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# An Unparalleled Challenge

By CLARA McCORKLE BUTCHER

"... Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16-15.

Our forefathers were enlightened Christians who held the democratic concept in their hearts. They fashioned for us the highest form of government known to man because it is based upon the teachings of Christ. By assuring to man his complete freedom, it makes possible the development of all the latent potentialities of its people. Americans are free—intellectually, politically, and spiritually.

The intellectual freedom which our government assures has brought about world-wide changes. Complete freedom of the mind has made possible an unprecedented development of science. Civilization has been revolutionized by modern scientific inventions. It is trite to recount how modern methods of communication and transportation have brought the world close together. This is truly "one world"—science has made it so—but the people of the world are far from being united spiritually and politically. We have sent our mechanical gadgets and our scientific inventions throughout the world much faster than we have spread the teachings of Christianity and our enlightened views of democracy.

## The World Needs Democracy

We desperately need world-wide democracy—a real family of nations—but the people of the world do not understand democratic thinking. This is explained by the fact that three-fourths of the people of the world are yet in spiritual darkness. They do not understand democratic thinking because they do not know Christ.

A world that produces two global wars in one generation, showing definite symptoms of a third—is a world that is sick, spiritually. It is spiritually anemic and needs to be spiritually built up and nourished. While making rapid strides, scientifically, the world has gone backward, spiritually. This has left civilization warped, frustrated, and out of balance.

The Christians of America have not made the most of the religious freedom which is theirs; they have not made the impact upon the world that American scientists have made. They have not kept pace with science—they have not developed their spiritual potentials.

Out of a national income of much more than 200 billion dollars, all the religious people of all faiths give to all religious causes only one billion dollars a year. At the same time, the people of America are spending annually between eight and nine billion dollars on liquor and between four and five billion dollars on picture shows. They are spending more on chewing gum than for the spread of the gospel. The financial resources of America are hardly being tapped for the cause of Christ.

## Only Christ-Like Christians Can Spread Democracy

The most powerful agency in the spread of the gospel is the life of a Christ-like Christian. But the lives of the Christian men and women of America do not measure up. We have become a soft, pleasure-loving people. We have two million alcoholics in America. We are averaging one million divorces a year; gambling is prevalent; greed seizes every opportunity; politics are corrupt. While more than fifty per cent of

the people of America are nominal Christians, very many of that number are enemies to the truth. The greatest enemy to both Christianity and democracy is a powerless Christendom. Too few Christians are using the unlimited resources which are theirs as children of God. The greatest waste known to mankind is the tremendous waste of the spiritual potentialities of the children of God.

This is truly one of the darkest hours in history. There is running rampant throughout the world a dangerous totalitarian philosophy that seeks to defeat all the forces of Christianity and democracy and conquer the earth. But Christianity offers the needed power for saving civilization. The civilizations of the past did not fall because Christianity had not the power to save them but because the Christian people failed to utilize that power. When the Christian people of a nation fail to use their opportunity in meeting the challenge of the hour, the nation falls.

America today faces an unparalleled challenge! The Christians of America must repent of their sins and come back to God—back to the teachings of Christ. They must no longer "hold the truth in unrighteousness." Now is the time to make the most of our Christian heritage by discovering, harnessing and using all the spiritual potentialities God intends for His children. The most powerful forces of the universe are spiritual forces. We must blend spiritual power with physical power. We must join hands with science and use its inventions in Christianizing the world.

## Churches Face The Challenge

The churches of America must meet this unparalleled challenge! They must take advantage of the opportunity this crisis offers and win a victory for both Christianity and democracy. They must defeat the enemy by giving to the people of the world a knowledge of Christ. A knowledge of it will condition the people for democracy. Christ will produce democratic thinking. There will evolve a world-wide spiritual democracy from which a world-wide political democracy will finally evolve.

Woodrow Wilson was perhaps the world's greatest leader of democracy. He had a vision of democracy meeting the needs of all the people of the world—a real and genuine family of nations. He knew that this dream could become a reality only when the world was Christianized. He said, "Our civilization can be saved only by becoming permeated with the spirit of Christ and can be made free and happy only by the practices which spring from the Spirit."

The late Josephus Daniels, in his book, *The Life of Woodrow Wilson*, tells of Mr. Wilson saying to a friend just before his death, "Do not worry about the things we fought for. They are sure to prevail. They are only delayed. And I will make this confession to Providence—it may come in a better way than we think." \*

God grant that the dream of this great world leader of democracy may come true through the obedience of the Christian men and women of America to the sacred command of Christ. Only in this way can America's unparalleled challenge be met.

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# Why Wait?

A Devotion by the Editor

"In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God."

Helen Hays, the famous actress, has said that in her darkest hour she began to search for God, and found hope.

It is a cause for rejoicing when a man begins to search for God whether in their distresses or in their hours of triumph. And it seems that distress and darkness and like experiences are the only experiences which will induce many people to begin the search for God. No matter how tragic an experience may be, if it leads one to search for God, then it becomes a merciful experience, for God will not leave a seeking soul in permanent darkness and distress.

But how much better to seek the Lord before tragedies and dark and foreboding hours come upon one. Those who walk with God daily are able to meet the dark hours and tragic experiences with courage and fortitude. They are able to know the presence of God in the dark valleys.

Life will be much richer and far more joyous if we search for God and find Him in our joys, in our triumphs, in our homes, in our places of employment, in all our human relationships; and if we walk with Him daily, all nature will speak to our souls of God and His bounties toward us—the wild flower by the roadside, the song of the birds in the spring, the rippling brook, the majestic forest, the ploughed fields, the growing grain, the sunshine and showers.

An awareness of God will transform life. It will put gladness in the heart, radiance in the countenance, friendliness in the voice, cheerfulness in the task, and graciousness in all one's contacts.

The Psalmist said, "I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved."

The poet, who knew the presence of God, sang:

"I walk with the King, hallelujah!  
I walk with the King, praise His name!  
No longer I roam, my soul faces home,  
I walk and I talk with the King."

Again:

" 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus;  
Just to take Him at His Word."

"In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears." Psalms 18:6.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### A Living, Growing Program

A program that is full of life is a growing program; a growing program is an expanding program; an expanding program is an effective program. Such is the program of Southern Baptists.

#### Grass Roots

This program of Southern Baptists might more accurately be defined as a movement or a crusade. Southern Baptists are promoting a comprehensive, a well-balanced, and a vigorous crusade for Christ. It makes little difference whether it is called a crusade, a movement, or a program—but for convenience we will call it a program.

The program of Southern Baptists is not something superimposed by an hierarchy or high placed official; this program has grown from the grass roots of the denomination. It has its roots deep in the local churches and the hearts of the individual members; the officials, as they are sometimes called, are only the servants of the churches and their members. These so-called officials have the dual responsibility of promoting the program which is sponsored by the people themselves and of reporting to the people the progress of the work and the needs of the various fields. Among us Baptists nothing is handed down from one group to another, rather it is passed across from one to another.

#### Church Organizations

We stated that the program of Southern Baptists has grown from the grass roots. This is easily demonstrated in any phase of that program. Take, for instance, the Sunday School program. The present day Sunday School is not something that is superimposed by the Sunday School Board at Nashville or by a group of experts who have worked out a theory about Sunday School. The present comprehensive Sunday School program has grown out of the actual experience of the people doing Sunday School work. When Sunday School workers in the local churches and missions have found that a certain practice or method of operation, organization, or teaching has brought results, it has then and only then been incorporated into the Sunday School program and passed on to other churches and Sunday Schools as a practical method of producing results. No method of Sunday School organization or operation or teaching has been recommended to the churches as a whole until it has been thoroughly tried out in actual experience.

In like manner, the Training Union program has grown from the grass roots, and been in the laboratory of actual experience in local churches before being incorporated into the general Training Union program. The same can be said of the Woman's Missionary Union and of the Baptist Brotherhood.

#### Denominational Organizations

The missionary, educational, and benevo-

lent programs of Southern Baptists have had the same history. They have grown from the urge in the hearts of Christians to obey the commands and commissions of their Lord. Mission boards, educational institutions, and benevolent institutions are the outgrowth of the interests of the Baptist people themselves, they are the expression of the spiritual energy in the local churches, they are the channels through which the expression of the missionary and benevolent impulse of the Christian heart may find adequate expression.

This grass roots approach characterizes the program of Southern Baptists from the local churches on out through the associations, the state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention, including all the phases of the work of each independent Baptist body.

The program of Southern Baptists is comprehensive. We do not mean to say that it is exhaustive. By comprehensive we mean that the program of Southern Baptists seeks to encompass all the phases of Christian work comprehended in the commissions of Jesus and further, that it seeks to encompass all the possibilities for service of the individual Christians. It is not here claimed that the program of Southern Baptists is doing all that Jesus would have us do, nor is it claimed that all the spiritual energies of Southern Baptists are channeled through this program. What we mean is that the program is capable of doing all that Jesus would have us do, and that it is capable of using or employing all the spiritual energies and talents of our Baptist people. If we are not doing all that Jesus would have us do and if we are not using all the powers and abilities of our Baptist people, it is not the fault of the program or crusade which Southern Baptists are promoting. It is the fault of a partial commitment of our people to that program.

The program of Southern Baptists, from the local church on out through the various organizations and institutions of Baptists, is capable of expanding to such an extent as to be able to provide fields of service and opportunity for the whole tide of Southern Baptists and for all their personal abilities and talents for service in the kingdom of our Lord.

#### A Living Program

The program of Southern Baptists is a living thing; it is not impersonal or mechanical. That program involves the very life of Southern Baptists. This fact is easily understood when we think of our churches as living organizations and not as mechanical devices; when we think of our conventions as personal rather than impersonal; when we think of our agencies and institutions as throbbing with the heartbeat of born again Christians who are witnessing through them to the ends of

## From The Top Downward

After writing the accompanying editorial on this page, a news release came from the Ecumenical News Service stating that the ecumenical movement "has to a great extent not yet penetrated the everyday life of the local churches." The same release emphasizes the need to publicize the ecumenical movement "from the top downwards," as well as "horizontally."

It is precisely at this point that our Southern Baptist program differs radically from the program of the ecumenical movement, and from the majority of other Christian denominations. The proper place for programs to originate is in the local churches. A program which is handed down is not received very well by Baptists. Baptists like to originate their own programs in their own way among their own people, in the local churches.

The foreign mission movement originated, not by a fiat issued by the Apostles in New Testament time, but in the First Baptist Church of Antioch as prompted by the Holy Spirit. So Paul and Barnabas became the first "sent" foreign missionaries who went out on a planned missionary journey. Southern Baptist churches pool their wisdom, their plans, and their resources in a great comprehensive program emphasizing all phases of Christian missions, education, and benevolences.

This program is not handed down, it has grown up among the ranks of Southern Baptists.

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"The strategy for advance is simply doing a bigger and better job with what we now have. The church doing a better job of teaching the Bible in its Sunday School, doing a better job of training for church membership in its Training Union, doing a better job of enlisting and training in its W. M. U. and Brotherhood—this is the strategy that will make the Advance Program a success."

the earth. Therefore, the program of Southern Baptists pulsates with the love and energy and testimony and faith of a great host of people who have committed themselves to the Lord in Christian service.

This comprehensive, living, growing program of Southern Baptists is reason enough, if there were no other reason, for Southern Baptists not to unite in the union or ecumenical movement. By joining such a movement, Southern Baptists would have nothing to gain but would have a great deal to lose. So far as a denominational program goes, or a Christian program designed to carry out the commissions of Jesus, the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches have nothing to offer Southern Baptists that Southern Baptists do not already have in a better and more effective and practical form. Besides this, these councils of churches have many other things to offer which Southern Baptists cannot accept.

Let us, therefore, evaluate our own program and keep it growing and expanding with the life and energy of ever larger numbers of our people enlisted in the cause of our Lord.



# Kingdom Progress

Associate Pastor,  
First Church, Little Rock



WALTER N. HILL

After a successful pastorate of three years with First Church, Stuttgart, Pastor Walter N. Hill has accepted the position of associate pastor to Dr. K. O. White at First Church, Little Rock.

Mr. Hill is a graduate of Wheaton College and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Previously he has held pastorates in Ohio, Washington, D. C., Almyra, Arkansas, and served as assistant pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff.

While in Washington he served for a year as assistant to Doctor White in Metropolitan Church of that city.

In his present position he will assist in all phases of the work, have oversight of the educational activities, promote a vigorous program of visitation, and will occupy the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

Mrs. Hill and their two daughters, Judy and Joy, will join him as soon as their house is available.

### Evangelist Kirkpatrick As Supply Pastor

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick of Hot Springs has been serving as supply pastor of the Calvary Church, Benton, since February 1.

The pastorate of the Benton church became vacant upon the resignation of Pastor P. D. Sullivan, who accepted the pastorate of Calvary Church, North Little Rock.

During his service as supply pastor of the Benton church, Mr. Kirkpatrick has taught the book, "The New Testament Doctrine of the Church." Also, beginning the third Sunday in February, Supply Pastor Kirkpatrick conducted a week's revival services which resulted in 25 persons being received into the church on profession of faith and baptism, and three by letter.

David A. Moore, a student in Ouachita, is music director for Calvary Church, Benton.

### Pastoral Change

Robert T. Green has accepted the pastorate of West Side Church, Pine Bluff.

Hatred is a boomerang which is sure to hit you harder than the fellow you throw it at.

-Copied.

### One Day Vacation for Pastor



L. H. DAVIS

Pastor L. H. Davis of the Calvary Church, Fort Smith, was given a one day vacation on Sunday, March 2, in observance of his fifteenth anniversary as pastor of the church. Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Atlanta, Georgia, was guest speaker at both morning and evening services.

The anniversary program included attendance goals of 600 for the Sunday School and 350 for the Training Union; also, a luncheon party for Pastor and Mrs. Davis given by the deacons and their wives.

Pastor Davis came to the Calvary Church, Fort Smith, from the First Church, Wilson, in 1937. During his ministry in the Fort Smith church, 1,259 persons have been received into the membership of the church. Contributions during this period have totaled \$282,450.19, \$55,407.63 of this amount going to world missions.

The church property has been expanded from a 70x70 building to a plant consisting of an enlarged auditorium, a new educational building, and three dwellings used as Sunday School quarters, a nursery, and a caretaker's home. The church property is valued at \$100,000.

In addition to his ministry at Calvary, Pastor Davis has been active in city and associational work, also in denominational responsibilities in the state organizations. At present he is chairman of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

### Thanks From the Orphanage

Superintendent H. C. Seefeldt expresses sincere appreciation for every kindness shown the boys and girls and the administration during the Christmas holidays.

Superintendent Seefeldt reports that the Thanksgiving offering for 1951 exceeded the \$41,000 offering the year before. The total at present is \$50,000 and a few churches are yet to be heard from. The birthday offerings coming through the birthday banks totaled more than \$2,500 in 1951. Memorials accounted for \$1,064.20.

### Hot Springs, Second, Celebrates Sixth Anniversary of Pastor

Dr. O. L. Bayless completed five years of service with Second Church, Hot Springs, Sunday, February 24. A total of 1,191 new members were received into the church during this time, 688 for baptism, and 523 by letter or statement. The Sunday School, with 86 departments, has an enrollment of 1,209, with an average attendance of 780 per Sunday. Contributions for the five years total \$247,873.52.

Two educational buildings have been built during this time without special fund raising campaigns. Plans are now being made for the construction of a new auditorium.

### Church Seminary in Rural Emphasis

The Third Annual Rural Church Emphasis Week at Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City will be held March 25 to 27. A strong program has been arranged and several Southern Baptist rural leaders are participating: Cullen B. Cook, well-known rural Baptist pastor of Greer, South Carolina; Dr. John W. Wells, Field Secretary for the Rural Church Program of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia; W. H. Allison, Rural Field Representative in North Missouri, Missouri Baptist General Association; Maurice Hall, District Missionary of Clay-Platte Baptist Association, Missouri; C. L. Conner, rural Baptist pastor at Urich, Missouri; Ralph Bartel, pastor of Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church in Little Bonne Femme Association, Missouri; and Dr. Lofton Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City.

The sessions begin at 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, March 25 and continue through noon, Thursday, March 27.

### National Guard Day

Nationwide observance of National Guard Day on Sunday, April 27, is proposed by Major Gen. Raymond H. Fleming, Chief of National Guard Bureau, and Major Gen. Roy H. Parker, Chief of Army Chaplains.

It is suggested on this day in all places of public worship prayers be offered for these Citizens-Soldiers serving their country in present emergency.

National Guard units not on duty are requested to don uniforms and attend church services, joining congregations in these prayers.

The Director of Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Alfred Carpenter, states this is another opportunity for our pastors and churches to appropriately pray for our people in military service.

### Application For Home Reservations W. M. U. Convention Miami, Florida May 11-13, 1952

Those preferring rooms in private homes for the W. M. U. Convention at Miami, Florida, should apply as soon as possible to the committee. Rates will be at the summer rate for rooms, \$3.00 a day and up.

Write Mrs. Rex B. Duckett, 1400 N. W. 30th Avenue, Miami 35, Florida.



## Arkansas Graduates at Southern Seminary, Louisville



Pictured above are the Arkansas candidates for graduation at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in May. Reading from left to right are: J. T. Cravens, Scranton, Th.B.; Marvin E. Genings, Batesville; James L. Hays Jr., Lake Village; Lowell E. Led-

ford, Ft. Smith; Orville McGuire, Blytheville; Robert T. Otey, Little Rock, all candidates for the B.D. degree.

Andrew Richard Heskett, West Helena, Th.M., is not pictured.

### Arkansas News Briefs

*From Here and There*

Sunday, March 2, marked the fourth anniversary of Jesse S. Reed with Second Church, El Dorado.

Mrs. George Reynolds has accepted the position of music director with Second Church; she will direct three choirs, Junior, Youth, and Adult, and will also have charge of the Youth Fellowship each Sunday evening.

E. Clay Polk and First Church, Piggott, celebrated Pastor Polk's first anniversary with that church, Sunday, March 2. A building program which was begun last year to erect a two story educational building is nearing completion; and contributions for the year totaled \$20,726.12.

Howard Kolb, Lloyd A. Sparkman, and Raymond Lindsey of Little Rock, will be the speakers at the Brotherhood Rally, Second Church, Pine Bluff, March 21, in preparation for the simultaneous revivals.

R. C. Wesner and a team of laymen from the Brotherhood of First Church, Fort Smith, are supplying the pulpit at all services of March 9 and 16, for First Church, Rogers, while Pastor Rel Grey, Rogers, assists in revival campaign in Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Missionary Hugo Culpepper, on furlough from Chile, spoke at both services in First Church, Fayetteville, Sunday, March 2. Dr. Walter Johnston is the pastor.

Mount Olive Church, Crossett, has voted to increase their Cooperative Program gifts from \$25 to \$40 per month. The church baptized twelve new members during February. R. O. Ekrut is the pastor.

Mr. Joe Gocio, a business man in Grady, has given the Baptist mission there five lots. The first unit of their church plant, the educational building, is being started. They will build the auditorium and pastor's home later.

Eastview Church, Texarkana, and Pastor Jack Gullede, began a mission revival in the Homan community, ten miles from Texarkana on Highway 67, March 9. A Sunday School will be organized, and a regular mission work established for Sunday afternoons. This had been a community church, but all activities have ceased, leaving the

opportunity open to those who care to work there.

Dr. Ray Summers, Director of Theology, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, will be the guest speaker for Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, during the simultaneous revival April 6-13. Frank Adam, Paragould, will direct the music. Delbert C. McAtee is the pastor.

First Church, Marianna, and Pastor Burton A. Miley, set an attendance goal for prayer meeting for the month of February. The goal was set at 125 each Wednesday evening; the average attendance for the month was 156.

Missionary and Mrs. Roe Beard, missionaries to the Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, were recent guests of the W.M.U. of First Church, Fort Smith. Miss Betty Davis, Cherokee Indian singer, accompanied the missionaries.

Sulphur Springs and Hardin Churches, both in Harmony Association, have completed new parsonages for their pastors in recent weeks.

Missionary M. T. McGregor conducted a study course in the Calvary Church, Texarkana, the last week in January, teaching the book, "The New Testament Doctrine of the Church."

Evangelist Wilbur Herring is assisting First Church, Nettleton, and Pastor G. W. Boyd, in revival services which began on March 10.

The Junior Training Union of South Highland Church, Little Rock, Ray Branscum, pastor, is sponsoring Parent's Night as a special feature of the Training Union program on March 21.

Harvey Elledge, former pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, and now in Oklahoma City, will assist Pastor T. K. Rucker and the First Church, Forrest City, in revival services March 30-April 13. Bob McMillan, pastor of First Church, Judsonia, will direct the music.

The Ouachita College Choir is scheduled to render a concert of sacred music at the First Church, El Dorado, Sunday night, March 23.

### Church Observes First Anniversary

The Mount Pleasant Church of Flint, Michigan, observed its first anniversary on January 21. It is expected that an anniversary service will be held each year.

Further progress of the Mount Pleasant Church is indicated by the ordination of Clarence Young on March 2 to the full gospel ministry. Pastor Chester R. Cole of the Mount Pleasant Church conducted the examination of the candidate and also delivered the ordination sermon. Edgar Roberts led the ordination prayer, William Green presented the Bible, Pastor H. T. Starkey of the First Southern Church of Pontiac, Michigan, delivered the charge both to the church and to the candidate.

Mr. Young has been called to the pastorate of the Robs Chapel Church in Green County, Arkansas.

The Brotherhood of the South Side Church, Little Rock, is studying the possibilities of a mission revival in the Sunset Terrace community. The South Side Church is less than two months old.

The deacons of the Lake Village Church set an inspiring record of attendance on a recent study course. With seventeen deacons enrolled, an average attendance of sixteen with thirteen one hundred per cent in attendance.

A team of four college students is now conducting a revival at Mountainburg Mission, sponsored by the First Church of Alma.

Dr. D. W. Armstrong, pastor of the Crestwood Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, was with the First Church of Rector and Pastor J. L. Hall in revival services March 5-16.

Dr. Dale Cowling, state B.S.U. Secretary, and a youth team began a revival with the First Church, Paragould, on March 16. D. C. Applegate is pastor of the Paragould Church.

Missionary M. T. McGregor of the Hope Association and Mrs. McGregor were showered with bed linens, table linens, towels, groceries, money, and other useful articles recently by the Calvary Church, Texarkana.

Pastor C. R. Pierce and the Lake Village Church is sponsoring a Training Union revival for March 16-19. Mr. C. Winfield Rich, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is director of the revival.



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By Religious News Service

## Senate Bill Would Bar Citizenship to Objectors

Congress is considering legislation which would have the effect of denying American citizenship to members of religious groups which have scruples against the bearing of arms.

The bill, S. 2550, sponsored by Senator Pat McCarran (D.-Nev.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has been reported by that group to the floor of the Senate and will be taken up for debate at an early date.

Designed to tighten U. S. immigration laws and to prevent the entry of subversive groups, principally Communists, the bill would bar religious pacifists by the simple substitution of the word "and" for "or" in two places in the proposed oath of naturalization.

This oath would require the petitioner "to bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law, and to perform noncombatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by law, and to perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law."

A similar bill, H.R. 5678, being considered by the House Judiciary Committee, has the word "or" in front of the alternatives.

Most religious pacifists can subscribe to that oath if the word "or" appears before the alternatives, but by substituting "and" the Senate committee has made it necessary for the applicant to take an unequivocal oath to bear arms.

## Parishioners List Major Sermon Topics

"If you could hear only five sermons the rest of your life, what five topics would you like to hear discussed?"

Roger C. Schmuck, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in a suburb of Minneapolis, asked this question of his parishioners.

The topics which got the most votes are:

(1) Immortality. Is there life after death? How can we be assured there is? Where can we find the key to the Pearly Gates?

(2) How can we keep faith in the face of adversity? Is greater faith developed by adversity?

(3) What can we do to secure and maintain world peace?

(4) How can adults keep children from losing faith?

(5) When all goes well with our lives, how can we keep from feeling self-sufficient and independent of God?

## Graham Resigns Northwestern School Post

Evangelist Billy Graham has resigned as chairman and as a member of the board of directors of Northwestern Schools, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Graham said he felt it "impossible" to continue his association with the schools—a liberal arts college, Bible school and theological seminary—because of his evangelistic campaigns and radio and television programs.

## Guidebook Stresses Moral, Spiritual Values in Schools

Moral and spiritual values can be taught in the public schools without violating the American tradition of Church-State separation, according to Dr. William Clayton Bower, professor emeritus of religious education at the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Bower, an ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ, takes this position in a guidebook for teachers, "Moral and Spiritual Values in Education," just published by the University of Kentucky Press.

In the guidebook, Dr. Bower points to signs of moral breakdown in the nation today, and attributes them to the failure of educators to provide training in moral and spiritual values when religious content was removed from the curricula of American schools.

The author declares that a multitude of these values which appeal to children are always present in the school community and need only be made vivid to pupils by sensitive teachers. He further states that any school with a competent staff can introduce such a program without added expense or reorganization of teaching schedules.

## Churchmen to Tour Business Places

Business and industry will again be host to educators and religious leaders of the "twin city," Bristol, Tennessee-Virginia when Bier Day is observed March 26.

Teachers and ministers will tour business and industrial firms, with each participating establishment acting as host to from two to twenty guests. The tour program will be climaxed by a luncheon.

Bier Day was inaugurated three years ago to afford instructors and church leaders an insight into the methods and procedures of modern business and industry. The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

## Church League Pushes Good Government Movement

Leaders of the Allied Church League, Winston-Salem, N. C., are focusing their attention on the election of state representatives—particularly a lieutenant-governor and speaker of the House—who will be sympathetic to the "dry" cause.

At a quarterly meeting of the state executive committee, officers of the temperance group were told that their latest venture into politics is gaining momentum.

## Oklahoma Town Prays Daily For Peace

Every morning at 11 a. m. the town fire whistle sounds off, summoning each of the 11,000 residents of Blackwell to pray for a more peaceful and civilized world.

Adults and children, employees in business houses and workers in factories pause in their daily chores to respond to the city-wide prayer-call.

# A Smile or Two

Some years ago a Hardshell preacher was expounding the scriptures at the place where Paul told Timothy that the church was the pillar and ground of the truth."

"Now, Brethren" roared the preacher "there are two kinds of "pillars." One is spelled p-i-l-l-a-r; and the other is p-i-l-l-e-r."

A young seminary student was serving a rural pastorate. One Sunday he was said to have renounced SIN in no uncertain terms. After he had spoken his convictions on all other forms of worldliness, he bellowed: "I don't even believe in playing marbles! Does not the Bible say, MARBLE NOT?"

A political speaker was much disturbed by a man in the audience who kept coughing, blowing and sneezing. Finally he asked, politely, "Don't you think a few minutes out in the open air might help your cold?"

The afflicted listener replied: "I ade godt no code! I'b just allergic to baloney."

—Michigan Farmer.

"Have you ever appeared as a witness in a suit before?" asked the attorney.

"Why, of course!" replied the sweet young thing.

"Will you please tell the jury just what suit it was?"

"It was a blue suit," she replied, "with white collar and cuffs, and buttons all down the front."

Dougal MacDougal finally broke down and bought a cash register. The gleaming machine was his pride and joy, to be shown admiringly to every friend and customer. Buying a pack of chewing gum one day, the patron noticed that Dougal slipped the nickel in his pocket.

"Why don't you ring it up?" he asked. "You'll forget it if you don't put it in the drawer."

"That I willna," replied the Scotsman. "Y'see, I do it this way: I add in my head till I have a dollar in my pocket, then I ring it up. 'Tis a beautiful machine, and I'll not be wear-r-ring it out!"

I asked second graders if anyone could tell me the four seasons of the year. A little boy said. "Yes, ma'am, football, basketball, baseball and marbles!"

One day Luther Burbank was walking in his garden when he was accosted by an officious acquaintance who said:

"Well, what are you working on now?"

"Trying to cross an eggplant and milkweed," said Burbank.

"And what under heaven do you expect from that?"

Burbank calmly resumed his walk.

"Custard pie," he said.

Pat was rejoicing over the fine job he had just obtained from the construction company.

"Is is aisy work?" his friend Mike wanted to know.

"Mike," Pat chortled, "it's the softest job Oi ever had in all me born days. Oi have absolutely nothing to do. Oi carry a load o'bricks up the ladder to the bricklayer, and he does all the work!"



## News From Baptist Press

### Grey Emphasizes Correct Dates Of Southern Baptist Convention

Correct dates for the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami this year are May 14-18. The closing session of the Convention will be Sunday night, May 18.

It is earnestly hoped that all who go to Miami will attend the sessions of the Convention and remain through for the closing session and final benediction on Sunday night, May 18," emphasizes Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Convention.

Dr. Grey says that many inquiries have been received concerning sight-seeing trips and tours of mission fields. He says that "we would like to make it clear that there are no official Southern Baptist Convention tours in connection with the meeting in Miami. It is hoped that those who plan such tours and those who will take them will arrange for them to come either before or after the Convention and not during the time of the Convention."

As a challenge to the people, Dr. Grey continued, "Let us come to the Miami meeting in a spirit of prayer and expectation. Let every messenger plan to stay through the entire Convention, through the climactic closing session of Sunday night, May 18!"

### Enrollment Reaches Near 400 In Seminary Extension Plan

Enrollment in the Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries lacked only a few of reaching 400 in the last report, according to Lee Gallman, director.

Three extension centers in Murphy and North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and Evansville, Indiana, have been established since January 1, Gallman said. They include regular class work in Bible, religious education, homiletics and other extension courses.

The Department, created last July, offers extension work in connection with all Southern Baptist seminaries. The offices are located in Jackson.

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### \$1,000 Gift to Baptist Hour

The Tarrant County (Texas) Baptist Association has presented the Radio Commission with a thousand-dollar check for the Baptist Hour. The gift was made in Atlanta, February 26. J. Woodrow Fuller, Charles McLaughlin and Tom Lawler represented the Association in giving the check to Dr. S. F. Lowe, Director of the Commission.

The men from Fort Worth expressed an abiding appreciation for the Baptist Hour, saying "It is without doubt the finest religious program being heard in America today."

Responding for the Commission, Dr. Lowe said those associated with the Baptist Hour would not only be grateful for such a generous gift but would rejoice particularly over the interest manifested by it. He stated his confidence that "more and more our people are recognizing the vital significance of our radio work."

The money given by the Texas Association came to them as part of the proceeds of free-will offerings from showing the religious film "Mr. Texas."

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The only assurance of our safety as a nation is to lay foundations as our fathers did, in morality and religion.

Abraham Lincoln.

## Ouachita Religious Emphasis Week



DR. HENRY A. PARKER

One of the most successful Religious Emphasis Weeks in the history of Ouachita Baptist College closed with an 11 a. m. service, Friday, February 22. The two speakers for the week were Dr. Henry A. Parker, of Dothan, Alabama, and Dr. Hugh R. Bumpas of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

There were five professions of faith; two surrendered to the gospel ministry; seven surrendered to mission work; and twelve to special Christian service.

Faculty and student body alike are convinced that both speakers during the week were "led by the Lord to Ouachita College." The week's program included personal conferences, informal discussions, seminars, classroom visitations and two regular worship services each day.

Religious Emphasis Week is sponsored annually by the Baptist Student Union at Ouachita College. Harold Osborne, president of the B. S. U., stated, "We wish to thank the college administration and faculty for their wonderful co-operation during Religious Emphasis Week. Prayer and work made the week a success."

### \$2,000,000 Goal By 1956

Oklahoma Baptists are planning a stepped-up program in Cooperative Program contributions which will reach two million dollars in 1956, according to Dr. T. B. Lackey, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

With a 1952 goal of \$1,000,000, Baptist leaders in the state anticipate a yearly jump of \$200,000 to Southern Baptists' plan of supporting mission, educational and benevolent causes. The adopted goal for 1953 will be \$1,200,000.

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### CHRISTIANITY IS PERSONAL

Fred L. Fisher

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In six chapters the author presents basic Christian doctrines as they are described in the Bible from the viewpoint of "personal Christianity": Man, God, Salvation, the Christian life, the church, and the future life. The ninth chapter establishes the "personal Christianity" view with Baptist positions and warns Baptists against certain trends toward ecclesiasticism.

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Whenever nature leaves a hole in a person's mind, she generally plasters it over with a thick coat of self-conceit.

—Right Hand.

## Jack Hamm Cartoonist, Preacher

Jack Hamm had additional reason today to be proud of his combination of religion and cartooning. It was a check for \$200 and the second place medal in cartooning in Freedom Foundation's 1952 National contest for promotion of the American way of life.

The awards were announced by Freedom Foundation, Inc., at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on February 22, Washington's birthday.

Hamm is a member of the art faculty at Baylor University, and he appears twice weekly on television shows in Houston. His biggest job—and at the same time, least remunerative—is that of syndicating free of charge a weekly religious cartoon to more than 300 newspapers in English speaking countries around the world.

The youthful artist valued his prize in the national contest most of all because it indicated, to him, a recognition of religion as primary in preservation of democracy. That is the very thing he tries to emphasize in his weekly cartoons.

Hamm's life story is one of vocational conflict. He wanted to be a cartoonist and he wanted to be a preacher. He has done both. He preached in small pastorates in his native Kansas and in and around Chicago while he attended Moody Bible Institute. But financial rewards in the pastorate were not sufficient to meet expenses, and he returned frequently to art.

He filled several good jobs on nationally syndicated strips. He illustrated Dr. Albert Wiggam's popular feature "Let's Explore Your Mind." He also helped on such strips as "Boots and Her Buddies," "Alley Oop," "Horace and Babe," and "Bugs Bunny." When the syndicate asked him to start a detective strip of his own—the dream of most any ambitious cartoonist—Hamm immediately declined. It meant he would be giving up that drive within him to preach the gospel.

He packed his bags, resigned his job, and headed for Baylor to study for religious work. He paid school expenses by preaching at a rural church 30 miles from Waco. Then came the war. He trained for a while on the hot desert sands of Fort Bliss, then spent eighteen months as editor of the Army newspaper in the frigid Aleutians. He came back to Waco after the war, took his Baylor degree and joined the Baylor art faculty.

His fight between cartooning and preaching came to a happy solution in his decision to use his drawing board as a pulpit. He has a tough time financing his weekly gratis contributions to the newspapers, an expense of some \$100 a week, but friends have rescued him when his own personal income would become depleted.

The cartoons, all emphasizing faith in God as a solution to personal, national, and world problems, are a regular feature in more than 300 newspapers in 42 states and on all the world's continents. "No better example of the cartoonist's are dedicated to faith in God and country has been seen in this generation," declared Dr. Daniel A. Poling in New York.

Why not charge the papers for his drawings? friends constantly query a budget-worried Hamm. The cartoonist answers simply: "If I charged newspapers for the service many would be unable to use it, and I believe this tension filled world needs any word of hope it can get."



## Jonesboro Pastor



DR. D. DOUGLAS SCRIVNER

Dr. D. Douglas Scrivner, pastor of the Roanoke Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, has accepted the pastorate of the Walnut Street Church of Jonesboro and is expected to assume his duties in Jonesboro by the end of the month.

Doctor Scrivner is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, and holds the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. He is author of a book, "Church Administration," which is expected to come from the press within the next few months, and is currently working on a "Manual for Pastors."

Dr. Scrivner is a member of Beta Beta Beta, national honorary biological society, and a member of Kambda Chi Alpha, national social fraternity.

He follows Pastor James H. Fitzgerald who resigned the Walnut Street Church pastorate to accept a call early this year to the Park Place Church, Hot Springs.

Doctor Scrivner is a native of Waynesville, Missouri. At the present time he is president of the Roanoke Ministerial Alliance, and is a member of the Boy Scout Committee of that city.

Mrs. Scrivner is also a graduate of William Jewell College and attended the Central Baptist Theological Seminary. The Scrivners have one son, twelve years of age.

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## Seminary Extension Center

A new Extension Center of Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City has recently been established at Ft. Smith. Twenty-six pastors and laymen are now enrolled. Rev. James H. Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, and graduate of Central Seminary, is the teacher.

The Center offers the equivalent of one year's Seminary residence work. It is possible for qualified persons to receive 48 term hours of Seminary credit. The Center is also open to persons who have no need or desire for Seminary credit. The teaching, the courses, and the credits are approved by the Seminary, which now has such Centers in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Colorado, Kansas and Iowa. Courses are offered in New Testament, Old Testament, Practical Theology, Missions and Evangelism, Biblical Theology, and Religious Education, with primary emphasis on Bible.

## Billy Graham Revival to Have Wide Repercussions

Billy Graham, the nation's No. 1 evangelist, has left Washington for a well-deserved vacation, but he didn't depart without issuing a few ominous warnings, with political overtones, that may have wider repercussions than usually accompany a traditional revival, however successful it may be from the standpoint of conversions.

Mr. Graham, without mentioning names, implied strongly that President Harry S. Truman and other national leaders are traveling down a trail not marked out by God. Few of his regular hearers missed the import of his words when the noted evangelist declared:

"We have certain leaders who are materialists. They do not recognize God or care for Him. They spend their time in one round of parties after another.

"We have dropped our pilot, the Lord Jesus Christ, and are sailing blindly on without divine chart or compass, hoping, somehow, to find our desired haven. The capital city of our nation can have a great spiritual awakening, but certain leaders have not lifted an eyebrow, nor raised a finger, nor showed the slightest concern in the crusade.

"Of late, men have come to believe that religion has no place in the affairs of state. . . . I warn you that if this state of affairs continues, the end of the course is national shipwreck and ruin.

" . . . What a thrilling and glorious thing it would be to see the leaders of our country today kneeling before Almighty God above in prayer. What a thrill would sweep this country! There is no doubt in my mind that our problems today, large or small as they loom, would be solved if our leaders and our people in the spirit of Lincoln and Washington, would place their full reliance upon God. . . . I see no way out of our dilemma, out of our problems, without prayer."

—*The Washington Religious Review.*

## What's The Sense of This?

By FINLEY W. TINNIN

A headline in the *Washington Post* (issue of November 29, 1951) reads: "Colleges Face Cuts in Steel Allocations." Libraries, also, are told that allocations of steel for buildings must be reduced.

Here also is an editorial head from the *Richmond News-Leader* (November 23, 1951): "We May Be Flattening Tin Cans Yet." It says that the government stockpile of tin for industrial use has fallen to 11,340 tons and only a trickle of tin ore and concentrates is coming into the great government-owned smelter in Texas.

Meanwhile, the brewers have been cut down on tin cans—but only to 70% of their base! Why should the brewers be allowed to use any scarce metals at all while schools and libraries are under restrictions? If the brewers were cut down further, perhaps a few thousand youngsters who are learning to drink in American homes would continue to be non-consumers of beer; but would that be a major calamity?

—*Baptist Message.*

It takes more grace to withstand the temptations of prosperity than it does to endure the hardships of poverty.

We build on God's platform or on Satan's. We are moved by God's principles or Satan's.

## Attention, Religious Education Workers

By J. M. PRICE

During the past two world wars the vocation of religious education has been almost wiped out because the workers in this field had no status. We are facing something of the same thing during the present emergency. Already several of our Seminary students have had to drop out and go into the armed services.

Fortunately we now have a procedure by which such vocational workers may be given the same status as preachers. The Southern Baptist Convention in session at St. Louis in 1947 passed a resolution formally recognizing religious education as a vocation and suggesting that the churches officially certify to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention those who feel called to this work and purpose to devote their lives to it.

Recently Dr. Alfred Carpenter of the Home Mission Board has been asked to represent Southern Baptists in presenting mooted cases before the National Headquarters of the Selective Service System in Washington just as Lutherans and Catholics have official representatives to present the cases of their lay religious-educational workers before that board.

The procedure is as follows: (1) Provide a brief personal statement giving date of conversion, baptism, committal to the work, with educational background, present activity, and future plans. (2) Have the local church furnish a certified statement showing the individual's call to and dedication to the ministry of religious education as a lifework. (3) Have the college or seminary provide a statement showing that the person is pre-enrolled or is already enrolled and is pursuing a satisfactory course of study.

After the above is done, get photostatic copies of these three documents; and send a copy of them to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia. Also give copies of them to the local draft board when request is made for IV-D classification. In case the local board turns it down, appeal to the state and national boards. Dr. Carpenter will represent each contested case before the national board.

By following the above procedure and getting at it early enough, it is felt that this vocation can be protected. Those not in school or planning to attend school should follow the same general plan except as to schoolwork. Being employed by a church and drawing one's income from the employment will help. We trust that this vocation will not suffer as it has in the past two wars.

### MY INFLUENCE

"My life shall touch a dozen lives

Before this day is done.

Leave countless marks for good or ill

Ere sets the evening sun.

So this the wish I always wish,

The prayer I ever pray,

Lord, may my life help other lives

It touches by the way."

—*Copied.*

"A tree often transplanted cannot grow."

—*Dean Bill Smith.*

The greatest hinderances to the evangelism of the world are those within the church.

—*John R. Mott.*



## Dr. McCall Inaugurated



DUKE K. McCALL

Duke Kimbrough McCall was inaugurated as president of the The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, on March 11.

The special program coincided with the annual meeting of the Seminary's board of trustees on March 11 and 12.

Welcoming ceremonies were held in Alumni Memorial Chapel at 10 a. m. on March 11. Dr. McCall made his inaugural address at 8 p. m.

Dr. McCall went to Southern Seminary on September 15, 1951, following the position of executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee in Nashville, Tennessee.

A graduate of Furman University, Dr. McCall holds Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the Seminary he now heads. He also holds the LL.D. degree from Baylor University and the D.D. degree from Furman University.

Following graduation at the Seminary, Dr. McCall accepted the pastorate of the historic Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville. He resigned that pastorate to become president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1943.

The new president, elected to succeed Dr. Ellis Fuller, who died in October, 1950, is author of "God's Hurry" and co-author of "Passport To the World," both published by Broadman Press.

Dr. McCall, a member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, has traveled in 35 foreign countries. In 1950 he flew around the world, visiting five continents as a part of a survey for the reassignment of mission fields affected by communist aggression.

The son of Judge and Mrs. John W. McCall of Memphis, Tenn., Dr. McCall is married to the former Miss Marguerite Mullinnix, of Greenville, S. C. They have four sons.

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Give us clear vision, that we may know where to stand and what to stand for—because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything.

—The late Chaplain Peter Marshall.

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Plenty of people have a good aim in life, but a lot of them don't know where or when to pull the trigger.

## Better Work Through Cooperative Program

By V. E. DEFRECE

Bald Knob, Arkansas

Grave injustice is done to a local church or to the co-operative work of Baptists when some individual or institution jumps the gun and tries to appropriate to itself without due regard to others involved.

I am thinking primarily from an institutional point of view within our state. I am sure that many of our institutions need more money than they are getting for operation. I know that some of them are in desperate need of more buildings. But when you do not have the money to give all your children all they need, you do the next best thing, you divide among them what you have on the basis of their needs. Baptists must do the same thing.

As Arkansas Baptists, we have set up regular channels through which the needs of our institutions are to be studied, and through which our willingness to give is evaluated. After the needs are known, and the approximate income is established, recommendations are made to the Convention as to the distributions from our Cooperative Program budget. All the needs of all the institutions are not taken care of. We simply divide what we have on the basis of the needs. Brethren, I feel that we will do well to look with alarm upon any effort to intimidate or to go around the channels we have set up.

I grant that as long as any system is operated by men it will have its faults, but any weakness that our system may have should be corrected within the system. No point in junking it because it doesn't fit into what someone, or some institution, may think and want. I had trouble with my car last week. I could start it but to stop it was another matter. I could have sold it for junk, but I didn't. I had brakes put on it.

An institution never gets anywhere fast by jumping the gun, except into trouble. Better stay with the path that is well marked.

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## Southern Seminary on Television

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has begun the presentation of a thirty-minute television show, *The Carpenter's Bench*, every week.

The special program, presented over Louisville's WAVE-TV at 1 p. m. on Thursdays, is under the general direction of Dr. Charles A. McGlon, Professor of speech at the Seminary.

Judging from the success of the first show, Seminary officials observed, the Seminary will be able to continue the project for an "indefinite period of time."

Officials of WAVE-TV, presenting the show as a public-service feature, praised the elaborate production and the "excellent teamwork" of the Seminary professors and students.

Participants on the first show included approximately 100 choral speakers, choristers and readers. Also appearing was Dr. Duke K. McCall, president.

"This," said Dr. McGlon, "is speech in action. Television appears as an excellent medium for us to use in getting across the message which God has commanded us to preach."

"While it has been a difficult task to get this project started," the professor of speech continued, "I believe that every person has

## How to Find a Good Pastor?

By L. L. CARPENTER, Editor

Biblical Recorder

Churches constantly face the problem of finding good pastors. Under our Baptist policy, there is no regular official way for a church to get help in finding a pastor. Laymen in the average church are not acquainted with a wide circle of ministers. When the pulpit becomes vacant, which way is the committee to turn in finding a good pastor?

Every good minister of Jesus Christ and every pulpit committee wants to be guided in this matter by the Holy Spirit. The preacher will say, "I do not want to make a change unless the Lord leads." Along the same line, the pulpit committee says, "We want only the man whom God calls." We can take these points of view for granted, although there will be varying degrees of sincerity and earnestness about the leadership of the Lord.

The practical question is, what steps should the pulpit committee take to find the right man and be sure of the leadership of the Lord? We offer the following suggestions:

1. Pray.
2. Inquire from pastors and other leaders who may know about preachers who are available.
3. Write to trusted denominational leaders, such as the general secretary and secretaries of the various departments of the Convention.
4. Note in religious papers, such as the *Biblical Recorder*, the names of pastors who have resigned recently.
5. Get all the information you can about a few men who would be the best prospects for this particular pastorate.

6. After studying the list, pick out the one man who seems to be the most fitted for the task, and then get as full information as possible about him.

7. Send a committee to hear him preach and confer with him.

8. Continue to think and pray until the committee is unanimous in its choice.

Two general suggestions: First, always remember that the character of the preacher and the record he has made as pastor of other churches are much more important than the impression which he makes on the committee when they hear him preach. A "trial sermon" offers very limited evidence as to the suitability of a man for a particular church. Almost any minister can preach at least one good sermon.

A second suggestion: Take up for special study and consideration only one man at a time. Let the committee come to unanimity as to this man, or else drop his name and take up another. It is never safe to have more than one name before the church at the same time. Two or more names will almost certainly cause division in the church.

realized the significance of the challenge and has enjoyed the work."

The theme of the first show was that The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is a "modern Carpenter's Bench . . . an institution dedicated to the plan set forth for us by the Master Carpenter . . . the Man of Galilee. . ."

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"To succeed, the first requirement is a willingness to work."



# Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

## Three Hundred and Thirty-Six Brotherhoods

The number of church Brotherhoods in Arkansas stands now at three hundred and thirty-six. We thank God for his continued blessings upon the work of the Brotherhood Department and for the response that so many churches are making toward the work and the worth of the Brotherhood movement.

The desire of every pastor and of every alert Baptist is that his church shall grow and develop in every phase of its work. The purpose of a church Brotherhood is to help the church grow and develop in every phase of its work. And the Brotherhood proposes to bring this about by enlisting men in God's work; giving them work to do; helping them discover themselves in God's work; and providing them continuing opportunities for work.

When the men of a church wake up to their privileges and responsibilities as Christians, when they put their hands and feet and hearts together to make the power of consecrated manhood felt throughout their church—that's Brotherhood!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

If you live in Central Association, or in Conway-Perry, or in Buckville, or Caddo River, or Red River, mark your calendar for Friday evening, May 30.

On that date, at 7:30 p. m., at Central Church, Hot Springs, there will be held one of a series of Regional Brotherhood meetings, at which W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood Secretary of Mississippi, will be the main speaker.

If you live in Independence Association, or in Little Red River, or in Rocky Bayou or Big Creek, or if you are a Jackson County Baptist in Black River Association, mark your calendar for Tuesday evening, May 27. YOUR Regional meeting will be held at First Church, Batesville.

Another meeting of this series will probably be held at Harrison on Thursday evening, May 29, for the following associations: Boone County, Carroll County, Newton County, White River, and Stone-Van Buren-Searcy. Announcement will be made when this meeting can be confirmed.

Another meeting of the above series will be the regular quarterly Pulaski County Associational Brotherhood Rally, scheduled for Monday evening, May 26, at Baptist Tabernacle Church, Little Rock. Mark this date if you live in Pulaski County.

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What we put into our stomachs may give us strength or it may just give us an ulcer. Same way with our minds.

### SOUTH SIDE IS A GREAT CHURCH!

Your Brotherhood Secretary had the privilege recently of working for a few days with South Side Church in Pine Bluff in a campaign for souls. The Lord gave 22 additions, 14 coming on profession of faith.

South Side shows forth every element of a great church. An unusually high percentage of the men are willing and ready to go afield. Attendance of children and young people upon the church services is unusually high. The spirit is excellent!

And of course everybody knows that the pastor of South Side is Brother Lloyd A. Sparkman, who has led South Side through the years to become one of Arkansas' largest and strongest churches. Brother Sparkman is also the president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

We salute a great church and a great pastor!

### HOW THE LORD DID MOVE!

Your Brotherhood Secretary was recently invited by Brother Russell Clubb to come to First Church, West Memphis, to help process a census in preparation for a revival.

We found 900 or more prospects. These were given to Sunday School teachers and their classes, and then given out again to rank-and-file members of the church who are not teachers. Work was provided for all people of all ages.

Even during this preliminary period of work the Lord blesses! The church had had 12 additions the Sunday before; and then in the half-week of preparation, 48 more people were reached for the church, 35 coming on profession of faith and baptism.

The Lord blesses when His people do His expressed will!

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We can't attain happiness by putting a drug into our stomachs. Happiness comes by way of the mind and the heart.

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# Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Secretary

### PREVIEW STUDY MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Churches will be greatly helped by bringing the workers together for a Preview Study of the Uniform Sunday School Lessons for the Second Quarter, 1952, which begins April 1. These lessons are prepared especially for the teachers of Intermediates, Young People, and Adults, and the study should be made well in advance of the beginning of the quarter. This advance study will be helpful to the teachers in deciding more intelligently on the desired outcomes for the quarter's work, and how to use the material to meet the spiritual needs of their class members.

The Preview Study may be made by individuals, or by a group in a class under the direction of a capable teacher. An award in Section Six of the Sunday School Training Course will be given for this study, provided the study is completed, and the report made before or during the first month of the quarter covered by these lessons, and provided attendance and time requirements for regular training classes are met.

Write to your State Sunday School Secretary for these Preview Lesson helps.

### Coming Events

March 30—Home and Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday School

April—Sunday School Training Courses (use books on teaching)

June—Vacation Bible Schools

July 1-9—Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs.

September 2—Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference

September 16—State-wide Special Associational Planning Rallies

October 13-14—State Sunday School Convention



DR. J. M. PRICE

Dr. J. M. Price, director, School of Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will be with us for the entire period of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly, July 1-9. He will teach one of his own books, "Personal Factors in Character Building," and will be in charge of the general Assembly session on Monday, July 7, when the work of the Sunday School Department will be presented. Hundreds of Assembly patrons who have had the good fortune to attend his classes, and to profit by his matchless teaching, will be delighted to know that he is to be with us this year.

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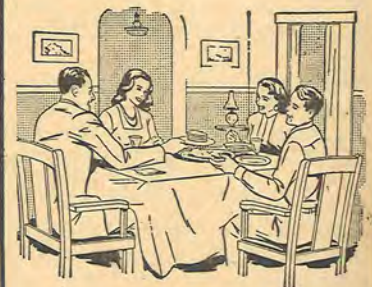
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## Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, *Executive Secretary*

### Sixty-Third Annual Meeting of Ark.'s W.M.U.

El Dorado, April 1-3

The First Baptist Church of El Dorado, Dr. Sam Reeves, pastor, and Mrs. G. E. Snuggs, W.M.U. president, will entertain the sixty-third annual meeting of Arkansas' Woman's Missionary Union, April 1-3. The program committee, Mrs. M. P. Matheney, chairman, has chosen as the theme "REDEEMING THE TIME."

An unusually fine roster of speakers has been committed. They represent various mission fields and phases of organizational activity and will bring to the group stimulating reports and messages. Mrs. William McMurry, southwide Mission Study Director, will represent Southern Woman's Missionary Union and will speak several times on her own specialized work and on the organization's scope.

Missionaries will be there! Mrs. Hugo Culpepper has had a checkered career since her appointment as Southern Baptists' missionary to the Orient in 1940. After a long internment, she and Mr. Culpepper returned to the states for recuperation and in 1947 went to China. They are at home on their first furlough from that field. Mrs. Carl Hunker from China and the Philippine Islands will share experiences through messages and visual aids. Both of these young ladies are native Arkansans. Mrs. B. Frank Belvin comes to represent Home

Mission work. For some years she and her husband worked among the Indians of Oklahoma and now Doctor Belvin is superintendent of Indian Work for the Home Mission Board. Arkansas' representative on the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. M. Ray McKay, will be featured on the first afternoon's program as he shares some of his observations and experience as he engaged in the 1951 preaching mission in the Orient. All devotional periods will be conducted by Mrs. T. Shad Medlin of Richmond, Virginia. Mr. D. J. Blaylock, Narcotics Education Consultant, will appear on the program.

Extra activities scheduled during the meeting will start with a meeting of the Executive Board at eleven o'clock, April 1, followed by luncheon. The state Y.W.A. Banquet will be Tuesday evening; the Mission Study breakfast Wednesday morning, the 2nd; the state B.W.C. Banquet Wednesday evening, the 2nd.

Every preparation is being made for entertainment. Plan to attend. The constitution provides for five delegates from each W.M.S. and one from each of the young people's organizations. There is no limit to the number of visitors. ALL are invited! Claim the blessings that are sure to be enjoyed by every person attending.

## Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, *Secretary*

### Last Call For State Training Union Convention

1. PLACE—First Baptist Church, Little Rock, with Friday night session in the Robinson Memorial Auditorium.

2. TIME—Begins Friday morning, March 14, at ten o'clock and adjourns Saturday at noon.

3. If possible, arrive early at the convention and go immediately to the Basement, Old Building and register. Registration fee is fifty cents. If you need a home for the night get your home assignment then. Phone your host or hostess that afternoon to notify them how and when you will come to their home. One person may register for a large delegation.

4. A convention program will be given to you when you register. It will be necessary for you to have the program booklet to see where all the sessions, including sectional meetings, will be held.

5. The Canteen will be open at noon and after the afternoon session. It will be much easier to get sandwiches and drinks there than to stand in line at the eating places in town.

6. Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament participants will go to their sectional meetings Friday afternoon for the eliminations. See your programs for place and time. Junior Memory Drill participants will meet in the choir room at 8:45, Saturday morning for instruction. At 9:15 the memory drill will be conducted in the main auditorium of the First Baptist Church.

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Best thing about the old fashioned blacksmith was that when you brought him your horse to be shod, he didn't think of 40 other things that needed fixing.

## Baptist Student Union

DR. DALE COWLING, *Director*

### The BSU of Ouachita College

The BSU of Ouachita College is having one of its finest years. With the unusually fine co-operation of student body and faculty, the BSU Council reports advance and success in its aggressive program.

City mission work in Arkadelphia is done through campus religious clubs, all of whom are represented on the BSU Council. Mission chairman Charles Ragland is pastor of a mission from First Baptist Church. Many students have worked with Ragland in helping this mission to grow—now they have their own building and a growing membership. Other mission reports include the recent establishment of a Negro mission by Ouachita students. The BSU encourages and works in all these projects . . . and the Student Center Building is used as a planning center.

The Christian social life of Ouachita College centers around the Baptist Student Union. Christian entertainment of all kinds is provided for the student body. The game room of the Student Center now features a snack

bar, fully-equipped table tennis games and other activities.

The college has purchased a cold drink box for the student Center, and proceeds are used in BSU activities.

Harold Osborne, president of the BSU, announced at mid-term that plans to achieve First Magnitude were going according to schedule. The council is working hard for this goal.

On the Campus itself, the BSU promotes one of the most active student religious programs to be found anywhere. Daily prayer is encouraged. . . . Bible study is a "must" for every student . . . and in the evening the greater majority of students attend a student-conducted vesper service.

Ouachita College has just experienced a great spiritual awakening on the campus. Dr. Henry A. Parker and Dr. Hugh R. Bumpas led in this Emphasis Week. Many of the unsaved students were won to Christ and all of the Christians were greatly revived. It was truly a tremendous lift for the campus.

## Church Music Department

MRS. B. W. NININGER, *Director*

### Time For Festival Registrations

In order to make adequate provision for everyone who comes to the Youth and Junior Choir Festivals, which are to take place at Ouachita College, March 28-30, it is absolutely imperative to know how many people to expect.

Send a card, at once to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, stating the number of singers and listeners, (accompanists, drivers, sponsors, etc.) you plan to bring. Do not send any money. Bring the registration fee (\$1.50 for Youth Choir Festival and \$1 each for Junior Choir Festival) with you on the day of the Festival, preferably in one check to cover your entire group.

If you need to have dormitory accommodations for one or two nights, please write directly to Dr. H. A. Haswell, president, Ouachita Baptist College, asking for this courtesy and stating whether Thursday or Friday nights, or both, and also how many girls and boys are in your group. It is understood that there is no charge for this service but that each person must bring bed linens, towels, and covers. Also if any meals are eaten in the college dining hall, they are to be paid for at the time. Only dinner and supper on Friday for

Youth Choirs and dinner on Saturday for Junior Choirs is included in the registration fee.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER

This is to remind both directors and singers that everyone who is accepted to sing in the Festival is expected to hear all auditions, attend all rehearsals, and participate in the Festival program. Remember the Festival in your prayers daily, and come with a prayer in your heart and a song on your lips.

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# Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference

Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida  
May 12-13, 1952

## MONDAY EVENING

### In the Life of the Pastor

- 7:00 Song and Praise
- 7:10 Scripture Reading and Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Robert S. Cooper, D. C.
- 7:15 Greetings from Host Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ C. Roy Angel
- 7:25 Program Prospectus and Season of Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ C. C. Warren
- 7:40 Everyday Witnessing \_\_\_\_\_ James N. Morgan, Texas
- 8:00 Pastoral Counselling \_\_\_\_\_ Gaines S. Dobbins, Kentucky
- 8:25 Special Music
- 8:30 The Ministry of Living \_\_\_\_\_ M. Ray McKay, Arkansas
- 8:50 The Quickening Process \_\_\_\_\_ Ralph A. Herring, N. C.
- 9:15 Adjourn

## TUESDAY MORNING

### In the Life of the Church

- 9:30 Song and Praise
- 9:45 Scripture Reading and Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ James H. Butler, Alabama
- 9:50 The Church Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Ernest Loessner, Texas
- 10:05 Maintaining the Mid-week Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ John Huss, S. C.
- 10:25 A Complete Church Program \_\_\_\_\_ Allen Graves, Oklahoma
- 10:50 Song and Praise
- 11:00 Keeping the Church Roll Clean \_\_\_\_\_ R. E. Humphrey, Kentucky
- 11:20 The Church That Can Meet the Demands of This Age  
J. L. Sullivan, Texas
- 11:45 An Evangelistic Program for a Baptist Church  
R. G. Lee, Tenn.
- 12:15 Adjourn

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

### In the Life of the Denomination

- 2:00 Song and Praise
- 2:10 Scripture Reading and Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ H. R. Clause, Md.
- 2:15 Our Need for An Ethical Revival \_\_\_\_\_ S. A. Newman, Texas
- 2:35 Observing All the Commission \_\_\_\_\_ W. D. Hudgins, Miss.
- 2:55 Special Music
- 3:00 It is Time to Launch an Offensive \_\_\_\_\_ W. A. Criswell, Texas
- 3:30 Open Forum Concerning Topics Discussed or anything  
Pertaining to the Pastor's Task
- 4:30 Adjourn

## TUESDAY EVENING

### In the Life of the World

- 7:00 Song and Praise
- 7:05 Scripture Reading and Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson L. Akins, N. M.
- 7:10 How Much \_\_\_\_\_ A. Broadman Film
- 7:25 The World is Lost and We Are His Witnesses  
Paul B. Leath, Ga.
- 7:50 Song, Offering, and Announcements
- 8:00 Christ's Alternative to Communism \_\_\_\_\_ R. Paul Caudill, Tenn.
- 8:30 Special Music
- 8:40 Our Program and World Program \_\_\_\_\_ C. Oscar Johnson, Mo.
- 9:15 Adjourn

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# The Home Mission Board Reports

By JOHN CAYLOR

The Home Mission Board's secretary of education, in editing the annual report for publication in the **Book of Reports** of the Southern Baptist Convention, has found that 1951 was a record-breaking year in achievements in home missions.

## A GAIN IN PERSONNEL

Due to an increase in the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions last year it was possible for the Home Mission Board to increase its missionary personnel. There were 865 missionaries reporting their services during the calendar year. This was an increase of 145 missionaries over the year before.

With 305 summer student workers added to the missionary staff for ten weeks in the summer the personnel total was raised to 1,170.

Counted in the missionary personnel for the year were sixty-eight missionary-pastors or new fields supported in part by the Home Mission Board. This does not mean that the sixty-eight mission pastors were counted as full-time home missionaries, but part of their income was provided by the Home Mission Board and they had to be accounted for in the missionary personnel. The increased offering through the March Week of Prayer was, therefore, the occasion for the employment of about seventy-five permanent workers and the opening of new fields of service on a limited scale.

## SOUL-WINNING VICTORIES

The missionaries of the Board reported a total of 36,390 conversions during the year. This breaks all previous records in soul-winning.

In addition to conversions reported through the personal service of missionaries, the professions of faith reported by Baptist chaplains and the number of additions by baptism reported in the evangelistic crusades led by members of the evangelistic staff accounted for an additional 18,131 conversions, which added to the 36,390 ran up to a grand total of 54,521 additions to the churches by baptism in services and crusades conducted by home missionaries.

This record of soul-winning brings great rejoicing to the Home Mission Board staff and offers a challenge for greater efforts on the part of the missionaries.

## NEW CHURCHES AND MISSIONS

Home missionaries reported 136 churches revived. The number of new churches constituted in response to the work of home missionaries is not readily discernible. The superintendents of missions reported through their efforts more than half of the 501 new

churches constituted in the Convention. While the superintendents of city missions are jointly supported by the Home Mission Board and state mission boards their work cannot be reported as an achievement of home missions.

Missionaries opened 669 new missions. Many of these will become churches in due time.

## CRUSADES IN HOME MISSIONS

The second phase of the Five-Year Crusade in home missions is now finding expression in general activity. Soul-winning was the first emphasis. It is obvious that if more people are won to Christ more churches need to be instituted in order to take care of new converts. This period of emphasis on new churches, therefore, is challenging all the home missionaries to start new missions and try to grow new churches. This is not the program of the Home Mission Board alone but all agencies of the Convention are emphasizing the same thing. In like manner the Home Mission Board with all other agencies of the Convention offers its support to the Sunday School Board in settling March as the month for establishing mission Sunday schools. Together we move forward towards new churches by way of new missions.

The final phase of the Five-Year Crusade is "More Effective Witnessing." While the emphasis on soul-winning continues and the effort to establish new churches is intensified it is the business of missionaries to train converts as well as to win them and to make of all witnesses for Christ.

## EVANGELISM CRUSADES

The great crusades in the West and in the East are a matter of history. Association-wide crusades in evangelism are in effect throughout the Convention territory.

At the meeting of state secretaries of evangelism in Nashville in January, Dr. Matthews' book, **The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism**, was revised and its revision adopted. The book has been reprinted and is now ready for use in the spring crusade. It is the hope of all the state evangelists that every pastor will avail himself of the opportunity of studying the book and help promote the crusade in his association.

## CONFERENCE ON CITY MISSIONS

The last week in February was the date of the City Missions Conference which was held in Atlanta. Attendance was far beyond expectations. In the exchange of experiences superintendents of city missions returned to their duties reinforced with help from all sections of the Convention.

## News About Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Berry, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil who have been in the State on furlough, have returned to their field of service and may be addressed at Caixa Postal 320, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Both Mr. and Mrs. Berry are natives of Arkansas.

Dr. and Mrs. Laveil Seats, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, are now in the States and may be addressed at 14-9th Avenue, N. W., Rochester, Minnesota, where Mrs. Seats is a patient in the Mayo clinic. After her release from the hospital she will be at Mission, Kansas. Dr. Seats, a native of Tuckerman, Ark., plans to return to Nigeria in a few weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. Ruben I. Franks, Southern Baptist missionary appointees who have been in the States following completion of language study in Costa Rica, have gone to their permanent field of service. They may be addressed at Casilla 3388, Santiago, Chile. Mrs. Franks, formerly Edna Mae Pugsley, is a native of Helena, Arkansas.

Rev. John A. Abernathy, Southern Baptist missionary to Korea, has requested that his address be corrected as follows: Baptist Mission, P. O. Box Special No. 1, Pusan, Korea. Mrs. Abernathy is serving in the Philippine Islands until she can re-enter Korea. She may be addressed at 415 M. H. del Pilar, Manila, P. I. Mrs. Abernathy is a native of Huntington, Arkansas, where she and Mr. Abernathy make their permanent American home.

## Retirement Plan Helps During Last Five Years

During the five-year period 1947-51, 638 Baptist preachers were retired under the Ministers Retirement Plan, 540 of them being age annuitants and ninety-eight disability annuitants, according to Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A majority of the disabled annuitants are under sixty-five years of age, whereas all others are sixty-five or over, the records show.

Of the total number retiring during the five years, seventy-six died during the period. The disabled group lost seventeen, the others being in the age annuitant group.

When you have nothing left but God, then for the first time you become aware that God is enough.

—Royden.

There is such a thing as an affirmative no and negative yes.

## All Out For Christ

By TOMMY TEDFORD

Arkansas Baptists, Ouachita College is all out for Christ!

The campus of Ouachita Baptist College has experienced a revival; a revival that has touched the heart of every individual connected with the college. And you know, pastor and layman, that a real revival is not an accident. God's Spirit does not "just happen" to be around . . . He comes when hearts are prepared and when He is called upon.

On Friday afternoon, before Religious Emphasis Week began on the following Monday, Ouachita students voluntarily started a 67 hour chain prayer meeting in the Student Center . . . the prayer meeting lasted until Monday morning at 11 o'clock (Feb. 18), when the first service was held.

On Tuesday morning more than 250 students dedicated themselves anew to do more personal witnessing—and they meant what they said! From that time until the week's end, God's Spirit won victory after victory, including five professions of faith.

A prayer audience of students and faculty members came to the last service of the week, Friday morning (Feb. 22). Prayers were answered. Three athletes made professions of faith in Christ . . . these and many other decisions brought tears of happiness and joy to the eyes of many concerned friends.

Arkansas Baptists, Ouachita College is all out for Christ!

## SBC Total Gift Exceed \$3,000,000 in Two Months

Nashville, Tennessee — (BP)—Southern Baptists in twenty-two states and Alaska in February gave \$1,565,825 to Southern Baptist Convention causes and agencies through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts, bringing total gifts for the first two months of the year to \$3,084,001, according to reports from the office of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee in Nashville.

The February gifts included \$795,104 to the Cooperative Program with the balance in designated gifts. Cooperative gifts for both months totaled \$1,525,266, a 19.04 per cent increase over the \$1,281,280 given for the same two months in 1951.

Total designated gifts have reached \$1,558,735, most of it being receipts from the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. A check not yet received from one of the largest states accounts for a decrease in the total when compared with the \$2,002,832 in designated gifts to date in 1951, Routh explained.

Of the total receipts this year, over \$3,000,000, the Foreign Mission Board received \$2,244,062, most of it designated.



### Figures To Inspire

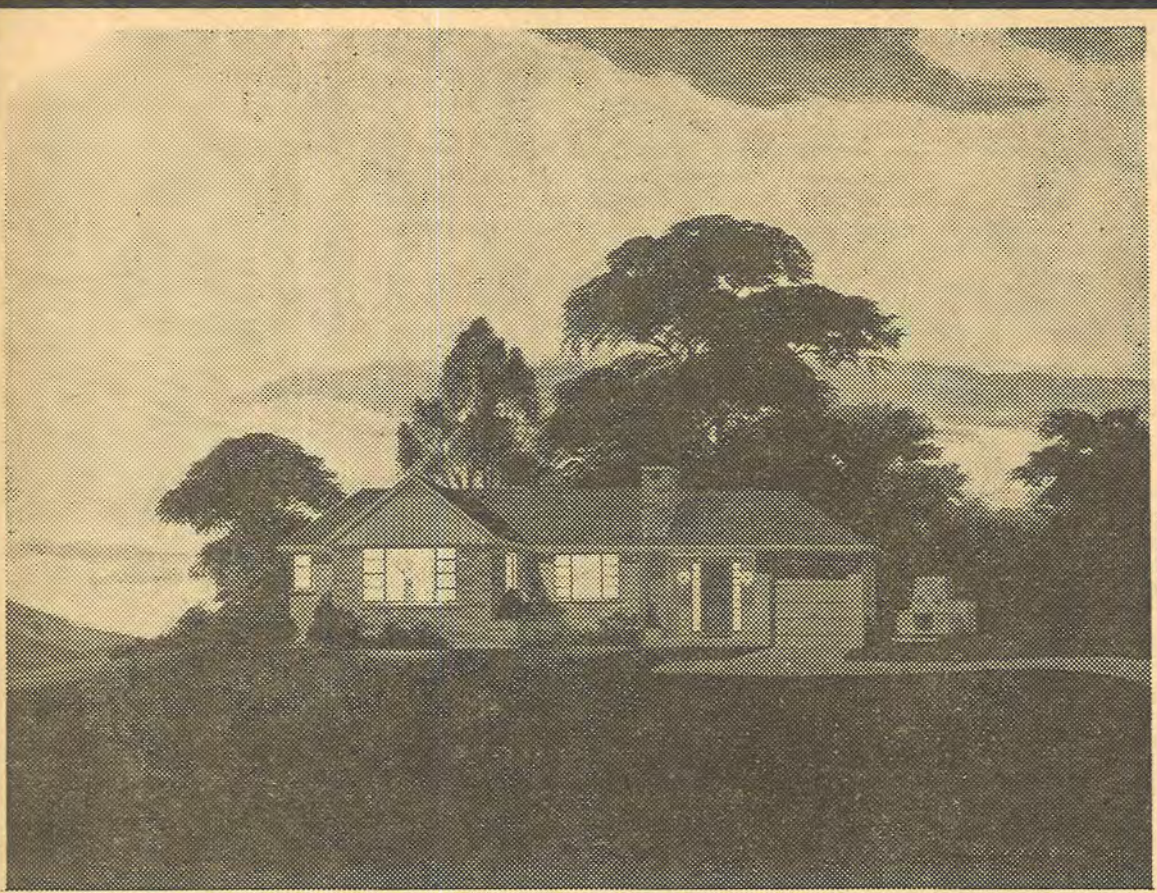
Sunday March 2

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1224	437	11
Including Missions	1323	490	
Fort Smith, First	1151	595	3
Including Missions	1331	630	
Little Rock, Second	907	208	9
El Dorado, First	912	276	1
Including Missions	994	318	
Little Rock, First	881	401	9
Fayetteville, First	655	287	
Pine Bluff, South Side	607	236	5
El Dorado, Immanuel	570	327	4
Including Mission	614	385	
Texarkana, Beech St.	588	205	5
El Dorado, Second	560	216	6
Camden, First	539	118	4
Including Missions	834	295	
Crossett, First	537	283	3
Benton, First	525	103	
Including Mission	603	167	
Hope, First	521	135	
Magnolia, Central	509	240	3
Including Mission	572		4
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	506	241	3
Forrest City, First	484	217	3
McGehee, First	480	146	13
Including Missions	644	231	
Fort Smith, Calvary	457	211	1
Cullendale, First	460	146	
Sprindale, First	455	308	4
Including Mission	572		
Warren, First	426	79	1
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	426	191	3
Paris, First	425	152	1
Fordyce, First	417	168	1
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	400	192	1
Little Rock, Gaines St.	396	239	5
Little Rock, Tabernacle	395	189	1
Hot Springs, Central	394	184	
Paragould, First	380	245	1
Including Mission	506	353	
Van Buren, First	356		
Stuttgart, First	331	221	1
Including Missions	371	253	
El Dorado, West Side	368	143	3
Hot Springs, Park Place	338	144	3
Smackover, First	336	149	1
Hamburg, First	335	170	3
Texarkana, Calvary	317	109	2
Conway, First	306	64	2
Fort Smith, Temple	295	198	1
Little Rock, So. Highland	293	147	1
Mena, First	284	132	1
Booneville, First	364	53	
Fort Smith, South Side	266	84	7
Little Rock, Calvary	256	55	4
Osceola, First	254	126	
Pine Bluff, Second	250	89	2
Hot Springs, First	244	120	
North Little Rock,			
Park Hill	237	69	1
Morrilton, First	235	70	2
Gentry, First	232	176	4
Bentonville, First	230	72	1
Including Mission	244		
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	230	157	1
Fort Smith, Spradling	229	116	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	220	106	4
Lonoke, First	215	59	1
Crossett, Mount Olive	204	165	
Greenwood, First	203	109	1
Star City, First	203	66	
Jacksonville, First	203	114	3
Including Mission	250		
Levy	200	104	
Alma, First	195	110	
Wynne	194	39	1
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	183	93	
Hot Springs, Piney	180	168	
Gurdon, Beech St.	176	82	3
No. Little Rock, First	172	51	
Little Rock, Tyler St.	149	59	1
Marshall, First	148	69	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	142	82	3
Rose City, Calvary	137	82	2
Fort Smith, Trinity	135	66	1
Augusta, First	133	66	
Including Mission	168	99	
Little Rock, Ironton	128	110	
Lavaca	120	54	
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	108	82	
Excelsior	84	66	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	77	37	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	74	50	
Fort Smith, North Side	73	65	5
Little Rock, Bethel	66	44	1
Mansfield, James Fork	62	60	
Fort Smith, Rye Hill	61	64	
Jacksonville, Davis Chapel	60	53	
Hatfield, First	55	34	
Conway, Brumley Chapel	51	38	1
Little Rock, Markham St.	48	31	
Woodson	4	38	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	45	41	1
No. Little Rock, Harmony	31	30	
El Paso	30	27	
No. Little Rock, Sherwood	28	15	
Vimy Ridge, Immanuel	18	37	

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The trouble with a three-ring circus is that it has three rings. How can one watch three rings at the same time? Best concentrate on the center ring and that goes for all life.

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# Timothy, A Dependable Follower

By Mrs. HOMER D. MYERS

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## Sunday School Lesson for

March 16 1952

2 Timothy 2:1-5

Acts 16:1-3; Phil. 2:19-24;

### INTRODUCTION

Paul was on his second missionary journey with his co-laborer, Silas. He was visiting the churches that had been established on his first missionary journey. A family in Lystra had been converted, probably on the first tour, who are known to us as Lois, Eunice, and Timothy. Luke describes Timothy as a disciple and his mother and grandmother as believers during the latter visit. It is very probable that Paul led Timothy to Christ, for he calls him "my own son in the faith." Paul had a special interest in Timothy throughout his lifetime. It was Paul who urged the young man to enter full time Christian service, Acts 16:3. As we follow through, we find Timothy to have been a co-worker with Paul till the latter's death.

Timothy was a young man. Paul said, "Let no man despise thy youth;" Or, "Let no one slight you because you are a youth," Moffatt. Even though he was young, he had good qualities which were helpful; "He was well spoken of by the brethren at Lystra and Iconium," according to Acts 16:2, and Paul commended his mother and grandmother for giving Timothy an excellent background for Christian service; for their unfeigned faith, and for having taught Timothy the holy scriptures from his childhood.

### JOINS SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

It is interesting to accompany this evangelistic party through the remainder of what is known as Paul's second missionary journey. There was Paul and Silas, and the author of the book of Acts, who is generally conceded to have been Doctor Luke. And now Timothy has joined the party. They went throughout Phrygia and Galatia, and Paul desired to go to Asia but was forbidden of the Holy Spirit to do so. They then went down to Troas, a coastal town on the Black Sea, and there Paul received the Macedonian call. Their next stop was in the city of Philippi, where they joined a group of women in prayer service by a river side, and there was born the first church in Europe.

When the fortune telling damsel was saved, her masters became angry and had Paul and Silas thrown in jail; they sang and prayed at midnight, and the Philippian jailer was converted

and baptized. Next morning, the magistrates learned that Paul was a Roman citizen, and they changed their tactics at once, and humbly implored the preachers to leave town, quietly.

Their next stop was Thessalonica, where they had trouble again, but did leave a group of Christian believers behind to maintain a church. The work was going beautifully in the next town, Berea, until the Jews of Thessalonica learned they were there, and they went over and "stirred up the people" in Berea. But this time only Paul left town, and left Silas and Timothy to carry on.

Timothy caught up with Paul next at Corinth, where the apostle stayed for more than a year and a half.

### PASTOR TIMOTHY

Timothy is reputed to have been the first pastor of the church at Ephesus. (1 Timothy 1:3). We find Paul, Timothy, and Erastus in Ephesus in Acts 19:22, when Paul sent the other two to Macedonia. Again, we find him sending Timothy to visit the church at Philippi, (Phil. 2:19) this time from Rome. Earlier, however, he sent Timothy to straighten out some things at Corinth, that time from Philippi.

We learn further that Timothy was with Paul when he wrote six of his epistles to the churches; 2 Corinthians and 1 and 2 Thessalonians, (written during mission tours), and the letter to the Philippians, Philemon, and Colossians were written from Rome, and Timothy was with Paul there. In Hebrews 13:23; Timothy had been a prisoner with the writer of the Hebrews, believed to have been Paul, while in the Roman prison, and Timothy had been released.

With this background study it is easy to see that Timothy was more than a "Dependable Follower," but he was a dependable helper. In Paul's own words to the Philippians, "Ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel." And his commendation of Timothy's Christian character was stated in the same passage, "I trust to send Timothy shortly unto you . . . for I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state." "For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's."

This study of the life of Timothy will not be complete unless

you read carefully the two letters written to him by Paul. The first one was written to Timothy at Ephesus. The first letter is definitely to a young minister; the exhortations are of a general nature; how to avoid pitfalls, what may be expected of ministers, deacons, their families; how to treat his elders, whether a minister brother, or a woman, and to treat the younger women as sisters, the younger men as brothers.

### HELPFUL ADMONITIONS

His first letter to Timothy was one of hope and anticipation; he used there such phraseology as: "If I tarry long . . . that thou mayest know how to behave thyself in the house of the living God. . . ." And again, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, exhortation, to doctrine." He expected to see Timothy soon, and probably did.

But the second letter, written many years later, definitely held a note of finality. "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." And in this wonderful treatise to the younger preacher, Paul left

out nothing that would strengthen and encourage one to do his best. "Be not ashamed of the testimony . . ." "Endure hardness as a good soldier . . ." "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. . . ." "Do not get entangled with the affairs of this life. . . ." "I charge thee therefore before God, . . . preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering." And twice in the last letter he implored Timothy to please come to see him. Only Luke had remained true to the end. The others who had, he had sent out among the churches for some special need.

Surely, the life of Timothy should inspire every mother who has a son to strive to teach them the word of God from their childhood. Every parent should see to it that their sons and daughters have proper Christian companionship and fellowship from their youth.

If it was commendable for Lois and Eunice to rear Timothy in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, it is just as needful today.



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## Ezekiel's Terrific Arraignment of Preachers

By the late L. R. SCARBOROUGH

A study of Ezekiel 34:1-16 reveals how the heart of the great prophet was distressed because of the failures of the priests and prophets and the shepherds of the people.

This thundering passage of accusation and arraignment follows the heart-breaking responsibilities of the ministry as shown in Ezekiel 33:7-10, when he calls us the watchman of God's walls, watching for the enemy, and appeals to us that we cry out at the sight of the enemy who would destroy the people, and then tells us that if we fail to warn them the blood of the dying will be on our hands. In view of this tragic warning the passage in the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel is even more searching.

Ezekiel charged the shepherd of that day: (1) that they feed themselves and starve their flocks; (2) that they get the best for themselves in food and clothing and have no thought for their flocks; (3) that they neglect the sick, the crippled and the drifting of their flocks; (4) but the most serious charge is in these words: "THEY DO NOT SEEK THE LOST."

In view of this serious charge, we shepherds of the flocks ought to take notice: (1) that God, as says Ezekiel, DOES seek the lost; (2) that Christ perpetually seeks the lost. Luke 19:10 says the Son of man IS come to seek and to save that which was lost. The tense of this verb is the perpetual present tense, meaning that Christ, all the years since His death and resurrection, has been in the great task of seeking the lost.

We must remember (3) that is also the Holy Spirit's great task—seeking the lost. John 16:7-11 tells us that He comes to convict the lost of their sins, of righteousness and of judgment and call them and allure them to Christ. (4) We must remember Christ's commission to us (Matthew 4:19). "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," IS HIS PERPETUAL ORDER TO PREACHERS TO FOLLOW HIM IN WINNING MEN.

Now, if we are in line with God the Father, Christ the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, God's pilot to souls, we may certainly claim the promises of God for successful soul-winning. But if we are not in line, it matters not what else we do, how great sermons we preach, how well we organize and enlist and train the flock. It matters not how we fight back the wolves, the foes of the flock, or how much money we get from them or what imposing buildings we put up for their worship and service, or about our scholarship nor efficient promotion. None of these will be substitutes before God to compensate for failure to bring the lost to Him. Hear His charge through Ezekiel: "THEY DO NOT SEEK THE LOST." We must directly, personally, persistently seek the lost.

I raise the question with our ministers as I go among Southern Baptists: Are we soul-winners outside of our pulpits when we are not preaching? ARE WE CARRYING ON A PERPETUAL CRUSADE OF PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING WITH THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM WE HAVE CONTACT?

In personal soul-winning is found the greatest opportunity for the leadership of the pastor. If he is a personal soul-winner, his influence will be contagious and his members will unhesitatingly follow it, and it will be much easier for him to get soul-winning done when he himself practices it. But if we do not win people to Christ in our daily contacts with men, our people will not. Hence we lead in a road to awful destruction to multitudes of lost men.

The past two years of Southern Baptists have been glorious in evangelism, but we are far from the goal. We are far from the organization we ought to have, far from the great meetings we ought to have from the domestic evangelism we ought to practice, from the training of organizations in our churches to win men.

I insist that if we achieve what we ought to achieve, we will make this crusade personal, permanent, perennial, persistent, and give it the major emphasis in our lives.

Remember that God's terrific charge against the listless prophets of Ezekiel's day was that they fed themselves and did not seek the lost. And His fearful charge comes to every preacher today whatever his blamelessness in lesser things of his vocation, who is listless, prayerless and complacent in the face of men and women all around him who are strangers to God's grace, lost and without hope.

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### Davis and the Ft. Smith Calvary Church

Pastor L. H. Davis of Calvary Church in Fort Smith has been on the job 15 years last week. They are celebrating an anniversary. His men are giving him good recognition and honor that are justified after 15 years of earnest, faithful, and successful service as pastor of a good church. Davis is a steady, faithful, strong Baptist preacher, and his work has been on an even keel, for the most part, all the way through. Of course, any pastorate is punctuated here and there with little flareups and misunderstandings and a little dissatisfaction, but the ministry and tenure of office of Brother Davis has been unusually satisfactory and we take off our hats to him and congratulate him and the church on their long period of relationship as pastor and church. May God give Brother Davis many years of fruitful ministry in the future.

True Charity is the giving of light and guidance to the spiritually blind.—Copied.

### Comment on Dr. Scarborough's Article

We have re-read this article. More than 12 years have rolled by since it was written, but it is more pertinent today than it was the day it was written. Conditions today are immeasurably worse than they were 12 years ago. We are painfully impressed with the terrible indictment that comes from the Lord's prophet regarding soul-winning by preachers.

We preachers are terribly busy these days, but the most of our busy tasks are secondary. Our primary task is winning the lost to Christ. If a preacher does not win souls to Christ, who on earth may be expected to do so. Our preaching is a means toward an end, and it is not the only means to be employed to reach that end, but we are so busy about the mechanics of the kingdom of God that we are confused and have little time left to do soul-winning, and the type of preaching that we are called upon to do these days is so wrapped up with the purpose of advancing the kingdom of God in general,—it is so fraught with the responsibilities of church life and church organizations—we have a minor portion of time to preach strong appealing evangelistic messages in denunciation of sin, and in the blessed appeal that calls men to repentance and to faith in God and to a converted life. Isn't it time now for a pause and a meditation that will lead us to dedicate ourselves anew to the tremendous task and blessed privilege of winning lost people to Christ?

### Central Baptist Seminary Starts Work in Arkansas

The Extension Department of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas has started a work in Arkansas. Dean Robert H. Russell says that the extension center at Ft. Smith Arkansas, has begun operations with Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor at Paris, Arkansas, teaching. Classes will meet in Mill Creek Baptist Church of Ft. Smith every Monday. They are studying "Evangelism" and "The Four Gospels." The Central Baptist Seminary is not in the list of institutions operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. It is in the Northern Baptist territory, but the Northern Baptists have as much right to come to Arkansas, as Arkansas has to go to the North. There are no geographical boundaries to anybody doing religious work. We trust that our brethren who are taking these courses will acquire much practical information and inspiration, and gain much strength for their ministry.

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