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ARKANSAS

Baptist



DECEMBER 19, 1957

Christmas Shopping With Tommy

by

Noland Patrick Murray

THE SOFTLY falling snow was forming fluffy, white mounds along the edge of the high curb, but on the broad sidewalks the trampling of many feet had transformed the sparkling, white fleece into an endless mud-stained carpet. Long, glittering chains of tinsel swayed serenely above the streets as though beholding with wonder the bewildering scurry of nimble cars and heavy trucks below. The massive buildings stretched skyward like tall sentinels hiding their heads in a gray mantle, which seemed to be constantly crumbling into tiny bits of white. Far below, the busy people scuttled to and fro like a host of tiny desert animals seeking refuge from a threatening storm.

A small lad clung tightly to the gloved hand swinging just above his snugly bundled head, his tiny legs churning a rapid accompaniment to the longer and quick steps of his mother. The smartly-dressed lady, toward whom he directed a steady verbal torrent, carried herself with an almost aristocratic air, glancing down occasionally and half-scornfully at the upturned face beside her.

"Mommy!" inquired an urgent, childish voice, "where are going now?"

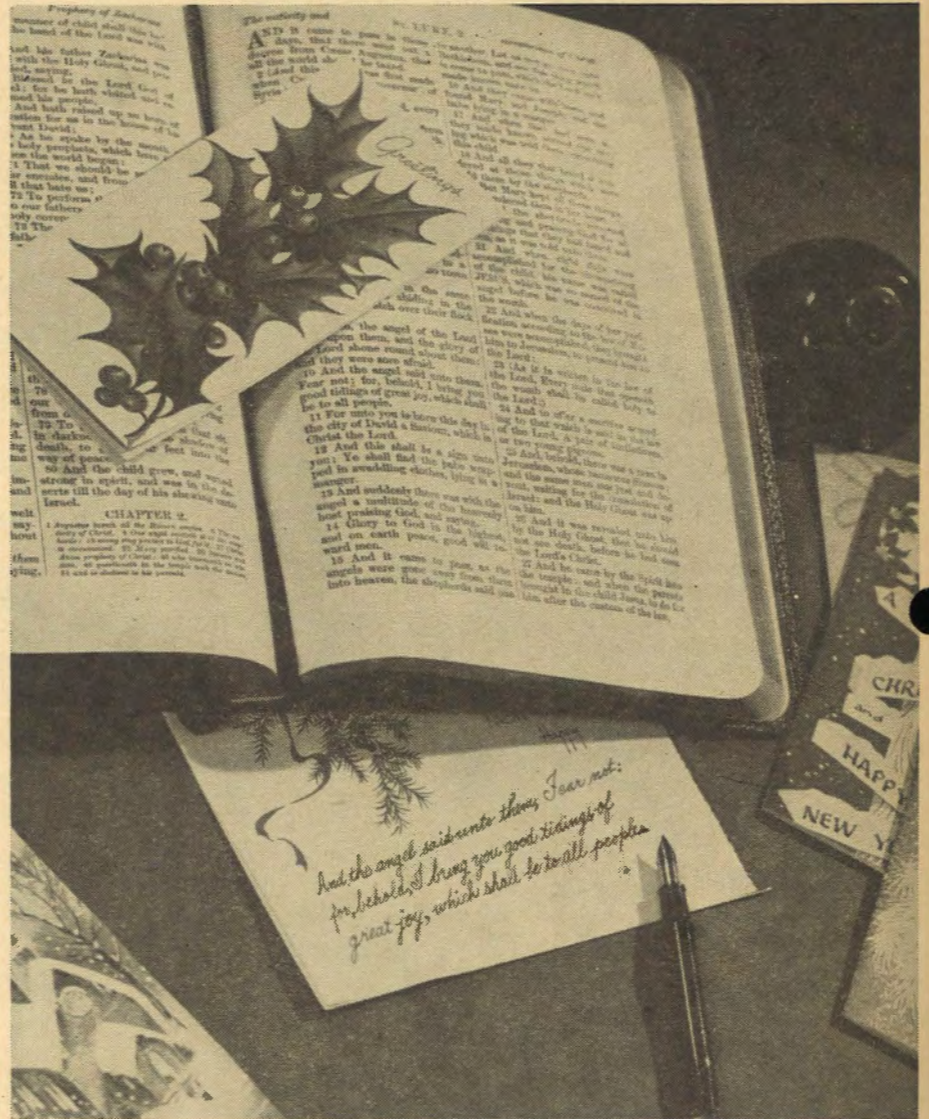
"Oh, we still have to get those towels that old Mrs. Landers wanted for her grand-daughter. She must think I haven't a thing else to do except something for her. It's a big enough pain trying to do my own shopping, much less every old lady's in the neighborhood. Tommy, if you don't stop pulling back—"

"Look, Mommy! Look at that man. What's he doing? Why is he sitting down, Mommy?"

"He's blind, I suppose, and he's trying to get people to give him money."

"Mommy, are you going to—"

"Well, if there isn't that stuck-up Mrs. Lansbury. Doesn't she think she's it, taking her chauffeur along to carry those big bundles? She's afraid someone will fail to notice her mink coat, I guess. I'm surprised she doesn't have someone along to carry all her money, the old skinflint. Tommy! If you don't stop pulling Mother back, I'll never bring you to see Santa again. Now come on this minute."



Home Mission Board Photo

"Wait, Mommy! Look! Why is that woman over there ringing that bell? Look at her, Mommy."

"I see her. That's another one of those Salvation Army women — always collecting money."

"Look, Mummy! She has a funny sign around her neck. Can you read it, Mummy?"

"Oh, of course I can read it. It says, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these.' Now Tommy, please stop tagging behind so Mother can finish this awful mess of shopping before the stores close."

The gray, bleak sky was beginning to darken as though a mighty hand were somewhere drawing a giant shade. Brilliant neon lights, casting a myriad of glowing hues on the splotches of white snow, began to appear one by one, lighting the way for the jostling throng. The little boy toddled along silently for a time, as brisk, deft strokes from Winter's brush painted an ever deepening rosiness on his tiny cheeks.

"Mommy, what does 'feast of ease mean?'" he said suddenly without looking up.

"What does what mean?"

"You know, Mommy. That lady with the bell had on a sign—"

"Oh, Tommy, you didn't even understand what I said. I can't stop and explain everything you see. Hurry now! The light's about to change."

"Oh, listen, Mommy! Do you hear those bells? Where are those bells, Mommy?"

"They're on the church, Tommy. They're playing Christmas carols."

"What's the name of the song, Mommy? Have you heard it before?"

"Yes, yes, I've heard it. It's 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the New-Born King.' Now please come on, Tommy."

The little boy walked along silently for awhile, now and then peering up at the face of his mother, as if to discern the appropriate time for another query.

"Mummy, what's a king?"

"Oh, it's someone who is a great leader of people."

"Is Santa Claus a king?"

"No, of course not."

"Well, why are they playing bells about a king then? Was that other woman ringing bells about a king too, Mommy? Is Christmas a king?"

"Oh, Tommy, you can undoubtedly ask more questions than any child in the world. Mommy can't ever bring you to see Santa again if you don't stop tagging behind so much. Can't you see how Mommy is hurrying so we can get Daddy's present. Well, at last! Here is Mr. Weber's."

Inside the brightly lighted store the little boy gazed about intently as his mother approached the counter.

"Mr. Weber, is the package ready which I requested?"

"Yes, indeedy," replied the rotund,

● RESULTS OF a revival recently at Immanuel Church, Warren, Quincy D. Mathis, pastor, include: 59 professions of faith, 14 members received by letter, 230 rededications, 120 family altars established, and 75 young people pledged "to abstain from worldliness."

The evangelistic team was composed of Freddie Gage and Jimmy Snellen, of Dallas, Tex.

"We had a full house each night and the closing service we had to turn crowds away," reports Pastor Mathis.

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● BATSON MISSION has been organized at Mountain Top, near Clarksville, as a Mission of 1st Church, Clarksville, reports Missionary S. A. Wiles, of Clear Creek Association. George Payne has been called as pastor of the Mission.

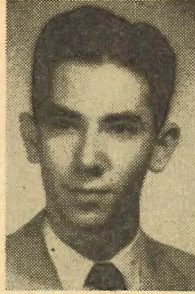
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● CENTRAL CHURCH, Jonesboro, R. Albur Herring, pastor, has adopted a budget of \$60,556, the largest in the history of the church.

The family night loyalty supper was scheduled for December 11.

Christ in Christmas

NOLAND PATRICK MURRAY, a native of Harrison, is a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, where he will be a candidate for the bachelor-of-divinity degree at the annual commencement exercises next May.



The son of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Murray of 1st Church, Harrison, "Pat," as he is known to his family and friends, was ordained to the ministry by his home church in August 1955. He has served as pastor of the Grubbs Springs Church, near Harrison, and of the Harrison 1st Church mission, now known as Gordon Street Mission.

"Christmas Shopping with Tommy" was written by Mr. Murray while a student at Baylor University.

"I tried to express something of my concern over the growing secularization of Christmas," he writes of the story. "I often feel that the indirect inferences from life situations are more poignant conveyors of truth than the 'frontal-attack' of a homily. I tried to utilize this medium in the theme by inferring the effects of a secularized Christmas on a little child."

As the pictorial illustration for the story we have chosen a photograph by L. O. Griffith, director of promotion for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, which, writes Dr. Griffith, "... represents a very deep conviction that we need to make Christ and His Word the focal point at Christmas."

red-faced man behind the gleaming counter. "All gift-wrapped and ready for the Christmas tree. Now there's a fine bundle of Christmas spirits if I ever saw one."

Mr. Weber laughed heartily with obvious self-satisfaction at the not too original pun which he had created. He held aloft the gaily decorated package as his customer laid several bills on the counter.

"My these decanters make wonderful gifts, don't they?" he added brightly as he picked up the money and punched vigorously at the cash register.

"Yes, they're certainly ideal, but of course my husband won't be too surprised, I'm afraid. Merry Christmas, Mr. Weber."

"And a merry Christmas to all of you," replied the jolly man.

Tommy and his mother walked briskly toward the door.

"Mommy, what's a spirits — you know, what Mr. Weber said, a Christmas spirit?"

"Oh, Tommy, child, you do ask more silly questions than Mommy can ever answer. Let's hurry now. I think I see the bus coming."

Tommy held tightly to his mother's hand as they walked quickly out of the store into the cold, dark night.

IN KEEPING with a custom of long standing, the Arkansas Baptist will not be published Christmas week, giving our staff the opportunity to observe the holiday season. See page 4 for our Christmas greetings to all our readers.

—The Editor

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● ARKANSAS BAPTIST has been placed in the budgets of 1st Church, St. Joe, of the Stone-Van Buren-Searcy association, C H. Hearn, pastor; and in Guernsey church, Hershel Williams, pastor, Hope association. The Guernsey list was sent in by Treasurer Marvin Powell.

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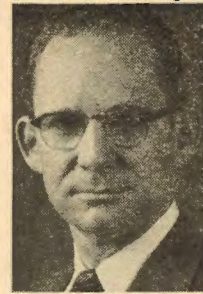
● 1ST CHURCH, Altheimer, has completed eight Sunday school training schools during the year and 23 of its members are receiving the Worker's Diploma, Pastor Lewis E. Clarke announces. The pastor and John W. Young have completed work for the Red and Blue seals. Mr. Young is superintendent of Training, and Charles Overton is Sunday School superintendent.

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● FUNDS RAISED by the Arkansas Foundation of associated colleges since it was created in 1954 now total more than \$500,000, Hugh Cort, executive director, announced recently. Ouachita College and Southern Baptist College are among the 7 private colleges of the state participating.

Christmas Giving

AMONG THE first to give Christmas presents were certain "wise men from the east" who, though not named and even specifically numbered, continue to set their example of love for every generation through the imperishable record of Matthew 2.



MR. McDONALD

The wise men—and because they brought three gifts many think there were three of them—came out of their love for Christ as their Saviour to give him rich presents of "gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

It is significant that the first Christmas presents were given to the One whose birthday we honor at Christmas. Then Christ was in the world, in a body of flesh. He could be seen and heard by men who had eyes to see and ears to hear. In our time He is no longer in the flesh, but at this first Christmas of the man-made-satellite era, He is just as surely in the world as He was when the wise men were directed to His humble abode by the Star of Bethlehem.

When our Lord was in His human body, He was both human and divine, as no one else who has ever walked upon the earth. But He could be in only one place at a time. Now He can be everywhere at the same time. And Christians can be as sure of His presence and His walk with them as were the first disciples who followed Him on his missions of love and mercy and who heard first the gospel of eternal life from His own blessed lips.

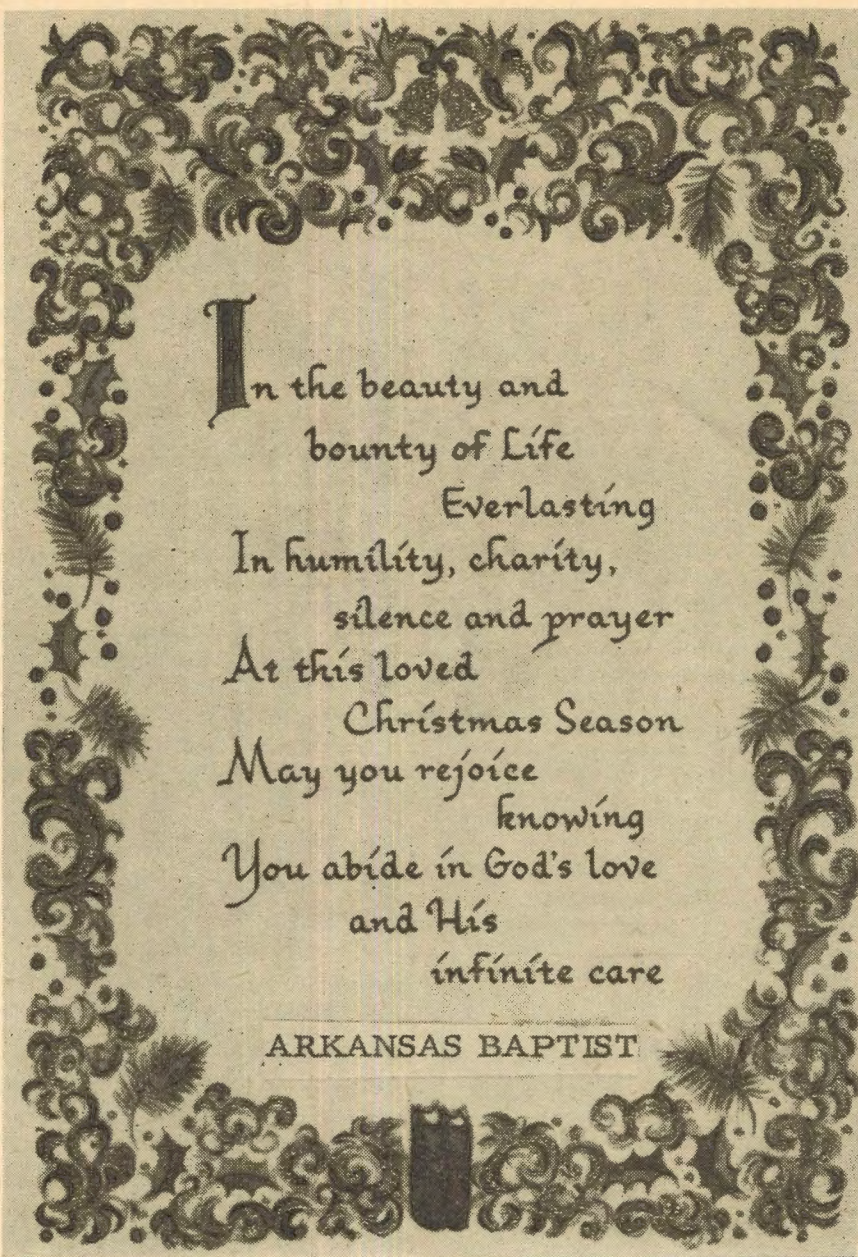
We were born many generations too late to have the joy and satisfaction of going to Jesus personally to give Him His Christmas presents. But we can give to Him just the same, for He has assured us that in our gifts of love to others as we give when we take the gospel to the poor and when we minister to the physical and material needs of others, we are giving to Him: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40b).

Baptists will be giving Christmas presents to the Lord Himself when they give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to reach lost people in foreign lands who but for this annual missions offering would never know that Jesus came and died for them and is alive today to be their Saviour.

We will be giving to Christ Himself when we give to loved ones those Christmas presents which will honor Him.

But there are Christmas presents Christ longs for this Christmas that only you and I personally can give. He wants the full measure of our devotion. As follow in the train of the wise men from the east, let us first be sure we have given ourselves to Him. "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee!"

—Erwin L. McDonald



In the beauty and
bounty of Life
Everlasting
In humility, charity,
silence and prayer
At this loved
Christmas Season
May you rejoice
knowing
You abide in God's love
and His
infinite care

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

The Cover

The Nativity Scene being intently studied by Paul Robert Jr. and Carol Susan, children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robert Eggers, Donelson, Tenn., was used in full-color for the cover of the December *Home Life*, monthly publication of the Sunday School Board. Mrs. Eggers is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald F. Ackland. Dr. Ackland is editor of general tracts and devotional materials for the Sunday School Board.





FIRST SERVICES in the new sanctuary of Earle Church were held Sunday, December 1. Special services were conducted the first five nights in December.

Earle Church Moves Into New Auditorium

SPECIAL SERVICES the first five nights of this month marked the moving of the Earle Church into its new auditorium. Speakers included Ralph Douglas, Ben L. Bridges, H. E. Williams, Ralph Davis and R. G. Lee. Music was directed by W. H. Lindsey, 1st Church, Forrest City.

Pastor E. Butler Abington reported over 500 attended the first worship service in the new building, built on a three-acre tract. Sunday school attendance on December 1 was 424, training union, 194.

In addition to the auditorium the new building has rooms for music and educational work, the pastor's study, reception office, equipment room, bap-

tistry and rest rooms. All the building is air conditioned. Charles T. Bernard is chairman of the present building committee.

Earle Church, organized in 1902, completed its first brick auditorium in 1916. In 1938 an educational building was completed. In 1949 the present educational unit was constructed on the tract.

● NOLAN Howington, formerly pastor of 1st Church, Little Rock, and now of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, is serving as interim pastor of Central Park Church, Birmingham.

According to the Central Park bulletin of December 8, the church has over-subscribed its budget of \$224,153.84 for the coming year and still has 15 per cent of its people to contact.

● SO MANY new industries have moved to Arkansas recently that the starting of a new industry in the state is scarcely news. But it is still news when a new firm begins a business with the policy of starting each new day with a prayer meeting in which all of its employees engage.

According to a news story in the Atkins Chronicle, the Greenshaw Scott Company, which is just opening a business at Atkins for the manufacture of plastic building materials, has a policy of employing only Christians and of starting each day with prayer meeting. No requirement is made as to the denominational affiliation. Catholics and Protestants are eligible, but each one accepting employment must profess to be a Christian.

Plastic materials to be manufactured will include roofing, cement, siding, insulation and other building materials to be sold under the trade name of "Seal Tight." The firm will also do

general contracting of commercial and home construction and repairs. The firm is connected with the Christian Brothers Association, which comprises about 60 different religious denominations throughout the country.

● EVANGELIST AND MRS. H. E. Kirkpatrick have just returned to their

home in Hot Springs from a revival meeting with William Jewel Church, Kansas City, Mo. They report 100 additions and more than 200 rededications. The meeting was a part of the simultaneous crusade sponsored by the 64 churches of the Kansas City Baptist Association.

A CHRISTMAS EVE AT HOME

by Grace Noll Crowell

*Let us forget for a little while tonight
The clamor of the world, its wild unrest,
And let us set a candle with its light
Upon a sill, and know how very blest
Is any home, though humble it may be,
If Christ be worshiped, and if love be
there—*

*In a Christian land where a people may
be free*

*To live and labor, and to love and share.
O blest indeed are they on Christmas Eve
Whose roofs are snug, whose fires are
warmly red;*

*Where excited, eager children turn and
leave*

*A room reluctantly, to go to bed;
And blest are they whose hands reach up
to trim*

*Some small spruce tree whose branches
soon will glow*

*With lovely light in memory of Him
Who came to light the whole world long
ago.—The Beam*

Budgets:

2ND CHURCH, Little Rock, has already pledged the largest budget in its history and still has 300 members of its church to contact, Pastor Dale Cowling reported in the church bulletin of December 5. The pledges now total \$180,000 as compared with \$154,000 pledged last year. This is \$25,000 above the highest previous budget, Dr. Cowling reports.

Reporting on the Forward Program of Church Finance campaign in his church, Dr. Cowling said:

"Many families have been re-enlisted in the active attendance of the services of the church. We have never before had such wonderful attendance in the Sunday and Wednesday evening services.

"From a financial point of view, great good has been done. During the campaign, our week-by-week offerings have greatly increased. November was one of our best month's receipts."



Ft. Smith's 1st Church Observes 100th Birthday

December 1 marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of 1st Church, Ft. Smith. Pastor J. Harold Smith preached at the homecoming services.

Perry Webb, 1st Church, San Antonio, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Webb, Ft. Smith, and a grandson of the founder-organizer and first pastor, D. Buckley, brought a message at special services November 29.

For the past 50 years, the church

has had only three pastors, Finley F. Gibson, B. V. Ferguson, and Mr. Smith. Current membership totals 5,643 and Sunday school attendance averages 1,565.

Since Mr. Smith accepted the church's call in December, 1950, the church has received 4,291 members. When he came to the church the membership totaled 3,914.

Physical assets of the church, which began with six charter members, now amount to more than \$1 million.

VOLUNTEER LABOR by students and faculty of Southern Baptist College helped speed construction of this new 90-by-140-foot gymnasium. The volunteers razed some of the older frame buildings for the lumber and other building materials. While some wielded wrecking bars, others drew nails; some hauled, stacked and passed boards to the carpenters. Some carried brick, others helped deck the roof. The structure is made of concrete, steel, and brick, with two large modernistic glass panels in front, with aluminum trim. The building is insulated with fiber glass.

The interior will soon be completed. It will provide a standard basketball court with dressing rooms. The bleachers will seat 1,200 people. A coach, Lendel Jackson, has been employed. The first-year basketball team is doing well according to the coach. The new gymnasium has made possible expansion of the Physical Education Department program.

● **PASTOR D. D. SCRIVNER**, of Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, is listed in the latest edition of *Who's Who in the Protestant Clergy*.

In a report in his church bulletin on the progress of the Forward Program of Church Finance at Walnut Street, Dr. Scrivner states that 26 new tithers have been enlisted.

Washington Elm Gavel Presented to Convention

A **GAVEL** MADE from the "Washington Elm," removed from the U. S. Capitol Grounds in 1948, was presented to the new Arkansas Convention President T. K. Rucker, Forrest City, at the recent annual session.

The presentation to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was made by Mrs. Adolph Schweizerhot, widow of Adolph Schweizerhot who made the gavel.

Limbs from the aged tree, which had been planted by George Washington in 1798, were secured by a U. S. senator for Mr. Schweizerhot, who worked in the carpenter's shop at the State Department. The gavel was presented in a handmade walnut case, also the work of Mr. Schweizerhot.

By C. E. McDonald

White River Notes

Lowell Jameison, Walnut Ridge, pastor of Hopewell Church, was ordained November 24. J. M. Langston served as moderator and L. G. Clem as clerk.



C. E. McDonald led the questioning and the ordination prayer was by Dale Barnett, Yellville. Jim Birkhead, Mountain Home, brought the message. Mr. Jameison, who answered God's call in middle life, is now attending Southern Baptist College, and is a classmate of his daughter.

Two hundred and twenty-six attend "M" Night services in 1st Church, Yellville. Wayne Smith, Ouachita, was the speaker. A goal of 400 was set for next year.



Southern College Gymnasium
A product of student-faculty cooperation

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Visit of the Wise Men

DURING THE Christmas season we see many pictures and plays, and hear stories of three Wise Men worshipping the Christ Child as He lay in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

To me, this seems to be misleading and does not conform to the beautiful story as told in the second chapter of Matthew and the second chapter of Luke.

The Bible does not tell us the number of wise men who came.

After seeing his star in the East, the wise men made a long journey to Jerusalem, and when they arrived, the child Jesus was no longer a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, in a manger, but was a young child in a house with his Mother. Matt. 2:11.

Herod sought to destroy him who was born "King of the Jews," and he called the wise men and "enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared," and sent forth and slew all the children who were in Bethlehem and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Matt. 2:16. This would indicate that the child Jesus might have been two years old or under at the time of the visit of the Wise Men.

Joseph, having been warned by the angel of the Lord, had departed into Egypt with the young child and his Mother, before the slaughter of the children in Bethlehem.

Where the Child Jesus is mentioned in connection with the visit of the Wise Men, and the journey into Egypt, he is referred to as a "young child."

When eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus. Luke 2:21.

And when the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Luke 2:22. The days of purification were 41 days. Leviticus 12:2-4. These two events occurred before the journey into Egypt.

A study of these scripture references will show us that the story of the Wise Men does not belong in the story of the babe in the manger. —A. H. Bacus, Carlisle.

By J. M. Evans

Faulkner Association News

EMMANUEL CHURCH has ordained three deacons. They were Bill Brazier, Jack Brazier and Kenneth Iburg. J. M. Evans, superintendent of missions, served as moderator of the council. E. W. Zimmerebner, pastor of Oak Bowery, conducted the examination. Rev. Jack Hogue, pastor of Cadron Ridge, presented the Bible. Melton Rose, deacon of Cadron Ridge, offered the prayer. Johnny Pyles, pastor, 1st church, Shirley, delivered the message. Eulos M. Kelley, deacon of 2nd Church, Conway, gave the benediction. Tory Akers is pastor.

Beryl Church, Eugene Smith, pastor, recently built a parsonage.

Second Church, Conway, William West, pastor, has purchased a parsonage.

The superintendent of missions assisted Friendship Church in a revival November 25 to December 1. Results: two for baptism. Gale Holcomb, Oak Bowery Church, led the singing.

"M" Night was well attended by Faulkner Association at First Church. Total attendance was 157. R. V. Haygood, state associate Training Union director, was the speaker.

A NEGRO'S WORD ON SEGREGATION

THE WORD in question is a little book whose title is Seeking to be Christian in Race Relations. Its author is Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College, Atlanta. It is published by the Friendship Press, New York. It has 84 pages. Its type is bold, clear and it is easy to read. Dr. Mays sustains his thesis in a clear, convincing way and is entirely free from bitterness in doing so. One may not wish to follow Dr. Mays' leadership here, but surely one must confess that he sustains himself thoroughly from the Bible. I hope the little book may have a wide reading. —W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, N. C.

TO SMOKING BAPTISTS

While looking through the November 28 issue of the Arkansas Baptist I read, "A record of 205 billion cigarettes was smoked in the United States in the first six months of this year," and I was shocked.

The thing I would like to know is, how many of these 205 billion cigarettes were smoked by Baptists.

If you are one of whom I am speaking, I ask you to do only one thing — figure the amount of money you will spend this year for cigarettes and give an equal amount to the Lord's work on Christ's birthday for the promotion of His work.

If you find you can't spare this amount get down on your knees and tell Him why.

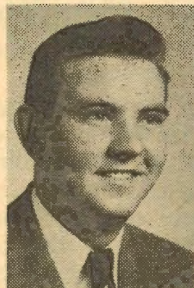
God, help us see the need of our money for the on going of Your kingdom.

James W. Rice
Southern Baptist College
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

APPRECIATES LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

"**WE THRILL** as we think of how many of you are making plans to give a special love gift for missions through the 1957 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We know that many of you will be giving a gift equal to the amount you spend to make friends and family happy on this day we celebrate as the birthday of Jesus. Nothing will bring more happiness to your heart this Christmas than giving that people around the world may share your joy in knowing Him. As we give we will gain a deeper insight into the true meaning of Christmas, and the blessings we receive will be multiplied in the hearts of many who will come to know Christ because of this Offering which takes the message of God's love into the far areas of the world." —Drs. Wana Ann and M. Giles Fort, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Southern Rhodesia.

● **NOW ON** the field as new pastor of 1st Church, Humphrey, is J. C. (Bill) McClenny.



MR. MCCLENNY

A native of east Texas, Mr. McClenny received his education at Tyler high school, Tyler Junior College, and East Texas Baptist College. He comes to Arkansas from the pastorate of Midway Church, Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. McClenny is the former Miss Oscie Lee Hicks, of Tyler. There are two children, Sherry Lynn, 6; and Kenneth Neal, 3.

● **EDWIN EUGENE** White, 37, Little Rock businessman and a leader in 2nd Church, was killed on a duck hunting trip near Stuttgart November 21 when a companion's shotgun discharged accidentally. He was a deacon, chairman of the finance committee, and superintendent of an adult Sunday school department.

By J. Carl Bunch

Mt. Zion News

TRAINING UNION "M" Night was held at 1st Church, Jonesboro, with 613 present representing 30 of the 35 churches. Twenty-five pastors and 18 Training Union directors were present. Walter Yeldell, pastor 1st Church, West Memphis, was the speaker. R. D. Harrington, pastor of 1st Church, Nettleton, is the associational director.

Needham Church was constituted Sunday afternoon, November 24 with 85 charter members. Carl Bunch served as moderator of the meeting, Miss Louise Earnhart served as clerk, and C. Z. Holland preached the sermon. Needham has been a mission of 1st Church, Jonesboro, for the past nine years. Jim Lewis, Jonesboro, who has served as mission pastor for the past two years, was called as pastor.

New pastors in the association are: T. B. Smith, who comes from Greene County association to Buffalo Chapel; Russell Bragg, to Caraway from Kennett, Mo.; Richard Sanders, student at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, to Egypt; John T. Watson, student at Southern Baptist College, to Hickory Ridge; Frank Lowe, student at Southern Baptist College, to Mt. Pisgah; Maurice Jones, student at Arkansas State College, to Mt. Zion; Marion Berry, 1957 graduate of Ouachita College, to Providence; O. C. Connley, pastor of Red Church which came into the association at the annual meeting; R. L. Williams, former pastor of Friendly Hope, who resigned to become pastor of the newly constituted North Main Church; and Jim Lewis, Needham.

Pastorless churches in the association are Dixie, Friendly Hope, Philadelphia and Strawfloor.

Southern College Notes

SOUTHERN BAPTIST College's cafeteria cornerstone ceremonies recently were highlighted by the formal naming of the building in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gwinup, who have served for 12 years in the cafeteria in addition to Mr. Gwinup's 16 years as head of the chemistry department.

● **THE FACULTY** and staff of Southern College recently began a self-study of the college in preparation for applying to North Central Association, district education accrediting agency, for admission. Application is expected to be submitted by next summer.

● A **NEW** organ was recently installed in the chapel of Southern College, Dr. H. E. Williams, president, has announced.

● **MRS. EPHA BURTON** recently observed her 26th anniversary as pianist at Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro.



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

THE TOTAL world circulation of the Bible, the Old and New Testaments and portions of the Scriptures reached 26,379,142 in December, 1956, according to a 12-page report issued by the Rev. Frank W. Price, director of the Missionary Research Library maintained by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. The figure is almost one million more than 1955, and three million more than 1954.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION totaled \$80,000,000 in October, a new record for the month, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported. Building activity by churches in the first ten months of this year amounted to \$716,000,000 — an increase of 15 per cent over the same period in 1956.

A FACT-FINDING panel of the Methodist church of Charlotte, N. C., was warned by most of 50 witnesses that abolition of the denomination's Central (Negro) Jurisdiction would split the denomination. Some of the witnesses predicted that such a division would require "a hundred years to heal."

The hearing, which received testimony from Methodists of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, was one of 24 being held across the country by a special commission to determine the future of the denomination's jurisdictional system. There are six jurisdictions in the Church. Five of them are geographical divisions. The other, the Central Jurisdiction, takes in all the Negro Methodist churches throughout the country.

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA — His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie, has donated a building site in the national capital to the Sudan Interior Mission for their new Gospel Center.

THE VOLUNTARY Church Convention, an unofficial but representative body in the State Lutheran Church of Norway, adopted a resolution rejecting the liberal views of a bishop who denied the doctrine of everlasting punishment in hell. By a vote of 108 to 18 the delegates declared that the teaching of Bishop Kristian Schjelderup of Hamar "has never been the teaching of the Christian Church, and the Church of Norway must abide by its confessional books, in loyalty to the words of our Lord."

BAKERSVILLE, N. C. — A newspaper publisher has proposed that the United States launch a "highly reflective" satellite at Christmas time as a "star of hope" and peace for the world. John McConnell, co-publisher of the weekly *Toe Valley View*, said he would go to Washington to push his proposal. He said scientists could make the satellite so reflective it would "outshine Venus."

Baptist Crosscurrents

Preaching and Teaching

Basically, what is the difference between preaching and teaching? Oftentimes, the methods may be the same. In many of his messages, Jesus both preached and taught, yet, the two were not identical. It seems that the basic difference is in immediate purpose. The teacher works more slowly and deliberately. He implants facts, ideas and knowledge, and even makes applications. He constantly creates hunger for truth. The preacher, building upon facts, appeals for immediate action and definite decision. He pleads for the bending of the will and the yielding of a life. So the two are perfect components.

An old professor who was a past master at teaching in the college classroom would vigorously teach with sparkling eye and resonant voice. His face would glisten as ideas kindled in his illustrious mind or as questions were asked by students and as theories were explored. Facts and ideas would be pouring forth like a river. Then suddenly he would pause without being unduly deliberate about it to drive home some spiritual truth, for he was a Bible teacher. It was his effort to make that particular truth a living reality in each life in the class. With him teaching was hardly complete, even in a college classroom, without that resultant appeal to deep Christian conviction and to loyal practice. Yet, his preaching was never formal nor obvious. Without being conspicuous or oratorical, he was illustrating the relationship of preaching and teaching at its best.

—James L. Sullivan

Have A Seat!

North Carolina Baptists have been in a hassle for months over the issue of dancing on the Wake Forest and Meredith campuses. The trustees of these two Baptist colleges some time ago voted approval of social dancing on the campuses only to raise a storm of protests from many North Carolina Baptists. Churches and associations threatened to withhold support from the schools unless the action was rescinded. It all came to a climax in the recent North Carolina Baptist Convention where messengers voted against approved dancing at the schools.

Students at Wake Forest expressed their resentment with a mass protest meeting which turned into a street dance according to news photographs. They were reported as shouting "Down with Baptists," and burned in effigy J. C. Canipe, North Carolina Convention president, whom they apparently identified with leadership in bringing the ban on dancing.

Though such a matter as dancing has historically been prominent in Baptists' thinking and is not unimportant in this day, it seems pathetic that a great fellowship like North Carolina Baptists would become divided and weakened over such a consideration. With all the needs of our world and the Lord's Commission so far from executed, it behooves Baptists to be done with lesser things and set their sights on great Kingdom enterprises. It's always easy to prescribe from a distance and sweep the other fellow's yard while yours is still littered, but it occurs to me that such controversy could be settled with such a simple yet profound approach as that made by Ezekiel in preparation for his ministry among the exiles.

When Ezekiel said, "I sat where they sat," he gave the secret of his understanding ministry. He needed to see life through the eyes of those he was about to counsel. Things always look different according to where you sit and it's too much to expect college students to see things exactly like Baptist preachers. If Mr. Canipe were a college freshman trying to sprout his social wings and if the Wake Forest students agitating dancing had to serve as a pastor and see the wreck of character related to fast social life involving dancing, they might come nearer seeing alike.

—C. R. Daley in *Western Recorder*

Dr. C. C. Warren Heads '30,000 Movement'

Dr. C. C. Warren, Southern Baptist leader, has resigned the pastorate of 1st Church, Charlotte, N. C., effective December 31 to direct the 30,000 movement of the Southern Baptist Convention's Jubilee Advance.

Dr. Warren, a former pastor of Immanuel Church in Little Rock, inspired the movement while he was serving as head of SBC. He will coordinate and supervise efforts aimed at establishing 30,000 new churches and missions during the five-year period between 1959 and 1964.

● A GOAL of \$2,700 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering has been accepted by Ouachita College students. Martha Sue Smart, Young Women's Auxiliary stewardship chairman from Camden, and Lillian Blackmon, YWA president from Arkadelphia, are co-chairmen of the student committee promoting the offering.

● FOUR GIFT books recently were presented to the Ouachita College Library. The Ouachita College Club of Little Rock presented the books, "Life Insurance," by Maclean and "Essentials of Insurance Law," by Patterson in memory of the late Claude L. Durrett, Little Rock insurance executive and a 1904 graduate of Ouachita. Fal-lows' "Bible Encyclopedia" and Young's "Analytical Concordance to the Bible" were presented by W. J. Hinsley, Hot Springs, who received an honorary doctor-of-divinity degree from Ouachita in 1946.

● ARKANSAN W. ROSS EDWARDS, pastor of Swope Park Church, in Kansas City, is the new moderator of the Missouri Baptist General Association. Dr. Edwards was elected at the annual meeting in Columbia. A graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary, Louisville, he received his Th.D. degree from Central Seminary, Kansas City. He formerly served as pastor in Marianna and later was pastor in Warrensburg, Mo. He has been in his present pastorate for 10 years.

● WILLIAM J. McDANIEL, head of the music department, Southern Baptist College, was signally honored by the Southeastern Division of Contemporary Composer's League at the Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, La., on November 25-26. Mr. McDaniel was invited to the meeting as a special honoree for the rendition of his recent composition "Psalm IV," which was well received by members of the league and guests from the 10 southeastern states. "Psalm IV" is to be performed at a statewide music meeting in January at Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

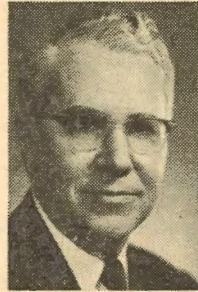
Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Author of the book, "FOR OUR AGE OF ANXIETY," which may be purchased at your Baptist Book Store.

"Preachers' Salary"

QUESTION: Why do preachers expect to earn a salary for preaching today? To my knowledge Christ never



DR. HUDSON
Baptist preachers, also?

ANSWER: If you will study your Bible more closely, you will see how wrong you are. In the Jerusalem church the people sold their property and laid the money at the Apostles' feet (Acts 4:31-37) so that there was not "any among them that lacked."

In Corinthians 9:1-14 Paul makes plain that God has the same plan that He used in the Old Testament, that ministers are to live of the tithes of the people. (Compare I Corinthians 9:13 with Numbers 18:25-32) Paul plainly says that, "the Lord ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel." He commended the Philippian Church for contributing to his missionary work, his own support (Philippians 4:15).

There are not "many churches" where preachers support themselves, and in these the hungry sheep look up and are not fed, for they are not working according to the Bible.

In this day, when every denomination is suffering from a shortage of ministers, I am surprised at your letter. I'll bet you are not a tither or you would not take such a position.

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — Gordon Sansing, pastor, Broadmoor Church here, is the new secretary of the department of co-operative missions for Mississippi Baptist Convention. He took the new post Dec. 15.

● THE WOMEN'S rifle team of Ouachita defeated Tarleton State College's team of Stephenville, Tex., in a recent match, 490-484. Charlotte O'Kane, Cooter, Mo., junior, scored 99 out of 100 to pace the Ouachita team. Other members are Mary Morris, Petersburg, Va.; Bonnie Hood, Arkadelphia; Patsy Elswick, North Little Rock, and Shirley Taylor, Pine Bluff.

Missionary Killed In Plane Crash

John S. Oliver, 34, Southern Baptist missionary, died in a plane crash November 30, near Teresina, in the state of Piaui, Brazil.



Appointed for mission service in 1950, Mr. Oliver directed a Baptist primary school in Teresina, before taking up the work of field evangelism.

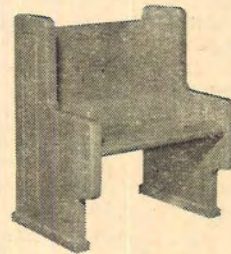
He received his pilot's training while serving in the U. S. Air Force. An ordained minister, he served pastorates in Oklahoma before becoming a missionary. He received the A.B. degree from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and the B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

He is survived by his widow, the former Virginia Winters, native of Leslie, Ark., and three daughters, Alice, 10; Anna, seven; and Rebecca, six weeks.

BEEVILLE, Tex. — Trustees of South Texas Baptist Children's Home here have declined to accept federal aid. Administrator J. M. Lunsford said that the home is eligible to share in the federal surplus commodity program but to do so would be a violation of the principle of separation of church and state.

● FORMER ARKANSAN John D. Freeman is keeping busy during his official retirement as an evangelist and stewardship speaker. In stewardship campaigns Dr. Freeman frequently uses his own book, **More Than Money**, as the basis for his message. He is now located at Box 6144 Acklen Station, Nashville 12, Tenn.

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DR. BRIDGES

IF YOU were to die — and die you must — would your estate, the things you have labored for and accumulated, bless and serve the Lord and his Kingdom work, or would it be dissipated and dedicated to worldly and profane purposes? This is a point that should be raised and settled in the minds and hearts of our Baptist people.

The majority of our Baptist church members are not yet tithers. Even if they are tithing at present there was a period in their lives when they did not give the Lord His Holy tenth. So, when you take the whole spread of one's life history, you will find that one's debt to the Lord based on the tithe has not been fully satisfied. At the very best there is a delinquency to which we should at last give prayerful attention.

Some time ago a good woman whose husband crossed the river wrote me a letter and said they were "behind with the tithe," when her husband passed away. She wanted to give me her Jersey cows to settle that tithing account believing that I could turn the cows over to the orphanage. The cows were the only source of her income. I told her that I could not accept them with a clear conscience. She insisted that I had no right to hinder her as she tried to make up the delinquency in the spiritual life of the family. What a conscience! The cows did not pass the health test so this good woman took the meager income most of which came to her through old age pension channels, and little by little paid up the arrearage.

If all our Baptist people could develop a conscience like this we would soon create a financial pool that would do wonders for our Baptist causes.

Make your will and let your accumulations bless the Lord. We can help you to draw up your will. Call on us.

Progress Encouraging

A STUDY of the past 20 years of Sunday school enrollment in Arkansas reveals encouraging progress. According to the annual associational reports, in 1937 Arkansas Sunday school enrollment was 91,542. The 1957 reports show the total enrollment to be 213,880. In 1937 there were 683 Sunday schools. In 1957 there are 1,170 schools.

In 1937 there were 82 vacation Bible schools reported. This year, 1957, 870 schools were held with offerings amounting to \$10,537.31 being given by

the schools through the cooperative program.

In 1937 when the Sunday school and training union work was in one department the department issued 111,655 pieces of literature. During 1957 more than 100,000 pieces of Sunday school literature alone were distributed.

During 1957 Arkansas has made an enviable record in Sunday school work. Arkansas leads the Southern Baptist Convention in associations organized for Sunday school work with 94 per cent of the required officers enlisted, with 643 churches reporting training. Arkansas ranks first with a gain of 99

per cent during the past two years. During the same two-year period Arkansas, with 725 standard units, ranked second. Arkansas also ranked second in vacation Bible school gain with a total number of 870 schools reported.

● WAYDINE BRENTON, North Little Rock freshman at Ouachita, has been named president of the Women's Recreational Association. Other members of the new organization to promote intramural sports and other recreational activities include: Betty Ferguson, Bluffton, vice-president, and Mary Lois Hargett, El Dorado, secretary-treasurer.

Merry Christmas!

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BROTHERHOOD

Nelson Tull, Secretary

Getting Ready for a New Year

THE YEAR 1957 is rapidly drawing to a close. There is still time to complete Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador organizations, get committee members appointed, ready to go to work with the beginning of the New Year.

The New Year can and should be one of the greatest years for Brotherhoods and Royal Ambassadors as they work and move forward together for the cause of Christ. There will be many opportunities for service, study, and fellowship, on the local, associational, regional, and state level.

Regional Brotherhood conventions will be held in January and February. The date and place of meetings for each region will be announced soon. Climaxing the regional conventions will be the state Brotherhood convention, at South Highland Baptist Church, in Little Rock, on February 24-25.

The New Year will bring the golden anniversary of Royal Ambassador work. Not only can we look back on the past 50 years, but we can plan for a good beginning for the next 50.

January, February, March, and April will offer area congresses, making it possible for more boys to have the privilege of getting together with boys from a large area of the state. Information on the area congresses will go out to the areas soon. The area congresses will be climaxed with the state congress at Tabernacle Church, in Little Rock, on May 2-3.

June will begin summer camp time.



MR. TULL

EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Evangelism in Action

DR. R. A. TORREY, while conducting an evangelistic crusade in Minneapolis years ago, asked a gentleman, whom he had seen in the congregation for several nights, if he were a Christian.

"I consider myself as such," was the somewhat dubious reply.

"Good," said Torrey, "are you bringing other men to Christ?"

With a bland smile the man said, "That's not my business. I am a lawyer. It is your business to bring men to Christ."

Quickly opening his Bible to the 8th chapter of Acts, Torrey said, "Please read this," pointing to the 4th verse.

"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the words" Acts 8:4. Yes, "Evangelism is Every Christian's Job."

Six Royal Ambassador camps are planned for June and July.

August will bring an opportunity for boys and counselors to attend the Second Southwide Royal Ambassador Congress. The congress will be held in Ft. Worth, Tex., on August 12-14.

Yes, 1957 has been a good year for Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador organizations and 1958 can be even better if organizations are completed and plans are made to make it a banner year. Any service that we can give to help you make 1958 a great year for the Lord, please call on us.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



DR. YEARBY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

Season's Greetings

WE THE WORKERS in the Arkansas Baptist State Sunday School Department take this opportunity to thank the associational leaders, associational Sunday school officers, pastors and Sunday school workers in the churches for the privilege of working together during the past year to advance the tremendously important cause of reaching the multitudes, for the teaching of God's word to the end that many may be won to Christ and grow in Grace and knowledge of him. We join in wishing for all a Merry Christmas and a bright, happy and prosperous new year.



DR. WILLIAMSON

Edgar Williamson
Ernest Adams
Grace Hamilton
Ovanda Maple
Betty Foreman

"THE SINS of Modern Driving" is the title of a forthcoming pamphlet soon to be published by the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island for distribution among its parishes. Plans have also been made for the printing of dashboard stickers to be distributed to car owners. They will read: "Love your neighbor on the road. Drive as a Christian, not like the devil. The rites you demand may be your last."

"Whatever it costs you to be faithful and true to Christ—that is your cross."—Perry F. Webb

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Greetings from the Baptist World Alliance

Dear Fellow Baptists around the World:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus and best wishes for a new year of peace between men and nations and for a fruitful year of witnessing for Christ.

As we look back on 1957, we have reason to thank God for a year of growth and progress in our work and witness. There are now more than 22,000,000 of us in 101 countries and conventions. Everywhere our brethren have evidenced a new zeal for evangelism and missions and a growing concern for Bible study and Christian education. While some of our believers still labor under difficulties, others are enjoying a new measure of freedom, for which we are grateful.

Let us work and pray that the new year may see an even greater effort in every land to win others to a saving faith in Christ and a serving fellowship in the church. May we seek constantly to uphold and undergird each other in prayer and faith, ever watchful lest the witness in other lands be hampered by a lack of the spirit of Christ in our own land or our own lives. Rather, let us seek to inspire and encourage one another in faithful witness and sacrificial service.

A special message will reach you soon for use on Baptist World Alliance Sunday. On that day let us strengthen our common task by a faithful proclamation of our principles and renewed loyalty to our convictions. In our personal lives and in our work together let us seek ever to proclaim the truth of Christ that shall set men free from the bondage of sin and fear and death, and to exalt the Lord who has promised, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself."

In the bonds of Christian faith and hope and love, we are your brothers in Christ.

Cordially yours,

Theodore F. Adams, President
Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary
Robert S. Denny, Associate Secretary
Henry Cook, Acting Associate Secretary

CHURCH MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Director

Primary Choir Festival Information

MARCH 15, 1958, 2nd Church, Little Rock, will be host to the Third Annual Statewide Primary Choir Festival. The festival will climax a three-day Graded Choir Workshop conducted by Mrs. Haskell Boyter, Atlanta, Ga.



MR. McCLARD

p. 56; The Father's Care, p. 11x.

Songs With Happy Thoughts: Little Indian Talks to God, p. 30.

A Child's Book of Songs: Christmas Carol, p. 99; Easter Carol, p. 97; Praise the Lord; p. 105x.

Hymnal For Boys and Girls: Glad That I Live Am I, p. 122.

Concord Hymnal: Each Little Flower That Opens, p. 88x.

Songs and Play for Children: When I Am Happiest, p. 1x.

New Songs and Carols for Children: The Easter Bells, p. 30.

OCTAVO No. 86086 — God Bless The Little Things.

HYMNS: Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart; This Is My Father's World.

MANUSCRIPT COPIES: Under The Stars; This Is How You Touch Me x; May The Grace of Christ Our Savior.

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MISS COOPER

of sacrifice, of love, that started when a lonely missionary shared the burden of her heart in a letter with friends "back home." Southern Baptists have answered the appeal of Lottie Moon through prayer and gifts at this particular season. Although our world may be "smaller," our prayers and gifts must be larger to meet the increasing spiritual needs of the day.

All gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions should be sent to

Miss Nancy Cooper,
State WMU Treasurer
310 Baptist Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Current Mailings

IN THE MIDST of the Christmas rush mailings are going to local WMS presidents and associational WMU officers!

The new WMU quarterly report books are being sent to local presidents. (Ones for youth organizations were sent to organizational leaders sometime ago.) And it is report time for everybody — first quarterly reports for 1957-58. Reports can mean a Happy New Year!

Associational officers should be alert for the quarterly rally material, conference sheets, etc.

BSU

Greetings from

Your Baptist Students Directors

May the real meaning and significance of Christmas be yours as we once again remember the birth of our Lord.

Neil Jackson
Arkansas Tech

James Smalley
Arkansas State Teachers
College

Joel Bruner
Southern State College

Jamie Jones, Jr.
University of Arkansas

Carol Burns
Arkansas State College

Mrs. Richard G. Wood
Ouachita Baptist College
and
Henderson State Teachers
College

Juanita Straubie
Arkansas Baptist Hospital

Maurice Fennell
Arkansas A & M College

Nan Bates
Office Secretary

Tom Logue
State Director

● FIVE PROFESSIONS of faith and two young men surrendering their lives to the ministry were the visible results of a revival recently at Jessieville Church, R. V. Wilson, Jr., ministerial student from Ouachita, pastor. Lawrence M. Hammond, also a ministerial student at Ouachita, was the evangelist, and Jackie Price, high school senior from Winthrop, led the singing. Pianist was Mrs. Howard Newkirk.

Dedicating themselves to the ministry were Ollie Fran Noles and Glen Newkirk.

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● SEIBERT H. HALEY has recently accepted a call to the pastorate of 1st Church, Decatur, and is now on the field.

A new look at ...

AUDIO-VISUALS

For the specific purpose of serving you better, the Baptist Sunday School Board has instituted a new audio-visual aids service program. The work of education and promotion in this field has been transferred from the Audio-Visual Aids Department to three other departments: the Training Union Department, the Sunday School Department, and the Church Library Service.

The workers transferred to the Sunday School and Training Union Departments will help correlate the use of audio-visual aids in the educational program of the Sunday school and Training Union in the churches and associations.

Audio-visual workers now in the Church Library Service will offer guidance for classifying, cataloging, and circulating audio-visual aids in the churches. The Audio-Visual Aids Department will now major on production.

With this reorganization, the Baptist Sunday School Board feels that you will be provided with much better assistance in the correlation of the use of audio-visual aids in your church.

This new plan emphasizes the fact that audio-visual aids are offered as *aids* to be integrated into every phase of your church program—not to take the place of any other method of teaching or worship.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD of the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee

Grandpa's Secret



By Grayce Krogh Boller

When Mother and Daddy had to go out to Arizona for the winter, Peter and Patty stayed at Grandfather's house in the country. What fun it was! Everything in the big rambling farmhouse was so different from a city apartment. Peter liked to explore the big, dim attic. Patty liked the pantry, smelling of spices. Best of all, there was more snow in the country than they had ever seen in the city.

One afternoon, when the twins climbed off the school bus at the crossroads, it began to snow again. By suppertime it had turned into a real blizzard. It snowed all night, and by morning the drifts were piled high in the roads.

"Well, well," Grandpa greeted the children at the breakfast table, "it looks as if you'll have a vacation from school today. The bus won't get through, I'm sure of that."

"Won't get through?" Peter repeated. "School vacation?" Patty cried. "Oh, no!"

"You mean you don't want to stay home snug and warm with Grandmother and me?" Grandpa pretended to be surprised.

"This is the day we are going to put up Christmas decorations," Peter explained.

"We made them," Patty took it up. "Each one gets to put up the decorations and posters that he or she has made."

"A picture in every window," Peter sounded just like Miss Norris, their teacher.

"And paper chains crisscrossed over the room," Patty sounded as if that settled the matter.

"But how will you get there?" Grandpa's eyes were twinkling so that the twins knew he must be teasing. "Are you going to put on seven-league boots and walk?"

"Or will you take Peter-Patty steps and get there in time for supper?" Grandmother put in.

"I don't know," Peter looked troubled.

"You're teasing," Patty looked indignant. "We just have to get there, Grandpa. You must know some way that we can."

"But isn't there a numbers test today, too?" Grandpa asked.

"Yes, but we know our work; so we don't mind a test," Peter explained.

Grandpa got up then, gently pulled Patty's pony tail, and started out to the barn.

"Is Grandpa going to school, too?" Patty asked. "I'll let him put up my poster when we decorate."

It seemed a long time that Grandpa was in the barn. Patty was afraid they would be late for school. Peter kept eying the clock anxiously.

At last, the jingle of bells came to their ears. Patty looked at Peter and then at Grandmother.

"Sleigh bells!" Patty and Peter cried at the same time.

They dashed to the window. Sure enough, there was Grandpa with Mike and Jerry, the big brown horses. The team was hitched to an old-fashioned sleigh. It was painted red and white. There were sleigh bells on the reins so that every time Grandpa shook the reins, the bells jingled merrily.

It didn't take Patty and Peter two seconds to get on their snowsuits, give Grandmother a hug, take up their books, and run outside.

On the way to school, they stopped to pick up other boys and girls. They found Miss Norris plodding slowly along by the roadside, and they picked her up, too.

A Smile or Two

"I hear they're starting a new campaign against malaria."

"Goodness! What have the Malarians done now?"

AGITATED CUSTOMER (rushing into drug store): Look here, you gave me strychnine instead of quinine!

DRUGGIST (calmly): Then that will be ten cents more.

"A rumor is about as hard to unspread as butter."

A CLERGYMAN received a phone call from the local income tax man inquiring about a \$535 contribution listed as having been paid his church by a parishioner. "Did he make this donation?" the tax man asked.

The clergyman hesitated, then replied: "He will, he will."

LITTLE BETTY and Junior had attended a talk by a returned missionary.

"What did he tell you about the heathen?" asked their grandmother.

"Oh, he said that they were often very hungry, and when they beat on their tumtums, it could be heard for miles."

A SMART Alec stopped at the garage and asked a mechanic, "How do you tell how much horsepower a car has?"

The mechanic replied: "Lift up the hood and count the plugs."

THE IRISH night watchman at the observatory was new. He paused to watch a man peering through a large telescope. Just then a star fell.

"Man alive," he exclaimed with amazement, "you're shure a foine shot."

BRIDE-TO-BE to friend: "It was Christmas before I realized that Tom was getting serious. He gave me an electric blanket with dual control."

MAN ON telephone: "No sir, I stayed home today because I'm the only one in the office without a cold."

HUSBAND TO wife shopping in supermarket: "Never mind the large economy size . . . get the small, expensive box we can afford."

MAN TRYING to read newspaper — to talkative wife: "You must be tired, dear, why don't you shut up!"

Everyone was happy when they reached the schoolhouse. Everyone thanked Grandpa, who promised to call for them when school was over.

"If it hadn't been for him, we never would have gotten our decorations up," Patty smiled later at the gaily decorated room. "Grandpa's sleigh was a wonderful secret!"

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The Wonder of the Incarnation

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Philippians 2:1-11

"Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased," declared Jesus, "and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Matt. 23:12). Christ taught a paradox about the Christian life. The way to rise as a Christian is to have an humble esteem of one's self. But Jesus never taught a truth without demonstrating that truth. In the lesson for today, Paul points to the attitude and action of the Master. Because of his attitude, one of humility and self-renunciation, he stooped in humiliation to redeem men from their sin.



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The purpose in calling forth Jesus' coming into the world was to show an example to the Philippian Christians of how they should live one with another. Study carefully vv. 1-5 for Paul's down-to-earth appeal for unity among Christians. V. 5 is as an announcement calling attention to the rest of the lesson, saying, "Look at the life of Jesus! Have His attitude, and unity will be the result."

From his practical appeal Paul turns to a doctrinal discussion of the person of Christ. That which started out to be a simple exhortation to unity suddenly becomes one of the most exalted paragraphs in the Word of God. It is one of the most beautifully worded statements of doctrine. It is one of the deepest in thought content. In this discussion on the person of Christ Paul elaborates on the humility and then the exaltation of our Lord.

THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST
The depths to which Jesus stooped to redeem sinners is described by Paul in vv. 6-8. Although Christ was existing in the eternal world in the nature of God, he did not look upon equality with God as a thing to be selfishly grasped. The word "robbery" is misleading. In the original language the word is a picture of one clinging to a prize or a treasure which is his own. In v. 7, "made himself of no reputation," the Apostle literally says that Christ "emptied himself." Of what did our Lord empty Himself? In Christian history some of the bitterest doctrinal disputes have been at this point. Certainly Paul did not teach that the Saviour in taking up humanity lost any of his deity. What limitations the Son of God might have experienced in becoming human were limitations which he voluntarily took upon himself.

The glory which Christ had in the eternal world was laid aside for a little while. We are not surprised to read Jesus' prayer, "Glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:5). In the gospel of Luke, the evangelist, describing the birth of Jesus, says, "The glory of the Lord shown round about them" (Luke 2:9). The gospel of John testified concerning the incarnation, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Throughout his life, Jesus gave forth glimpses of his eternal glory from time to time. It was a glory which he renounced in order to become redeemer.

If one is impressed with a contrast, he has an unforgettable one here. Jesus came from the heights of glory to the depths of despair and death upon Calvary's cross. All this was done to save us from our sins. There is another side to this story. Recall how Jesus said, "He that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST
The great apostle soars to new heights of inspiration when he describes the exaltation of Christ. The phrase "highly exalted" doubly expresses the elevation to which the glorified Saviour has been brought. Perhaps his re-glorification is even higher than was his pre-existent glory. One reason is because now he is surrounded by those whom he has redeemed (cf. Rev. 7:10-14).

Another reason for the high exaltation of Jesus is because he who was willing to be Saviour has been made King. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (vv. 10-11). Those who love and serve Jesus now have exalted him to the place where he is king of their lives. But the Saviour is not satisfied that there remain some who do not bow before him. Let us remember that Jesus Christ as King is also Conqueror. Final victory is inevitable for him who is the King of glory.

Christians must learn to live in the spirit of "lowliness of mind," esteeming others "better than themselves." Since we have seen again this attitude lived out by our Saviour, let us determine to be like Him.

with church problems. This one, however, is directed to an individual and is concerned with what was basically a personal matter.

In the church at Colosse there was a wealthy slave owner named Philemon. He was intimately acquainted with the great Apostle and perhaps had been won to Christ under his influence. A slave named Onesimus, belonging to Philemon, had run away and upon going to Rome met Paul, who, undoubtedly, led him to Christ as Saviour. These two became devoted friends. One imagines that they talked often about whether it was morally right for the slave to return to his master. When at last the decision was made that Onesimus must return, Paul, unable to accompany him, wrote Philemon the letter which we study today.

Christianity has to do with doctrine, but not with doctrine only! It is doctrine for a purpose. That purpose is practical. Christ wants us to believe the right thing in order that we may live the right way.

The skillfully created letter to Philemon reflects the way in which a Christian should live with both those of equal social standing and those of different social background.

THE CHRISTIAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE OF EQUAL SOCIAL STANDING

This is evidenced by the way in which Paul dealt with his Christian brother in Colosse, Philemon, the slave owner. Paul dealt with him tenderly. In the first verse, he speaks of him as "Philemon, our dearly beloved and fellow laborer." Although there were times when the great Apostle felt it was best to deal harshly with fellow Christians, most of the time tenderness is primary in his teaching.

Paul dealt honestly with his fellow Christian. It is entirely possible that the great Apostle could have rationalized and prevented Onesimus from returning to his owner. There is no question that Paul objected to the evils of slavery; even so, he was unwilling to be guilty of dishonesty. Consequently, he encouraged the slave to return to his owner.

Furthermore, Paul dealt with his Christian brother tactfully. When one studies this epistle carefully, he is amazed by the tactful way the Apostle deals with the delicate situation. There is not the slightest suggestion of rancor or condemnation in Paul's attitude toward Philemon. The writer of the letter never commands, but in the spirit of brotherliness, he carefully suggests and tenderly pleads. There are a number of sincere compliments directed to Philemon. Perhaps it goes without saying that the art of being tactful in dealing with church and social issues is a Christian grace to be desired by all.

Fundamentally the way in which Paul dealt with Philemon was spiritual. In v. 4 he indicates his prayers for his friends; in v. 5 he alludes to Philemon's possession of the Christian graces of love and faith toward Christ and fellow Christians; in vv. 6-8 he speaks of the spiritual work for Christ and the church which is done by this wealthy Christian. Thus it is seen that the encircling element pervading all that Paul says to Philemon is spiritual. After all, the only basis upon which any appeal can be made to any Christian concerning right and wrong is that there is a spiritual disposition to Christlikeness within him.

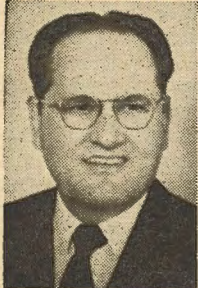
Brothers Through Christ
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Philemon 1-16
Paul's letter to Philemon is set apart from his other letters by its brevity (it is hardly more than a page long) and by its character and content. His other correspondence is addressed largely to churches and designed to deal

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Books Close December 31

THE EXECUTIVE Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention instructed the bookkeeper to close the 1957 books December 31, with the understanding that all checks post-marked before midnight, December 31, be included in the 1957 receipts. The Board also asked us to notify all of our churches of this action.



This means that all Church Treasurers must mail their December checks by Tuesday, December 31, in order for their gifts to count on this year's books.

There is another good reason for mailing the December checks so that they can be counted on this year's work. The November Cooperative Program receipts hit a new low for this year. Your Acting Treasurer received \$101,414.41 for the month, while the budget called for \$124,814.32. This was \$6,191.58 short of the operating budget and \$23,399.91 below the total budget. All of this leaves us with a deficit of \$115,902.98 for the year.

The shortage in our total budget receipts means that we have only \$90,598.02 to apply on the capital needs division of our budget. The capital needs portion of the budget calls for \$206,500.00, but this is a deferred item. All of the State and Southern Baptists causes are preferred items and must be paid before any money can be spent for Capital Needs. We have received only \$73,388.69 for the first eleven months to apply on the Capital Needs, or 35 per cent of the total.

We list here Division IV of the Capital Needs portion of our budget so that all may know the desperate plight of some of our institutions and agencies, if we do not raise this part of our budget.

Division IV

CAPITAL NEEDS:

Siloam Assembly	\$ 15,000.00
For Reconversion of Office Building	7,000.00
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage	25,000.00
Ouachita College	67,000.00
BSU Department	30,000.00
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	45,000.00
Camp Grounds	7,500.00

Memphis Hospital 10,000.00
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Now, we have said all of the above to say this: If possible, we urge all church treasurers to mail the December Cooperative Program checks before midnight, December 31, so that they can be counted on this year's budget.—RD

Christmas 1958

OURS IS A world of the 100 per center — two 300-horsepower automobiles in every garage, long, ranch-type city homes occupied by people who have received the highest honors in the arena of grab and get, called competition. These people, by and large, seem to be on the "look out" by Aladdin's lamp, because someone told them that the mere rubbing of it will produce a Paradise on earth. The so-called smart man of this Christmas laughs at humanity, accentuates its vulgarities and scoffs at the hopes and aspirations of the Christian.

Our contemporary life is complex, conceited and tottering on the precipice of smugness. Yet, the Civic Clubs continue to say, "The more we get together the happier we will be" and the campus bands are playing, "Love Me To Pieces."

But, we Christians know that the above philosophy is as false as it is aged. We also know that there is a force greater than the pull of commercialism that can lift us at this Holy Season above the money-grabbing, competition-weary, sin-sick world. We can go beyond the poorly-worded greeting cards, the ribbon-dressed kittens and the spotted-puppy gifts to say, "God has, in Christ, prepared things more wonderful than the eye or ear has seen or heard." Yes, we know that God became man in order to woo and win a lost world. When the fullness of time came, the Son of God gave every human soul a new dignity. Jesus looked at the stumbling, sorrowing, sinning humanity and said, "Man is worth dying for." He then shouldered his cross and marched out to a hill and there purchased the precious soul of man.

The Baptist message for this Christmas and every Christmas is, "God sent His Son, not to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned."

In fact, we Baptists keep on saying that all year as we serve our Christ on a world-wide basis through the Cooperative Program.

The Christmas Season is Here

We would like to take this opportunity, offered by the Christmas season, to express to you, Arkansas Baptists, the feeling of good will, the joy of Christian fellowship, the thanks of appreciation and the gratitude of our hearts.

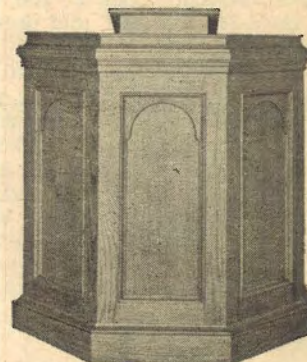
We have enjoyed, very much, the pleasure of working with you in Christ's Kingdom during the past year.

It is our earnest wish that all that is good shall be yours in the coming year. May our Faith be unbounded as we serve the Lord Christ and may He abide in our hearts always.—Ralph Douglas

● LYCEUM FEATURES at Southern College include: February 27, University of Alabama String Quartet; March 17, Earle Spicer, Ballad singer; February 11, Lionel Nowak, pianist and composer; March 6, Neil Douglas, lecturer; and April 9, Dr. Frank Laubach, missionary and educator.

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