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ARKANSAS
Baptist

Arkansas All Over

MISS NAN Bates of Little Rock has recently joined the staff in the Baptist Building, serving as office secretary in the Student Department. For the past two years, Miss Bates has worked for the Arkansas Parole Board.



MISS BATES

Hospital Serves 250,000

SINCE ITS opening here in 1920, Arkansas Baptist Hospital has admitted more than a quarter of a million patients and is now admitting approximately 20,000 a year, J. A. Gilbreath, superintendent, reported at the State Convention.

The hospital's School of Nursing now has a faculty of 26 and an enrollment of 190, Mr. Gilbreath said. He described as the hospital's greatest need the construction of a proposed new surgical building.

HAROLD ELMORE, pastor of the Rison Church, was elected president of the Arkansas chapter of the New Orleans Seminary Alumni Association at the group's recent annual meeting in Little Rock. Other officers named: Norman Green, associate pastor of South Side, Pine Bluff, vice president, and Mrs. Hoyle Haire, wife of the pastor of 1st Church, Marianna, secretary-treasurer. William C. Bolton, public relations director for the seminary, gave a report on the institution's growth and needs.

THIRTY PROFESSIONS of faith and two additions by letter were recorded during a recent revival in 1st Church, Lavaca. Robert S. Scales, Trinity Church, Oklahoma City, was the evangelist and Jim Chatcham, Grand Avenue, Ft. Smith, led the singing. Pastor W. R. Hull reported that several changes suggested in the Sunday school during a survey by Mr. Chatcham has enabled the school to become standard.

REV. AND MRS. Marion G. (Bud) Fray, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Southern Rhodesia, announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Carey, on October 25 in Salisbury. They may be addressed at 131 Montgomery Drive, Waterfalls, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. Mr. and Mrs. Fray make their permanent American home in Arkadelphia.

HUNTSVILLE'S 1ST CHURCH has approved a plan to build an annex to the present building. Pastor G. W. Morrison said the new building will provide space for a larger vestibule, three assembly rooms, nine class rooms, two nurseries, a church office and study and an enlarged auditorium.

Circulation Passes 50,000 Mark Dec. 5

A NEW all-time high in the circulation of **Arkansas Baptist** was reached last week when the distribution went above 50,000.

With the action of First Church, Concord, Noble Wiles, pastor, placing the paper in its budget, everyone of the 44 associations in the state now has at least one church sending the paper out to its members by the Budget Plan.

Beirne Church has accepted our special, introductory offer and is now receiving the paper in all its homes. Pastor Harold A. Wilson writes: "This is one of the best offers anyone could make to give the people the privilege of seeing what they will get before they say yes in taking it."

Others taking the trial Budget offer include:

Ozark Church, Williford, John Hamilton, pastor.

Mt. Zion Church, Hope Association, list sent by Miss Wanda Peek.

Pleasant Grove Church, Faulkner County, list sent by Clerk H. L. Wright.

Newly-organized Goodwin Church, list sent by Treasurer P. H. Bates.

Antioch Church, Hermitage, Bartholomew Association, Richard Adams, pastor.

New budgets have come in from Moreland Church, Roger Shields, pastor, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, and from Sherwood, in North Little Rock, Charles Ragland, pastor.

Several churches taking the introductory offer have placed the paper in their budgets.

If your church is not sending the paper to all families, you can still get the free, introductory offer of four issues to all families free. To qualify, send your mailing list — for one paper to each home — and indicate that you want the introductory offer and that you will consider, during the month, placing the paper in your budget. Let us have your list today!

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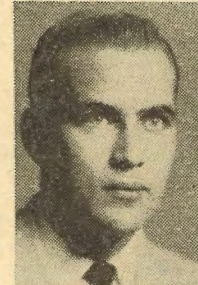
HAROLD O'BRYAN, pastor of Pine Grove Church, Sweet Home, has accepted a call to 1st Church, Dermott. A graduate of Ouachita and New Orleans Seminary, Mr. O'Bryan has served in Natural Steps and Stanfill churches in Pulaski Association, and in Wilmot Church. Mrs. O'Bryan is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe H. Hankins, Little Rock. They have two children.

Ordinations

E. BRUCE Huffstutter, called to pastor the Rock Springs Church, Carroll county, was ordained to the ministry by 1st Church of Blue Eye November 24. J. Ernest Cost served as moderator and William McMichael led in the examination. J. S. Compere Jr., Carroll associational missionary, led the prayer, and the sermon and charges were delivered by J. E. Presley.

Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, ordained Carl Elins, Herman Sturdivant and J. C. Sturdivant as deacons November 24. Eugene Webb served as moderator, and J. F. Queen, Baptist Hospital chaplain, conducted the examination. The ordination prayer was by M. S. McCrary, and Amos Greer, Harmony superintendent of missions, preached the sermon.

GUY T NELSON has been ordained to the ministry following his call to the pastorate of Winslow Church. Walter



MR. NELSON

Jesser served as moderator, and Jack Taylor led the ordination prayer. Burton Miley gave the charge and Tommie Hinson gave the charge to the church. Mr. Nelson is a native of Texas. He and his wife have two young sons, T and Eric.

BENJAMIN WILLIAM Bledsoe, Mission pastor of the Southwide Mission of 1st Church, Booneville, was ordained to the full gospel ministry November 29. Pastor D. B. Bledsoe was moderator and brought the message. James L. Pleitz led the questioning and John D. Bledsoe, grandfather of the candidate, offered the dedicatory prayer.



MR. BLEDSOE

Benny is a second year student at Ouachita College.

JACK FARRIS, a 1949 graduate of Ouachita College, has completed his second novel, *A Man to Ride With*. Farris graduated from Ouachita in 1949 with a major in English.

A native of Texas, and reared in the Ozarks of Northwest Arkansas, he is now on the English faculty of Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

His first book, *Ramey*, was published when Farris was on the faculty of Arkansas State College at Jonesboro.

EDITOR McDONALD was the pulpit supply for First Church, Brinkley last Sunday. He is to preach at Huntsville Church at both services on Sunday, January 5, in the absence of Pastor W. E. Ashley, who will be away at that time for a revival.

34 Arkansans Contribute To Baptist Encyclopedia

THIRTY-FOUR Arkansas Baptists are included among the authors contributing to the *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*. Following are the writers and the titles of the monographs:

George Truett Blackmon, "Arkansas Statistics" and "Ouachita Baptist College" (with R. A. Phelps, Jr., as co-author); Thomas Lafayette Harris, "History of Arkansas Baptist State Convention"; James Sterling Rogers, Sr., "John Walter Conger" and "Baptist Beginnings in Arkansas"; Oscar Montore Stalling, "Arden Pleasant Blaylock."

E. L. Compere, "Arkansas Laws Affecting Religious Bodies" and "Arkansas Laws on Property of Religious Bodies"; James Don Hook, "American Baptist Association" and "North American Baptist Association"; Mrs. Charles Hillman Brough, "Charles Hillman Brough"; B. H. Duncan, "Baptist Papers in Arkansas"; Walter Andrew Jackson, "Arkansas Baptist Foundation."

Erwin L. McDonald, "Bethel College," "Campbellville College," "Clear Creek Baptist School," "Cumberland College," "Georgetown College," "Maggoffin Baptist Institute," "Oneida Institute" and "West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute"; C. Hamilton Moses, "Otto Whittington."

Edgar Williamson, "Arkansas Baptist State Assembly"; Paul Atkinson, "William Elrie Atkinson"; Mrs. Patton Bodies, "Edmund James Archibald McKinney"; Mrs. Walter Brooks, "Allen Hill Awtrey"; Miss Daisy Bruce, "Central Baptist College"; Edwin Eagle Dunaway, "James Phillips Eagle"; John A. Gilbreath, "Arkansas Baptist Hospital."

Mrs. James Richard Grant, "The WMU in Arkansas"; Frank Carleton Harris, "Arkansas Laws Affecting Incorporation"; Miss Dollie E. Hiett, "Jonesboro College" and "Woodland College"; Mrs. Arthur Byrd Hill, "Calvin Bernard Waller."

Mrs. Lucien Matthews, "Charles William Daniel"; Hugh Dudley Morton, "Arkansas Baptist Academies" and "Mountain Home College"; Mrs. Pat Murphy, "Barbour Vaughn Ferguson"; Mrs. George Washington Puryear, "George Washington Puryear"; John William Reap, "Davis Hospital."

Arabella Barton Robinson, "Pulaski Clingman Barton"; Elta Cooperrood Stout, "Dixie Farrior Jackson"; Mrs. Luther Davis Summers, "Luther Davis Summers"; Mrs. Hardy Lathan Winburn, "Hardy Lathan Winburn"; Harold Christian Seefeldt, "Bottoms Baptist Orphanage"; Leroy Carson Tedford, "James Bryant Searcy" and "Arkansas Associations"; and Hubert Ethridge Williams, "Southern Baptist College".

The Cover

Pastors Leaders

New officers for the Arkansas Baptist Pastors Conference were named at a meeting of the confer-



ence in conjunction with the state convention in Little Rock. Walter L. Yeldell, right, pastor of 1st Church, West Memphis, was named president and Robert Parker, Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, vice president.

Mrs. James Pleitz, Ft. Smith, was elected president of the Pastors' Wives Conference succeeding Mrs. Andrew Hall, Fayetteville. Other officers include: Mrs. H. C. Seefelt, Monticello, Mrs. Harold Hicks, Little Rock, and Mrs. Robert Smith, Pine Bluff, vice presidents and Mrs. William Hickam, Bentonville, secretary-treasurer.

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E. W. ZIMMEREKNER, who has been pastor of Oak Bowery Church since Jan. 15, 1955, has resigned from his position with the V. A. Hospital in North Little Rock for full time work on the field. He is now available for revivals. Since coming to Oak Bowery, the church has been renovated, new pews installed and a new heating unit purchased. The church has received 17 members by letter, one by statement and 10 by baptism.

BILL HENSLEY is the new pastor of Ridgeview Chapel, Fayetteville. Before accepting his new post, Mr. Hensley was pastor of a chapel of Grand Ave. Church, Ft. Smith, in Moffit, Okla. He is a student at the University of Arkansas.

ALFRED SPARKMAN, a Ouachita graduate who received his B. D. from Southern Seminary in 1956, has been called to the pastorate of Mt. Washington, Ky. For the past four years he served Cedar Creek Church in that state.

O. W. YATES, head of the Bible Department of Ouachita College for many years and now pastor of Rosemont Church, Lexington, Ky., has been named leader for the associational officers' organization of Kentucky Baptists. He was elected at the recent annual meeting of the group.

FRANK F. Norfleet, a native Arkansan and a graduate of Ouachita, has been re-elected moderator of the Kentucky Baptist Ministers' organization. He is pastor of Immanuel Church, Paducah.

JOHN MARVELL, College City, has accepted the pastorate of the MoArk Church. He comes to Southern Baptist College from Illinois.

REYNO CHURCH has called Jack Shorbutt and the new pastor is now on the field.

JAMES S. COMPERE III, Berryville, grandson of the late J. S. Compere, outstanding editor of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, has surrendered his life to the Christian ministry. The decision was made at Southern Baptist College, where he is a freshman.

JESSE S. REED, state evangelist, conducted two revivals during November. November 3-10 he was in Riverside Church, Little Rock, with Ed Haynes, music director of the church, leading the singing. There were four additions by letter, three for baptism and two rededications. There were 13 additions, 12 by baptism, and three rededications during a one-week campaign, November 10-17, in First Church, Leachville.

Beer and Cocktail Drinkers Life Hazards

DRIVERS DO NOT have to be down-and-out drunk to be less than their safest behind steering wheels along the highways. For many, two beers or a cocktail is enough to impair their judgment sufficiently to make highway murderers out of them.

This was pointed out recently at a meeting of the National Safety Council in Chicago by Wm. N. Plymat, president of Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company, of Des Moines, Ia.

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, and head of the National Temperance League, who was among those present at the Chicago meeting, was very favorably impressed with a proposal Mr. Plymat made to provide for the use of equipment for scientific testing for intoxication of drivers involved in traffic accidents, and for laws clarifying the question of drunkenness or alcoholic influence.

Mr. Plymat suggests that a statute could provide simply that it is illegal to drive with a blood content of more than 0.05 per cent alcohol. That is the way the laws read in Norway and Sweden, he reports.

"We could let the existing drunk driving laws stand as they are," he continued. "We could pass an intermediate offense law covering the cases involving 0.05 to 0.15 per cent alcohol and calling for a smaller penalty. This would be a deterrent to moderate drinking which causes accidents.

"We could publicize that if a moderate drinker weighing 150 pounds has had two 14-ounce bottles of 3.2 per cent beer or two ounces of 100 proof whisky he is in the zone of auto driving impairment. If such a man has had three bottles of beer or three ounces of whisky, he will be above the 0.05 per cent limit and in violation of this intermediate law."

Now that we have—and have had for many years—instruments for measuring scientifically the alcohol content of the blood, some such provision as here proposed, in the interest of cutting down highway slaughter, would seem to be long overdue.—ELM

Soul-Winning Commitment Day

Guest Editorial by Roland Q. Leavell
President, New Orleans Seminary

Ships never drift into harbor. Rarely do Christians become purposeful soul-winners by accident. They need a challenge. "Hold up the number of fingers indicating the minimum number of students you will try to win to Christ this session," I said to a group of BSU'ers around a campfire one September night. Many held up one, two or three fingers. A coed and two men held up five fingers. The young lady won seven that year. One man led eleven to Christ, and the other nearly as many. The experience led both men later to enter the ministry. Both earned Th.D. degrees and today are nationally known. Such an experience may be multiplied in the churches if Christians are inspired, trained and challenged to become soul-winners.

"Soul-winning Commitment Day" on January 5, 1958, will offer a magnificent opportunity for challenging Christians of every age to win souls, the noblest task and highest service God ever committed to man.

The first problem in evangelism is the soul-winner. More lost people are willing to be won than there are Christians willing to try to win them. Jesus recognized this. He did not urge us to pray for the lost first; he urged us to pray the Lord of the harvest for more soul-winner harvesters.

"Every Baptist a soul-winner" is the challenging slogan for 1958. Underneath that we must have a soul-deep, all-absorbing, heart-crushing, Christ-like concern for lost souls. Pastors and other leaders with this Christ-like concern can challenge us on January 5, "Soul-winning Commitment Day," to do our human best under the Holy Spirit to begin a perennial and unceasing quest for souls.

Personally Speaking . . .

"Living Water"

FORTY YEARS ago "Big Culvert" on the Missouri Pacific railroad a mile or so west of London (Pope County) was a great recreational place for us boys from the London community.

Better than a public swimming pool because of its seclusion, "Big Culvert" as we called it (note the "b" for the "v") required no bathing trunks for its bathers. And when the large, natural pool under the high railroad bridge was not serving as a swimming hole, it was a good place to fish. Many a young fisherman has carried home a nice string of perch and "cats" caught under the bridge.

On a hot day last summer, during a visit to my home community, I developed a high "fishing fever." Armed with a fishing pole and a can of redworms I was soon walking the railroad cross-ties to "Big Culvert." Nothing but memories of angling successes of other days kept me from burning out and turning back.

Reaching the bridge, I hurried down the railroad dump to what had been a favorite fishing spot in my boyhood days. Alas, where once there had been a deep, blue hole of water there was not enough dampness to bathe a wig-gletail. In the middle of one of the wettest years in Arkansas history, the hole was bone dry!

My philosophical bent as a Baptist preacher and columnist stood me in good stead and I was able to survive the shock of disappointment. Somehow I managed to retrace what had been eager steps — back across that mile of crossties, in the broiling sun.

There are many "Big Culberts" along life's way. Many a life that showed great promise in its youth has dried up. Some who made the honor rolls in school and college have turned out to be miserable failures in the hard school of life itself. And the tragedy of this is that most failures have no one to blame but themselves.

The bright side of the picture is that it is never too late, as long as one lives, to start life over again. Lives that have become "dry holes" can become springs of everlasting water. The invitation of Jesus to the Samaritan woman is still open to every one of us: "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him and he would have given thee living water."



MR. McDONALD

Edwin L. McDonald

Nazareth Girl Attending Ouachita Baptist College

NAHEEL JERIES of Nazareth, Israel, is a student at Ouachita College this year. She attended Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge prior to this year. Miss Jeries is a junior home economics major.



MISS JERIES has traveled in all parts of the Near East and has worked with the Baptist Mission in Nazareth, Israel, for three years. She hopes to serve in the Near East after graduation.

Miss Jeries has filled more than 30 speaking engagements in North Arkansas and Missouri and has appeared on television. She has spoken on more than 12 different occasions in Jacksonville, Tampa, and Lakeland, Fla., and was employed last summer with Home Mission Board in Florida and Georgia. Some of her topics are: "History of Near East in Relation to Christianity"; "Customs of People in the Near East, Especially Nazareth"; and "Work of the Baptist Missionaries in the Near East."

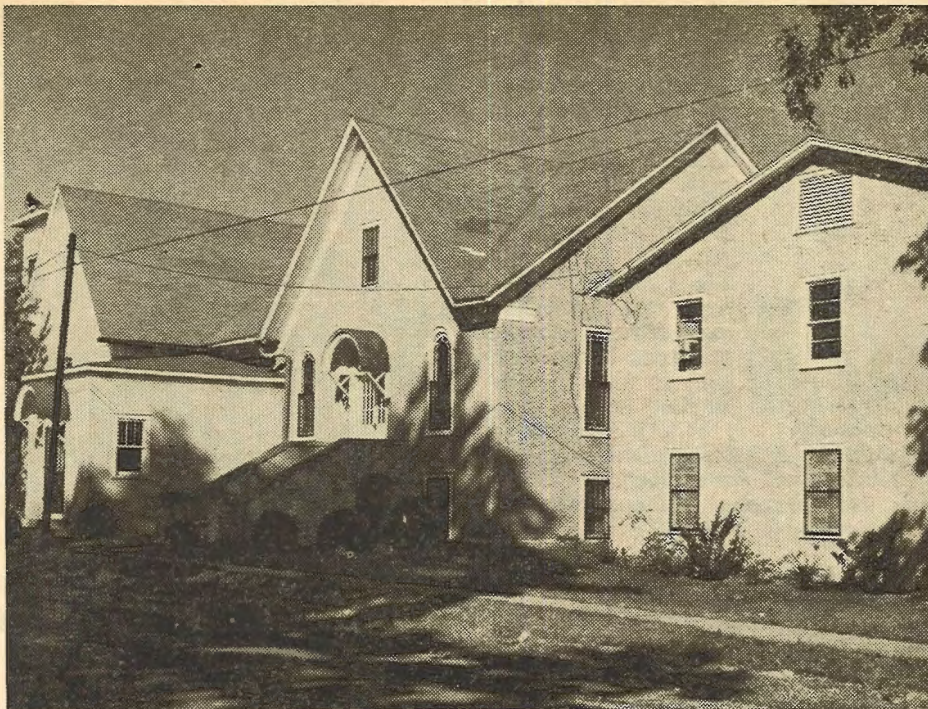
Churches wishing to contact her for possible speaking engagements may write her at P. O. Box 480, Ouachita College.

JOE JUSTIN Walters, minister of music at First Church, Pine Bluff, will sing the tenor recitatives and arias of the second annual presentation of "The Messiah," December 17 at 7:45 p.m. in Mitchell Hall, Ouachita College. "The Messiah" will be given by a combined choir of the Ouachita College Choir and the Choral Society under the direction of Dr. James T. Luck, chairman of the division of fine arts and professors of music at the college.

DR. J. N. BARNETTE, secretary, Sunday School department, Baptist Sunday School department, Baptist Sunday School Board for more than 30 years, is featured in the December issue of *The Sunday School Builder*, monthly publication of the Board.

RADIO STATION WMBI, radio voice of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, began broadcasting THE BAPTIST HOUR early in October. The first two broadcasts brought more than 350 letters and requests from listeners.

HANDSOME, LEATHERBOUND Bibles are now carried on all Capital Airlines Flights, the company reports, as a result of a gift last week by The Gideons International. Gideons officials met with executives of the airline to formally present 125 Bibles for the use of passengers.



SPACE FOR 250 persons is provided in this educational building of 1st Church, Rector, dedicated November 24. Valued at \$40,000, the debt-free structure contains 21 classrooms.

A TWO-STORY educational building was dedicated by 1st Church, Rector, at special services on the afternoon of November 24. The date also marked the fourth anniversary of pastor Lawrence Ray.



MR. RAY The dedicatory sermon was by Richard Vestal, with the scripture being read by E. Clay Polk. Provision for 21 classrooms, and 250 people, is provided in the stucco building. Four assembly rooms are included in the 36-by-60-

foot structure.

During the time the present pastor has served, the church has had 46 additions by baptism, 55 by letter. During the last four years gifts to the cooperative program have totaled \$7,473.99, and mission gifts amounted to \$10,044.14. (In 1915 mission gifts from the church totaled \$12.47.)

As further indication of the mission spirit of the church, Rector Church has organized two missions which have grown into churches now cooperating with Gainesville Association, Leonard and Holly Island churches.

Present membership of the church is 339.

Ouachita Mission Band Aids Christmas Offering

The mission volunteer band from Ouachita College is presenting a one-act play, "Operation at One," to encourage increased gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Eugene Webb, pastor of Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, comments: "If you want to inspire your people to give to foreign missions, this cast from Ouachita can do the job."

The mission band is available to present the play in churches on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings until the Christmas holidays. Contact: Miss Glendene Dawson, Box 529, Ouachita, Arkadelphia, for open dates.

FOR THE FIRST time the Baptist Sunday School Board is showing full-color illustrations of teaching picture sets for Nursery, Beginner, Primary, and Junior workers.

Insurance Man Leaves \$50,000 to Missions

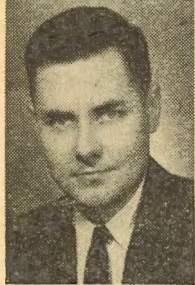
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. —(BP)— A Chattanooga insurance man left \$50,000 in his will as a trust to the First Church here, stipulating that net income from the trust be given the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board "for maintaining missionaries in foreign fields."

John H. Fox died Nov. 11 at the age of 80. Leaving nine heirs including, two sisters, a niece, and six nephews, he named the Chattanooga church sole beneficiary of his estate.

HUNDREDS OF letters are delivered daily to the headquarters of the Radio and TV Commission, many reflecting the confusions, problems, tensions and unanswered questions posed by modern-day life. A remarkable number show that answers are given by the television ministry of "This Is The Answer."

THE BOOKSHELF

ONE OF THE most helpful and, at the same time, enjoyable books to come our way recently is *Now Then . . .*



MR. MASON

Parables for the Present Day, by our good friend and Seminary classmate, David E. Mason, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, La. A Broadman Press release, the book is now on sale at \$1.75 in the Baptist Book Stores.

Wit, provocative analogy, and wisdom are the main ingredients throughout. Each of the 86 one-page parables demonstrates a great truth.

We quote from the jacket:

"Few readers will ever again see a 'climber' in the business or social world without thinking of the 'Fire and Pie Man' who became so busy he ended up with an iron in every pie and a finger in every fire.

"From the fable of a 'ruined bruin' who wanted only to please, to the poetical saga of 'son John, son John' whose well-sown wild oats grew so tall he couldn't see his 'Mother, dear Mother,' there remains one common denominator — each story results in a sincere and meaningful moral."—ELM

Don't Let Smoking Kill You! is the title of a Bonus Books release by Clarence W. Lieb, M. D., the personal physician and "highly esteemed close friend" of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of Marble Collegiate Church, New York City.

The publishers report they are having a hard time securing advertising space and have even been denied the privilege of offering the book to the public from some newsstands, because of the opposition of the tobacco industry.

"... several national magazines have refused our moderately-phrased advertising for this book," the publishers report. "Their objections were based solely on the fear of losing some of the cigarette advertising they now carry.

"Already, some of the regular newsstand outlets for our books have declined to handle this volume, simply because they are also retailers of cigarettes."

Dr. Lieb deals scientifically and from his viewpoint as a physician in considering the poisons in tobacco and shows how smoking damages the heart, throat, sex life, blood, mouth and nervous system. He discusses "The Cigarette vs. the Pipe vs. the Cigar," "Smoking and Your Weight," "What Good Are Filters?" "How Good are 'Special' Cigarettes" and "How to Stop Smoking."

Since every one is a smoker or a potential smoker, this is a book every one should read. It can be secured at 75c



THE NEED FOR 1750 Missionaries by 1963 was emphasized recently as officials of the Foreign Mission Board explained their advance program to the faculty and administration of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Seated, from left, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive-secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Seminary president; and Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East. Standing, from left, Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient; Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel; and Rev. James G. Stertz, assistant secretary for missionary personnel.

Christian Life Work Praised by Arizona

GLENDALE, Ariz. — (BP)— The Baptist General Convention of Arizona has gone on record commending the Southern Baptist and state Christian Life Commissions for their "daring courage and uncompromising presentation of the facts."

Arizona Baptists declared in the resolution that "immorality has invaded our nation in the form of un-Christian race relations, the sale and use of alcoholic beverages, pornographic and obscene literature, gambling, and vice . . ."

The resolution stated that the Christian Life Commission "has become an unpopular but fearless weapon against these evils."

The convention adopted a budget for 1958 of \$281,505.

James R. Staples, pastor, North Phoenix Church, Phoenix, was elected president, succeeding Paul W. David, Chandler. The 1958 convention will meet Nov. 12-14 with First Southern Church, Tucson.

The convention reported 33,015 members of 165 affiliated churches. Total gifts during the past year were \$1,986,931.

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Pastor, Son Make Decisions at Revival

TRUETT MURPHY, pastor of Dallas Avenue Baptist Church, Mena, surrendered to fulltime evangelistic service and his son, Donald, answered the call to the Gospel ministry during revival services in the church recently.



Arthur H. Hottel, pastor of 1st Church, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and a former Star City pastor, did the preaching, and Tiny Powell, minister of music for Dallas Avenue Church, directed the music.

Mr. Murphy announced his resignation from the Mena church effective January 1 to enter the field of fulltime evangelism and to secure his theological education at Southern Seminary as soon as possible.

Other decisions during the meeting included four professions of faith, three joining the church for baptism, four surrendering for special service and scores of rededications.

Mr. Murphy, who received the B. A. degree from Ouachita last January, has held pastorates in Arkansas for the past nine years, including Pleasant Grove; two missions for 1st Church, Earle; Bowman in Mt. Zion Association; Ruddell Hill, Batesville; and Curtis and Dallas Avenue in Mena.

Bernes K. Selph New Board Head

IN ITS organizational meeting in Little Rock on December 3, the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention named Bernes K. Selph, pastor of First Church, Benton, as president. Dr. Selph succeeds T. K. Rucker, of Forrest City, who was recently named president of the State Convention.

Other officers named were: Gerald Trussell, pastor of First Church, Warren, vice president; and Luther Dorsey, pastor of Forest Park Church, Pine Bluff, secretary.

17 OBC Students Make "Who's Who"

Seventeen seniors at Ouachita Baptist College have been selected to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

They were selected on the basis of leadership, scholastic ability, future potential, and character.

Selected were Chaiho Kim, business administration major from Mena; Ella Reed Blackmon, speech major from DeKalb, Tex.; Bill Blake, mathematics and chemistry major from Hope; Jane Burroughs, psychology and speech major from Hope; Betty Crowe, secretarial science major from Hot Springs; Paul Fitzgerald, pre-dental major from Heridan.

Reedy Hardy, speech and elementary education major from Arkadelphia; Dennis Keath, music major from North Little Rock; Andrew Kerr, history major from Little Rock; Janet Larson, home economics major from Kansas City, Kan.; Everett Long, history major from Springdale; Homer Moore, business and economics major from Stuttgart.

Lynn Nunnally, religion major from Little Rock; Carolyn Royal, home economics major from Benton; Afif Srouji, chemistry and biology major from Nazareth, Israel; Jim Maxwell, English major from Shreveport, La.; and John David Whitlow, chemistry major from Arkadelphia.

Simmons to Be Editor Of Arizona Newspaper

J. Kelly Simmons is the new editor of the Baptist Beacon, weekly publication of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, effective January 1.

He succeeds W. Barry Garrett, who becomes associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee of Public Affairs, Washington. A native of Westminister, Tex., he received his college education at Bureson College, University of Texas, and Baylor University, where he majored in journalism. He is also a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Baptist Crosscurrents

The Visit of Brooks Hays

Some people here and there are still waiting to hear the news of Brooks Hays being tarred and feathered at the Mississippi Baptist Convention. If it comes as a disappointment to some, it will be a great relief to many others to learn that it did not happen.

As the first layman president of the Southern Baptist Convention in many years, Mr. Hays has been criticized in one way or another by a sizeable number of people—because he is a U. S. Congressman, because of past connection with the Christian Life Commission, because of his role as "arbiter" in the Little Rock school dispute, and so forth.

Some people felt honestly that his presence at the state convention would provoke unnecessary antagonism, and a few of them said so out loud.

The fact that Mr. Hays withal did speak at the convention last week, and that his message proved to be one of the high points of the entire meeting, is a credit to the convention as well as to the man himself.

His coming proved one important point, a point which goes far beyond the hearing given this one particular man. It is that while we reserve the right to our own individual opinions, as a body we have the Christian maturity to hear out our Baptist brethren in decency, courtesy, respect, and appreciation.

Mr. Hays' stirring message—emphasizing the need of Baptist unity around a three-fold program of evangelism, Christian education, and world missions—underscored another important matter. As he put it, "Never fear, I will never attempt to speak for eight million Southern Baptists. No one Baptist can presume to speak for any two Baptists, much less for eight million!"

Re-affirming the historic Baptist principle of individual church autonomy, he said, "The congregations hold the power of our denomination."

Expressing his devotion and affection for Southern Baptist people, now organized for work in the diversity of 42 states of the Union, he quoted the testimony of Clovis Chappel: "I love the whole water-logged lot of them."

Speaking of our American way of life, and the Baptist part in it, he concluded, "If we prevail in the struggle (with Communism)—and I believe that we will—it will be not because of scientific or military achievements, but because of moral power."

In the future as in the past, we may differ with the Congressman-President of the Southern Baptist Convention—and others of our Baptist brethren, but his presence in our midst last week has been a reminder that, above those individual differences, there is an over-riding loyalty which will keep us together in the service of Christ our Lord.

—THE BAPTIST RECORD (Miss.)

Backbone of Southern Baptists

BAPTISTS ARE not held together by a hierarchy, but by love, doctrine, and understanding. The state paper is a source of information which ties the churches together. It keeps me informed about the benevolent, educational and mission work of Baptists at home and abroad, and creates a consciousness on moral issues. To destroy the state papers would be to break the back of the denomination.

—Bruce H. Price

\$250,000 Fire

A \$250,000 fire completely destroyed Hardin-Simmons University's Behrens Chapel at noon November 21 just one hour following an assembly program when more than 1,300 persons were inside. The chapel was built in 1927 and remodeled in 1945.

BAPTIST WORLD Alliance Executive Committee has requested Brownell Tours of Birmingham, Ala., to coordinate the travel, sight-seeing, and hotel arrangements for Baptists going to Rio de Janeiro for the 10th Baptist World Congress in 1960.

Florida Baptists Give First Okay to New Work

PENSACOLA, Fla. (BP) — The first of two favorable votes required to authorize a home for the aged was passed during the annual session of the Florida Baptist State Convention here.

The vote authorized a committee to continue plans looking toward founding one or more Baptist homes for the aged. The 1958 convention is expected to give the second, and final vote.

Elected president was Julius H. Avery, pastor, First Church, Panama City, succeeding J. Earl Stallings, Ocala. The 1958 Cooperative Program budget of \$1,800,000 will be divided evenly with the Southern Baptist Convention.

F. Townley Lord Will Join Furman's Staff

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP) — Fred Townley Lord, pastor of Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London, England, and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, will join the Furman University staff for the first semester of 1958-59 session as visiting professor of religion.

Lord's resignation as pastor of Bloomsbury Church will be effective at the end of July, 1958, and will conclude a pastorate of nearly 29 years. He was also editor of the *Baptist Times* in London from 1951 to 1956.

"As a distinguished scholar, author, and minister, Dr. Lord has provided inspiring leadership in world-wide Baptist activities," Furman president John L. Plyler said.

● IN 112 YEARS of service, more than 11,000 churches have been constituted by SBC Home Board missionaries, more than a million converts reported, with total receipts of about \$60 million. Dr. Courts Redford, Atlanta, Ga., has served as executive secretary-treasurer of the Board for four years. Redford has general direction of the 1,214 missionaries and the work of the Board in 41 states, the District of Columbia, Cuba, Panama, Canal Zone, and Alaska.

● "AND THE Child Grew" will be the theme of the Childhood Education Workshop January 9-10 on the campus of New Orleans Seminary.

Sponsored by the Childhood Religious Education department of the School of Religious Education, the Workshop is expected to attract nursery, beginner, primary, sunbeam, and kindergarten workers from churches in a large number of states served by the Southern Baptist Convention.

● A SOUTHERN BAPTIST chaplain is the new chief of personnel division, office of Air Force chaplains in Washington. He is Chaplain (Col.) Robert P. Taylor, former staff chaplain for Air University headquarters at Maxwell Field Air Force Base near Montgomery, Ala.

South Carolina Body Reaffirms Autonomy

CHARLESTON, S. C. — (BP) — South Carolina Baptists, turning down a motion critical of the Southern Baptist Convention, have reaffirmed their belief that each Baptist church, association and convention is autonomous.

The convention was offered a motion to ask the Southern Baptist Convention for "understanding and help rather than pronouncements and criticisms."

The motion was believed to be directed at the Convention and its agencies which have discussed the question of segregation.

The South Carolina convention instead adopted a substitute motion recognizing the "historical position that all Baptist bodies, Southern, state, associational, or church, are independent and autonomous." It also said that Baptists believe in the "right of Christians to disagree in brotherly love."

The convention adopted a 1958 budget goal of \$3,150,000. It elected Sam M. Smith, superintendent of the state Baptist children's home at Greenwood, president, succeeding E. F. Haight, formerly of Anderson but now in Louisiana.

The 1958 convention will meet Nov. 11-13 in Greenville.

Maryland Will Keep Its Present Title

BALTIMORE (BP) — The Maryland Baptist Union Association decided at its annual meeting to retain its present name. There had been discussion on changing "association" to "convention."

A layman, Elmer F. Ruark, Salisbury, was elected moderator, succeeding Cline L. Vice, Glen Burnie pastor.

A \$400,000 budget was approved for 1958, of which \$166,000 will be used to support worldwide objectives of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The association reorganized its department of religious education, setting up separate departments — one to handle Sunday school, vacation Bible school, and church building consultant work, the other to handle Training Union and student work.

● BAPTIST MEMORIAL Hospital, Memphis, has announced plans to add a Cardio-Pulmonary Laboratory to present diagnostic facilities. The laboratory will enable physicians to obtain certain physiological information concerning the function of the heart and lungs which will aid greatly in the diagnosis and treatment of patients suffering from heart or lung disease.

Difference Prayer Makes

A PASTOR who had a "depressive condition" in his spiritual life and felt that the Holy Spirit was not abiding in his life knew of but one thing to do: pray. His first prayer was that he would pray. He added more prayer to the busy church schedule. Later came half-hour prayer periods before Sunday evening services.

"There was little vital interest in prayer," he now recalls, "though we kept up the sessions and never stopped urging people to come."

Then an evangelist came to the church for a special series of services. "I will be in this church every morning to pray," the evangelist announced. "If anyone else wants to come, I'll be glad to have company."

That was the beginning of every-morning prayer services in the Reedsburg (Wis.) Church of God, Marvin S. Proctor, pastor. Now it has continued for more than a thousand days in unbroken succession. Between the hours of 4:30 and 9 a. m., the church is open for prayer. The number in prayer at one time varies from one to 15. Most of the people who come stay for 45 minutes, some for 20 minutes, others for as long as an hour and a half.

Many remarkable changes have come to the church membership, including a new vitality in its whole program. Not the least of the results, Pastor Proctor reports, is what has happened to him. He has found the spiritual stability he had lacked.

"My original experience of conversion from sin to Christ," he testifies, "seems dim and far away compared to that terribly wonderful and eternal change that has taken place down deep in the large, unconscious region of my total personality."

"I have victory over sin and temptation," he continues, trying to evaluate his experience. "Pride, fear, ill-will, fault-finding, envy, resentment and 'get even' spirit are all gone. No valleys of despair, but an abiding, constant inner peace and joy. Tenseness nearly all gone. Grief because of sin in other's lives, but no long valleys of despair, never!"—Digest of article in *Christian Life*, reprinted by permission from *Christian Life Magazine*, Copyright November 1957, *Sunday Magazine, Inc.*, 33 South Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Christ In You, Mystery Hidden from the Ages

By THOMAS DOVE

Pastor, 2nd Church, Arkadelphia

Col. 1:26-28

We are living in a day of big issues. While I am writing, a man-made satellite is circling the earth every few minutes, and two baseball teams are competing for the championship of the world. Mr. Dulles and other representatives of nations are sitting at conference tables discussing world affairs that are too numerous to mention.

In the field of religion, we have recently heard much about the greatness of the New York Crusade and the millions who heard Billy Graham. Now we are hearing much about ecumenicalism and the great world church.

In our own Baptist circles we are hearing about 30,000 new preaching stations, the New Forward Program of Church Finance, and budgets calling for millions of dollars.

These are tremendous issues, and they call for priority in our thinking, but I am confident that there is one simple issue that concerns this body more today than all of these others, as great as they may be. This is the theme of the text that I have read to you—Christ in you—the mystery of the ages. I fear that we as Baptists have too long been consumed by big things, and have tragically overlooked the mystery-Christ in one human being.

This mystery revealed is the ultimate of the Gospel. This is the reason for our being here. If anything else takes its place, we will go the way of many other religious bodies — to dry rot. This issue is first because it is the only answer to our greatest problems. Take, for example, the sin question. It is the heart-breaker of them all, and we are stupid to think that it can be coped with any other way than Christ in the human heart. There is no plan, program or organization that can give an answer to the sin question.

Take, too, the problem of the juvenile. Christ in him is the only solu-

tion to his problem. This sounds so simple that we have turned from it to try to find the answer in some 'ology while the answer has been with us all the while — Christ in you.

What pastor has not tossed in his bed at night over the problem of unfaithfulness of church members? Is there an answer? I say there is one — Christ in the individual. We have filled our churches with unconverted members, and are now trying to fit them into the harness of New Testament Christianity. We are fighting a losing battle. The harness will never fit, and they will never pull. Christ in the individual is the answer to the problem of waterless baptistries and dead services.

One outstanding Baptist pastor said, sometime ago, that if God should take the Holy Spirit out of the world, most churches would be six months finding it out, and could go on doing 95 per cent of what they are now doing and brag just as much. But, do you not long for warm spiritual services where souls are really born again?

This mystery will be revealed to us as Baptists as we maintain a right attitude toward God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the church, and the value of one individual. We must remember that God is the same as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jesus is not reduced from God to human prophet and moral hero. The Holy Spirit is more than sentimental enthusiasm in our services, and the Bible must be taken literally when it speaks of original sin, grace, and miracles.

As strange as it may seem, the mystery, hidden from the ages, of Christ in you is the central theme and answer to our problems. Paul said in verse 28 "... in order to present to God everyone mature through union with Christ!" (Wm. Tr.)

Carolina Disapproves Associate Membership

RALEIGH —(BP)— The Baptist State Convention here expressed disagreement with Baptist churches which accept associate members but recognized the authority of churches to act independently.

The question of associate members came to the fore because Pilot Mountain Baptist Association had refused Wake Forest Baptist Church's effort to affiliate with the association. Wake Forest Church, whose members are mostly students and faculty of Wake Forest College, has associate members.

The church moved to Winston-Salem with the college a year ago. Both were formerly located in the community of Wake Forest.

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

(Arthur of For Our Age of Anxiety at your Baptist Book Store.)

"NOMINATING COMMITTEE UNKIND"

QUESTION: The Nominating Committee of our church has hurt many people very deeply by dropping from



DR. HUDSON

their recommendations some who have served for a many years in a particular job. Wouldn't it be kinder to speak to them in Christian love and appreciation rather than dropping them without saying a word?

ANSWER: Our churches have a real problem at this point. Jobs have to be passed around in order to develop all of the good people. If the Nominating Committee tells the individual that he is being relieved of a job before they present his name to the church, he may start an insurrection in order to hold the office. Or the church may not accept the nomination, which would make the Committee look premature or presumptuous in speaking to the outgoing individual.

I believe that the solution lies in training the church member not to expect or seek an office at any time, and to trust the Nominating Committee to follow the Holy Spirit's leadership. After all, the purpose of such a committee is to work prayerfully through the whole church roll and choose the best people for all jobs — "best" in the sense of doing the best for the cause of Christ.

An I-bruise-easy attitude just won't work in a Baptist church. You have to be humble and tough minded.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th St., Kansas City 12, Mo.)

Virginia Appropriates Money For Construction

ROANOKE, Va. (BP) — The Baptist General Association of Virginia in session here voted plans for an office building in Richmond and for expansion of its summer assembly at Eagle Eyrie, appropriating \$270,000 as an initial sum for the office building and \$1 million for the assembly.

It voted a 1958 budget of \$2,411,337, of which \$830,112 will go to the Southern Baptist Convention.

M. Jackson White, pastor, First Church, Clarendon, was elected president, succeeding W. Curtis English, Altavista layman. The association voted to hold its 1958 session in Virginia Beach, Nov. 11-13.

Hudson Opens Center

R. Lofton Hudson, who has been writing "Counseling" for Arkansas Baptist for several years, has resigned the pastorate of the Wornall Road Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., to found (and open) the Midwest Christian Counseling Center in Kansas City.

Dr. Hudson said the Center, one of the first of its kind in the country, will open January, 1, 1958.

The popular pastor-author-counselor will continue to write "Counseling" for Arkansas Baptist.

BROTHERHOOD

By Nelson Tull

No Substitute For Planning

Carrying through a program of Brotherhood work "according to plan" means a better program, whether it is on the Church level, the Associational level, the Regional level, or the State level. There is no effective substitute for careful and prayerful planning.



MR. TULL

The Executive Committee of a Brotherhood is its planning and steering committee; and to insure a high level of Brotherhood development, work, accomplishment, and effectiveness, the Executive Committee must meet regularly and purposefully.

When the chosen Brotherhood leaders meet together regularly, and prayerfully examine every phase of the work, pooling their best thinking; when they make any necessary move to maintain the organization, keeping it thoroughly intact; when they see to it that the Brotherhood is kept perfectly in line with church policies and the church program (or, if it is an associational Brotherhood, in perfect harmony with the associational policies and program); when they plan to make of every Brotherhood meeting a worthwhile spiritual experience for every man who attends; and when they work constantly to keep everything about the Brotherhood on a high spiritual level, the success of the Brotherhood is assured and guaranteed!

The Bible admonition, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40), applies in Brotherhood affairs, as in all other matters pertaining to Kingdom work. The old keys to Brotherhood success still unlock all the doors to Brotherhood accomplishment.

The "three keys to Brotherhood success" may be stated as follows:

1. Get ready for work.
2. Provide work to do.
3. Stay at the work!

For the Brotherhood is God's men working together for the advancement of their church and denomination.

Two Outstanding Meetings

The annual Brotherhood Night meeting, which was held this year on November 18 at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was, in the opinion of many who attended, one of the best ever held. Every part of the program was of a high order.

Preceding the Brotherhood Night service was the Annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper, which had in attendance about 250 boys and Counselors. The Supper (and program) was one of the best in our history. Following the

EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

SOUL-WINNING COMMITMENT DAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1958
"Every Baptist a Soul-Winner"

The above date could be one of the most significant and far-reaching days, in its effect, in the life of our Southern Baptist churches. Surely, pastors will lead their churches in preparation for observing this day.

Order your commitment cards from the Baptist Book Store. Secure enough cards for each member. Preach several sermons on personal soul winning between now and January 5. We suggest that each church hold a Watch Night Prayer Meeting, December 31. Make Commitment Day an object of prayer. On Wednesday night, January 1, use the prayer meeting hour to emphasize Commitment Day. Some churches will have a prayer meeting Saturday night, January 4. Work for the largest possible attendance in Sunday School and preaching services on Sunday. Depend upon the guidance and endowment of the Holy Spirit for power to make the strongest appeal possible to your young people to sign the commitment cards on Sunday, January 5.



DR. YEARBY

The date for the Conference is January 27-28-29, the place is the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, and the theme will be, "Evangelism — Every Christian's Job." A strong program is in the making. Plan now to attend this Conference for a soul stirring emphasis on Evangelism.

Evangelistic Conference

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

WHEN BUCKNER Association was in the planning stages of their Schools of Missions, which were held last October, there was some fear that they could not finance the expenses. The schools were held, offerings were taken and not only were the expenses cared for but there was a surplus of \$315 which the association gave to the Cooperative Program.



DR. CALDWELL

No association need fear about financing Schools of Missions. When people hear the Missionaries, they will give. Many people are saying that Schools of Missions are doing more to boost the Cooperative Program than any other one thing we are doing. J. D.

Supper, the boys were the guests of Arkansas Baptist men at the Brotherhood Night service.

A WOMAN in Arcadia, Kan., opened her Bible recently and found the deed to her house for which she had been searching since 1937.—NOW

McGill did a good job in planning and promoting the schools in Buckner Association.

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Dr. James L. Sullivan stated in the recent Sunday School Board's Newsletter: "The amazing paradox is that the more missions and new churches an individual church begins, the more the parent church will grow itself. It is a fundamental principle that a missionary church which constantly organizes missions and new churches increases fastest in spirit, influence, and membership."

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Curtis McClain, pastor at Corning, tells us that lots have been purchased in North Corning where a new mission will be opened. The Corning church is not a large church, but it is composed of big people and has a big program. Congratulations, pastor and people, on your missionary interest! We would like to hear from every church that is planning a new mission.

ONLY 12 PERCENT of the population of the United States—20,396,000 men, women, and children—lived on farms in April, 1957, the Census Bureau has reported.

This includes millions of people living on part-time, residential, and other non-commercial farms.

CHURCH MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Director

Junior Festival Information

JUNIOR CHOIRS from over the State are invited once again to participate in a Statewide Choir Festival.



This is the annual Junior Choir Festival conducted by the Church Music Department.

Mrs. Dwight Phillips has been chosen for the second straight year to direct the combined Junior Choirs. Mrs. Phillips is an outstanding Junior

Choir Authority. Presently she is serving with her husband in the Music Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Texarkana, Texas. Formerly she taught Church Music Education in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

NINTH JUNIOR CHOIR FESTIVAL

March 8, 1958

Second Baptist Church
Little Rock, Ark.

Junior Festival Schedule

- 8:30 Registration and Assignment
- 9:25 Welcome to Festival
- 9:30 First Rehearsal
- 10:30 Choir auditions
- 12:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Final Rehearsal
- 2:30 Choir Auditions
- 3:00 Festival Program

Festival Selections

Octavo No. 8289 Prayer Of The Norwegian Child—Kountz—G. Schirmer.

Octavo No. 1550 Awake Thou Wintry Earth—Davis—E. C. Schirmer.

Octavo No. 510 O Lord Most Holy—Franck—Boston Music Co.

Octavo No. 2063 Let Us With A Glad-some Mind—Warner—C. C. Birchard.

Octavo No. 98-1118 Hosanna To The Son Of David—Willan—Concordia.

WMU

Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Remit Promptly

Gifts to foreign missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering should be remitted to—

Miss Nancy Cooper,

Treasurer

Woman's Missionary

Union

310 Baptist Bldg.

Little Rock, Arkansas

IT'S REPORT TIME!

After the final meeting of the organization for the month, leaders of youth organizations should submit reports to the organization's director and she in turn to the WMS secretary. A compilation of WMS activities and youth organizations accompanied by reports from the youth organizations should be forwarded to the associational superintendent. Report books have been sent each organization reported to State WMU Office for 1957-58.

Ouachita Students Name Campus Leaders

CAMPUS FAVORITES selected by students at Ouachita College include:

Ella Reed Blackmon, DeKalb, Tex., most versatile and most talented; Jim Maxwell, Shreveport, most versatile boy; Charles Wright, McGehee, most talented boy.

Best athletes, Beejie Wilson, Camden, and Paul Fitzgerald, Sheridan; friendliest, Jan Alexander, Little Rock, and Dick Norton, DeQueen.

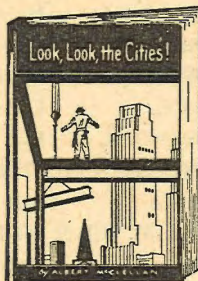
Cutest, Gene Petty, Stuttgart, Kathy Hutto, Damascus, and Martha Ann Wilson, Conway (run-off to decide winner). Mos popular, Carolyn Royal, Ben-

ton, and Bill Blake, Hope; most intellectual, Carole Crockett, Ft. Smith, and Chaiho Kim, Mena.

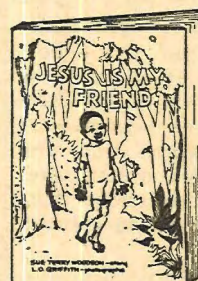
Most likely to succeed, Jayne Burroughs, Hope, and Kim; wittiest, Miss Burroughs and Bill Halbert, Little Rock; most collegiate, Carolyn Royal and Jim Maxwell.

C. GORDON BAYLESS, pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock, was the evangelist recently for a one-week revival meeting at Temple Church, Kansas City, where R. L. Decker is in his 15th year as pastor. Temple Church was Dr. Bayless' first pastorate, 1922-24, and this was his first time to be back with the church since he was its pastor. There were 48 additions, 31 by baptism.

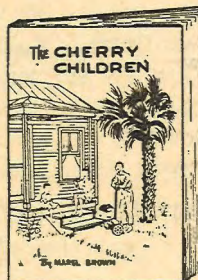
1958 Graded Study Series for Home Missions



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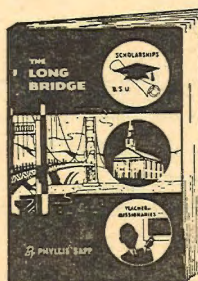
PRIMARIES
JESUS IS MY FRIEND by Sue Terry Woodson and L. O. Griffith is the picture storybook of the 1958 series. It presents the Children's Nook of Jackson, Mississippi. 50 cents each.



JUNIORS
THE CHERRY CHILDREN by Marel Brown is the story of a Negro family. The three Cherry children live in a Christian home. Juniors will enjoy meeting them. 50 cents each.

TEACHING AIDS FOR EACH AGE GROUP

There is a book of source material and teaching helps for each age group. 15 cents each.



ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE
THE LONG BRIDGE by Phyllis Sapp, a study of the Home Mission Board's work with Negroes, is interestingly presented. 50 cents each.



INTERMEDIATES
A ROVING REPORT by Elizabeth Terry describes the Home Mission Board's work with Japanese, Chinese, Italians, Negroes, & others. Intermediates have a treat. 50 cents each.

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Little Rock, Ark.

Cusser in a Milk Wagon

THREE MEN were riding in a milk wagon. They were soliciting orders for KID (Kentucky, Indiana Dairies) in Louisville, Ky. Two were ministerial students; one was an ex-insurance salesman. The third man treated the young preachers to some very vituperative plain and fancy cussing. Since the non-Christian was not interested and did not care to listen to their talking to him about the Bible the preachers decided on a plan of strategy. They would pray very earnestly for the lost man and would talk to one another about the plan of salvation. Day after day as they rode along in the milk wagon they talked. The lost man talked to the horse and his talk was punctuated with many blasphemous words. The preachers quoted much Scripture and talked about how a person went to heaven.

The earnest prayers and God's words quoted back and forth between the students had its effect. The lost man came to work one morning saying, "Well, fellows, I haven't said a curse word since I quit work yesterday." The preachers could hardly believe their ears. But the fellow proved that he had quit. He did not take God's name in vain the whole day. After two or three days of total abstinence, during which time the man had entered into the discussion of God's word, the ministerial students brought the matter to a head. One of them said.

"Let's stop this old horse and pray and get this thing settled."

"I am willing," said the man under conviction.

As best they could, they bowed in the small wagon while it was stopped on a side street. After each Christian said a short prayer, the ex-insurance man poured out his heart to God. On the following Sunday he was baptized into the fellowship of one of the churches in Louisville.

—Fisher of Men

FOUNDATION

Ben L. Bridges, Secretary

EDWARD MADDOX of Harrisburg is recording secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. He has been on the Foundation Board several years and he knows much about the dependability and the fine aims of the Foundation. He believes in the Foundation and exhibits a fine interest in its work.



DR. BRIDGES Last month Mr. Maddox made an additional contribution to the Foundation, which amount-

ed to more than \$700. Most of the Foundation Board members have also made cash contributions, including the Executive Secretary. Many of the rest of us ought to follow the fine example of Edward Maddox.

The Foundation is glad to accept stocks and bonds and many Arkansas Baptists could find themselves able to divide their investments with the Foundation and let the Foundation put the investments to work for the glory of

Christ. Write us about it, call us, or come to see us.



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HOUSTON HOTELS

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Name	Address	Rooms	Rates from	Other data
AUDITORIUM HOTEL	Texas at Louisiana	200	\$2.75	Partly air-cond.
BELMONT HOTEL	Clay at Caroline	45	2.25	Air-cooled
BEN MILAM HOTEL	Texas at Crawford	234	6.00	Air-conditioned
DE GEORGE HOTEL	1418 Preston	125	2.50	Air-cooled
LAMAR HOTEL	Main at Lamar	500	4.50	Air-conditioned
LEE HOTEL	1114 Polk	50	2.00	Air-cooled
McKINNEY HOTEL	McKinney near Main	100	4.00	Air-conditioned
MILBY HOTEL	Texas at Travis	150	2.50	Partly air-cond.
MONTAGU HOTEL	Rusk at Fannin	175	4.00	Air-conditioned
NOMAD MOTOR HOTEL	10000 S. Main		5.00	Air-conditioned
HOTEL PLAZA	5020 Montrose	175	5.00	Air-conditioned
RHODES APART. HOTEL	611 LaBranch	60	3.00	Partly air-cond.
RICE HOTEL	Main at Texas	1000	4.50	Air-conditioned
SAM HOUSTON HOTEL	Prairie at San Jacinto	200	3.75	Air-conditioned
SHAMROCK HILTON	Main at Holcombe	1100	6.00	Air-conditioned
TENNISON HOTEL	801 Washington	125	2.00	Air-cooled
TEXAS STATE HOTEL	Fannin at Rusk	400	4.00	Air-conditioned
TOWN HOUSE MTR. HTL.	3011 Buffalo Drive		6.00	Air-conditioned
TRAVELERS HOTEL	112 Main	90	1.50	Air-cooled
WARWICK HOTEL	5701 Main	370	6.00	Air-conditioned
WILLIAM PENN HOTEL	Texas at LaBranch	175	4.00	Air-conditioned

RESERVATION FORM: (Clip and mail to above listed hotel of your choice.) \$10 deposit required.

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Hotel: _____

Address: _____

Check type accommodations desired: Single___; Double___; Twin___; Suite___.

Number adults___; Number children___; Approximate rate desired: \$___.

Arrive: Month___; Day___; Time___.

Room to be occupied for number of days___.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____

Remarks: _____

Bell, Torch Symbols For Jubilee Advance

Symbols of a bell and a torch with the words "For Liberty and Light" will be used on posters advertising the forthcoming five-year Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The designs were approved at a joint meeting of the publicity and evangelism committees representing the major Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada which are taking part in the Jubilee.

Posters will be displayed in 1958 at conferences, assemblies, conventions, and other meetings of the participating Baptist groups, which represent about 18 million Baptists.

The Jubilee, climaxing in 1964 with a rally in Atlantic City, N. J., commemorates 150 years of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America.

Specific evangelism and publicity plans for the year 1959—the opening year of the Jubilee Advance period—also were adopted by the committees. The year of 1959 has already been designated as a year of evangelism.

WANTED: 4,000,000 Baptist Soul-winners

A goal of four million Southern Baptists committed to soul winning during 1958 was announced in Dallas by Dr. Leonard Sanderson, secretary of the Department of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, SBC.

One-half of the entire membership of Southern Baptist churches will be asked to sign soul winning commitment cards in their churches Sunday, January 5.

Secretaries of evangelism for Southern Baptist state conventions made the preliminary plans for the one day of commitment and have distributed literature to pastors explaining the program.

The 1958 Southern Baptist baptism goal is 485,000. Dr. Sanderson said that if this goal is attained the previous year's ratio of one baptism for each 22.6 church members must be greatly decreased.

An estimated 50,000 revivals will be conducted in Southern Baptist churches during 1958.

Your BAPTIST BOOK STORE, 303 West Capitol will be open the following evenings for your Christmas shopping convenience:

Monday, December 16
Thursday, December 19
Friday, December 20
Monday, December 23

Former Arkansan Renews Subscription

For the first time in 27 years, James T. Draper, Marshall, Tex., has let his subscription to the Arkansas Baptist expire—but not for long.

A check from the district missions secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention was accompanied by a letter which read in part:

"I first subscribed when I surrendered to preach early in 1930. If you will forgive this lapse and ac-

cept the inclosed check and reinstate my subscription at once, I will be greatly indebted to you.

"I have been here in my present position for about a year and am enjoying my work greatly. As you know, I have been in Texas for 15 years now. My district includes Texarkana, which at least lets me look across the line into my native land once in a while!"



Thanks to Those of You

who have sent in your Thanksgiving Offerings for our children's home.

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Bottoms Baptist Orphanage

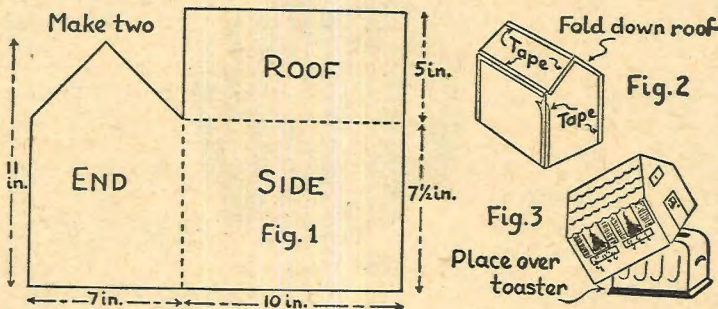
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A Gift For Mother

By Margaretta Harmon

Mother will be happy to receive this useful cover for her toaster, especially if you make it for her. You will need a carton of lightweight cardboard, some gummed paper tape used for wrapping packages, white shelf paper or pretty wall-paper, paste, sharp knife, pencil, ruler, water colors, and scissors.

First take the measurements of Mother's toaster. If it is bigger in any direction than the dimensions shown in the illustration, make the necessary change in your plan. Remove the top and bottom of the carton with a knife. Flatten out the sides. Mark off one side and end of the little house as in figure 1. Cut out along the solid lines



and then make a second piece like it. Now fold each section along the vertical dotted line. Fasten the two together with tape where they meet at the corners. Bend the roof sections over along the sloping ends of the house, and fasten them securely with tape. Last, fasten the roof sections together along the ridgepole with another strip of tape. See figure 2.

Paste pretty wallpaper over the sides and roof of the little house. Or cover it with white paper and then draw shingles, windows, shutters, and flower boxes as shown. Color these with water colors. Put the cover over the toaster as in figure 3. Let Mother find it there Christmas morning.

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A Smile or Two

Fur'ner

THE TEACHER wound up her talk on animals by asking, "And from the skunk we get fur; isn't that right Johnny?"

"I'll say it is," said Johnny. "As fur as possible."

Totalitarianism

SEVERAL YOUNG clerical workers were riding down in the elevator for their coffee break. Forgetting completely the warnings of her high school math teacher, one chic little number complained: "That job I got. Is it ever strict? If the total is wrong, it's all wrong!"

Teen Talk

THERE'S LIKELY to be a breakdown in communication between young ones and parents unless Pa and Ma learn teen talk.

This mother of a sub-teen-ager learned quickly, though.

"Mama," the young lady asked, "may I hit the flick?"

"Hit the flick?" mother repeated. "I'm afraid I don't read you."

"Oh, Mama," said the subject, "you mean you don't know? 'Hit the flick' just means 'go to a movie.'"

"So!" said Mama. "Well, you ask me again after you rub the tub, scour the shower, spread the bed, and swish the dish."

Good Investment

A SMALL BOY was learning to ice skate with a number of older playmates. The little fellow's frequent mishaps awakened the pity of a bystander. "Sonny, you're getting all banged up," he said. "Why don't you stop for a while and just watch the others?" The tears of his last downfall were still rolling down his cheeks, but the lad looked from his adviser to the shining steel on his feet and answered: "Mister, I didn't get these skates to give up with; I got 'em to learn how with!"

Slow Learner

HE LOVED fishing so much that he thought everyone else ought to love it. In his zeal he took a beginner with him on a fishing trip, furnishing all the tackle. The expert settled the novice in a likely spot and then began fishing not far away. In a little while the novice called.

"How much do those red and green things cost?"

"You mean the float?" the expert said. "Oh, about a dime, I guess."

"Well, then, I owe you a dime. Mine has sunk."

Perfectly Timed

HEAD COOK: Didn't I tell you to notice when the soup boiled over?

ASSISTANT: I did. It was half-past ten.

Yuletide Tradition

By Blanche Campbell

Yuletide tradition has been handed down to us for generations. It is beautiful and sweet in sentiment. If you are not acquainted with its origin, you may want to know something about its beginning.

You have noticed on many greeting cards the words "yuletide" or "yule season" instead of Christmas. Also you have read about yule logs and of homes that still have them at Christmas time.

The yule log was used to celebrate the season of the year when the days cease to grow shorter and darker and begin to lengthen and lighten. This is symbolic of the birth of Christ, bringing light to a darkened world. For that reason the yule log tradition has been kept alive throughout the years.

Many years ago in the Balkans, grains were thrown over the log for luck. In England the entire family was supposed to form a procession to the woods to cut the yule log.

It was the custom then for the oldest member of the family to carry one end of the log and the youngest the other. The yule log was supposed to be lighted from the previous Christmas fire. And the log had to burn slowly so that it would last long enough to light the new year's fire.

CHRISTMAS MIX-UP

Unscramble the words below and you will discover a familiar message.

NO THERA CEAPE, DOGO LIWL DOTAWR EMN.

ANSWER

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On earth peace, good will toward men.

Living With Christian Joy

By Dr. RICHARD S. BRANNON
(Pastor, First Church, Batesville)

December 15, 1957

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-3

THE MOST UNUSUAL joy in the world is that of the Christian. The world's happiness is usually contingent upon the nature of surrounding events. Christian joy, on the other hand, is based upon a constant relationship with Christ — never on prevailing circumstances.



DR. BRANNON

Imprison the Christian, gall him with petty inconveniences, persecute him because of his faith in Christ, but you cannot, you will not destroy his deep, abiding joy. There is within every Child of God a well-stream of happiness that will flow regardless of the obstacles placed in the way.

Do you doubt this truth? If so, look carefully at the life of Paul. Even though a prisoner of Rome, his letter to the Philippian Christians overflows with rejoicing. His confidence and optimism has not been dimmed by the dark clouds of adversity. "Rejoice in the Lord always" declared Christ's Apostle, "and again I say, rejoice" (v. 4).

This truth has meaning for Christians today! Even though their unfavorable circumstances may not be the same as Paul's, nevertheless, they have their adversities to overcome. How about those weeks spent "in the prison house of illness"? Were you able to retain your Christian joy while the body was in pain? What about those days when everything you tried to do seemed to go amiss? Did you permit the petty irritations of life to rob you of your happiness in Christ? What about in the midst of your greatest tragedy? Did you have a depth of confidence which could not be obliterated even in that hour?

Here is God's truth for all His children. Regardless of the circumstances of life, whether they be favorable or not, the Christian can and should evidence constant joy in Christ.

The scripture suggests a two-fold development of the subject. He who would live with Christian joy must be aware of both the enemies and the allies of that joy.

The Enemies of Christian Joy

Although there are many enemies in the path to Christian happiness, the scripture lesson suggests two of them: (1) disharmony among Christians, and (2) worry.

Disharmony among Christians, vv. 2-5
One is taken by surprise to read of disharmony in the Philippian church.

We would have expected to find such in Corinth, but at Philippi, never! Let us be reminded, however, that the inter-personal relationship of Christian with fellow Christians is the most constant problem faced by churches everywhere. Even the best churches (as is demonstrated in **Philippians**) are faced with the problem of retaining a fellowship of love and unity.

Euodia and Syntyche appear to have been prominent ladies in the church at Philippi. Perhaps they were two of the zealous women who had assisted in establishing the church when Paul first entered the Macedonia city. Their names are mentioned only here and not in a very flattering connection. "I appeal to Euodia, and I appeal to Syntyche, to give up their differences and live at peace in the Lord" (Lightfoot). The nature of their difference is not suggested, but a good guess is that it was based on jealousy. Whatever the basis of the disharmony, Paul pleads for Christian fellowship "in the Lord."

In v. 5, "Let your moderation be known unto all men," Paul appeals for forbearance or gentleness in social relationships. The Christian should not be dogmatic for his rights but should yield to the preferences of others. Gentleness is a Christian grace which works for unity among Christians, which, in turn, produces joy.

Worry, vv. 6-7

One of the most formidable enemies of happiness is worry. The Master himself gave a lesson in the Sermon on the Mount about this enemy: "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day" (Matt. 6:34, RSV). Paul's admonition, "Be careful for nothing," reflects the same lesson that Jesus taught.

These verses promise that worry may be defeated through prayer. The translation by J. B. Phillips is revealing:

Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God, which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus.

By sharing our anxieties with the God who loves us and knows us, their power to defeat our joy will be diminished.

The Allies of Christian Joy

The two allies of Christian joy suggested in this lesson are concentration upon noble truths and the worthy example of a happy Christian.

In the eighth verse is found Paul's way of saying, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." The Apostle invites Christians to turn their minds to the

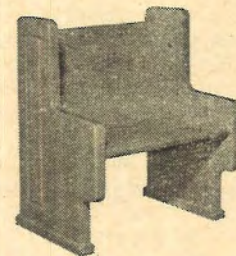
noble things, i. e. truth, honor, justice, purity, loveliness, things of good report, and virtue. Some one has expressed the truth in this way, "Be careful what you think, because what you think is what you are." Jesus knew the importance of this fact as evidenced by his assertion in the Sermon on the Mount when he stated that before sin is an outward action it is an inward meditation (Matt. 5:21-30). In the beginning of this lesson the suggestion was made that true Christian joy does not rely upon favorable circumstances, that it is fundamentally an inner disposition. Is this not what the Apostle is trying to say? If we keep our minds in concentration upon the high things of God, joy will be the inevitable reward.

The great Apostle calls attention to himself. As on many another occasion, he shares his testimony with the world. It is this, that regardless of what comes, poverty or plenty, he has learned to accept the plight and be content. Let it be understood that his contentment was not self-satisfaction. Neither was it an unemotional bowing "beneath the bludgeonings of chance." It was rather the conviction that he was in the will of God, and, therefore, in the hand of God. Abiding in this state, whatever came, he could not be the loser. Such a witness is the source of great inspiration to all the children of God.

Some years ago a friend lost his father in death. When the young man returned to his campus, there was not the slightest hint of self-pity or grief upon his countenance. Rather there was the expression of confidence and deep joy that came from his faith in Christ. All of those who witness that young man through the experience were inspired to live more joyfully and usefully.

Christian joy is the gift of God for the children of God. Let us carefully ward off the enemies of that joy; let us claim its allies.

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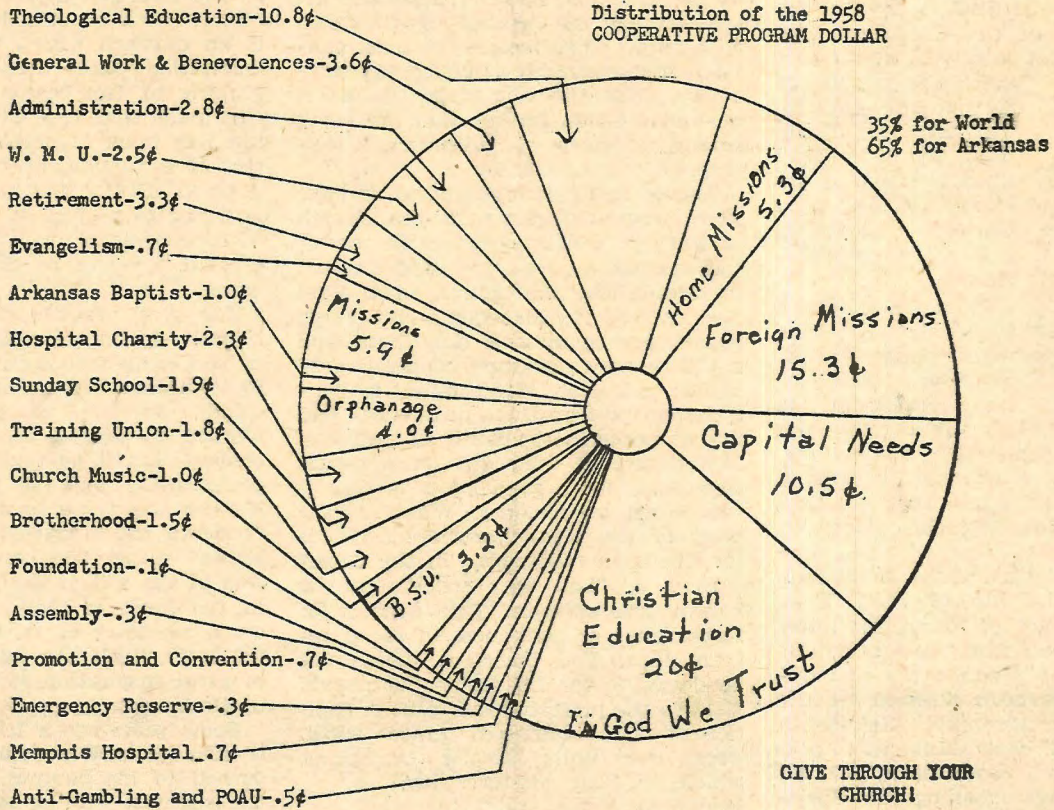


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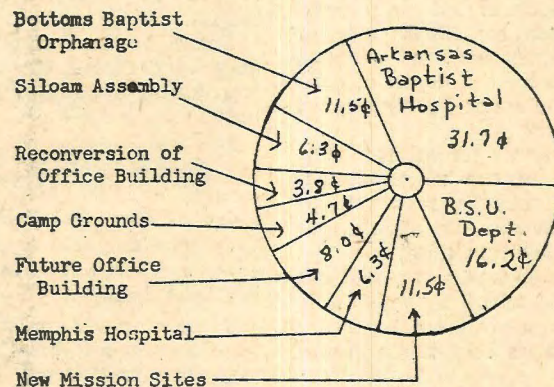
1958 Cooperative Dollar

ARKANSAS BAPTISTS, assembled in the 104th Annual Convention, adopted a budget totaling \$1,500,000 for 1958. Thirty-five per cent (35%) of the total receipts will go to the Southern Baptist Convention and sixty-five per cent (65%) will be used in Arkansas.

The churches in Arkansas are now giving about eleven per cent (11%) of their total budgets through the Cooperative Program. If that could be raised to fifteen per cent (15%) for 1958, the Cooperative Program total receipts would be around \$1,900,000.

We suggest that this budget information be put on file for your future reference; then, everyone can know how the Cooperative Program Dollar is being spent.

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