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—Photo by J. B. Nichols

Truett Auditorium, Fleming Library, and Scarborough Hall

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**NORTH LITTLE ROCK
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LIBRARY**

Southwest Seminary Dedicates New Buildings

By RALPH D. CHURCHILL

The week of Dedication for the Memorial Building (Truett Auditorium), and J. M. Price Hall on the campus of Southwestern Seminary proved to be one of the outstanding events in the history and life of the seminary. One night each was given over to services of dedication for the three main units of the Memorial Building and Price Hall.

Fleming Library

Monday evening, February 6, was a high hour for the Seminary as a whole in the dedication of Fleming Library. Especially was it a great moment for Dr. L. R. Elliott, librarian, as he saw his dream realized. It was a momentous occasion also for the great and humble layman, Mr. William Fleming, of Fort Worth, and president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, who made this building possible through his interest and gifts. He, with his family, were present for the dedication.

Dr. Luther H. Evans, librarian of the Library of Congress, delivering the principal address, spoke on "The Contributions of Christian Scholarship in American Culture."

Scripture was read by Albert McClellan. The invocation was led by Dr. Duke K. McCall. Dr. W. W. Barnes led the dedicatory prayer. Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, spoke on "The Christian Worker and His Library."

Price Hall

On Tuesday evening, February 7, J. M. Price Hall was dedicated "to the teaching of all phases of Religious Education." The first speaker for this program was Dr. Forbes Yarborough, of Oklahoma Baptist University, the third man to receive the doctor's degree from the school.

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, was the principal speaker. In his address, "Christian Education in Today's World," he stressed the increasingly important part religious education plays in today's affairs. He characterized Dr. Price as "relentless determination wreathed with a smile."

Dr. W. L. Howse, who presided, said, "It is impossible to think of the School of Religious Education without thinking of Dr. Price." Present on the platform were Dr. and Mrs. Price and their three sons, John, Joe and Jim. Dr. John Price is head of the School of Religious Education at the New Orleans Seminary. Joe and Jim are students at Baylor University.

Scarborough Hall

Honoring Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who was president of Southwestern Seminary for 28 years, Scarborough Hall was dedicated Wednesday evening, February 8.

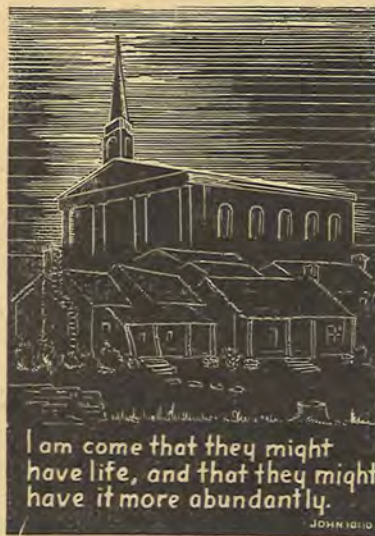
C. E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, and Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, were guest speakers for the occasion. Dr. Jeff D. Ray, 89 year old Professor Emeritus of Homiletics, read the Scripture passage from Luke 15:1-24.

Simplicity of speech, sincerity of purpose, and human approach to man were the great qualities of Dr. Scarborough, according to Matthews. He spoke to the heart and not to the intellect, Matthews said. He was a natural leader of men, standing out in any crowd. He knew no fear save the fear of God. In closing Matthews said that Dr. Scarborough was now living in two worlds—in this one through his influence and in the other world in person.

Dr. Lee addressed an audience which more

than filled the auditorium on the subject "Evangelism Today." He exhorted young preachers in the group to know the Bible, preach the Word, and to live as a man of God. He emphasized sin as a vital target for their preaching. Personal purity and piety should be the chief concern in setting an example for other people, Lee said. "If you don't believe Christ was born of a virgin, give up your preaching license and go sell peanuts on the street corner," he added. "You can't live on skim milk all week and preach cream on Sunday."

The dedication prayer was led by David M. Gardner, editor of the Baptist Standard of Texas. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, gave the invocation.



Truett Auditorium

"We come to dedicate this building to George W. Truett and to the glory of the God whom he served," G. Kearnie Keegan, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, said in addressing the overflow crowd at the dedication of Truett Auditorium, Thursday evening, February 9. "God is the author of the story of George W. Truett," Keegan said.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke on "Baptists in Today's World." Long ago we were nicknamed Baptists, he said. Now we have made our nickname synonymous with what "Christian" meant at Antioch.

Dr. Johnson described Dr. Truett as a great Christian, a great preacher, a great brother, and a great builder. He said George W. Truett was true to Christ in missionary emphasis, in giving, in living, in preaching, and in soul-winning. He believed in a personal gospel; he believed this world needs the gospel of Christ more than anything else.

Scripture was read by Dr. W. A. Criswell, successor to Dr. Truett as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas. Dr. James W. Merritt, executive secretary-treasurer for Georgia Baptists, led the invocation and Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, led the dedicatory prayer.

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In making a living today many no longer leave any room for life.

—Joseph R. Sizoo

World Wide Missions

A Devotion By the Editor

"Come over into Macedonia and help us."

The universal cry of the human heart is illustrated in the Macedonian call, also by the Greeks who came to the disciples and asked to see Jesus.

The same appeal comes today, not in a dream, but in pleading words from the sin-burdened hearts of men and women the world around. Every upward surge of the human heart is a call for the help of Christ, every holy desire of the human soul is a plea for more light of the gospel truth, every cry of pain and suffering is a call for the grace of God, every pang of sin is a repetition of the call that Paul heard on that memorable night long ago.

That cry is so urgent and insistent from all our mission fields and rises from so many hearts in the distress of sin and spiritual darkness that our missionaries are literally overwhelmed and are almost exhausted from trying to answer the calls that come to them.

We are under eternal obligation to give the gospel to the world. Jesus commissioned us to do so; our Christian hearts prompt us to do so; a sinful world appeals to us to do so.

This obligation rests even more heavily upon us because western Christianity is the product of foreign missions. We need to read again the story of foreign missions in the New Testament. Paul's missionary work determined the direction of the whole missionary movement. He started out toward Asia and was twice halted. Then he received the Macedonian call. It was this call that changed the direction of Christian missions from East to West.

After the missionary movement was started on its westward course, devoted, passionate, self-sacrificing missionaries carried the movement forward until the western world was sown down with the gospel message.

This fact places an added obligation upon us to give the gospel to the whole world and particularly to the Orient. We can fulfill our Christian missionary obligation only by continuing that missionary movement. We cannot meet this obligation with the coin of western civilization, science, and invention. The only coin with which we can meet this obligation is the glorious gospel of our gracious Lord.

"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord called us for to preach the gospel unto them." Acts 16:9, 10.

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From the Editor's Desk

The Ordinances . . .

Baptism And The Lord's Supper

Destroy the Bible and every written word of gospel truth, but preserve the ordinances—Baptism and the Lord's Supper—and you will have enough gospel truth in picture form to save all the lost people of the world if they should accept that truth.

For the ordinances are the depositories of the essential, the minimum, the irreducible gospel message of salvation by the atonement of Jesus Christ. These two ordinances picture to a sinful world a complete gospel, sufficient to save lost men and women from their sins.

Baptism pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. You can preach a life-time on that threefold theme and never exhaust it. In fact, if you preach any other theme, you are not preaching the gospel. Paul declared that he was determined to know nothing except Christ and Him crucified. Baptism declares the death of Christ and pictures His burial and His triumph over sin, death, and the grave.

What more do we want as the basis of our hope of salvation? Can we possibly satisfy our sin-guilt consciousness with anything less?

By submitting to baptism the penitent but persisting sinner declares his acceptance of the vicarious atonement of Jesus, he declares his faith in Jesus as his personal Savior, he declares his own death to sin and his awakening to a new life.

This ordinance is to be observed once, it is the initial act of obedience when one has trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord.

The Lord's Supper is the recurring ordinance and commemorates the death of Jesus—the fruit of the vine representing His shed blood, and the broken bread representing His body which was broken for us. This ordinance is to be repeated until the Lord comes

again and for the purpose of showing forth His death. Therefore, the Lord's Supper is intended to keep alive in our consciousness the vicarious death of Jesus for our sins, and also to remind us with every observance of the Supper of the promise of His return.

Since baptism is the initial act of obedience and constitutes the believer's public renunciation of sin and his faith in Jesus, and since it is not to be repeated, it would logically precede the Lord's Supper. The scripture record bears out this conclusion. The scholarship of all denominations agree to this conclusion.

Therefore, before a person could qualify to partake of the Lord's Supper, he should first have been baptized.

Are the ordinances incidental, are they insignificant, and can they be dealt with according to our likes and dislikes? Remember they were instituted by Jesus who instructed His followers to make disciples and baptize them, and who said of the Lord's Supper: "This do in remembrance of me." Can we take the specific instructions of Jesus so lightly as to maintain that the ordinances are non-essentials, that they may be observed or not as one likes, that their forms and meanings may be changed to suit man's convenience or adjusted to his whims?

Or shall we go to the opposite extreme and maintain that salvation depends upon the observance of the ordinances; that by being baptized, though the form be changed, one comes into possession of salvation; and that by partaking of the Lord's Supper one receives saving grace?

What shall we Baptists do about the ordinances? Why should that question be raised among Baptists? Yet it is a live question among Southern Baptists today.

Look for further discussion of the ordinances in next week's issue.

No Candelabra Here

In his vision on the Isle of Patmos John saw seven golden candlesticks. Jesus, the risen and glorified Lord, explains to John that "the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

The late Dr. A. T. Robertson explains that, instead of "candlesticks," these are "lampstands" which John saw and which Jesus identified with the seven churches of Asia.

Dr. M. Ray McKay of the Second Church, Little Rock, in a sermon recently made reference to the vision of John and the seven golden candlesticks. Dr. McKay made this significant statement: "These were seven separate and distinct lampstands and not a candelabra. Therefore, these were seven separate and distinct churches and not a group of churches held together by a super-authority imposed upon them."

Think that statement through and let its

significance sink into your consciousness. The difference between lampstands and a candelabra is simple, and easily understood. Each lampstand is separate and distinct in identity from every other lampstand, and it draws upon its own source of supply without affecting the resource of other lampstands. But a candelabra is a multiple of lamps supported by a single lampstand and drawing mutually upon the same source of supply.

The difference between the lampstand and the candelabra is precisely the difference between the independent, democratic, autonomous character of Baptist Churches and the super-authority by which local congregations of other denominations are held together and controlled.

There is the "Methodist Church," meaning the denomination as a whole, heading up in the "Conference." The many local congregations

A New Experience

It was an entirely new experience for the editor to be a patient in the hospital. But that was his experience for three days, February 21-23, inclusive.

This is not being written merely to call attention to the illness of the editor, but to call the attention of the Baptists of the state to one of their greatest institutions—The Baptist Hospital in Little Rock.

The service at your hospital cannot be surpassed, in the judgment of your editor. The administrator, J. A. Gilbreath, and his staff are conscientious, consecrated Christians devoted to the ministry of healing for which the hospital was founded. J. F. Queen, the hospital pastor, is making a profound contribution to the Christian atmosphere of the hospital. Under the painstaking and efficient direction of Mrs. Mary T. Wright, Superintendent of Nurses, a competent, courteous group of Christian nurses minister to the patients in the hospital.

Speaking of the nurses, during the three days we were there we didn't see a single nurse who was not smiling. If any of our readers has difficulty smiling, or staying in a good humor, or being courteous, we would suggest that you apply at once for training in the Nurses School at our Baptist Hospital. For the young women trained there radiate those gracious personality traits which reveal a background of Christian training as well as technical and scientific training.

If you really want to know what you have in the Baptist Hospital, just get sick enough to be sent there as a patient, and you will soon discover its worth. Don't all come at once, however, there might not be room for you.

And the food, it was wonderful! For variety, well prepared food, and down right goodness, the food served at your Baptist Hospital cannot be surpassed. Miss Clara McKenzie is the dietician, and obviously she knows her foods and how to prepare them.

Last, but not least, Dr. Walter H. O'Neal, son of W. B. O'Neal, a Baptist pastor in Arkansas, knew just what to do to get this editor up and out again.

We would express thanks to every one: to the Baptists of the state for the hospital, to the management, the nurses, the kitchen staff, religious directors, the X-ray operators, the doctor,—hats off to all of you collectively, and to each one of you individually.

gations have no identity, can exercise no authority, can own no property independent of the "Conference" in which the super-authority, by which the local bodies are held together, is invested. The same is true of the Presbyterian Synod. And the Roman Catholic Church is the most perfect example of the candelabra type of denominationalism.

Exercising their autonomy, Baptist churches have voluntarily associated themselves together, pooling their resources and their witness, on a purely voluntary and co-operative basis. In no way does one Baptist Church exercise authority over another Baptist church. Nor can any general convention made up of representatives from local churches exercise authority over local congregations.

We are lampstands and not a candelabra.

Kingdom Progress

Marion Church Celebrates Twenty-Fifth Anniversary



On Sunday, March 5, the Marion Baptist Church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Invitations to this celebration were sent to all members and former members of the church. Pastor Norman E. Lerch reports that the entire program for this celebration was missionary in emphasis and personnel. Dr. Jeanette Beall, a medical missionary to China, was the featured speaker. A silver offering was taken for foreign missions. The service also marked the beginning of a week of mission emphasis throughout Tri-county Association with eight missionaries being used in the program throughout the week.

The Marion Baptist Church was organized on March 8, 1925 with twenty-four charter members: W. H. Turner, Mrs. C. L. Lewis, Mrs. N. A. Johnson, Mrs. Lydia Singleton, Mrs. W. M. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Willis, Mrs. L. W. Fisher, Mina Fisher, George Fisher, Mrs. W. H. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eakers, J. H. Helms, C. L. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clarke, G. L. Williams, Mrs. O. S. Woolard, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Davis, Clifford Davis, Mrs. C. H. Williams, and Miss Tannie Wilson.

New Minister, Missionary And Deacons at Fordyce

Things are happening at the First Church, Fordyce. Recently, Rhine McMurry, a student in Ouachita College, surrendered to the gospel ministry and Miss Gene Garrison dedicated her life to do foreign mission work.

Also, three new deacons have been ordained by the Fordyce Church. They are: Kirk Meador, Al Morris, and John O'Mary.

Baptist Work at Bull Shoals

Missionary Claude Crigler of White River Association reports that he has just closed an eleven-day revival at Bull Shoals school building. There were four professions of faith. Missionary Crigler reports that plans are under way for organizing a Baptist Church at this point. In the meantime, the missionary will supply twice a month for this preaching station.

Dr. R. W. Hooker became the first pastor and held services on the second and fourth Sundays each month. Other ministers who have served the Marion Church are W. O. Beaty, Harry C. Elma, L. P. Fleming, Chester B. Pillow, William M. Pratt, Paul G. Kirkland, Leroy C. Tedford, B. P. Martin, and the present pastor, Norman E. Lerch.

In January, 1947, the church building burned to the ground, leaving the congregation no place of worship. However, plans were immediately formulated for rebuilding and the year 1947 was spent in securing pledges for the erection of a new church house. It was during this time that the present pastor, Norman E. Lerch, was called to assume the pastorate of the Marion Church. The church had raised approximately \$35,000 for the new building and construction was begun in January, 1948. The new building was dedicated, debt free, on November 14, 1948.

During the twenty-five year's history, the Marion Church has grown from a membership of twenty-four to 225.

First Church, Harrison, In Building Program

At the Wednesday evening prayer service, February 22, First Church, Harrison, voted unanimously to undertake a building program to provide additional Sunday School and educational facilities for their growing Sunday School and church organization.

The Board of Deacons was asked to serve as the planning committee to get things started.

Dr. Bayless in Revival

Dr. O. L. Bayless of Second Church, Hot Springs, assisted in revival services at First Church, Union City, Tennessee, recently. Dr. W. A. Boston is pastor of the Union City Church. There were fifty-one additions to the church membership and one volunteer for special Christian service.

Mount Ida Church Has Revival Spirit

Pastor D. B. Bledsoe of First Church, Mount Ida, writes: "Sunday was a great day in our church. First of all, we had a large crowd in Sunday School, and a larger one for the worship service—approximately 175 in attendance. Three of our young women came to dedicate their lives for special Christian service, and a young man, Glenn Elliott Hickey, publicly surrendered his life to the ministry. At present he is a student in Ouachita College. He is a promising young man, with an humble spirit and a keen mind to give the Lord in consecrated service."

Mount Ida Church recently completed the study course in Acts with sixty-eight enrolled, and forty-six qualifying for awards. They have also just completed a study course in soul-winning, with actual demonstrations, putting into practice during the study course week the methods which they studied.

Pastor Bledsoe says, "Truly our people are getting ready for a genuine revival. They are honoring the Lord by their faithful attendance, by praying, and by bringing their tithes to the storehouse. Since our stewardship revival last fall our offerings have increased more than fifty per cent, enabling us to give to the Cooperative Program in January alone more than we have ever given in an entire quarter before. The Lord is blessing us in all phases of our work."

Baylor Professor Chosen for Mexico Work

Dr. H. V. Williams, Baylor University education professor, has been elected to teach in Mexico City College, Mexico City, during the coming summer term.

Dr. Williams, who was recognized by the Mexican Government in 1946 for outstanding service in the Good Neighbor program, plans to teach courses in education which present the viewpoint of American educators.

Pine Bluff Churches Sponsor Youth Rally

The churches of Pine Bluff sponsored a youth rally on Saturday night, February 18, at the First Church of that city. One hundred seventy-five young people from the Pine Bluff Churches participated in the service.

Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Church in Little Rock, was the featured speaker. His subject was "How I May Know God's Will for My Life." Dr. Vaught dwelt at length on the life of Bill Borden of Yale, and Jackie Robinson of Baylor, as examples of persons who had found God's will for their lives. He challenged the group to give Christ the central place in their lives.

The program was sponsored by the Crusaders for Christ movement of the South Side Church of Pine Bluff.

King and Queen

Yes, the Intermediates of the First Church, Brinkley, now have a king and a queen, in the person of Bobby Loewer and Jeanne Hiley. These young people were officially chosen for these high positions at a joint meeting of the Intermediate Sunday School Department, and the Intermediate Training Union Department on February 16, with 83 young people participating, in both the festivities and the selection of King and Queen of Hearts.

Glen Wood of Paragould was guest speaker for the occasion. Mrs. J. L. Aycok is Intermediate Sunday School Superintendent and Miss Mamie Graves is Intermediate Training Union Leader.

President Provokes Pacelli

By DR. LOUIE D. NEWTON

Read this in connection with the picture on page seven.

Pacelli (Pope Pius XII) is thoroughly provoked with President Truman and any and all others who had anything to do with Myron C. Taylor's resignation, according to dispatch from Rome, February 24, 1950, signed C. L. Sulzberger.

"It was made clear that the Vatican was disturbed and even affronted by the manner in which Taylor's resignation was announced. There had been no hint of its imminence the last time Taylor saw the Pope. It came as an unpleasant surprise here," writes Sulzberger. One can imagine how aggravating it must have been to Pacelli to have Taylor taken out of the picture, when he had just knelt and kissed his ring! Too bad!

But read on from Brother Sulzberger: "Verbally the Holy See has let it be known to the American Government that it would refuse to allow the embassy in Rome (meaning, obviously, the U. S. Embassy) to handle Vatican affairs as well as relations with the Italian Government. It is also now absolutely plain that it (Vatican) does not wish to see another presidential personal envoy sent here, but might conceivably even prefer to have no formal diplomatic relationships if it cannot have a regular permanent mission accredited."

It is just too bad for Pacelli to be pestered and provoked by the President of the United States at this juncture when he is peddling indulgences to thousands of pilgrims from all over the world.

There is some indication that Pacelli may assume a more tranquil and serene mood in the dispatch from Vatican City, February 28, 1950, in which it is stated: "Pope Pius XII took a major step yesterday to facilitate acceptance of Protestants in the Roman Catholic Church. The pontifical decree was specific, however, in insisting that all such movements toward unity undertaken by the laity must be subject to ecclesiastical approval. Chief responsibility is placed upon bishops or their delegates."

Well, we'll just have to do the best we can about that.

NOTE: Let us not be tempted into complacency about Taylor's successor by the pope's anger at President Truman's failure to confer with him before withdrawing Taylor and closing the Embassy at the Vatican. Anything can happen yet. Keep your letters and telegrams going to the White House, please.

Dry Forces Launch Campaign To Vote Liquor Out Of Arkansas

More than 1,200 persons from all sections of the state of Arkansas met at the First Baptist Church in Little Rock, Thursday, March 2, to launch a campaign to vote the state of Arkansas dry in next November's election.

The movement was started by the Temperance League of Arkansas which voted unanimously at its recent meeting to undertake this campaign to vote the state dry. The League also invited the W. C. T. U. to join in this campaign. This, the W. C. T. U. heartily agreed to do. So the campaign is sponsored jointly by the Temperance League of Arkansas and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Arkansas.

The gathering of 1,200 persons last Thursday consisted of pastors and laymen, and women of many different organizations and Christian denominations in the state. Early in the session, which began at ten-thirty in the forenoon, a motion was passed that this body join in the movement and that each individual commit himself wholeheartedly, enthusiastically, and prayerfully to the campaign which was being launched.

J. Albert Gatlin, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Searcy, and President of the Temperance League of Arkansas, presided at the morning session. Mr. Gatlin issued a ringing challenge to all the dry forces of the state to get into this campaign and stay in it until victory is achieved at the polls next November. Dr. K. Owen White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Little Rock, where the meeting was held, addressed the gathering, not only giving hearty endorsement to the movement, but urging all present to support the movement and enlist their friends and associates in this struggle.

The afternoon session was presided over by Nelson F. Tull, Secretary of the Baptist State Brotherhood. Mrs. May C. Crouse,

President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Arkansas, pledged that organization's support in the campaign. Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, spoke on the financial needs of the campaign and suggested that at least \$100,000 would be needed to carry the movement through to successful completion by November. Dr. Vaught offered the following suggestion to finance the campaign: "That the Executive Committee of the Arkansas United Drys call together at an early date such denominational leaders as they deem wise and set up denominational financial quotas and, on a certain date or dates, take an offering in every church in our state." The Executive Committee of the Arkansas United Drys is composed of representatives from the various organizations of the state which are promoting the temperance movement.

Charles Stuck of Jonesboro, a director of the Temperance League of Arkansas, spoke briefly of the meeting of the league at which time the movement was started. Mr. Stuck stated emphatically that the league was not pushed into this campaign but was guided by the Spirit of God. He listed three things as necessary for victory. First, pray for victory—we must have the help of God. Second, hard work—the dry forces of the state must work hard to win the victory. And third, vote,—no victory can be won until the dry forces of the state actually cast their ballots on next November 7.

C. C. Coulter, Executive Secretary of the Temperance League of Arkansas, explained that in order to get this issue on the ballot next November a petition bearing the names of at least eight per cent of the qualified voters must be secured. This will mean approximately 20,000 names. Mr. Coulter said that they were expecting to secure 50,000 names on this petition.

New Church Progresses

Under the leadership of Pastor V. E. Defreese, the Immanuel Church of Newport, organized 1949, is making steady and substantial progress along all lines of church organization and activity. Monthly attendance goals are being set up for the organizations. These goals are raised each month in order to stimulate and maintain a continuous effort to reach more people. The attendance goal for March is 110 for the Sunday School, and 100 for the Training Union.

The average offering for February was \$117.76 per week. In addition to the regular offerings, a substantial sum has been paid on the building debt since the first of the year.

Pastor Elmer Cox has been engaged for the revival in April in co-operation with the Simultaneous Crusade.

Pastor Defreese conducts a fifteen minute broadcast each Sunday over radio station KNBY.

Lansford Church Enlarges Church Plant

The Lansford Church, under the leadership of Pastor Daniel Hughes, is enlarging its church plant and providing additional facilities for the Sunday School and other organizations. Four new rooms have been recently added, giving the church a total of nine rooms which provide for greater efficiency in the work of the organization.

Northwest Zone Associational Hymn-Sing

The churches in the Northwest Zone of Pulaski County Association, met on Sunday afternoon, February 12, at Pike Avenue Church for their regular monthly Hymn-Sing. In spite of a steady and persistent downpour of rain there were seventy-six people in the congregation representing ten different churches. All entered enthusiastically into the congregational singing which was led by the state music director, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, who begins a School of Church Music with the Pike Avenue Church this week.

Special numbers were rendered by the Bidle group, Graves Memorial and Pike Avenue. The meeting was in charge of M. O. Kelley, associational music director, and Dr. E. A. Ingram, associational missionary, had charge of the business session.

R. H. Dorris, host pastor, conducted the devotional. The next scheduled Sing for this group will take place at Amboy Mission on March 12.

First Church, McGehee Plans New Building

Pastor Theo T. James and First Church, McGehee, are planning to construct a two-story educational building. Work on the new structure will start as soon as the architect's plans are completed and approved, and when satisfactory arrangements are made for financing the undertaking.



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CHARLES WELLBORN, Preacher

March 12—Subject:

"Nice People—Or New Men"

Stations in Arkansas:

At 2:30 P. M., CST, Sundays: KELD, El Dorado; KPSA, Fort Smith; KTHS, Hot Springs; KGHI, Little Rock; KCLA, Pine Bluff; KBRS, Springdale.

*** Christian Horizons ***

South Africans Prohibit Blasphemy

Post office officials in South Africa are censoring the word "God" when it appears in telegrams and cables originating in Johannesburg.

News of the censorship came to light when an American tourist attempted to file a business cable containing the words, "For God's sake, turn down that offer." A post office official suggested the expression be changed to "For mercy's sake" or "For heaven's sake."

The American said he would comply, but that he preferred not to unless there was a rule prohibiting the word. The official replied that South Africa is a "Christian country" and that the word "God" was restricted in cables and telegrams.

It was explained that the restriction was not censorship, and that in the case of death a person might cable the words, "God be with you." However, the official said, use of the word in anything but a Christian sense is blasphemous and therefore prohibited.

Movie Actors Form Prayer Group

Some twenty-five motion picture personalities have formed a new group which will meet each Monday night in a private home for prayer, Bible reading, and hymn singing.

Included in the group are Jane Russell, Colleen Townsend, singer Connie Haines and Porter Hall, a character actor who has appeared in many religious films.

"Our purpose," said Miss Russell, "is to have a place where people in the entertainment world who are interested in religion can get together and help their friends in show business who are searching for some spiritual life."

Hall said there "is quite a hunger in the entertainment world for God." "Some lives in show business are empty," he added. "They try to find happiness in dissipation and carousing. We have no holier-than-thou attitude. We want to get people interested in going to church, any church."

Minister, Rabbi Oppose Religious Uniformity

A Protestant minister and a Jewish rabbi spoke in Toledo, Ohio, in opposition to religious uniformity.

Dr. John C. Walker, pastor of First Congregational church, and Dr. Morton Goldberg, rabbi of B'nai Israel Congregation, took the negative side on the topic, "Should All Religious Faiths Combine Into One Universal Church?" They appeared on the Toledo Town Meeting held in the Trinity Episcopal church parish house.

The Congregationalist expressed extreme doubt that such a proposed uniformity of faiths could come about even if it were desirable.

Dr. Goldberg said that an attempt to impose one faith on all men would be as undesirable as an effort to impose one flag on all mankind.

A letter was read from Bishop Karl J. Alter of the Roman Catholic Diocese who said he regretted that his Church could not have a spokesman at the meeting. The letter said the Catholic position throughout the centuries has been definite and unchanging with respect to the Roman Catholic Church being the one divinely established Church.

Graham Addresses Crowds At Columbia Revival

It's been standing room only each night at the Auditorium, where Evangelist Billy Graham is conducting a revival in Columbia, South Carolina.

"People are hungry for the Gospel," he told 4,000 persons crammed in the main hall and another 1,000 seated in a basement and listening via loudspeaker system.

"It is time for God's people to get on their knees and pray and repent of their personal sins," he said. "It is time to call families to prayer and to go to the churches for prayer meetings."

Prayer meetings, held in scores of homes here for a month preceding Dr. Graham's arrival as a means of spiritual preparation for the revival, are continuing.

Protestant Film Nominated For Academy Award

A Protestant Film Commission production, "Kenji Comes Home," has been officially nominated for an Academy Award in the feature (documentary) classification.

The movie, fourth to be produced by the Commission, shows the role of the Christian Church in the struggle against totalitarianism in Japan. It was made to coincide with the 1950 study theme of Protestant churches on problems facing Christianity in Japan.

Temperance Group Plans Court Test of Ruling

An order by the Colorado Attorney General halting the teaching of "prohibition propaganda" in the public schools of the state will be taken into court for clarification, according to leaders of the Interchurch Temperance Movement. Until the time of the order, the church group had been sending lecturers into public schools to teach the effects of alcohol on the human body.

The Reverend H. H. Donnenworth of Denver, head of the temperance agency, has contended that such instruction was carried on with the full consent of local school officials. He has cited an 1887 statute providing that the effects of alcohol and narcotics must be taught in the schools.

Attorney General John Metzger's ruling said that whatever teaching of this kind is done must be given by regularly employed teachers.

St. Paul Has "Protestants United" Group

Organization of "Protestants United" in St. Paul has been announced by Dr. Irving A. West, pastor of the House of Hope Presbyterian church and chairman of the newly-formed group.

Dr. West said the organization was started by a representative group of ministers and laymen "from all Protestant denominations in St. Paul." Purpose of the organization, he reported, is "to provide a united Protestant voice in St. Paul."

"'Protestants United' will seek to uphold all democratic principles which have made our nation great," Dr. West's statement said. "This organization believes in continuance of the principle of the separation of Church and State."

A Smile or Two

The salesman entered the office of J. Grouch one hot sultry afternoon in August. "Hello, Willie!" he greeted the office boy. "How does the boss stand the heat?" "Ain't heard," was the response from little Willie, "he's only been dead a week."

—Arkansas Methodist

Alderman: "Congratulate me, Mollie, I've won the election."

Wife (surprised): "Honestly?"

Alderman: "Now what in thunder did you have to bring that up for?"

—Baptist Observer

A little boy had taken his mother's powder puff and was in the act of powdering his face when his small sister, aged 5, snatched it from him. "You mustn't do that," she exclaimed. "Only ladies use powder, gentlemen wash."

—Quote

She: I've been asked to get married lots of times.

He: Who asked you?

She: Mother and Dad.

Experience may be the best teacher, but none of her pupils bring her apples.

—Arkansas Methodist

Timidly the small boy said to the lady with the lovely complexion:

"Please, are you old or young?"

"My dear," said the old lady, "I have been young a very long time."

—Watchman-Examiner

In a large factory in Moscow, a flower orator was proclaiming the beauties of the five year plan to the assembled workers:

"Next year," he said, "Each one of you will have a bicycle. The next year you will have a motorcycle; in three years an auto; in four years a plane. Then, for example, if you should hear that matches were available in Stalingrad that day you could fly there in less than an hour."

—Quote

Alcatraz: The pen with the lifetime guarantee.

—Quote

The teacher was explaining the difference between the stately rose and the modest violet.

"You see, children," she said, "a beautiful well-dressed woman walks along the street, but she is proud and does not greet anybody—that is the rose. But behind her comes a small creature with bowed head—"

"Yes, I know," Tommy interrupted. "That's her husband."

—Watchman-Examiner

In answer to the question, "What is a prime minister?" a pupil wrote: "A prime minister is a preacher at his best."

—Quote

The son of a church deacon had cut loose with a rather strong word. The father called him over. "Here's a quarter," he said, "now don't ever let me hear you using that word again."

Some few days later the son hunted out his father. "Dad," he said breathlessly, "I have a new word and it's a corker, but it'll cost you a dollar to hear this one!"

—Borrowed

Myron Taylor Kneels to Pope



—Religious News Service Photo

This picture shows Myron C. Taylor, special envoy of President Truman kneeling to Pope Pius XII at the Vatican in Rome.

This demonstration should arouse all America to indignant protest. It is adding insult to injury for an envoy of the President of the United States, one who is accorded ambassadorial status by the Vatican, to kneel to the Pope, who is both a religious and political dictator.

We invite the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist* to clip this picture and mail it to President Truman together with your protest against the appointment of a successor to Mr. Taylor.

Don't wait; do it now.

—Editor

Farmers Ask Food Surpluses be Given Away

America must "quickly and generously" give away the food that it can't eat or sell, according to fifty farmers and others attending an agricultural seminar under the sponsorship of the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the American Friends Service Committee, in Washington, D. C.

In advocating this course, the seminar said "there is no surplus of food from the viewpoint of the world as a whole. Millions of people in many countries, including our own, are miserably undernourished while 'surplus' farm products rot in storage."

The group declared that the U. S. "must think in terms of the world in setting up

our agricultural policies. What all peoples need is that an economy of abundance be developed with international planning for effective distribution.

"We believe," the seminar members continued, "we must drastically curtail our budgeting for war, and spend some real money on peace—through the United Nations, the World Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization and similar international agencies.

"We believe that the program the United States should now be adopting is something like that proposed by Senator McMahon, to put our best brains, best energy, best personnel and largest appropriations into an effort to help every part of the world utilize its own resources.

Legal Decision Upholds Local Church Authority

"The force of law was given to the Southern Baptist Convention position with reference to church union by the recent ruling of Justice Meier Steinbrink of the Brooklyn Supreme Court," declared Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee.

Dr. McCall's statement followed a recent court decision by Justice Steinbrink upon the proposed merger of the Congregational Christian churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church which would have resulted in the formation of a United Church of Christ with nearly 2,000,000 members. Merger was blocked on the ground that no action taken by the denomination as a whole "can or will affect in any manner the several Congregational churches, except in so far as individual churches shall, by independent action," unite with some new church or religious body.

"The decision was based on a definition of the polity of the Congregational churches which could be taken from Justice Steinbrink's decision as a definition of the polity of the Southern Baptist Convention." Dr. McCall said in his comment. Steinbrink said that the polity of the Congregational churches "is that system of church organization which recognizes the independence and autonomy of the local church in all matters temporal and spiritual, and the association of churches, through voluntary, independent organizations devised for fellowship and cooperation is without ecclesiastical authority."

Dr. McCall further stated: "The decision of Judge Steinbrink supports the position of the Southern Baptist Convention which in 1940 replied to the invitation to join the World Council of Churches." The 1940 reply reads: "The Southern Baptist Convention is a voluntary association of Baptists for the purpose of eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of our denomination in missionary activity at home and abroad, and in ecclesiastical authority . . . the thousands of churches would disapprove of any attempted exercise of ecclesiastical authority over them."

"The legal decision," Dr. McCall concluded, "should dispel the fears of those who have been concerned lest the Southern Baptist Convention 'unionize' the churches of its fellowship by carrying them into some organic union with other denominations. . . . In effect this decision means that any local congregation of a denomination whose policy is that of the Congregational churches or the Baptist churches may unite with whom-ever they please, but no vote of theirs has any effect on any other congregation."

"We believe that this is the great religious challenge of our times, and we appeal, not only to our government, but to individual citizens, that we now show ourselves willing to use our resources for peace as freely and generously as we were willing to use them in World War II for destruction."

More of our food surpluses, the group said, should be utilized in an expanded school-lunch program. The seminar proposed also that relief and philanthropic agencies receive a generous share of the surpluses.

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JAW BONE PEOPLE

They scold, paw and splutter, they froth rave and cry;

They're long on talk, but they're short on the try.

A Rural Church With A Full Time Pr

A Church With A Notable History

By The Editor

On Route 7 and just two miles off the Little Rock-Hot Springs Highway stands a beautiful, modern, and well-equipped church providing not only a sanctuary but facilities for Sunday School work and other organizations of the church. Standing close by is a modern home for the pastor. An additional educational building is now under construction.

Prominent on the front of the church building is the name, Walnut Valley Baptist Church.



Ed. F. Vallowe, Pastor

But the Walnut Valley Church buildings have not always looked like they do now, as the reader can observe from the picture of the old building appearing on these pages. Nor has the church always been located on this particular site. The old building was located some distance from the present site and on a hillside.

The church was organized September 1, 1939, with eleven charter members who were lettered out of the Mountain Valley Baptist Church. The Walnut Valley Church first affiliated with the Buckville Association but later transferred its membership to the Central Association. It began with one-fourth time service and Edgar Griffin was the first pastor serving from March to December, 1941. Dennison Yates was the next pastor. His salary was \$10 per month. Mr. Yates served only for a few months and was followed by Pastor Joe Melton, who also received a salary of \$10 per month for one-fourth time service. In May of 1942, the salary was raised to \$12 per month for one-fourth time service. The church budget consisted of five items: Cooperative Program, \$2.50 per month; Associational Missions, \$1 per month; the Baptist paper, \$1 per month; pastor's salary, \$12 per month; literature, \$2 per month—totaling \$18.50 per month.

Bible Training Important

The first Vacation Bible School was held in July, 1942. By 1943, the pastor's salary was increased to \$15 per month and the church went to half-time preaching. Things began to move more rapidly now. In 1944, the pastor's salary was \$50 per month, and in August of the same year, it was increased to \$60 per month, still maintaining half-time service. In 1945, the contribution to the Cooperative Program was increased to \$5 a month. Also, another Vacation Bible School was held in 1945, and Pastor Joe Melton resigned in June of the same year.

Things Begin to Move

It can be seen that things had begun to move and there was a spirit of progress in the air. In July 1945, even before they had called another pastor to succeed Pastor Melton, the Church purchased a site on which



Walnut Valley

the present buildings stand at a cost of \$157.50. In November of the same year, Freeman McManis was called as pastor for half-time service. He remained with the church only until the following August in 1946. In September 1946, the present pastor, Ed F. Vallowe, was called to the pastorate for full time at \$30 per week. At the same time the allocation to the Cooperative Program was increased to \$3 a week, and the total weekly budget was \$46.85. The expanding program of the Church gained momentum month by month and year by year. Construction of the new building got under way shortly after the purchase of the present site. The new church is heated by a central heating unit, is lighted with electricity, and is otherwise modernized. Other advances in the church program in 1946 are indicated by the organization of a Training Union, the increase of the pastor's salary to \$35 per week, and the purchase of a church bus for use in carrying people to and from the Sunday School and church.

Importance of State Mission Department

During this period of construction and expansion, the Church had received assistance from the State Mission Department. This assistance was terminated in July of 1947.

Pastor Vallowe resigned the pastorate of the church effective June 30, 1947. He was succeeded by Pastor Chester Ware. By 1947, the weekly budget had grown to \$69.60, and in 1948, it was increased to \$75 per week.

Pastor Ware resigned June 9, 1948, and the following September, Pastor Ed. F. Vallowe was called to the pastorate of the church at \$45 per week. This was his second pastorate with the Walnut Valley Church. The pastor's salary was increased the first of 1950 to \$50 per week.

The progress of the Church may be indicated by certain comparisons. For instance, the church has gone from fourth-time service in 1942 to full-time service in 1946. The pastor's salary has been increased from \$180 per year in 1941, to \$2,600 a year in 1950. No contribution was made to the Cooperative Program prior to 1943. Gifts to the Cooperative Program have increased from



Pastor's Home

Program And A Mission For The Master



Walnut Valley Baptist Church

\$30 in 1943 to \$301 in 1949. Associational Mission contributions have increased from \$6 in 1942 to \$108 in 1949. Total receipts for the church have increased from \$30 in 1939 to \$7,130 in 1949. The number of tithers has increased from three in 1939 to sixty-nine in 1949. The value of church property has increased from \$700 in 1939 to \$25,000 in 1949. The present membership has grown from sixteen at the time of organization to 166 at the present.

Now Sponsors Radio Program

Not only has the church made notable progress in its advance from quarter-time service to full-time service and in membership and finances, but it has also expanded in organization, now maintaining all the organizations fostered by Baptist churches: Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Society, and Brotherhood.

In addition to the regular church program, the church also sponsors the Baptist Youth Hour over Radio Station KWFC in Hot Springs every Sunday afternoon from two to two-thirty o'clock.

Progressive Spirit Necessary

This church presents an outstanding example of what can be done by a rural church which catches a vision and sets itself to the task of making that vision come true. First of all, the church was not wedded to the old site and the old building perched on the hillside and almost inaccessible to the community about it. Looking around for a more suitable site, the far-seeing members of the Walnut Valley Church settled upon a beautiful level spot down in the valley on Highway 7. It may be worthy of note that this stretch of highway is scheduled for hard surfacing under the present plan of highway construction.

The vision which the church followed not only included the new site and new buildings, but a new program that would be well-rounded and that would minister to all of the spiritual needs of the community. It has taken time to construct buildings and develop that program, and yet it has all been done in a remarkably short time. The Walnut Valley Church has become one of the outstand-

Other Rural Churches Doing Well

ing churches in the state. It is not as big as many of the other churches, but proportionately, its program measures up to the best of them.

Order Reversed—City Boy Makes Good in Country

Another interesting feature of this whole development is the fact that a city boy made good in a country church. Pastor Ed. Vallowe was reared in St. Louis, Missouri, and had little or no experience with country people or in country life. Yet he is now in his second pastorate at the Walnut Valley Church, and is going strong and leading his people in an ever-expanding program of service in the Master's cause.

A salute to the Walnut Valley Church and to Pastor Ed. Vallowe. May you continue to grow in the Master's service!

Others Should Be Inspired

The Walnut Valley Church is not the only rural church in Arkansas which has developed a progressive full-time program. There is a large number of wide-awake, progressive rural churches in the state which are carrying on expanding programs, and for their resources and numbers are as efficient as any of our town and city churches. Arkansas Baptists may well be proud of the splendid rural churches of the state.

What Walnut Valley Church has done, and what many other rural churches have done, every rural church can do. All that is needed is for a few people in the church to get a vision of the possibilities and then begin to pray and work and enlist others in the effort to bring that vision to full maturity.

Every rural church, and every town and city church, has the same resources, the same elements, the same possibilities and opportunities. First of all, the God of the rural church is no different from the God of the city church. His promises to rural people are the same as His promises to all other people.

When God said, "My grace is sufficient," He meant it for rural people as well as all other people. The Holy Spirit will lead, inspire, and empower rural people the same as other people.

In fact, rural people are no different from any other people. They commit the same sins; they are redeemed by the same grace; they are given the same commissions; they are endowed with the same abilities and talents as other people. Any distinctions that are drawn



Old Church Building

between rural and city people are false distinctions. We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We rejoice in our great rural churches. We would encourage every rural church to take God at His word and launch a program that will challenge the best that is in you and claim the promises of God to those who venture everything for Him.

Again, a salute to our rural churches and our rural pastors: May you continue to grow in the Master's service!



New Educational Building Under Construction

Enticing Menu



Roast Lovebird, Woo Dressing, Smashed Affairs, Fresh Green Love Charms, Hearts, Sugar Bread, Butter Kisses constituted the appetizing menu served at the Sweetheart Banquet by the Training Union of the First Church, Hot Springs, Friday evening, February 17.

Bill Maupin presided over the festivities as toastmaster, and W.

G. Knightstep, Training Union Director, crowned Roy Westerman as King and Barbara Weldon as Queen.

Pastor Harvey Elledge of the Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, was the feature speaker for the occasion, speaking on the subject, "God's Love."

Dr. John L. Dodge is the pastor of the Hot Springs Church.

Last Minute News About the Convention!

The State Training Union Convention begins at ten o'clock Friday morning, March 17, at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock. The sectional meeting programs have been sent to hundreds of people over the state. These sectional meetings will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, but the beginning of the Convention will be Friday morning at ten o'clock.

The State Junior Memory Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Young People's Speakers Tournament will be held at the Convention and NOT at the Assembly at Siloam Springs.

All posters are to be brought to the Berean Class room on the main floor where they will be placed on display.

Make your plans to arrive at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, in time to register and get your home assignment before ten o'clock. Go directly to the ground floor of the church to one of the registration tables. It will be necessary for messengers to register before they

can receive home assignments.

Children will be cared for at the convention. Two nurseries for the bed babies and the one and two-year-olds will be open at all sessions except Friday night at the Robinson auditorium. The three-year-olds and the Beginner children (4-5) will be provided for at all sessions, including the Friday night session. The Primary children will be provided for during the other sectional meetings.

The entire program including sectional meetings, and the meeting places are to be found in the twenty-four page convention program bulletin which will be given to all who register.

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An Unusual Record

Mrs. L. C. Patterson of Arkadelphia, teacher of the T. E. L. class of First Church, and who will be 82 years of age in April, has recently completed the course, "Studies in Acts," forwarding her own handwritten examination paper to this office with a request for an award for this study. Mrs. Patterson states, "I haven't missed Sunday School in four years; missed only one Sunday in 1945; two Sundays in 1944 — how I thank God for the good health I have had all these years." This is indeed, an outstanding record. Congratulations, Mrs. Patterson!

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"If some people would be a little more careful about where they step, those who follow them wouldn't stumble so much."

—Selected

Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

A Visit In Rocky Bayou Association

I have just returned from an interesting and encouraging visit in Rocky Bayou Association where Homer Robertson serves as missionary. I visited the same churches and much of the same part of IZARD COUNTY as was visited and covered almost exactly three years ago when I made my first trip as Superintendent of Missions. My what a change! At that time, there was only one resident pastor giving his full time to the work of the ministry. Most of the churches were pastorless and were depending upon the missionary for their preaching services. Not one church had a full time preaching program.

Today, there are only two of the fourteen churches that are pastorless. Melbourne is full time with Hugh Cooper as pastor. An educational building has recently been completed. The church owns and operates a bus to furnish transportation to bring rural people to the services.

Sage, which three years ago had the services of the missionary only once each month, is now full time with Pastor Marcus Wilkinson living on the field.

Calico Rock has W. C. Steward as resident pastor for half time. I recall that on my first visit there three years ago, I was told that there were only twenty-eight Baptists in the town. At that time, the Sunday School was struggling along with about twenty in attendance and the building was in need of repair. But things are quite different now. The auditorium has been painted and venetian blinds added. The Sunday School is averaging about sixty and had sixty-seven present last Sunday. The people are talking about building an addition for Sunday School enlargement. My prediction is that Calico Rock will be full time within a year.

Oxford Church, which use to depend upon the missionary for services, now has W. C. Steward of Calico Rock, as half time pastor. The old store building they worshipped in three years ago has been made into a thing of beauty. The outside is rock veneer, the auditorium has hardwood floors, celotex walls, beautiful light fixtures, and other nice furniture. Three additional rooms have been added by excavation.

Over at Franklin, the church is putting on the finishing touches of a beautiful stone veneer building which is valued at \$12,000. The Mission Department gave \$250 to both Franklin and Oxford churches on their buildings.

The Wiseman Church, which came over from the Landmarks,

has the framing up for their new building. Sidney Church entered a new building about a year ago and are already needing more Sunday School space. This is another church that will likely be full time soon. Hal Gallop serves there and at Finley Creek, half time each.

Lone Star Church, which was organized a few years ago by Troy Melton, is making splendid progress under his leadership.

Rocky Bayou Association now has a fine corps of pastors and a real aggressive missionary. It was my privilege to have luncheon with these fine men on Saturday night in the home of the missionary. I was privileged also to be in the Workers' Conference on Monday evening to speak and show a mission film. I was told that the attendance was far greater than even the annual meeting of the association. Most all of the churches will be in the Simultaneous Crusade and the people are manifesting a great interest and anticipating a great revival.

New Church Visited

It was my privilege, Sunday, February 19, to visit, during the morning service, with the Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, and to hear the pastor, Felix Williams, preach a splendid sermon. I have a deep interest in this church. I went with Taylor Stanfill, while he was city missionary, to meet with a group of people in the Oak Forest area one night as they met out in the yard of one of the residents to talk about the possibility of organizing a church. Later, I had the privilege of preaching the first sermon on the ground where the church building was to be erected. I was present, also, the day the church was organized. Now they have a beautiful building, a full time pastor with the Sunday School averaging about 100, and the church is only a little over one year old.

Sunday afternoon February 19, I had a small part in the ordination service of Hartwell Atwood, in the Gravel Ridge Church some 15 miles from Little Rock. Both the church and pastor are products of First Church, Little Rock. It was just a year ago that Dr. E. A. Ingram, city missionary, Dr. R. C. Campbell, Elmer Ridgeway, several others and myself went out to Gravel Ridge to talk about establishing a mission. Today, they have a beautiful building with splendid full time services. Brother Atwood, who grew up in First Baptist Church, is serving as pastor.

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Extensive Preparations

Every effort is being made to prepare for the largest and best Assembly session, July 5-13, 1950. Dr. James H. Landes, pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, will be the Night Service speaker; Dr. K. Owen White, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, the Morning Devotional Service speaker; and Dr. Hugh R. Bumpas, pastor of Capitol Hill Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Mid-day Service speaker. Norman Ferguson, Associate Pastor of First Church, Fort Smith, will serve as Song Leader. A bigger and better program of recreation will be under the direction of State Student Secretary, Fred Vogel.

Many improvements are being made. Several new pavilions are being erected. In addition to the usual study hours, one full period will be given to church music with Dr. Warren Angell, Oklahoma Baptist University, directing.



DR. JAMES H. LANDES

Reservations

1. Reservations should be made now. Reservations accepted only for those who send name or names with a \$2.00 reservation fee for each name. If accepted, (receipt issued), no reservation fee will be returned.

2. Reservation fees will be credited to the account of those for whom reservation is made.

3. All reservations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis, and will be held only until 9:00 p. m. Wednesday, July 5, unless otherwise arranged. All reservations unclaimed at this time will be reassigned.

4. Send all requests for reservations, with reservation fees to Dr. Edgar Williamson, Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.



DR. HUGH M. BUMPAS

Rates For The 1950 Assembly

Full Time Rates

Registration	\$ 2.00
<i>Cot and Mattress in Dormitory and all Meals:</i>	
Individuals in Assembly-owned Dormitories	15.00
Individuals in Church-owned Dormitories	14.00
Individuals in Church-owned Dormitories providing own cots and mattresses	12.00
Children 5 to 10 years inclusive	12.00
<i>Cot and Mattress in Dormitory Room and all Meals: (For Married Couples and Families Only)</i>	
Individuals	16.00
Children 5 to 10 years inclusive	14.00
<i>Cot and Mattress in Cabin and all Meals: (For Married Couples and Families Only)</i>	
Individuals	16.00
Children 5 to 10 years inclusive	14.00
<i>Cot and Mattress in Cabin or Dormitory Room, (without meals)</i>	5.00

NOTE: All individuals staying in assembly or church-owned cabins and dormitories, and *not* eating meals in Assembly dining hall, will pay an Assembly maintenance fee of \$3.00 in addition to above rates.

In computing the Assembly cost, please add reservation fee in each instance.



DR. K. OWEN WHITE

Part Time Rates

Registration Per Day .....	.25	Cabin Space, per Day .....	.75
Meals: Breakfast	\$0.50	<i>Miscellaneous Charges (without meals)</i>	
Dinner .....	.65	Tent Space—Campers	\$2.50
Supper .....	.50	Tent Space—Churches	5.00
Per Day	1.50	Electric Plate or Grill	3.00
Cot, per Day .....	.25	Electric Fan	2.00
Mattress, per Day .....	.25	Other Electric Appliances (each)	1.00
Dormitory Space, per Day .....	.25		

God Is Love . . .

Our Message For Latin America

By O. K. AND MARJORIE ARMSTRONG

"Dios es amor." God is love. This must be the favorite text of the Baptists of the three southern-most countries of South America—Uruguay, Argentina, and Chile. We found these words above the pulpits of many of the churches we visited.

"Dios es luz" (God is light) and the Spanish words for "I am the way, the truth, and the life." "Ye are the light of the world," we saw frequently. Such quotations have infinite meaning for peoples who have been steeped in a religion that teaches that God is fear, God is spite, and God can be reached only through a priest.

At Montevideo, the senior missionaries to Uruguay, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Orrick, met us at the airport in their well-worn but still trustworthy 1929 Ford. They entertained us in the parlor of the handsome new house of worship, and we spoke at their mid-week service. Only eight missionaries serve Uruguay, and two of them are on sick leave. That's the entire force for a nation of 2,225,000 people. The country has thirteen Baptist churches, five of them in the capital city. Said Mr. Orrick:

"Uruguay is the most democratic nation in South America. It guarantees free speech, separation of church and state, and free education. It could—and should—be a Baptist nation."

It was a rare experience to worship in three Baptist churches of Buenos Aires on Sunday, in company with Jim and Betty Muirden. She is the daughter of our Argentine missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bowlder, now on furlough. At Iglesia Bautista de Sud Oeste ("southwest"), Pastor Carlos de la Torre preached from John 14. In conversation with him afterward, mention was made of the article on David Livingstone in the December issue of the *Reader's Digest*. Dr. de la Torre told us:

"I read the life of Livingstone as a seven-year-old boy. He has been one of my heroes ever since. I became pastor of this church thirty years ago. Fifteen years later I entered medical school to follow Jesus' example of preaching and healing. I think my decision to practice medicine as a Christian minister was the result of reading the story of Livingstone so young."

We attended Sunday school at Iglesia Bautista El Centro ("central"), in a densely populated section of the vast city, with Dr. Santiago Canclini as pastor. The young people leave him early Sunday mornings to go to the nearby tenement houses and get the children up, bathe and dress them, and take them to Sunday school.

In the afternoon we attended a reception at the apartment of Missionary Minnie D. McIlroy of the publishing house staff. We went from there to a little suburban church for evening worship.

Its pastor, Jacinto Teran, was a Roman Catholic priest in Spain until he was 39. In his sermon he declared: "I would not change places with the Pope himself!"

Our work in Chile began when W. B. Bagby came over from Brazil in 1907. Dr. and Mrs. R. Cecil Moore, who arrived in 1919, are the senior missionaries among a group of twenty-nine. Latin-America Secretary Everett Gill Jr., was visiting the Chilean Mission when we arrived.

Now there are fifty-five Baptist churches in Chile, five here in Santiago. There could be many, many more if missionaries were provided and if national leaders could be enlisted and trained fast enough. In this 2,500-mile-long strip of nation on the Pacific coast, wine is cheaper than milk and poverty is the rule. Yet the people are ready for the gospel.

Dr. Moore told us of a letter he received from a group living in the interior, begging him to come and baptize forty converts. It is a trip of fourteen days, through muddy trails and primitive jungle which is impenetrable in winter. A Baptist who moved in from another part of Chile won that many of his neighbors to Christ. There as all over this continent the people are learning that *Dios es amor*.

Illness Forces Pastor Collier to Resign Harrisburg Pastorate

Friends throughout the state will be interested in, and praying for Pastor John Collier and Mrs. Collier, both of whom will enter the Booneville Tuberculosis Sanatorium March 6. Fortunately, the disease was discovered in both Mr. and Mrs. Collier in the earliest stages, and it is expected that they will experience a rapid and complete recovery.

This physical condition, of course, brought about the resignation of Pastor Collier from Harrisburg Church where he had served for three years and two months. During Pastor Collier's ministry at Harrisburg, a complete new building consisting of an auditorium and educational facilities was constructed at a cost of \$60,000. A debt of less than \$5,000 is outstanding on the building at present. Also, during his pastorate the Harrisburg Church established the Ridge View Mission with a full-time mission pastor—Bill Johnson. The members of the Ridge View Mission bought an old school building which they have converted into a house of worship.

Pastor Collier praises the people of First Church, Harrisburg, for their loyalty throughout his ministry among them and especially for their kind and generous consideration during the past several months when he and Mrs. Collier were facing tremendous problems and the disquieting uncertainty concerning the future. To give concreteness to their love and appreciation and consideration for their pastor and his family, the members of the Harrisburg Church gave them a generous love offering.

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Don't Mind Criticism!

If it is untrue, disregard it; if it is unfair, keep from irritation; if it is ignorant, smile; if it is justified, learn from it.

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—Colton

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Budgeting The Budget

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in its November 1949 session, voted the largest and most comprehensive budget in Arkansas Baptist history, for 1950. The 1950 budget embraces fully all that Arkansas Baptists are doing through every department, every agency, and every institution of our State Convention, and through all Southern Baptist boards, agencies, and institutions.

The 1950 Budget represents an all-out effort on the part of Arkansas Baptists to finance all our state denominational work through the Cooperative Program. The appeal has been made to all our people in all of our churches to support the state budget with their undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program.

The success of every phase of our work during 1950 is contingent upon the support that Arkansas Baptist churches give to the 1950 Cooperative Program budget. Under the conditions of the budget if one phase of our work receives adequate financial support, then all phases of the work will receive adequate financial support. On the other hand, if one phase suffers, then all phases will suffer.

It is well for us to know that the budget of every department, every agency, and every institution of our Convention was cut to the lowest possible level in order to set up the comprehensive 1950 budget.

Thus far during 1950, the Cooperative Program receipts from the churches of the Convention are not greatly encouraging. During January they totaled only seventy-seven per cent of the monthly minimum requirements of the budget. This means, simply, that every department, every agency, and every institution of Arkansas Baptists received twenty-three per cent less than the budget allotment for January. Not a single phase of our denominational work can be operated efficiently throughout the year on seventy-seven per cent of its budget.

Here is an example of what happened in January: The Brotherhood Department budget allotment is \$750 per month from the Cooperative Program. But January receipts through the Cooperative Program were only \$577.50. This amount is \$172.50 short of the minimum required to operate the department. And every other department suffered the same proportionate shortage. So did every agency and every institution

of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Our gifts to South-wide causes fell off in the same measure.

The situation has not reached a state emergency. It may be that we are just getting off to a slow start. Certainly the problems of meeting the budget are not too difficult of solution. But every one of our churches should take cognizance of the situation. Every Baptist in Arkansas should be made aware of the situation.

Every church should be willing to take its share of the load. Considerably less than half our churches made contributions through the Cooperative Program during January. Some adjustments should be made by many of our churches in percentile allotment of funds to the Cooperative Program.

Certainly our people and our churches should be taught anew God's word concerning tithes and offerings: God's plan for financing His work.

Leadership Conferences

Six Leadership Conferences will be held in Arkansas during March, 1950. The schedule is as follows: Monticello: Monday, March 20; Fort Smith: March 20; Hope: March 21; Harrison, March 21; Jonesboro, March 23; Little Rock, March 27.

Each of these conferences will have a morning, afternoon and night session. The main emphases of the conferences will be: Evangelism, Baptist Doctrine, Stewardship, and the Cooperative Program.

Featured speakers include Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. J. E. Dillard, Director of Promotion Emeritus, Southern Baptist Convention; Mr. George W. Schroeder, Associate Secretary, Baptist Brotherhood of the South; and Dr. Otto Whittington, Arkansas Baptist preacher and leader.

Attend the Conference meeting in your part of the state! Every conference should have a good, representative group of LAYMEN among those present. Brotherhood should attend en masse at the night session. The meetings will be informative, inspirational, and challenging; such meetings as our laymen cannot afford to miss.

See that your church is informed about the conference, and that a large group of your men are there!

We Must Remember

Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union

First Church, Fort Smith, will be hostess for the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas, March 28-30. Mrs. F. C. Kirkpatrick, hostess president, again extends an invitation to all women in Arkansas to attend.

Many outstanding personalities will be guests at this meeting. You will not want to miss the opportunity of hearing Miss Kathleen Mallory, representing Southern Woman's Missionary Union. Dr. Hugh Brimm, Southern Baptist Social Service Commission, and Dr. Samuel Maddox of the Foreign Mission Board, will have prominent places on the program.

Another treat will be Miss Lavora Murfin, New Orleans, whom many of you heard last year at the Southern Baptist Convention and Southern W. M. U. Convention. She is a "product" of the Rachel Sims Mission, New Orleans, and has a testimony that every person will want to hear.

Miss Irene Chambers, home mission field worker, and Mrs. Y. K. Chang, student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, will also be our honored guests and speakers.

Two of Arkansas' own leaders will appear on the program. They are Dr. B. L. Bridges, secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and Dr. K. Owen White, pastor, First Church, Little Rock. Dr. White is new in our state, and we are glad to give you who have not met him this opportunity.

Mrs. B. L. Bridges is serving as chairman of the program committee and Mrs. B. V. Ferguson, chairman of the music.

We are looking for YOU in Fort Smith, March 28-30!

State Y. W. A. Banquet

Remember also the annual banquet for Young Woman's Auxiliary members over the State, which will be held March 28, at the Masonic Temple, North Eleventh Street, Fort Smith, at 5:30 p. m. Tickets cost \$1.25, and should be secured from your State W. M. U. Office by March 20. Tickets cost \$1.25, and should be purchased now so we may know how many to prepare for.

Following the banquet a program for young people is planned, which will begin at 7:30 at First Church, Fort Smith. Dr. Samuel

Maddox will bring the message at this meeting.

A beautiful setting, good food, happy fellowship, missionary inspiration—all these invite you and await you at the Y. W. A. Banquet.

State B. W. C. Federation Banquet

Another "must" is the annual B. W. C. Federation Banquet which will be held Wednesday evening, March 29, 5:15 p. m. at Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Dodson and Jenny Lind Avenues, Fort Smith. The price of tickets is \$1.25. In order to let the women know how many to prepare for, reservations should be made early. Reservations are made by purchasing your ticket or tickets from the State W. M. U. office, not later than March 20. If you need to stay over that night, the Homes Committee will arrange a room for you.

Miss Irene Chambers and Miss Kathleen Mallory will be among the guests at this banquet, and you will want the opportunity of meeting them and having that fellowship. Miss Dollie Hiett, State B. W. C. adviser, has an idea concerning a wonderful project for the State Federation, which will be launched at this banquet. You will not want to be absent at the initial launching of it. Send at least one representative from your B. W. C., if not more.

Associational Methods Conferences Concluded

There were 2,438 women attending Methods Conferences in thirty-two associations during the past few months. Leaders of these conferences were: Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Miss Doris DeVault, Miss Nancy Cooper, State W. M. U. leaders; Miss Anne Alexander, young people's leader, Liberty Association; Mrs. H. C. Terry, associational superintendent, Liberty Association; Mrs. A. L. Buck, B. W. C. leader, Texarkana; and Mrs. S. T. Bowlin, young people's worker, Dresden, Tennessee.

CORRECTION

In the February 23 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* the time for the Y. W. A. Banquet was given as 5:50 p. m. This is incorrect; the time is 5:30 p. m.

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	Sunday, February 26, 1950	S.S.	T.U.	Addi.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1276	434	7	
Including Missions	1546	629		
Fort Smith, First,				
Including Missions	1305	492	3	
Little Rock, First	948	375	1	
Including Missions	1008	339		
El Dorado, First	935	222	3	
North Little Rock,				
Baring Cross	889	289	1	
Including Missions	1028	358		
Hot Springs, Second	797	200	9	
Little Rock, Second	758	127	5	
Pine Bluff, First	724	181		
Fayetteville, First	688	232	13	
Including Missions	778	258		
Pine Bluff, South Side	653	257	4	
Including Missions	691	293		
El Dorado, Second	601	239	4	
Including Missions	613	350		
Magnolia, Central	575	159	1	
Including Missions	725	200	2	
Crossett, First	551	170	5	
Camden, First	546	230	4	
Including Missions	803	390		
McGehee, First	543	168		
Including Missions	682	221		
Warren, First	504	119		
Texarkana, Beech Street	476	164	2	
Hope, First	476	168	3	
Benton, First	476			
Including Missions	577			
Little Rock,				
Tabernacle	471	151	1	
Hot Springs, Central	468	150	3	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	466	183		
Fordyce, First	450	157	3	
Paragould, First	434	217	2	
Including Missions	569	294		
Hot Springs,				
Park Place	434	113	1	
West Helena, Baptist	432	132	4	
Little Rock,				
Gaines Street	430	235	9	
Including Missions	541	272		
Stuttgart, First	424	225	2	
Including Missions	462	233		
Russellville, First	404	160	8	
Including Mission	469	205		
Paris, First	403	164	5	
Including Mission	460			
Springdale, First	396		6	
Including Mission	645			
Malvern, First	391	135	4	
Including Mission	412			
Fort Smith,				
Grand Avenue	389	105		
Fort Smith, Calvary	386	101	1	
Smackover, First	384	142		
Monticello, First	361	141	3	
Siloam Springs, First	351	175		
Searcy, First	347	86		
Conway, First	337	77	1	
North Little Rock, First	334	84		
Including Mission	24			
North Little Rock,				
Park Hill	328	66		
El Dorado, West Side	316	123	7	
Norphlet, First	310	215		
Hot Springs First	303	93	5	
Pine Bluff, Second	289	142	2	
Mena, First	265	83	1	
Harrison, First	256	113	4	
Gentry, First	252	105		
Fort Smith,				
Bailey Hill	251	79		
DeQueen, First	243	69	1	
Fort Smith, Trinity	221	96	1	
Bentonville, First	217	59	1	
Jacksonville, First	200	98	1	
Little Rock, Hebron	191	83		
Little Rock,				
Reynolds Memorial	191	70		
Hot Springs, Piney	190	144		
Strong, First	165	68		
North Little Rock,				
Pike Avenue	151	79		
Douglasville, First	144	77		
Eureka Springs, First	142	39		
Hoxie Baptist	142	68		
Warren, Immanuel	134	108	1	
Hot Springs,				
Lake Hamilton	126	57	2	
Grannis Baptist	111	82		
Little Rock, West Side	107	53		
Fort Smith, Northside	103	43	2	
Rohwer, Kelso	101	80		

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Organization and Leadership

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Sunday School Lesson for
March 12, 1950
Acts 6:1-6; 20:17-28

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Universe Is an Organization

We need only to look about us thoughtfully to see that God is the Master-organizer. An organization is a set of parts, or a group of persons working together in an orderly fashion. God believes in organization; nothing is so perfectly organized as our universe. Our Solar System is so perfectly timed that the calendar could be printed one thousand years in advance. The sun is never one minute late in rising at any given point, nor delayed in its setting. All nature is so accurately timed that astronomers have figured the solar year down to a matter of seconds: 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds, all because of the perfect organization of the universe.

The home is another example of organization, directed by the Lord. Society must have certain standards of decency and discipline, and God gave us the plan in the form of the home.

Human government is still another example. There was no form of human government between the days of Adam and Noah, each man did what seemed right in his own sight; consequently, that age ended in chaos. Human government is ordained of God for the organization of human affairs, and for our good, said Paul, in Romans 13.

Jesus Organized the Church

Jesus believed in organization. He set up His church in person, so that the gospel truth would have a legitimate home. Modern Evangelists go about preaching the gospel, reaching lost souls perhaps, but leave town, and leave the baby Christians for the wolves to devour. Jesus provided the Church for a spiritual home for young Christians, where they can grow in grace and knowledge, where they can be nourished by older Christians, where they can have friendship and fellowship, so vital to the happiness, welfare, and usefulness of a child of God.

In establishing the church, Jesus gave certain gifts to the church; some for the edification of these spiritual children, and some gifts for the business management and the material care of His organization.

His first gift to the church was the twelve apostle-preachers; other gifts were teachers, prophets, and helps. While taking care of the spiritual needs of the church, He did not neglect the practical. He also selected a church treasurer. Jesus planned the example for all New Testament Churches.

In Acts 6:1-6 the church in Jerusalem felt the need of more

helpers in a definite way. The ministers were busy preaching the gospel to the lost; and imagine, if you can, what a tremendous task was theirs in trying to teach those five thousand or more converts away from their Jewish customs and traditions, into New Testament truth. And they only succeeded in a measure, for many Jews of that age never forsook the Old Testament customs.

So, in trying to care for the material needs of all, many had given their possessions to the church to be divided, "as every man had need." But it developed that some widows were being neglected in the daily ministrations. This gave occasion for the first deacons.

The apostles called the church together and suggested that the church select seven men to see after the material needs of the congregation. Notice it was an act of the church, the apostles did not take it upon themselves to choose these workers.

Qualifications of Deacon Or Church Leader

In Acts 6:3 and First Timothy 1-8 we have the inspired truth concerning the qualifications of deacons and ministers especially, and these qualifications are just as necessary for any successful church leader or worker.

He must be honest, of good reputation. Our responsibility to God is the same, whether we be leaders or laymen. But the laity and the world at large demands that church leaders be without reproach.

The leader must be filled with the Spirit. A cold, hard hearted, worldly minded person has no place in the leadership of God's people. The two do not go together.

He must possess wisdom, sound judgment, and have a sense of discernment. He should be able to think things through. A blunder in the business management of the church is just as expensive, and perhaps more harmful than one in a business concern on Main Street. And many expensive blunders have been made and others narrowly avoided by leaders who lacked wisdom and sound judgment.

The servant of God must be grave, serious minded, not flighty or silly. Some people never seem to have a serious thought; such a person is not the type for the Lord's service.

He must not be double-tongued, two-faced. The church leader will have to meet what he says time and again; he had better be dependable or he will be a failure.

He should be sober; careful of his conduct.

He should not be greedy of filthy lucre: money-mad. The church leader has no right to engage in money making schemes that would reflect in any way upon his church.

He must be conscientious about the work of the Lord.

He should not have a multiplicity of wives.


And his wife should also be a consecrated Christian. Many times the work of the church, problems that are purely personal with the church membership, are aired out to any and every body, by wives who just have to talk! It is highly possible for a talkative wife to ruin the usefulness of her preacher- or deacon-husband.

Asset or Liability

The best asset any church can have is a group of God-fearing, God-honoring, progressive deacons. These are the churches that are on fire for the Lord; march-

ing forward for King Immanuel. On the other hand the greatest obstacle, the heaviest yoke upon any church are those men who hold the reigns of a local church, and hold them so tightly the work is choked to death.

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Your Leadership Conference This Month

By DR. B. L. BRIDGES

We are printing on this page the completed programs for the Leadership Conferences which we are having this month in so far as we have been able to get the assurance of the speakers.

We were hoping that those who live in Bartholomew, Delta, and Liberty Associations can attend the Conference in Monticello; and that those living in Hope, Red River, Little River, and Ouachita Associations can attend the one in Hope; and those living in Buckner, Concord, Washington-Madison, Benton County, and Clear Creek Associations can attend the one in Fort Smith.

That those living in Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, Boone-Carroll, Big Creek, Rocky Bayou, Newton County, and White River Associations can attend the one in Harrison; and that those living in Mississippi County, Mt. Zion, Greene County, Gainesville, Black River, Current River, Trinity, and Tri-County can attend the one in Jonesboro; and those living in Pulaski County, Caroline, Central, White County, Woodruff County, Independence, Harmony, Conway-Perry, Dardanelle-Russellville, Caddo River, Carey, Centennial, Arkansas Valley, Faulkner, Buckville, and Little Red River can attend the one in Little Rock. Here are the programs:

Fort Smith, Arkansas, March 20, 1950

L. H. DAVIS, Presiding—W. W. GRAFTON, Song Leader

MORNING

- 10:00 Song—Prayers for God's Guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals—W. O. Vaught Jr.
- 10:35 Singing
- 10:45 This meeting today—B. L. Bridges
- 10:50 What part has the preaching of Baptist distinctive Doctrines played in building the Denomination?—T. H. Jordan
- 11:15 "E. Pluribus Unum"—George W. Schroeder
- 12:10 Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Song—Prayer
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist Work in Arkansas—J. E. Bryant, Dan Berry, George Hink, Carl Nelson, Ben Worley
- 3:15 Sermon on "The Church, and the Churches"—O. M. Stallings
- 4:00 Adjourn

NIGHT

- 7:30 Songs—Prayers
- 7:45 Baptists—Past, Present, Future—Walter L. Johnson
- 8:15 The Cooperative Program—George W. Schroeder
- 9:15 Adjourn

Monticello, Arkansas, March 20, 1950

LOWELL MATHENY, Presiding—W. E. WARD, Song Leader

MORNING

- 10:00 Song—Prayers for God's Guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals—Sam Reeves
- 10:35 Singing
- 10:45 This meeting today—L. E. Coleman
- 10:50 "E. Pluribus Unum"—J. E. Dillard
- 11:20 What part has the preaching of Baptist Distinctive Doctrines played in building the denomination?—Otto Whittington
- 12:10 Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Song—Prayer
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist Work in Arkansas—Dillard Miller, Allen McCurry, R. L. Blackwell, J. W. Buckner, S. E. Powell
- 3:15 Sermon on "The Church, and the Churches"—Lloyd A. Sparkman
- 4:00 Adjourn

NIGHT

- 7:30 Songs—Prayers
- 7:45 Baptists—Past, Present, Future—D. C. McAtee
- 8:15 The Cooperative Program—J. E. Dillard
- 9:00 How it works!—(Sound Film)
- 9:15 Adjourn

Hope, Arkansas, March 21, 1950

EARL HUMBLE, Presiding—FRED BECKER, Song Leader

MORNING

- 10:00 Song—Prayers for God's Guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals—C. W. Caldwell
- 10:35 Singing
- 10:45 This meeting today—L. E. Coleman
- 10:50 What part has the preaching of Baptist distinctive Doctrines played in building the Denomination—Otto Whittington
- 11:15 "E. Pluribus Unum"—J. E. Dillard
- 12:10 Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Song—Prayer
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist work in Arkansas—John Dodge, W. B. Essman, Glenn Crofts, Joe Anderson, J. M. Holman
- 3:15 Baptists—Past, Present, Future—James Harris
- 4:00 Adjourn

NIGHT

- 7:30 Songs—Prayers
- 7:45 Sermon on "The New Testament Church"—T. L. Harris
- 8:15 The Cooperative Program—J. E. Dillard
- 9:00 How it works! (Sound film)
- 9:15 Adjourn

Harrison, Arkansas, March 21, 1950

ELMER COX, Presiding—CHESTER ROTEN, Song Leader

MORNING

- 10:00 Song—Prayers for God's Guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals—Edward Taylor
- 10:35 Singing
- 10:45 This meeting today—B. L. Bridges
- 10:50 What part has the preaching of Baptist distinctive Doctrines played in building the Denomination?—Earl Herrington
- 11:15 "E. Pluribus Unum"—W. O. Vaught Jr.
- 12:10 Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Song—Prayer
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist Work in Arkansas—Claude Jenkins, T. E. Funderburk, Dewey Stark, W. C. Stockett, Claude Crigler
- 3:15 Sermon on "The Church, and the Churches"—Taylor Stanfill
- 4:00 Adjourn

NIGHT

- 7:30 Songs—Prayers
- 7:45 Baptists—Past, Present, Future—Rel Gray
- 8:15 The Cooperative Program—George W. Schroeder
- 9:15 Adjourn

Jonesboro, Arkansas, March 23, 1950

REECE HOWARD, Presiding—BENTON CAIN, Song Leader

MORNING

- 10:00 Song—Prayers for God's Guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals—Russell J. Clubb
- 10:35 Singing
- 10:45 This meeting today—B. L. Bridges
- 10:50 What part has the preaching of Baptist distinctive Doctrines played in building the Denomination?—Otto Whittington
- 11:15 "E. Pluribus Unum"—K. Owen White
- 12:10 Lunch

AFTERNOON

JAMES H. FITZGERALD, Presiding

- 2:00 Song—Prayer
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist work in Arkansas—W. H. Efferson, John Basinger, Jeff Rousseau, Emmett Cross, Joe Sullivan, Lehman Webb
- 3:15 Sermon on "The Church, and the Churches"—Otto Whittington
- 4:00 Adjourn

NIGHT

M. FRANK WAITE, Presiding

- 7:30 Songs—Prayers
- 7:45 Baptists—Past, Present, Future—E. C. Brown
- 8:15 The Cooperative Program—J. E. Dillard
- 9:00 How it works!—(Sound film)
- 9:15 Adjourn

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W. H. HICKS, Presiding—J. A. GILREATH, Song Leader

MORNING

- 10:00 Singing—Prayers for God's Guidance this year
- 10:10 Baptists and Revivals—B. K. Selph
- 10:35 "E. Pluribus Unum"—W. R. Vestal
- 11:00 Singing
- 11:10 The part preaching of Distinctive Doctrines has made in building the Denomination—R. G. Lee
- Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Singing and praying
- 2:15 Panel Discussion of Baptist work in Arkansas—Ernest Anderson, J. T. Elliff, W. B. O'Neal, E. S. Ridgeway, Joe Shaver
- 3:15 Baptists—Past, Present, Future—O. W. Moran
- Recess

NIGHT

- 7:30 Singing and Praying
- 7:40 "The Church and the Churches"—Otto Whittington
- 8:15 "The Baptist Cooperative Program"—R. G. Lee

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