2-6

The Missions Department will sponsor two Rural Church Conferences this year, June 2-6. One will be held at Ouachita College, beginning Monday evening, June 2, and closing Wednesday noon, June 4. The other will be held at Southern Baptist College, beginning Wednesday evening, June 4, and closing Friday, June 6.

Two conferences are planned this year, instead of one, in order to accommodate more preachers in different sections of the state. Many of the same speakers will serve in both conferences and the same type of program will be conducted at both places. Pastors are urged to keep these dates and make definite plans to attend.

## NO MISSIONARIES' RETREAT

Due to the crowded schedule of Baptist activities, the annual Associational Missionaries' Retreat will not be held this year. The date scheduled for this Retreat is probably too near the Southern Baptist Convention to permit many missionaries to attend both. Also, there will be a Western Rural Life Conference conducted at Southwestern Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, May 20-22. A special effort will be made to get our missionaries to attend the Ft. Worth Conference in lieu of the Missionaries' Retreat.

## DOLLAR DAY FOR NEGRO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our State Executive Board has approved the plan of giving special emphasis to our Negro Baptist Colleges on Christian Education Day, June 22.

The Missions Department has suggested that the State Board approve a special offering for Morris-Booker Memorial College, Dermott, and Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock. The slogan will be, "Dollar Day for Negro Christian Education." A special program will be prepared for use in the Sunday Schools and each person asked to give a dollar. One-third of the receipts will go to Morris-Booker Memorial College and two-thirds to Arkansas Baptist College.

The Negro Convention will put on a simultaneous campaign among their churches. This will be a united effort with our State Convention and the Negro Convention to strengthen these two colleges.

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# Prepare For The Hymn Playing Tournament

MRS. B. W. NININGER, Director



All pianists (ages 9-25) will welcome the news concerning the annual Hymn Playing Tournament. This year, as usual, the Tournament takes place at the Siloam Springs Assembly on Saturday afternoon, July 5, at 3 o'clock.

However there is much work to be done between now and then. Five hymns are to be learned, and for once they may be played with the book open. This is absolutely the first time that memorization is not required. So if you have been holding back from the Tournament in former years because you didn't want to tax your memory, now's your chance to enter. Begin now to study these beloved and beautiful hymns:

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- 201 Faith of Our Fathers—St. Catherine
- 196 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord—St. Thomas
- 177 Sun of My Soul—Hursley
- 145 Angels From the Realms of Glory—Regent Square

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Music to be played exactly as written.
2. Contestant will also accompany for singing of hymn led by a director.
3. Name key and measure signature.
4. Play a suitable introduction.
5. Judges will call for one or more hymns by each contestant.
6. One additional hymn for sight reading will be called for by the judges.
7. Contestants will play in each of the following age-groups: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-24.
8. Each church should have an elimination, not later than June 1, choosing one contestant in each age-group to enter the associational elimination.
9. Each association will have an elimination, not later than June 15, choosing one contestant in each age-group to enter the State Tournament.
10. The State Tournament will be held on Saturday afternoon, July 5, at 3 o'clock at the Siloam Springs Assembly.
11. Score sheets for use of judges in church or association may be obtained by writing the State Music Director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.
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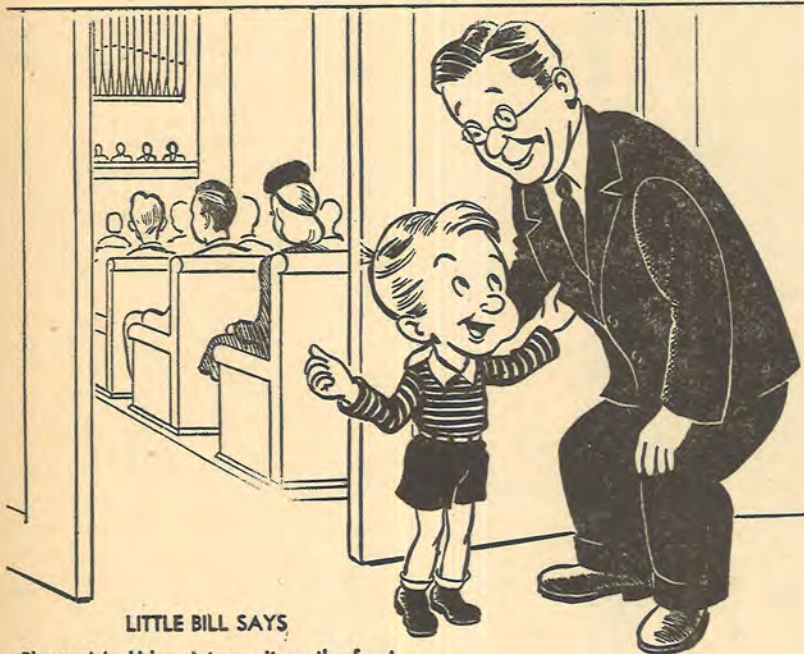
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## Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, *Secretary*

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Youth Week is a plan for a church to use its young people in all the official positions of church life for one full week. The Training Union should plan and carry out the project. The suggested date for this year is April 6-13. Order Youth Week tracts

from your State Training Union Department and begin now to make plans for Youth Week in your church.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson wrote, "No one program has done as much as Youth Week in our church."

## Baptist Student Union

DR. DALE COWLING, *Director*

### B. S. U. at State College, Jonesboro

By RICHARD COLE, *BSU President*

The BSU at Arkansas State College, has been blessed with an average attendance of more than 30 students in noon-day devotionals since the beginning of the fall semester. The peak attendance was 51. We have no Student Center, but our meeting room has been full several times with standing room only.

Our BSU is growing and we are praying it will continue to grow. It has increased considerably over last year. Then, the total enrolment in our school was 1,000, out of which 300 were Baptists, and our average attendance was 20. This year the enrolment was 800 out of which 275 were Baptists, a drop of 25, yet our attendance has increased. I think we can attribute a large part of this increase to a youth revival which was held in Jonesboro at the beginning of the Fall, led by Dr. Dale Cowling.

So far our program consists only of our noon-day devotionals. We do take a very active part in the Religious Emphasis Week,

which is held on our campus every Spring, though.

We would like to get a regular mission program started, but due to the fact that most of our students go home on the weekends, we haven't been able to start. Some of our members do take part in the Mission, South of Jonesboro, established by First Church; and Rhine McMurry, who came here from Ouachita, is the pastor.

We pride ourselves in providing clean, wholesome fun for our members.

Credit for much of our success goes to our Faculty advisors, past and present. The present one being David Taylor, Professor in Business Administration.

Pray for us that we might grow stronger for the Lord.

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Confused and discouraged people turn to false doctrines. Be established in your faith.

## Good News For The Russians

As recently as 1929, the money spent by the Federal government totaled less than two-thirds of the income of the people of the single state of California.

During the present fiscal year, according to the First National Bank of Boston, Federal spending will equal the incomes of all the inhabitants of this country who live west of the Mississippi, except for the residents of Louisiana, Arkansas, and one-quarter of Missouri.

Even that doesn't end the sorry tax story. State and local governments dip deep into the public's pockets too. Their expenditures will equal the total income of the citizens of the rest of Missouri, plus those of Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and two-thirds of Georgia.

All in all, government spending will equal the entire income of people in states comprising eighty per cent of the land area of the nation.

This is a novel and dramatic way of picturing the incredible magnitude of government spending. The nation is being bled white by ever-expanding government—and by waste which has reached shocking proportions. This must be a happy spectacle to the Russians, whose greatest

hope is that America will eventually collapse economically and carry the free world down with her.

—Industrial News Review.

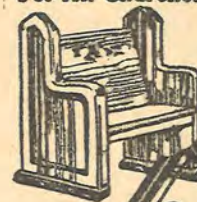
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# "Christ Speaks To His Churches"

## Training Union Convention, March 14-15

MRS. HOMER D. MYERS, Reporter

RALPH W. DAVIS, State Secretary

J. T. ELLIFF, President

With the opening worship service under the direction of Lloyd Sparkman and James Birkhead on March 14, the 1952 Training Union Convention was off to a good start.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Secretary and Editor of the Training Union Department, Nashville, Tennessee.

Following the theme of the convention, Dr. Lambdin showed his hearers how Christ speaks to His Churches with proper authority, for God Himself said, "This is my beloved Son, hear Him." "People do not hesitate to sit up and listen to great men who speak with authority in some given field; how much more should we listen to, and heed what Christ has to say as He speaks to each pastor, each church leader, and to every individual," said Dr. Lambdin.

Dr. Lambdin emphasized the fact that Christ is a living reality today, not merely a historic voice. That though He speaks to His churches, we should remember that Christ will be heard by the world, ONLY as Christian people speak in His name, by His Spirit, and through His call. The chief meaning of life is to glorify God, by witnessing for Christ.

### AN INTERVIEW

An interesting interview between Dr. K. O. White and Mrs. Doris Monroe, Editor of *The Primary Leader*, emphasized the need to call the nursery, primary, and beginners departments by the same names that are used in the Sunday school rather than "The Story Hour" as has been done for some time. Mrs. Monroe said: "That term does not adequately describe the work that is done by those three different age groups."

### DOCTOR LEE INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

Dr. R. G. Lee, Bellevue Church, Memphis, spoke to the Convention on, "The When, Where, and How of Christ's Voice." Dr. Lee first described Jesus as the outstanding teacher of the ages; the one source of help through the centuries. "The Stuttering in reading, the stammering in leading, and the restlessness all about us," said Dr. Lee, "is because people are trying to stand alone, and striving in their own strength. Jesus said, 'Come unto me, I'll give you rest; Cast your burden on the Lord, He will sustain you, for without Him ye can do nothing.'"

"Jesus is heaven's bread for the earth's hunger; heaven's water for the earth's thirst; heaven's light for earth's darkness; heaven's grace for earth's sin; man's justification for condemnation; man's salvation for damnation. Jesus answered every question, He is the medicine for every ill."

Dr. Lee continued: "We need to listen to Jesus in this day of wickedness, modernism, and liberalism, when belief in the supernatural is being removed from the minds of men, from the intellectual even to the theological realms, when men are trying to deify man and humanize God.

"Modernism will not save the millions of lost souls and un-churched peoples in our land, but the voice of Jesus and the word of God stand before us as the only cure for sinners, and the only hope for our national life."

Dr. Lee closed his message by reminding the audience that great leaders of the day, who are not ministers of the gospel, urge that we must have moral and spiritual regeneration or our nation is doomed. He recalled how Rome was never conquered—but Rome fell; Rome collapsed from within.

"Christ," said Dr. Lee, "is the only hope of our nation, our homes, our churches."

### WHERE ARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

Mr. R. Maines Rawls, Director of Young People's Work, Training Union Department, Nashville, and Dr. Lambdin revealed some interesting facts about this most elusive age-group, the Young People. There are 11,000 in active Training Union work in Arkansas, and approximately 300,000 believed to be active throughout the Southern Convention. There is a known increase of 12,810 young people in Baptist work in Southern territory for the year, with an average increase each of the last six years of 18,500. With fewer young people available than before, and with approximately 400,000 Baptist youth in the Armed Forces, this is encouraging.

### "WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE TRAINING UNION?"

Ralph W. Davis, who has been director of the State Training Union Department for seven years, spoke on, "What's Right with the Training Union?" In his message Mr. Davis gave the highlights of the *Progress of Training Union* since 1890; showing that the *Purpose of Training Union*

is to meet the spiritual needs for each individual in every church; and that the *Program of Training Union* is designed to the purpose. Mr. Davis emphasized that the Training Union is not just another organization, but is the living, necessary training program of any progressive church.

### NEW CAR GIVEN STATE SECRETARY

One of the high moments of the Convention came Friday evening when President J. T. Elliff presented to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, the keys to a new Buick. Friends from over the state made donations for this gift to Secretary Davis in appreciation for his several years of service to this department of work.

### IN THE TOURNAMENTS

Four young people participated in the Speaker's Tournament: Miss Billy Joe Causey, Bethel Church, Pine Bluff; Tommie Purnell, First Church, Arkadelphia; Miss Lillian Park, Mason Valley Church, Centennial Association, Ray Cruise, First Church, Piggott.

Tommie Purnell won first place, which gives him a trip to Ridgecrest with all expenses paid. Miss Billy Joe Causey won second place.

In the Intermediate Sword Drill Lynn Nunnally, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, won first place; Marjorie Byrd, Beech Street Church, Gurdon, won second place.

### HOWARD BUTT DESCRIBES DAILY LIFE WITH CHRIST

The Convention reached climactic proportions Friday evening when Howard Butt, Christian layman from Corpus Christi, Texas, showed the need of making Christ a living reality, daily in Christian hearts; and how it can be done.

Using for a text, Ephesians 3:17, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith," or according to another translation, "Christ settled down to be AT HOME in your hearts," Mr. Butt challenged his hearers to open their heart's home to the Savior and live a victorious life thereafter.

"Life becomes a thrilling experience," said Mr. Butt, "when Christ becomes a partner, when Christ is AT HOME in the thoughts and minds of His children." And unless every thought

is shared with Him, "the cheap and tawdry will creep into our minds," said the speaker.

"Once one has had a taste of complete abandonment to Christ, all else becomes tasteless," said Mr. Butt, as he challenged the audience to give God the chance to transform all desires of the mind, the appetite, and every part of one's being into perfect harmony with the Master.

"Let Christ be AT HOME in your play room; recreation that bars Christ is not proper for the Christian either. Christ will make all life fun, peace, and joy, when we sign the title deed of our lives over to God and really let Christ be at home not merely a guest in our hearts."

### THE MUSIC

The messengers were richly blessed throughout the Convention by special music rendered by the Ouachita Quartet, consisting of: Henry Wood, Glenn Hickey, David Moore, and Zahle Elms, and on Friday evening by the Pulaski County Choral Club, under the direction of Mrs. B. W. Nininger, and Mr. George Miller Second Church, Little Rock. The Choral Club sang the Hallelujah Chorus as the benediction Friday evening.

The Convention closed Saturday noon with timely messages by Dr. Ben L. Bridges, General Secretary for Arkansas Baptists, and Howard Butt.

It was a great Convention. Secretary Davis reports that in many ways it was the smoothest running. There were 1,259 people registered, and each age group was well represented, as the following figures will show: Adults, 566; Young People 228; Intermediates 322; Juniors 131; under Junior age, were 12. With fifteen associations in the state engaged in district simultaneous revivals, this was an excellent registration.

There were no less than 2,800 people in attendance Friday evening at Robinson Auditorium.

The new president is D. C. McAtee, pastor, Immanuel Church, Fort Smith.

The Training Union Convention will be held next year on March 13-14.

The meeting place will be Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

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# SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

## ARKANSAS MISSIONARY WOMAN'S UNION

First Baptist Church—El Dorado

April 1-3, 1952

Theme: REDEEMING THE TIME

Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, President



**MRS. CARL HUNKER**  
Missionary to Orient



**MRS. T. SHAD MEDLIN**  
Richmond, Virginia

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK**

Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Greetings \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Sam Reeves, Mrs. G. E. Snuggs  
 Worship Period \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. T. Shad Medlin  
 President's Message \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. F. E. Goodbar  
 Missionary Message \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. M. Ray McKay  
 Missionary Message \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hugo Culpepper

**TUESDAY EVENING, 5:30 O'CLOCK**

State Y.W.A. Banquet

**TUESDAY NIGHT, 7:30 O'CLOCK**

Young People's Night

Pageant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Missionary Message \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Frank Belvin

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30 O'CLOCK**

Reports of Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor  
 and Young People's Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Worship Period \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. T. Shad Medlin  
 Missionary Message \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Carl Hunker

Report Mission Study Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. R. H. Jones  
 Message \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. William McMurry

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:45 O'CLOCK**

Report Community Missions Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Ralph Douglas  
 Message on Narcotics Education \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. D. C. Blaylock  
 Worship Period \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. T. Shad Medlin  
 Missionary Message \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Frank Belvin  
 Report Stewardship Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Ford Maggard  
 Message \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. B. L. Bridges

**WEDNESDAY EVENING, 5:30 O'CLOCK**

State B.W.C. Banquet

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 7:30 O'CLOCK**

Worship Period \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. T. Shad Medlin  
 Missionary Message \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Carl Hunker

**THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 O'CLOCK**

Memorial Service \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. M. Ray McKay  
 Missionary Message \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Hugo Culpepper  
 Message \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. William McMurry  
 Closing Message \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. T. Shad Medlin

**INFORMATION:** Rooms have been secured in homes at rate of \$1.50 per person, per night, for room and breakfast. If accommodation is desired in hotels or tourist courts make reservations direct. W.M.U. presidents have lists.



**MRS. HUGO CULPEPPER**  
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**MRS. WILLIAM McMURRY**  
Mission Study Director  
Southern W.M.U.



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# Lydia Opened Heart and Home

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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## Sunday School Lesson for

March 23, 1952

Acts 16:6-15, 40

### INTRODUCTION

Woman's work in the kingdom is limited by certain restrictions; some are biblical, some for natural reasons, but most of them are according to the customs of the day in which one lives, and possibly the locality. Paul valued the woman's place quite highly, yet he insisted that they must stay in their "place." There were some things he forbade women to do in the churches; a woman was not to teach a man, nor usurp authority over a man in any way, in church capacity. That certainly ruled out lady-preachers.

In Paul's day, it seemed to be bad taste for a woman to "dress up", for in the letter to Timothy he admonished Christian women to be sober and dress accordingly; not to wear jewelry and adornments; nor to braid their hair, while in our day braided hair is the most conservative "hair-do." He was anxious, no doubt, for Christian women to look differently to the women of the world. There is no doubt about it, if Paul were to be suddenly transplanted into our day and society, he would be greatly shocked.

### SOME UNDERESTIMATE WOMAN'S POWER

As we think of the value of women in the Lord's work, perhaps no one underestimates her value in the church so much as the women themselves. Though the LEADERSHIP of the church, and largely of our denomination, has been placed in the hands of the men, the Bible is replete with examples which show that women are important in the Master's vineyard.

We believe any pastor will confess that there is nothing finer, nobody more useful, nothing sweeter than a real Christian woman, dedicated to the sincere service of God. How helpful, what a source of strength to their pastors, are the really consecrated women of our churches. And by the same token, no one can cause more trouble, or wreck a church quicker, than a woman who is self centered, overly ambitious and determined to have her way in the church. We could never understand why some woman will appoint herself a steering committee of one, to keep the Sunday School superintendent straight and to manage the Training Union president, to keep a sharp eye on the church treasurer, and to dominate the pastor. While it

is important to have feminine advice in "running the church" it should be given at the right time and in a Christian manner, not by stabbing remarks, criticism before others and possibly weak church members, or in subtle ways to hide the real motive.

We think of business women as being strictly modern, but Lydia, about whom we study today, was a business woman of the first century. She was a saleslady from Thyatira, living in Philippi. She was connected with the dyeing industry, which thrived in Asia, her former home. She seemed to be quite wealthy. She had a home, possibly a family, and her house was large enough to entertain at least four visiting evangelists.

Somewhere she had come in contact with Judaism, for she knew about God and revered Him, and when Paul preached Christ one Sabbath day beside the river to a group of women, Lydia opened her heart to the Lord. She became a member of the first New Testament Church in Europe, in the city of Philippi. She saw at once an opportunity to serve; the ministers had to live somewhere, so she invited them to be at home at her house. One of the really great ministries of women through the ages has been the domestic care of the minister-away-from-home. Like Mary and Martha of Bethany, Lydia's name has been memorialized by her hospitality to the Lord's servants.

### DORCAS GAVE HER TALENTS

When Simon Peter was preaching near Joppa, he became acquainted with another disciple who was dearly beloved of her associates. Dorcas was full of good works and almsdeeds. She was a seamstress and contributed her time and talent to the poor around her, by making them coats and garments without charge. Lydia opened her home for good to others, Dorcas worked with her hands for the service of others.

Paul seemed to have a large circle of friends among the women, some of whom he called "servants of the church." Priscilla and her husband Aquilla are an interesting couple. Paul first met them in Corinth. They were tentmakers by trade, and Paul knew how to make tents, so they teamed up both in business and in a spiritual sense. While they had to make tents for a living, each time we meet Priscilla and Aquilla they were doing some good turn for the

cause of Christ. Paul left them at Ephesus upon leaving Corinth, by and by a dynamic young man came forth trying to preach the gospel, something he knew very little about. Instead of criticizing the zealous youth, they took him aside privately, and quietly "expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." Apollos developed into a worthwhile minister; was later called to the pastorate at Corinth. We find Priscilla and Aquilla in Philippi, conducting church "in their house." Again, they preceded Paul to Rome, and there we find them with church services being conducted in their home. But Priscilla seemed to have been the pre-eminent one of the couple.

### WOMEN SERVE— AT HOME, WORK, CHURCH

Then in Romans 16:1, we meet Phebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. Just what her service was to that church we do not know, but she was a consecrated woman held in high esteem by the apostle.

In his letter to Timothy, the author admonished the women to be teachers in the church.

So, whether one is a housewife or in the business and professional world, she can be a consecrated helper in the ministry and a servant of the Lord. If one has a home it should by all means be dedicated to the service of God. If one has talent, and sees the need of the poor about her, surely she would deem it a privilege to dedicate that talent to helping others, for Christ's sake. Many are the orphan teen-age girls who need assistance in sewing and help in the management of their lives that only a Christian woman can give.

Then there is always the church service where one's presence, the assistance on the teaching staff or in the choir, is always needful. My, what a great field for service is the woman's, if she truly desires to serve the Lord; at home, at work, at church!

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On Page 13 of the *Arkansas Baptist* for February 21, you will find a list of the hotels and the rates they propose to charge. You can see that the rates run from \$2 to 20 odd dollars per day depending upon the kind of hotel and the kind of room that you get.

Your church is entitled to one messenger regardless of the size of the church, if it is a co-operating Baptist church. It is entitled to one additional messenger for every 250 members of the church or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting. **NO CHURCH, HOWEVER, IS ALLOWED MORE THAN TEN MESSENGERS.** This is in the interest of accommodations to be given by the city in which the Convention meets. We will send you the messenger card, which you will need if you go as a messenger. Tell us how many you want for your church. Each messenger must have his messenger card signed by the pastor or church clerk when he registers at the Convention. In your contribution figures please remember that only 40 per cent of your Cooperative Program gifts, plus designations to "Southwide Causes" are to be used in your calculations, in determining the number of messengers you are allowed.

### A Day of Prayer

J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has called upon Southern Baptists to set aside Wednesday, March 26, as a Day of Prayer to be spent in "Confession, repentance, and intercession."

### Old Ministers Relief

We are asking all our churches to take a special collection on the first Sunday in April for ministerial relief. This old minister's relief has to do with old preachers and their widows who never could participate in the Ministers Retirement Plan. We still have many of them, and they need help. They need more help than we have been able to give them. The men and women in Arkansas that are on the relief rolls are getting more than Arkansas provides for them. Some of the states are allocating a given amount in the budget to increase this fund for the beneficiaries of their states. In Arkansas we have not done this, but we are following the suggestions of the Relief and Annuity Board in appealing for a special collection in April for this particular purpose. If you will take such a collection and send it to us, we will send it on to the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas, and this will make it possible for our old preachers and their widows to be continued on the relief roll. **Please, please do this.**

### Cooperative Program Receipts

During January and February your office received the necessary funds to make up the budget for each of these months, but we are on the ragged edge with it, which means that **during the lean months of the summer we might fall short.** Won't you please see to it that we do not fall short any month this year, so that all men and women may have their pay as the months come and go. We believe that you want to do this and that you will see to it that the churches in your territory are presented with an earnest appeal to make every month count for the Cooperative Program. Have you sent any undesignated mission money to our office since January 5? Please do it this month.

### Baptist Book Club

A new service is now available to Baptists throughout the Convention territory in the organization of the Baptist Book Club with offices in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. "The purpose of the Baptist Book Club," a spokesman for the club said, "is to help our people build libraries by selecting those books which fit into the Southern Baptist church policy and pattern."

### J. O. Kincannon Jr. Passes to His Reward

J. O. Kincannon Jr. of Van Buren, passed to his reward on February 23. Brother Kincannon was the son of Judge and Mrs. Kincannon of Van Buren. He had been in the hospital in Ft. Smith for some time, until his death.

Brother Kincannon was chaplain in the Flying Division of the fighting forces during World War II. After returning home from service he was pastor in Poteau, Oklahoma, but more recently has been pastor in Edinburg, Texas. His home going was sad indeed because he was a brilliant young man only 35 years of age, full of life and vigor and a determination to serve the Lord and to build the cause of Christ. It is a loss to the forces of Christ on earth to give him up. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Audia Kincannon, and two daughters.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to his loved ones on this occasion.

### Pastor Barnett and Shannon Church

The Shannon Church in Black River Association has taken on new life under the progressive, persistent, thoughtful, hard-working preacher, Dale Barnett. They moved out of the school house last fall. They went into their new building. It was formerly a night club before the church possessed it. It is South Pocahontas. Since they went into their new quarters, their attendance has doubled and the membership has almost doubled. The offerings have increased approximately 25 per cent. This church is proposing to give through the Cooperative Missionary Program \$16.00 per month. Formerly it was giving only \$2.00. Thank the Lord for the progress of our smaller churches! We take off our hats to Barnett.

### The Recent Mission Rallies

During February the workers of the Baptist State Convention held 40 rallies in the interest of missions and denominational work. There were at least 75 workers speaking in the interest of the different phases of work sponsored and carried on by the Convention, including missions and evangelism and Christian Education, hospital work and orphanage work. By actual count these workers spoke to 5,802 Baptist people during these tours. We want to express our appreciation to the various workers who helped in this crusade, and we want to also express our thanks and appreciation for the church members at the churches who participated. We hope to see you again next year.

**MARCH! THE LAST MONTH OF THE FIRST QUARTER, 1952. HAVE YOU SENT YOUR MISSION CONTRIBUTION? PLEASE DO SO BEFORE APRIL 4.**

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