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H. Armstrong Roberts

Youth in the World Crisis

It has been fifteen years since Baptists have promoted a student meeting of the stature of the World Missions Congress in Nashville, December 27-30.

One hundred Arkansas students, college pastors, and those interested in youth will be among the 2,500 limited delegates for the meeting. If someone in your family or church would like to attend, write: Tom J. Logue, Baptist Student Director, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Unintentional Insincerity

By BURTON A. MILEY, Pastor
First Church, Springdale

Sincerity is a must for the Christian ministry. Pretense has no place among those who proclaim the message. Sincerity and truth fit together like hand and glove. Each is keenly discerned. Truth without sincerity is always questioned. Sincerity without truth is ineffective because its base had been cut from under it.

Questionable Methods

Two God-called men were in revival effort. One was pastor and the other evangelist. The meeting was not breaking as they thought it should. The evangelist suggested to the pastor that he preach the following service and appeal for rededication. The evangelist would come forward and open the meeting. The plan was acted out. The evangelist came with dramatic effect to rededicate his life. The meeting received a boost and others came. The question arises does the end justify the means? Only God can know all the motives of the human heart. There could have been good reasons for the evangelist to rededicate his life. The ministry is not beyond the point of improvement. However, the public move to "break" the meeting is questionable.

Basically was this movement of man prompted by the absence of faith in the power of the Holy Spirit? Is it the soul-searching question raised again between presumption and faith? Or is the whole incident one of exceptional spiritual acumen and wisdom used to further the work of God?

The art of touching up photographs is well known. It has great value for improvement of appearance. Should a preacher be given license to touch up his experiences, which may be quite ordinary, to make them unusually attractive? Is it a sin to color any experience to make it appear more powerful for the Lord and incidently more honoring to the one reciting it?

Each minister has confronted this problem and possibly has yielded to some extent to the temptation. The conversion story of some increases the sins and paints the background blacker with each telling. Can God bless the colored up experience as well as He could one given in truth and sincerity?

An evangelist visited a field for a revival under the terms of a love offering for compensation. Much stress was laid upon the fact that the evangelist felt that it was God's will for him to work on the field. "God would always provide for His own" was expressed often as a personal conviction. The pastor had not told the evangelist the method his people used to receive the love offering. It was to be taken the last three nights of the revival. Monday of the second week found the evangelist greatly worried about his hire. Would the pastor like for him to take his offering? Was he as sincere in his practice as he was in his profession? Certainly the pastor should have schooled him on the proposed plan. Does God provide through trust, manipulation or pressure?

Sometimes From Church

Insincerity is not always on the part of the pastor. Other leadership is unintentionally insincere also. The revival offering was advertised for the expense of the meeting which consisted of extra utilities, janitor, revival advertising, with the balance to be a love offering for the preacher. The meeting progressed well, the people were liberal, the offering was more than usual. The church was behind in gifts for the Cooperative Pro-

gram and on literature. When the revival receipts were reckoned, the deacons decided that, since the response was beyond expectation, it was a wonderful opportunity to ap-



propriate enough of the meetings receipts to cover past due mission obligations and current expense deficit. A church had been led into insincere handling of its promise. They were honest to tell the visiting preacher how they reasoned it out.

Basically preachers are honest and careful in all of their dealings. Occasionally one becomes careless. This carelessness is costly to the individual and the body to whom he ministers. A lack of confidence in the sincerity of a leader will react in proportion to subsequent leadership. Christians, above all others, should be sincere and truthful. The minister should give the example to lead in this sincerity.

Sincerity is from two words meaning without wax. It is the custom to wax over a crack or defect so that it appears that the product is whole and undamaged. The rubbing on of wax may cause a shine and a bit more glitter but it will not correct the defect that is underneath.

When God has His day of reckoning the yawning gap of insincerity can no more be waxed over than the lip of the earth which opened to receive Korah. Insincerity reduces the ministry in the minds of people to the level of a charlatan. Again it is the little foxes which eat the grapes — but little foxes have a way of growing up!

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TAXES

Here is how the income tax bite has grown in the past 43 years:

\$5,000 income: In 1913, a married man in this bracket paid \$10 in income taxes. In 1956, he will pay \$760.

\$8,000 income: In 1913, he paid \$40; in 1956, \$1,416.

\$100,000 income: In 1913, \$2,510; 1956, \$52,776.

One big reason is the phenomenal growth of government spending: In 1913 Uncle Sam spent \$725 million. This year he will spend some \$66 billion. Until spending can be reduced, taxpayers will have to foot the bill.

—Tax Foundation report

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Chattanooga, Tenn. Votes Liquor Ban

Chattanooga, Tennessee has voted to ban the sale of liquor after 17 "wet" years.

The November 6 liquor referendum covered Hamilton County, the site of Tennessee's fourth largest city.

Knox County, the state's third most populous which includes the city of Knoxville, has been "dry" for many years.

The Brazen Serpent

A Devotion By The Editor

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."

Jesus draws a striking parallel between an event in the history of Israel, with which all the Jews were familiar, and His own which He clearly foresees.

What did the bite of the serpent represent to Jesus?

The serpent injects his poison into one's being, a poison which either disintegrates the blood or paralyzes the nerve centers. This poison, a foreign and uncongenial substance, in the one case renders the blood helpless to perform its function in carrying the energizing and life-giving elements to all parts of the body; it stops the normal processes of life, causing excessive swelling, intense and agonizing pain and results in death; in the other case it disintegrates the nerve cells bringing on paralysis, unconsciousness, and death.

This is a picture of the effects of the virus of sin which enters life by way of temptation. It is a poison which affects the spiritual nature, interfering with the normal functioning of a spiritual being. The poison of sin causes the disintegration of the spiritual powers of one's being, clogging the channels of love and grace which energize the spiritual life, and paralyze the spiritual nerve centers so as to render one insensible to all spiritual influences.

What was represented by looking upon the brazen serpent?

It was a little thing in itself, just to look upon the brazen serpent. What possible virtue could there be in a mere look? To be healed they must pass from distrust to faith in God, and the healing resulted from a spiritual act, it represented a return of faith. In this act of a mere look the will of man met and accepted the will of God, pride was dethroned and confidence restored.

Jesus said, "Everyone that believeth hath everlasting life." A little thing in itself, but indicating a great and revolutionary change of heart. Yet it is so easy that it is possible for any one and every one to look to Jesus and live.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" John 3: 14, 15.

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From The Editor's Desk

My Retirement

At the meeting of the Executive Board Tuesday, November 27, I offered my resignation as editor and business manager of the *Arkansas Baptist* and the Board graciously voted to release me from the responsibilities on December 31, 1956.

For these nine years and eight months, you have allowed me to come into your homes in the pages of the *Arkansas Baptist*. You have been most gracious and co-operative as evidenced by the increased circulation, by the unbounded confidence which you have manifested toward me by your words of commendation and appreciation for the *Arkansas Baptist*.

I feel a very close personal relationship with every reader of the *Arkansas Baptist*, and I assure each one of you of my continued personal interest in each of you and in the *Arkansas Baptist* in the years to come. I hope you will give the next editor the

same fine support and encouragement that you have given me.

It is my hope and prayer that the *Arkansas Baptist* may continue to grow in circulation and influence in the years ahead. You have a state paper of which you may be justly proud. You, the subscribers and readers, have it within your power to make the *Arkansas Baptist* a still greater force in our denominational life and for kingdom building. And as I relinquish the position of editor, I want to appeal to every reader of the *Arkansas Baptist* to give your loyal support to the paper and to the new editor, whoever he may be.

I assure you that I shall follow the progress of the paper and of Arkansas Baptists in general with the keenest of personal interest and shall pray that God will lead Arkansas Baptists to ever greater achievements in the kingdom of our Lord.

The Arkansas Baptist Emergency

The following recommendation of the Executive Board was passed by the Convention: "That we empower and instruct the Executive Board to care for the financial needs of the *Arkansas Baptist*."

There should be an explanation of the need so that the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist* and the churches which have the *Arkansas Baptist* in the church budget should understand just what is involved. We shall try to present the facts as they are.

The total financial resources of the *Arkansas Baptist* have not diminished appreciably since May 1, 1947, when the present editor and business manager was elected. The total financial resources of the *Arkansas Baptist* as of May 1, 1947, were \$14,093.23. The total financial resources as of November 1, 1956, were \$13,339.82. There is less than a thousand dollars difference. We publish five issues in November which means that we publish one issue for which we have no corresponding income. However, in December we will publish only three issues which will balance the two months. There is increased advertising during the weeks prior to the Convention and it is expected to bring our total resources up to the \$14,000 or above by the end of the year. It is clear, then, that the emergency confronting the *Arkansas Baptist* is not caused by a decrease in the total financial resources.

However, for 1947 it cost \$49,826.81 to publish the *Arkansas Baptist*. We anticipate that it will cost well over \$100,000 to publish the *Arkansas Baptist* this year, 1956. It becomes obvious at once that a larger operating fund is required to carry on a business of a hundred thousand dollars or more than it does to carry on a business of fifty thousand dollars. Therefore, our need is that our operating fund be increased to around \$20,000.

Back in 1947 we had invested in paper stock around \$2,000, while at the present time we have invested in paper stock an average

of \$7,000. That is a \$5,000 increase in our operating needs. At the same time our circulation has increased from approximately 29,000 to almost 49,000. This increase requires a larger outlay week by week. Also the price of printing and the cost of paper have increased during these nine years. In 1947 we were paying between nine and ten cents per pound for paper stock. Now we are paying more than thirteen cents per pound for paper stock. Our paper stock alone will cost more than \$25,000 this year.

We are grateful that we have been able to hold a line on our total financial resources. But the time has come when those resources must be increased in order for the *Arkansas Baptist* to meet its weekly and monthly bills.

We mentioned the increased cost in paper stock. We doubt that the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist* would want to go to newsprint for the *Arkansas Baptist*. However, if we were willing to use newsprint in order to save money on the cost of paper stock, it is doubtful that we could do so because of the security of newsprint. Newsprint is even tighter than the paper we use. Other state papers in the south which use newsprint are having difficulty in securing enough paper for their needs. Some of them are having to reduce the number of pages they print each week because of the limited paper supply.

We have felt that this explanation was due our constituency. If there are any questions that have not been answered in this discussion, we should be glad to try to clear up any points that are not clearly understood.

President Eisenhower endorsed the new National Safety Council program to BACK THE ATTACK ON TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Because highway fatalities usually reach their peak during December holidays, the campaign opens this month and will continue through 1957. Churchmen everywhere have pledged support.

Arkansas Baptist Convention

The Arkansas Baptist Convention of 1956 is now history. However, the plans and program which were projected in the Convention lie in the future; 1957 will tell the story of these plans and program.

From all appearances the messengers and visitors from churches accepted the challenge of the program proposed for 1957 with enthusiasm and the determination to carry through with the execution of the program adopted by the Convention to a successful conclusion. While the program for 1957 is the most ambitious program ever proposed by Arkansas Baptists and carries the largest budget ever adopted by the State Convention, yet it is well within the ability of the Baptists of the state to meet the challenge.

Arkansas Baptists have for many years risen to the challenge of an ever-expanding program in kingdom service. We have not the slightest doubt but that they will meet the challenge of the 1957 program. Baptists are peculiar people in that they rise to meet a challenging program, but where such a challenge is lacking they fall to quarreling and fussing among themselves.

The great majority of Baptists in Arkansas like the program which is being promoted throughout the state and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. With a co-operative spirit, with enthusiasm and determination, they are applying themselves energetically in the promotion of this challenging kingdom service.

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Somebody or God

By JACK L. GRITZ

Something is deeply disturbing about the religious thinking of a great many Americans. We mean the ones who write and sing some of the popular songs of our day. As an example take "Somebody Up There Likes Me." This is typical of the thinking — or lack of it — done by the writers of songs which are designed to become popular but have a religious theme.

There is no clear thinking about God, about his nature, his righteousness, his person. There is just a reference to Somebody. He is a good sport, chummy, easy to get along with — and most important of all, he likes you.

This cheerful Somebody is rapidly becoming a substitute in many minds for the one true God. Sometimes he is called "the Man upstairs" or "Friend." This is a lot of sentimental nonsense.

Our God is the Creator of the universe, the Lord of hosts, the Almighty. He is to be approached in respect and awe. He is just and holy. He directs our paths. His ways are beyond our understanding or finding out.

The writers of such songs need a lot more reverence — and maybe a little more real religion. Don't let Somebody take the place of God in your life.

—The Baptist Messenger

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Until the world can say "How these Christians love one another," instead of "How these Christians dislike one another," Christianity can make no deep impact on the life of the world.

Christianity Today

Kingdom Progress

Groundbreaking Services At Leachville, First



First Church, Leachville, held groundbreaking services Sunday, October 28, during the morning service for a new educational building.

The building committee with Mrs. B. F. Montgomery, a charter member of the church, as shown in the picture are, left to right: Billy B. Steed, Joe R. Wheeler, L. D. Keith, Pastor Harold Presley, F. L. McHaney, LeRoy Carter, Wilburn Lovelady, J. D. Wells, Atherton Hiett, and Dennis Roby. Tommy Marshall, who is also a member of the committee, is not pictured.

Mrs. Montgomery gave a brief history of the beginning of the church which was organized in 1915, followed with a message by Pastor Presley.

LeRoy Carter, chairman of the building committee, assisted by Mrs. Montgomery turned the first spade of earth. Mr. Carter offered the closing prayer.

The new brick, one story building will be located on the north side of the present building and will contain pastor's study, 17 classrooms, and four assembly rooms. It will be air conditioned throughout.

News From Ouachita College

The Barkman Apartments on Eighth Street have been purchased as housing for married students at Ouachita. The apartments were obtained through the Federal Housing Administration.

Included in the purchase are two brick buildings with eight apartments in each. There are eight one-bedroom apartments and eight two-bedroom apartments. Each apartment has a living room, kitchen, and bath. Car sheds and laundry rooms are provided, and the college is repainting the interior of the apartments. They are located one block off campus.

Mena Church Calls Murphy

Truett Murphy, senior from Imboden, was called to the Dallas Avenue Church at Mena. His work at the Mena church began Nov. 17.

Before going to Mena Mr. Murphy served as pastor at Curtis and was a rural evangelist. He has been preaching for eight years.

The Mena church has an enrolment of 340 and averages a little over 200 in Sunday school. The average Training Union attendance is over 100.

Officers Selected Literary Mag

Officers for the 1956-57 edition of **RIPPLES**, literary magazine of Ouachita have been announced by Dr. William Doster, faculty sponsor.

Miss Raynall Bell, senior from Little Rock,

has been named editor. Serving as associate editor is Miss Joye Kersh, senior from Dermott; short story and art editor is Jim Maxwell, junior from Shreveport, La.; poetry editor is Miss Margie Witherington, senior from Camden; and Ray Lawrence, sophomore from Phenix City, Ala., is essay editor.

RIPPLES is published twice a year by students who aspire to write creative manuscripts. The publication contains short stories, poems, prose, essays and other original writings.

NASM Includes Ouachita

Ouachita College was elected to associate membership in the National Association of Schools of Music recently at the 32nd annual meeting of the association. James Luck, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts represented the college at the meeting which was held in Cleveland, Ohio.

The curricula which have been approved for the Division of Fine Arts lead to the degrees Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education. The National Association of Schools of Music is the organization which has been made responsible for music standards on a national scale by the National Commission on Accrediting. Founded in 1924 by a small group of music leaders for the purpose of establishing a closer relationship between schools of music and for cooperation with other educational associations, the NASM now includes some 225 of the leading universities, colleges, and conservatories in the United States.

Sawyer-Jacksonville Celebrate Anniversary



WM. B. SAWYER

W. B. Sawyer celebrated his first anniversary as pastor of Second Church, Jacksonville, Sunday, November 11, with groundbreaking services for the new \$50,000 educational building. The building will be financed with Baptist Building Bonds. Participating in the groundbreaking ceremonies were: Dr. B. L. Bridges, executive secretary of the State Convention; Ed Schmitt, mayor of Jacksonville; and Chaplain R. K. Duncan of the Little Rock Air Force Base. Vernon Thompson is chairman of the Building Committee.

During the first year of Pastor Sawyer's ministry, the Sunday school and Training Union enrolment increased more than 50 per cent, with attendance increasing proportionately. The Sunday school and Training Union have been graded and departmentized. There were 85 additions to the church with 29 by baptism. Gifts to the Cooperative Program have been increased from ten per cent to 18 per cent of undesignated receipts. The church budget has increased from \$7,900 to \$15,730. A new parsonage valued at \$13,700 was built. A new Neon sign was purchased, and the present educational building remodeled.

Foreman, First, Receives 25

Pastor Gordon G. Boone reports 19 additions by baptism and 6 by letter to First Church, Foreman, in the revival meeting November 7-18. J. H. Melton of Memphis, Tennessee, was the evangelist, and A. B. Byrum of Charlotte was the singer. Also during the meeting a new Sunday school attendance record was made with 199 present.

Hamptons Off to New Field

Mr. and Mrs. James Hampton left November 24, for New York City where they joined another missionary couple going to Tanganyika, East Africa, by plane on November 30. Their mission address is: Baptist Mission, Box 20395, Dar-es Salaam, Tanganyika, East Africa.

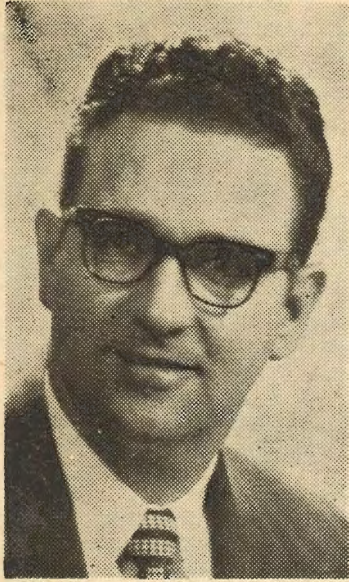
If you are interested in receiving the missionary letter from them, please send your name and address to Dillard S. Miller, First Church, Mena.

Overseas Missions Survey

Twenty-five per cent more Protestant missionaries from the U. S. and Canada are serving overseas than four years ago.

The new total — an all-time high of 23,432, of whom 22,680 came from the U. S.

Missions Conference Speaker



TAYLOR PENDLEY

Taylor Pendley, Associate Superintendent of Missions, Dallas, Texas, will be one of a number of interesting speakers scheduled for the state-wide Church-sponsored Missions Conference, December 11.

Pastors and associational missionaries are urged to bring the largest possible number of their Church and Associational Missions Committees to this meeting, which is being held at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, December 11. Beginning at 10:00 a. m.

—Leo B. Golden

Faulkner Association News

By JAY W. C. MOORE, *Missionary*

Construction has begun on the first of two units of an educational building at First Church, Conway. The unit under construction is 106 ft. by 118 ft. This will provide for five nurseries, two beginners, two intermediate, and one young people's departments. The unit will have 15,000 square feet and will cost \$95,000. James H. Street is pastor.

The Mt. Vernon Church has called Tom Davis as pastor and they have gone from half to full time service. Davis will be a Freshman in Ouachita College in January.

James Pleitz will be the "M" night speaker during the associational rally in First Church, Conway, December 3. Jack Hogue is the Associational Training Union Director.

"Youth's Dedicated Virtues"

The above is the title of the second in a series of small booklets published by J. Leland Hall, pastor, First Church, Clarksville, on the general theme, "Youth Wants the Answer." The first in the series was "A Challenge to Youth" published about a year ago. In "Youth's Dedicated Virtues," Mr. Hall has presented in compact, readable form some of the most practical and inspiration counsel I have seen or heard. Youth workers will do well to make both of these booklets available to their young people. They can be had from Mr. Hall, or from the Baptist Book Store, for only the cost of printing, which is 35 cents per copy. Those who know Pastor Hall, know him to be wonderful with young people. He has put his heart into these booklets. I can wholeheartedly recommend them, and I trust they may have a wide circulation.

—S. A. Wiles

Mansfield Pastor



CLIFFORD LYONS

Clifford Lyons accepted the pastorate of First Church, Mansfield, and began his work there November 11.

Mr. Lyons was ordained to the ministry by First Church, Fort Smith, May 30, 1948. He received the B. A. degree from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and the B. D. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has served as pastor at Judsonia, Mineral Springs, and goes to the Mansfield church from Southside Mission of First Church, Booneville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyons have one daughter, Ann Jeannette.

Assistant Chaplain Baptist Hospital



DR. J. DON CORLEY

Dr. J. Don Corley, chaplain at Arkansas Hospital for Nervous Diseases for the past two and one-half years, will become assistant chaplain at Arkansas Baptist Hospital on March 1.

J. F. Queen, hospital chaplain, said Dr. Corley would devote much of his time to patients in the hospital's new 20-bed psychiatric unit.

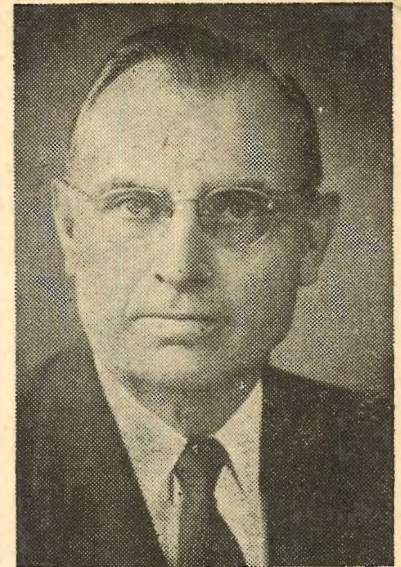
Dr. Corley attended public schools in West Helena and was graduated from Ouachita College in 1947. He received his Bachelor degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1949, his Master's degree in 1951, and his Doctor of Theology degree in 1954. His major at the Seminary was Christian psychology and counseling and Christian ethics.

Prior to joining the State Hospital staff as chaplain, Dr. Corley served as chaplain at Woman's Emergency Home, New Orleans, and assistant chaplain at Southern Baptist Hospital, also in New Orleans. In addition, he held pastorates in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana while attending Ouachita College and New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. Corley is one of 250 members of the Association of Mental Hospital Chaplains and was the 92nd chaplain admitted to membership in the American Protestant Hospital Chaplain's Association. Only those certified as an accredited hospital chaplain are eligible for membership in either organization.

Dr. Corley and his wife, the former Lynell Sandifer of Arkansas City, have two daughters, Betty, 4, and Donna, 9. They are members of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church.

Waldron Pastor



J. M. JAMES

J. M. James, after serving for five years and five months as superintendent of missions in Concord and Lamine Associations in Missouri, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Waldron. He assumed the work there on October 14.

Under his leadership the Vacation Bible School program in the Concord and Lamine Associations advanced from about 65 per cent of the churches conducting them to nearly 100 per cent.

Cooperative Program gifts in the Concord Association during the five year period moved up from \$27,230 in 1951 to \$49,775 in 1956. At the same time Cooperative Program gifts in the Lamine Association increased from \$5,902 to \$9,373.

Two churches were constituted in the Concord Association and one in the Lamine Association. One church was also revived. Four new pastor's homes were built, and a home for the superintendent of missions was purchased. All departments of the work made substantial progress.

In addition to his work in his own association, and other associations in Missouri, he found time also to assist in various activities in other states.

Born in Murray County, Kentucky, he received his A. B. degree from Union University at Jackson, Tennessee, and his Th. M. degree from Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. Before going to Missouri he was pastor of First Church, Checotah, Oklahoma, and the Crown Heights Church, Oklahoma City. His first work in Missouri was as superintendent of missions in the Caldwell-Ray and Clinton Associations.

The James have two children, Mrs. Mary Nell Dunn of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Arthur Lee, a student at Fork Union Baptist Military Academy, Fork Union, Virginia.

Altheimer Has Revival

First Church, Altheimer, recently conducted a two week meeting. There were eleven received on profession of faith and four additions by letter. The evangelist was Maurice Norman from Wake Forest, N. C. The pastor of the church is Lewis E. Clarke.

Pastoral Change

Oscar C. Hill began his service as pastor of Caudle Avenue Church, Springdale, December 2. He goes to the Springdale church from Mount Zion Church, Ector, Texas. He attended Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

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By Religious News Service

Blanchard Charges Religious Orders, Mormons Getting Extra Tax Benefits

Paul Blanchard, special counsel for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, charged that business activities and religious orders of the Roman Catholic Church were receiving "extra legal and unintended tax benefits." He also said the Mormon Church was getting similar benefits.

Another witness, who took a similar position, was the Rev. James M. Hutchinson of New York, representing the American Humanist Society.

Mr. Blanchard told the subcommittee that "tax favoritism" is costing the government "several million dollars a year" in revenue.

Both he and Mr. Hutchinson criticized the Internal Revenue Service for exempting from income taxes the profits of a distillery operated by the Christian Brothers of Napa, Calif., a Catholic order.

Mr. Blanchard also said a New Orleans radio station owned by Loyola University in New Orleans, a Jesuit institution, had declined to pay taxes on commercial profits and was seeking complete exemption under the Internal Revenue Service order.

He urged "a thorough investigation into commercial subsidies of the Mormon Church in Utah and the baking industry of the Trappist monks."

Says Moscow Will Permit American Missionaries

A Church of Christ missionary, Otis Gatewood, who recently visited Russia, said the Soviet Union's minister of cults had told him that American missionaries could be sent there. They probably would be the first of any American religious group to go there in several decades.

"We need American missionaries to witness for Christianity in the Soviet Union," he said. "Moscow, a city of 8,000,000 people, has only eight congregations of all faiths — Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist and Baha'i."

The evangelist said the number of Protestants is increasing in the Soviet Union, with between 10,000 and 20,000 baptisms held every year. He said there were about 500,000 Protestants in Russia and the Church of Christ had 85 congregations there.

Reports Christianity Keeping Morale High on Formosa

The chief of chaplains for Nationalist China says Christianity is helping keep morale high among the Chinese on Formosa.

Dr. Wei-Ping Chen visited Houston, Texas, on a tour sponsored by World Vision, Inc. He is seeking funds to establish a training school for chaplains on Formosa.

Dr. Chen is personal chaplain to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, and pastor of a non-denominational church in Taipei.

"Before we came to Formosa from the mainland nine years ago," he said, "one person out of every 1,000 was a Christian. This is still true on the mainland. But today in Formosa one person in every 100 is a member of some Christian denomination."

Dr. Chen said many of the island's social, business and political leaders are Christians.

White House Christmas Pageant To Stress Peace Theme

This year's Christmas Pageant on the White House grounds will emphasize the theme "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will" because of present world conditions, a sponsoring committee of business leaders announced in Washington, to last from Dec. 20 to Jan. 1. It will be centered around the "National Community Christmas Tree," a huge towering spruce.

In the President's Park between the White House and the Washington Monument the Pageant grounds will be laid out in the shape of a cross. The approach to the tree, to be called the "Pathway of Peace," will feature Christmas exhibits sent by the governors of all the states and territories and various foreign embassies in Washington.

A live-size Nativity scene and a Children's Corner will be included in the Pageant grounds.

Discloses University Fired Atheistic Professor

Dr. Cloyd Heck Marvin, president of George Washington University, Washington, D. C., disclosed that the university had dismissed a science professor because he was a "professed atheist."

The university is a non-denominational private school. It has a Department of Religion headed by Dr. Joseph Sizoo, former president of New Brunswick, N. J., Theological Seminary.

"As a matter of policy," Dr. Marvin told a meeting of the Washington Ministerial Union, "we do not have anyone teaching on our faculty who does not have faith in God."

He said the professor, whom he did not identify, was an "able scientist" but "could not bring himself to accept belief in a Divinity."

"Eight or nine months ago the question came up as to whether he should stay on," Dr. Marvin said, "and the decision was reached that he couldn't be a good teacher of science without faith and so he went to another institution."

"I don't think an agnostic has much to offer students," he added.

Presbyterians Honor Woodrow Wilson On Centenary of His Birth

A memorial plaque to President Woodrow Wilson was unveiled at Central Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., of which he was a member, in connection with the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, said at the ceremony that Wilson's religious faith is an important factor in mankind's hope for peace today.

Mr. Mackay said Wilson's vision of the League of Nations grew out of his desire to apply Christian ethics to practical world affairs.

"He was forsaken by men of his day as an impractical dreamer and died a broken man," the theologian said. "Yet we would not have the United Nations today — we would not have hope for world peace — if it were not for that pioneering vision of Wilson."

A Smile or Two



"It's a tie my wife gave me for my birthday—I keep hoping it will get caught in one of the machines."

Dr. Pester: "You'll only jump out of the frying pan into the fire."

Mrs. Pester: "We don't use such things as frying pans and fires. I suppose you mean out of the electric grill and into a short circuit?"

A local jobber had hired a new messenger. Instructing him on picking up certain items, the boss said, "And if they can't give you these things, be sure to phone me. Just dial Capital 7-5526."

The boy stood thoughtfully, making no move to get started.

"What's wrong?" asked the boss.

"Oh, nothing's wrong. But I just don't know how to dial a capital 7."

—Automotive Service Digest

A gentleman today is a man who holds the door open so his wife can carry in \$25 worth of groceries in 2 small sacks.

—Banking

It's strange how unimportant your job is when you ask for a raise, and how important it is when you want a day off.

—Howie Lasseter

The two couples were sitting in the living room, talking. During a momentary lull in the women's conversation, one wife picked up her ears as she caught a portion of the men's discussion:

"Well, now take my wife," her husband was saying. "Most wonderful woman in the world. Loving. Gentle. Tender. Sweet. A perfect helpmate! If you don't believe me, just ask her!"

—Quote

A bachelor is a man who hasn't yet come face to face with a feminine roadblock.

—O. A. Battista

A well-known judge dined recently at a hotel, where the man who took care of the hats is celebrated for his memory about the ownership of headgear.

"How do you know this is my hat?" the judge asked as his silk hat was presented to him.

"I don't know it, sir," said the man.

"Then why do you give it to me?" insisted the bewildered judge.

"Because you gave it to me, sir," replied the man without moving a muscle of his face.

News From Baptist Press

BWA Revises Budget For 1957 Operations

The Baptist World Alliance administrative committee has approved a revised 1957 budget which includes \$25,000 for work of its relief committee.

The total budget is \$100,000. Before revision, it was \$70,700.

The largest item is for salaries of BWA personnel — \$30,600.

The Alliance announced it estimates it will receive \$30,000 from the Southern Baptist Convention toward its operations, \$15,000 from the American Baptist Convention, and \$8,000 from other participating Baptist conventions.

It expects to receive \$6,000 in an offering on annual Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Another \$15,000, it is estimated, will be income from special gifts.

The proposed 1958 budget of \$90,000 asks for \$45,000 in support from Southern Baptists, \$20,000 from American Baptists, and \$11,000 from other conventions.

Alliance Asks Aid, Prayer For Stricken

Recent upheavals in Hungary and fighting elsewhere have led the Baptist World Alliance to call on Baptists throughout the world for their prayers and their aid to refugees.

The BWA administrative committee, meeting here, made plans to aid refugees from Hungary, where a fight to end Russian domination was violently suppressed recently.

Josef Nordenhaug, president of European Baptist Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, relayed a message from Southern Baptist Missionary John Allen Moore, in Vienna. Moore described the situation in Hungary as "chaotic" and spoke of the "staggering need." There are as many as 3,000 refugees crossing the "iron curtain" from Hungary into Austria each night, they reported. Baptists of Austria have set up three centers for refugees — one in Salzburg and two in Vienna. There are 20,000 Baptists living in Hungary, and some of these are among the refugees.

The Alliance asked a group of nine Baptist representatives in Austria to work with the Alliance relief committee in giving food, clothing, medicines, and shelter to the refugees.

The Alliance also voted to continue a refugee re-settlement program in the United States to provide homes for displaced persons.

The text of the appeal by the administrative committee follows:

"The administrative committee of the Baptist World Alliance gives utterance to deep distress at the sufferings of whole nations at this time of international disorder and turmoil.

"We call upon Baptist people in every land to intercede in prayer in behalf of all victims of injustice and want in stricken countries, and to give with renewed generosity toward the relief of hunger, cold, disease, and homelessness.

"We especially lay upon the heart of every member of our churches the terrible plight of the peoples of Hungary and all other lands ravaged by recent fighting, and urge upon them the immense needs of the increasing masses of refugees."

Youth Conference Dates Announced

The first world meeting of Baptist youth to be held in North America is scheduled for Toronto, Canada, June 27-July 2, 1958.

Baptist World Alliance offices announced dates for the Baptist Youth World Conference after a meeting of the administrative

section of its youth committee.

The committee chose the Varsity Arena and Varsity Stadium at University of Toronto as places where the conference will be held. Plans have been made to accommodate a minimum of 6,000 and a maximum of 8,000 delegates because of housing and auditorium space available.

The Alliance urged every Baptist group in the world to send its delegates. Priority will be given young people and Baptist youth leaders from outside North America. The program is planned for young people above 15 years of age.

The theme will be "Christ for the World — Now."

Woman Pays Pledge On \$75 Million Campaign

A Los Angeles woman has sent the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office \$50 in payment of a pledge due about 35 years ago.

Miss Ola M. Graves pledged to pay that sum during the Convention's \$75 Million Campaign to support its capital needs from 1919 to 1924.

"Please accept the enclosed check for \$50 in payment of a pledge I made many years ago when Southern Baptists had a drive known as the \$75 Million Campaign. I have never forgotten I made the pledge but have not been able to keep it," Miss Graves wrote.

Treasurer Porter Routh said the \$50 will go into the Convention's 1956 Cooperative Program budget. The Cooperative Program was adopted as the Convention's financial plan in 1925.

Receipts during the \$75 Million Campaign reached only \$58½ million. The results of recent giving are better. For several years now Southern Baptist people have been over-subscribing their annual budgets.

With a hopeful eye to the remaining unpaid balance, Routh added: "If there are any others who made pledges during the campaign that have not been paid, checks will be accepted."

Dallas, First, Pledges \$1½ Million in a Day

Members of First Baptist Church, Dallas, pledged \$1,523,691 on a single Sunday — November 18 — toward the church's 1957 budget.

Church officers claimed it was the largest amount of money ever pledged to any church in a single day. The goal for the day was \$1,505,000.

The goal included \$800,000 for debt retirement on a new building and \$705,000 to provide for church operations and missionary activities during the coming year. Both portions of the goal were over-pledged.

New York Next Crusade For Billy Graham

With the closing meeting of the Louisville Crusade on October 28, the schedule for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team put the New York City Crusade, beginning on May 15, 1957, next in the Team's planning.

Final statistics for the Louisville Crusade reveal it to be the third largest four-week Crusade the Graham Team has conducted in America — surpassed only in total attendance by the Dallas Crusade in 1953, and the Nashville Crusade in 1954.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful."

—Home Mission Board

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

EMOTIONALLY SICK WOMAN

Question: I am a woman fifty years of age. I have an emotional illness which causes me almost unbearable physical and mental suffering. Since my youth I have been to many doctors and psychiatrists but they seem unable to help me.

My problem is this — I do not feel that I am saved, therefore do not have any security. I am terribly afraid of death and do not see how anyone can suffer as I do at times and live. I have been to the altar and tried to be saved many times, but the only feeling I have is this awful fear. Am I doomed to hell because I just cannot understand how to be saved?

Answer: I notice that you speak of "feeling" that you are not saved. Perhaps you have placed too much emphasis on the matter of feeling. The Bible does not say "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will feel saved." Nor does Jesus say that "whosoever feeleth that he believes will have everlasting life."

Some people who have emotional disorders can never feel right toward God. They always feel estranged from God. This is unfortunate, but it is the way some people are.

If you acknowledge Christ as the Son of God and as your Saviour, you may be sure that he will take care of you, feeling or no feeling. Faith means trusting Christ "in spite of" your doubts and fears. It means trusting Him the best that you can to do what he promised to do. God will do the rest. It is that simple. God knows all about your feelings and he understands even if you do not.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

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Tennessee Budget Aids College Capital Needs

Tennessee Baptists have approved a budget division for 1957 which will give state Baptist schools seven per cent of convention receipts.

The money will be used to meet the capital needs of Carson-Newman College at Jefferson City; Belmont College at Nashville; Union University at Jackson, and Harrison-Chilhowee Academy at Seymour.

Of the remaining 93 per cent, 49 per cent will be used within Tennessee Baptist Convention for state-supported objectives; 44 per cent will be forwarded for Southern Baptist Convention objectives.

The convention, meeting in Knoxville in annual session, adopted an overall budget of \$2,800,000.

J. Howard Young, pastor, First Baptist Church, Springfield, Tenn., was elected state convention president. He succeeded Ralph Norton, pastor of Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

The convention voted to meet again Nov. 12-14, 1957, in Nashville.

Maryland Re-Elects Vice President

The Maryland Baptist Union Association met in Easton for its 1956 session and elected Cline L. Vice, pastor at Glen Burnie, to a second term as president.

It also adopted a 1957 Cooperative Program budget of \$350,000 including \$149,212 to be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention.

University Baptist Church, Baltimore, will be host to the 1957 association. Tentative dates are Nov. 11-13.

State Conventions Vote to Erect New

District Convention Elects R. S. Cooper

District of Columbia Baptists have elected Robert S. Cooper, pastor of East Washington Heights Baptist Church, their president. He succeeds Edward S. Fox, Sr.

First Baptist Church, Hyattsville, Md., will serve as host of the 1957 convention when it assembles Nov. 18-19. Hyattsville, a suburb just across the district boundary, is a part of the D. C. convention.

The total 1957 budget is \$361,556. Of this amount, \$163,278 will be divided equally between the American and Southern Baptist Conventions. The D. C. convention has ties with both bodies.

Five hundred twenty delegates registered.

In Alabama

The convention voted to ask that federal funds no longer be made available to denominational hospitals under the Hill-Burton Act.

It also voiced its disagreement with the appointment of two Baptist ministers to positions with state alcoholic beverage control board.

Harold Seever, pastor, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, was elected convention president, succeeding Henry Lyon, of Montgomery. The convention accepted Dauphin Way Church's bid to be host to the 1957 convention meeting. Dates are Nov. 12-14; 1,192 messengers registered for the 1956 sessions.

The 1957 Cooperative Program budget, as adopted, provides \$715,200 for Southern Baptist Convention. Total budget is \$2,462,022.

Arizona Administrative Changes are Approved

The Baptist General Convention of Arizona approved several administrative changes at the state office when it met in annual session in Yuma.

Messengers elected Howard Halsell, former convention director of religious education, to administrative assistant to Executive Secretary Charles McKay.

The department of religious education was divided into two sections — a Sunday school department and a Baptist Training Union department. The convention chose Ernie Myers, former Nashville minister, to be state Sunday school secretary, C. E. Archer, general missionary at Globe, Ariz., becomes state Training Union Secretary.

The convention also created a historical commission to have nine members.

Grand Canyon College, the convention's school at Phoenix, reported a gift of \$69,000 from Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming, of Fort Worth, Tex. The Flemings have given money to a number of Baptist enterprises.

The 1957 proposed budget of \$326,328 was accepted. It includes 17 per cent for Grand Canyon College, 17 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention, and two per cent for Paradise Valley Baptist Ranch. The rest is for state missions.

Messengers re-elected Paul W. Davis, of Chandler, president. They voted to meet again Nov. 13-15, 1957, in Glendale.

In 1955, 219 churches affiliated with Arizona convention gave \$208,000 to state and SBC Cooperative Program. During the succeeding year, 86 churches withdrew to cooperate with the new Colorado convention. Yet, in 1956, churches remaining with Arizona contributed \$213,000 to the Cooperative Program, it was reported.

Georgia Spurns Social Service Recommendation

The Georgia Baptist Convention refused at its annual session in Atlanta to endorse the 1954 decision of the United States Supreme Court on racial segregation.

The 57-minute debate over the segregation question was the only controversy at the three-day session in Atlanta. The debate arose over a proposed set of recommendations from the convention's social service commission.

The social service commission suggested the convention endorse the court decision and suggested further that co-operating churches "seek to create an atmosphere" for compliance with the court ruling on public school segregation. This was rejected by the convention's messengers by about 3-to-1.

After the debate, the convention voted to increase the number of members on the social service commission from five to 15. They also limited future commission annual reports to 500 words, to be publicized 30 days before a convention.

However, the convention did agree to "exercise Christian grace and patience" and "Christian principles that apply to the problem."

The convention adopted a Cooperative Program budget of \$2,665,100 for 1957, this being \$130,900 greater than the 1956 budget. It provides \$1,187,300 for Southern Baptist Convention, an increase of \$62,450.

In other matters, the Georgia convention:

1. Accepted the Pine Mountain Children's Home in Pike County as a gift. The home is valued at \$150,000. The convention indicated it will continue to operate the home which now has 35 children, but will use it for "short-term" care.

2. Elected James P. Wesberry, pastor, Morningside Baptist Church, Atlanta, president, succeeding James W. Merritt, Gainesville.

3. Selected Valdosta for the 1957 session, Nov. 12-14.

Florida to Assume Institute Control

Florida Baptist Convention meeting in Orlando, has voted to accept ownership and operating control of Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla.

Cecil B. Carroll, Jacksonville layman and former president of the convention, heads a committee which will work out details for transferring control to the convention.

The Bible institute is one of several in the Southern Baptist Convention under local control. Both Florida and Kentucky Baptists petitioned unsuccessfully in the past to have control of the institutes taken by the SBC.

The 1,607 registered messengers ratified a 1957 budget of \$1,600,000, to be divided between the Southern Baptist Convention and state Cooperative Program on an equal basis.

The convention asked the state Baptist college, Stetson University, at Deland, to seek a charter amendment to provide for election of college trustees by the convention proper. At present, the convention can only nominate trustees.

(However, Stetson University signified that such a change would be unconstitutional. See story below for details.)

J. Earl Stallings, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ocala, succeeded Preston B. Sellers, Pensacola, as convention president. In 1957, the convention will meet in Pensacola on Nov. 12-14.

Stetson Learns Proposed Change Unconstitutional

Any revision of the charter of Stetson University providing for direct election of its trustees by the Florida Baptist Convention would be unconstitutional, according to Burt Lane, Pensacola, attorney for the convention.

"This is no new proposal," J. Ollie Edmunds, De Land, president of Stetson University, said as he reviewed the action taken by the Florida convention.

"This same request was made by the same convention in 1907 but was rejected by the Legislature that same year as being invalid," he added.

Attorney Lane told the convention that the attitude of trustees, faculty, and public generally would be taken into account by the Legislature and "if there is likelihood of public controversy, the effect upon the school should not be ignored."

Lane also warned that the University might lose some of its properties by title reversion if there are charter changes.

Kentucky Approves Louisville School

The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky voted in its recent annual meeting at Madisonville to establish a branch of Georgetown College in Louisville.

The branch college, starting out as a junior college, will be established in 1960 or soon thereafter. Georgetown, in the Kentucky city of the same name, is the senior college operated by the general association.

The association instructed its secretary to enrol as messengers all persons duly elected whether the messenger are men or women.

It also adopted a \$2 million Cooperative Program budget for 1957.

W. R. Pettigrew, pastor, Walnut St. Baptist Church, Louisville, will serve as new moderator (president) of the general association, succeeding H. C. Chiles, of Murray.

The 1957 convention session will convene in Harlan with Harlan Baptist Church as host. In 1958, it will meet in Elizabethtown.

Louisiana Sets Aside Public Affairs Fund

The Louisiana Baptist Convention has voted \$15,000 to be used by its public affairs committee to fight gambling and violations of separation of church and state.

The convention's 1956 annual session in New Orleans granted the appropriation.

The public affairs committee in a report the convention endorsed called on Gov. Long to order state police enforcement of anti-gambling laws. It also called on the state legislature to enact more rigid laws affecting gambling at race tracks and slot machine houses.

"The use of tax monies for transportation of children to sectarian schools (must) be abolished," the committee declared.

Retiring Convention President S. C. Rushing, of Baton Rouge, said in his president address that use of Hill-Burton Act grants by church-related hospitals "is a clear violation of our historic principles (of church and state)."

"If Congress can appropriate money for church hospitals, it can just as easily tax the people for any other religious purpose," he continued. (Alabama Baptists, in conven-

Buildings; More Money for Missions

tion at the same time, took a similar stand against Hill-Burton funds.)

The committee recommended that chapters of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) be established in every association.

R. Houston Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pineville, was elected convention president. The convention's constitution limits presidents to only one year in office.

Time and place of the 1957 meeting is Nov. 12-14 in Baton Rouge.

The 1957 budget of \$1,900,000 will include a Southern Baptist Convention portion of \$617,715.

Mississippi Allows Colleges to Borrow

Mississippi's four Baptist colleges have authority to borrow a total of \$600,000 against their capital needs allocations for 1957-60 to meet immediate building needs.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention, in session here in Jackson, granted the authority. Mississippi College at Clinton will erect four buildings — a library, fine arts building, and dormitories for men and women.

Each of the other three schools will construct two buildings.

The \$600,000 in borrowed funds will be added to \$435,000 already available from current capital needs allocations, making a total construction fund of \$1,035,000.

The Convention also authorized any of the colleges to issue bonds at a maximum of 2½ per cent interest for construction. Loans must be self-liquidating. This apparently means that the loaning agency will be the government's Federal Housing Authority.

Mississippi College announced it will apply for \$400,000 through a bond issue. This will be used to build a student activities building having in it several revenue-producing sources such as barber shop and cafeteria.

Upon recommendation of a special committee, the convention agreed that Blue Mountain College, in the north Mississippi Community of the same name, will retain its status as a four-year college for women. There have been some suggestions to make it co-educational.

Blue Mountain will continue, however, to accept male day students, studying for the ministry.

The 1957 Cooperative Program budget is \$1,900,000, with a Southern Baptist Convention share of \$712,258 less \$84,998 preferred item.

The convention also created a nine-member historical commission and elected S. R. Woodson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbus, to be convention president. Next year's convention will also be in Jackson, Nov. 12-14.

Mississippi to Buy New Building Site

The Mississippi Baptist Convention has voted to buy new property in Jackson as future site for a state Baptist building.

The property price was not disclosed by Lester Quarles, state convention executive secretary. The convention, however, will pay \$20,000 down on the land, taking this sum from unspent state mission receipts.

The balance of the cost will be paid during the next five years. The size of the property is virtually 160 feet on each of four sides. Frame buildings now occupy the property. It is one block from the present offices.

North Carolina Will Study Institutions

A committee of 25 will study the future of Baptist institutions in North Carolina, including hospitals, colleges, homes for the aged, and children's homes.

The committee was named by the annual session of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina meeting in Winston-Salem. Earlier, Baptists in eastern North Carolina asked the state convention to establish a four-year college, hospital, and home for the aged in that part of the state.

Thomas P. Pruitt, of Hickory, N. C., chairs the committee. It will make a report when the 1957 session convenes Nov. 12-14 at Raleigh.

Douglas M. Branch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, presented the petition for institutions in eastern North Carolina. He said there is a "pressing need" for a college and hospital "east of Raleigh."

On the proposed home for the aged in the eastern part of the state, trustees of the homes for aged corporation were authorized to take steps to accept a promised gift of \$50,000 and 14-acre tract of land.

J. C. Canipe, director of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, Hendersonville, was re-elected convention president. The convention changed the name of its home in Thomasville from Baptist Orphanage to Baptist Children's Home.

The convention also defeated a resolution that would have barred Negro students from attending North Carolina Baptist colleges. This apparently left unchanged the decision of the 1955 convention to leave these matters in the hands of the trustees of the individual schools.

The state's 1957 Cooperative Program budget is \$2,900,000, including SBC portion of \$1,160,000. Any money received beyond the budget figure will be shared 25 per cent for state work and 75 per cent for the Southern Baptist Convention.

There were 1,922 registered messengers and about 3,000 in attendance, including visitors.

Oklahomans Observe 50th Anniversary

Oklahoma Baptists formally observed their 50th anniversary at the 1956 session of the state Baptist General Convention, meeting in Oklahoma City.

The 1,694 messengers, augmented by 2,160 visitors, approved long-range goals for their denominational work. This would include increasing gifts to missions, securing \$10 million endowment for Baptist institutions, increasing Sunday school enrolment, building new student centers at colleges, and expanding work in hospital care and child care.

After certain deductions for administrative and promotional work, 1957 Cooperative Program receipts will be divided equally between state and Southern Baptist Convention purposes. The SBC share is \$970,979. The total budget is \$2,250,000.

Three hundred students from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, presented a historical pageant, "Make Straight the Way." It depicted the work of the convention.

Among the 10-year goals set are:

1. 260,000 baptisms.
2. \$4 million annual Cooperative Program budget.
3. 466,000 Sunday school enrolment, compared with present 306,000.
4. 340,000 enrolled in Baptist Training Union.
5. 600 new churches and missions organized in decade.

The convention also voted to give its Brotherhood department full sponsorship of Royal Ambassadors, church boys' organization, Jan. 1, 1957. Bob Banks will continue as full-time RA secretary.

J. Thurmond George, pastor, First Baptist Church, Duncan, succeeded Max Stanfield, Oklahoma City, as convention president. The dates of the 1957 convention are Nov. 12-14 in Tulsa.

Charleston Group Asks S. C. Convention For College

Charleston Baptist Association asked the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina to consider establishing a Baptist college in that city.

The state convention, in session at Columbia, chose a committee to study the request for the college. The committee also was charged to study the capital needs of all institutions and agencies of the state convention.

South Carolina Southern Baptists presently support Furman University, four-year college at Greenville; co-educational North Greenville (Junior) College, Tigerville; and Anderson College, junior college for women in Anderson.

The president of Anderson College, E. F. Haight, was elected president of the state convention. He succeeded J. H. Simpson, of Ridge Spring.

The 1,237 messengers approved a \$3 million Cooperative Program budget for 1957. After meeting preferred items of \$321,599, the convention will divide the next \$1,332,684 equally between the state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The SBC also will receive 40 per cent of any additional state convention receipts up to a maximum SBC share of \$538,000.

The convention extended the time for Furman University trustees to work out a plan to abolish Greek-letter fraternities at the college. The convention at its 1955 meeting had requested they be abolished.

Virginia to Study Religious Liberty

The Baptist General Association of Virginia has named a standing committee to study matters of religious liberty.

The association took this action during its 1956 session in Alexandria. It also announced its opposition to religious instruction in free public schools.

The religious liberty study commission further said that Oak Hill Baptist Academy in Grayson County apparently permitted its students to travel to and from school on public school buses and accepted public welfare funds to support boarding students.

It said it "deplored" this situation and hoped it would soon be changed.

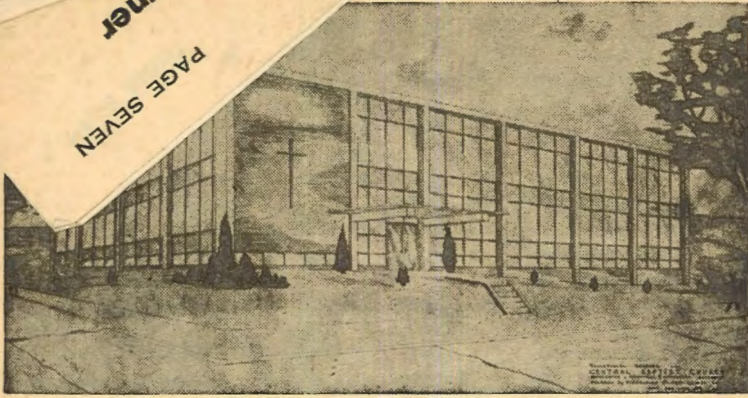
The 1,306 messengers in attendance approved a Cooperative Program budget for 1957 of \$2½ million. The operating budget is \$813,463. Receipts will be distributed 60 per cent to statewide objectives and 40 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention until they reach \$1,127,970.

After that, 50 per cent will be sent to the SBC.

W. Curtis English, a layman from Altavista, succeeded Charles L. Harman, president of Bluefield (Va.) College, as association president.

The association is scheduled to meet Nov. 12-14, 1957, in Roanoke.

Announces New Building



Central Church of Magnolia marked the completion of its new \$250,000 educational building with a dedication service at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 2. The pastor, Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt, was in charge of the service held in the sanctuary. The church choir, under the direction of Ken B. Green, minister of music and education, provided special music. Following the brief service, guests and members were invited to tour the new building.

The new building occupies the corner of Union and Jefferson streets, the place where the old sanctuary formerly stood. Ground-breaking services were held last January 29, and after razing the old sanctuary, the new building was completed within seven months.

The dark red brick and glass structure is modern in design. Ginocchio, Cromwell and Associates of Little Rock were the architects; and T. L. Bennett, supervisor of construction. The building committee included: W. C. Blewster, chairman; Dr. Joe F. Rushton, co-chairman; Charles A. Dillard, J. P. Downs, Sr., and Glen Fair, Sr.

The building is constructed of steel, brick, concrete, solex glass, and aluminum. The ground floor provides for two intermediate departments with 16 classrooms; a spacious dining hall; an electric kitchen, equipped with dishwasher and stainless steel fixtures; arranged to serve meals cafeteria style; and two rest rooms.

The second floor, which is one-half flight above the entrance, provides for children, birth through five years of age, in seven nurseries and two Beginner departments. The nurseries are equipped with the most modern fixtures and teaching aids. The ladies' lounge is also on the second floor.

The third floor houses children six through twelve years of age, with a separate department for each age group. The three Primary departments will use the "open room interest center" method of teaching. The four Junior departments have six classrooms each.

The roof is flat and will be used for a recreation area and church socials. This part of the

building will not be completed until spring.

Temperature in the entire structure is regulated with a circulating heating and air-conditioning system.

The furnishings of every department and room are in keeping with the modern design of the building. All glass walls are covered with aluminum draw drapes, and are protected by aluminum chair rails.

The new addition to the facilities of the church make it possible for the Sunday school organization to expand from 10 departments to 23 departments with 97 classes. The educational facilities in the sanctuary will house adults, ages 45 and up. The old educational unit will house the married young people, married through 24 years of age; Adult I department, ages, 25-34; and Adult II department, ages 35-44. The young people, ages 17-24, will meet in the Youth Building which is across the street from the sanctuary.

This is the second extensive building program for Central Church within the last six years. A \$250,000 sanctuary was completed in 1950.

STUDIES IN JONAH

The larger message of the little-read Book of Jonah is the primary consideration in a new book recently released by Broadman Press. The book is appropriately entitled *Studies in the Book of Jonah*.

In eight well thought-out chapters, Dr. James Hardee Kennedy, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at New Orleans Seminary, discusses the larger issues of the prophet Jonah's work. He sees the major message of Jonah to be God's concern for all people. Numerous Hebrew "word studies" are used by the author to clarify meanings and enlighten the thought patterns of biblical times.

Although the book is scholarly in its interpretation, Dr. Kennedy's evangelistic slant makes it valuable to all pastors and Bible teachers. The book, which is available at all book stores, is suitable also for use as collateral reading in colleges and seminaries.

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MUSIC — Arthur Hottel, J. B. Measel, G. W. Smith, John Cox, Billy J. Walsh.

B. S. U. — David Garland, Tom Lindley, Quincy Mathis, Burton Miley.

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W. M. U. — S. W. Eubanks, James Riherd, W. A. Moody, E. C. Polk, O. M. Stallings.

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2500 Decisions In Simultaneous Meet

More than 2,500 decisions were made in the Hong Kong-Macao simultaneous evangelistic and stewardship crusade which began November 11 and closed November 25. Summary attendance was estimated at 75,000.

All of the 14 Baptist churches and 20 mission chapels co-operated in this advance project in evangelism and church development. Three Southern Baptist leaders who helped in the crusade are Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Dr. J. Howard Williams, president, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.; and Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

CHURCH MUSIC SECRETARIES WILL MEET IN NASHVILLE

Baptist state church music secretaries will meet in Nashville December 17 through 19 with workers of the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. They will plan the Southern Baptist music education program, establish goals and objectives for 1957, and exchange ideas on methods and materials for church music promotion.

SALE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY COURSE BOOKS HAS PASSED SIX MILLION MARK

The sale of Sunday school books has passed the six million mark, H. S. Simpson, manager, Merchandise Control Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, re-

Radio-TV Commission Receives Donation

Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio-Television Commission says there are friends who look upon evangelistic television as a genuine missionary endeavor, worthy of the denomination's hearty support.

As a result, a Ft. Worth couple has donated \$25,000 for the production of one of the 30-minute films now being produced in Hollywood.

Starting in January, Southern Baptists will be able to offer a six-month package of weekly films to any television station which will schedule the program on a public service basis. Each film is a drama based on Scripture and is designed to stress practical Christianity in the daily lives of the viewers.

As of this week, "This Is The Answer" has been telecast on 100 U.S. stations. Latest television station to schedule the series is WTOP-TV in the nation's capitol. It is estimated that 45 million individuals will have viewed the series by January, 1957. The film series is, in effect, preaching the gospel message of Jesus Christ to those who might otherwise not hear it.

ported.

The five million point was reached April 1, 1954, Simpson said, indicating more than one million copies of Sunday school study course books were sold between April 1, 1954, and October 1, 1956.

"The rate is picking up," he said.

How I Find Joy In Christmas

S. L. MORGAN, SR., Wake Forest, N. C.

As age comes on, maybe unlike others, I find increasing joy in Christmas. For I think the years have brought me a deeper kind of joy than that of the child. I wish to share with others the secret I have learned. Besides the deeper religious meaning, I find in Christmas the unique opportunity of the year to draw closer the bonds of friendship, to say a hearty Thank You to the numerous people who during the year have been kind or helpful, and to send messages of cheer and comfort to many who have been battling with heavy odds, and sorely need a boost.

Christmas Greetings

A Precious Opportunity

I therefore see Christmas greetings as a precious opportunity to do vast good. Soon millions — likely billions — of greeting cards will be speeding across the land. What a vast power for good, if only people will put heart and purpose into them. But millions of them will carry no message — nothing personal but a name signed — or maybe in cold type. That always causes me a little twinge of regret and sorrow. If only on the card one had written even three words: "I love you!" Its value would have been multiplied. But one can so easily do more than that. I plead for send each greeting with an earnest purpose. Mine shall go with three main objectives:

First, to cement old friendships and cultivate new ones. Increasingly I have delighted in Christmas as the blossoming time for the seeds of friendship and love sown during many years. I feel sure that I've kept many friendships intact for years by the tiny notes I've sent at Christmas — many of them on postal cards; for my simple greeting cards never hold out. For my list includes friends cherished from boyhood through all the years. I want them to know that often I've thought of them, and the greeting is but to assure them that the old friendship still holds and is valued. To sign my name merely doesn't say it loud enough. And no investment has paid me bigger dividends than the tiny notes sent

once-a-year. I count the holding of friends almost a life and death matter. For who can live without friends?

A deeper purpose still will go into many of my greetings: to put heart into the moral battles I've seen friends waging through the years, some with temptation, doubt, discouragement; with debt, sickness, sorrow, with marriages that threaten to break, with children going wrong. Once a year at Christmas my notes will strive to give a boost to such. Some at times have told me, "We have kept a file of your notes for years; we read them over at times, and they give us a boost." Why not have a list of such for greetings?

I have in Kansas a wonderful cousin. Long a school teacher or principal, she keeps a list of former students. She put her life into them, and started them toward the good, useful life, and at Christmas sends them each a note — two to three-hundred of them. Most reply. And many, year by year go back often hundreds of miles — to talk over their school days and tell how often her interest and her ideals have followed them into careers she can be proud of. And it seems to her a rich reward for a life spent in helping to make them good and great. Why not each of us have a list for greetings aimed at helping make the weak strong for the hard battle of life?

My Thank-You Notes

What a warming of the heart I feel as I look back over the years at the people who have helped me! There is the simple, devoted girl teacher of the little boy I was 70 years ago, whose goodness made me want to be good, and whose little religious service each morning taught me to worship, and made religion forever real to me. Each Christmas for many years I've thanked her in far-off Oklahoma for what she did for me in two five-month terms. And in her scrawling hand at 90 she thanks me back for helping her to feel sure she has not lived in vain. And along with her will be on my list a score or

so of others bound to me in gratitude and mutual kindness all down the years. You, too, do well to think back and put your heart into thank-you notes. Surely it is little enough to do once a year to many who have enriched your life. Doing it will warm their hearts and yours.

One select group for my thank-you notes will be those who have gone through great sorrow or trial triumphantly. They stir my admiration and gratitude, and my heart says with a thrill, "Maybe with God's help I could do it too, if the worst comes!" Such I want to thank heartily.

Some of these I watched when their hearts broke in a great sorrow, and I saw them weep-and-smile it through to victory, some of them from afar through their letters. They wrote, "I felt I couldn't go on, but God helped me to victory, and I feel maybe I can help others more for my suffering."

There is the frail woman in her 80's whom I saw watching over her two bed-ridden sisters, also in their 80's. She wrote, "I pray I may hold out to see them to their end." Once I saw her — so frail I doubted if her prayer could be answered. But it was. And my Christmas note will tell her I think she is greater and finer for it, and that her heroism has helped me.

Then there is the admirable young woman who gave up a fine job and a good income in the city, and has now given three years in the rural home to easing the way for her parents to the end, both near 90. One is gone now, and she keeps her loving vigil over the other. I was in the home a few minutes once, and saw the heroic battle for love. I wrote her, "You make me, after all, proud of the human race!" I'll say so again on her Christmas card.

Time fails me to tell of a score or so of others in this group who will get my Christmas notes saying, "Thank you for helping me to be brave."

Greetings to the Aged and Shut-Ins

For several years the aged and shut-ins have been my special concern. My articles have brought me numerous stories of their loneliness and hunger for the attention that so often even their churches neglect to give them. Many of them will get at least a postal card from me — those cheap, quick, wonderful messengers — costing a minute and two cents. I like to repeat at Christmas what three postals did for me — the last day I could buy them for one cent. I mailed 100, three to old saints in my own town; one past 90, one a woman 87 and blind, the other an honored minister and educator who knew his work was done. The same night all three rang my phone within several minutes of each other, each to say with touching gratitude, "Thank you so much for your note of appreciation."

A minute and 1 cent each! I'm glad I did it — all are dead now. and God has rewarded richly their rich lives.

I beg you to try it. Christmas is rich in such opportunities.

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Should a Worker Serve in the Same Children's Departments Sunday Morning and Sunday Evenings?

By MRS. CARL A. CLARK

We observe that we have the same children (with the same needs), the same room, the same methods for teaching, the same equipment. Why not have the same workers?

1. If a person is a good worker with a given age group at one time he will be a good worker at other times.

2. This is a day of specialization and it is very difficult for one worker to give the time to specialize in more than one age group, through attending leadership conferences, home study, church training schools, and observing children.

3. The matter of sharing the room and the big equipment and some of the materials like the department Bible, song books, etc., can be done without friction on the part of the workers.

5. The matter of room arrangement and the placing of furniture and the use of the wall space (things so important in children's departments) can be planned out agreeably so as to meet the needs of the children.

6. Many times a worker can correlate the materials that have been used at another time and enrich it for the child.

7. Contrary to the thinking of some, children do not tire of the same worker and workers do not tire of the same children if good methods are used, and if the workers are well trained in methods and in the leading of children.

MARCH 15-16

March 15-16 is the date for the State Training Union Convention. Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, is the place. Dr. Donald Ackland and Dr. Joe Burton of the Sunday School Board are the main speakers. Mr. LeRoy McClard will have charge of the music. Dr. Nolan P. Howington, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, Convention President, will preside over the convention.

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At the state convention the Junior memory drill will be conducted on Saturday morning. The speakers' tournament eliminations will be conducted in the Friday afternoon sectional meetings, and four will participate in the finals Friday night, March 15. The eight sword drillers, one from each district, will be in the finals on Friday night.

Ouachita College will give a tuition scholarship to each of the two speakers' tournament winners. The Training Union Department will care for \$25.00 on the travel and pay for registration, room and meals at Ridgecrest and Glorieta for the two sword drill winners and the two speakers' tournament winners.

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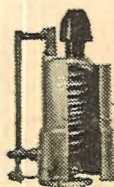
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Japan Baptists Detail Plans For Advance Program Projects

Detailed plans for six Christian life conferences and 12 evangelistic campaigns were made at recent meetings of the evangelism committees of the Japan Baptist Convention and the Japan Baptist Mission.

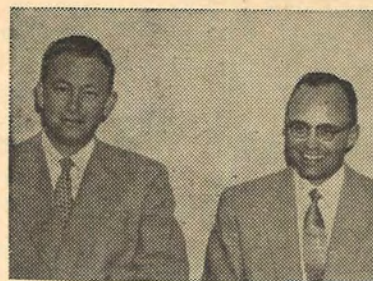
The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$5,875 from its 1955 advance program funds to help finance these advance projects in church development and evangelism).

The purpose of the Christian life conferences is to train pastors and church leaders, through area meetings, in methods of evangelism, follow-up procedures, stewardship, and instruction in church membership. The purpose of the evangelistic campaigns is to introduce, on a large scale, the simultaneous revival techniques.



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Miss Katie Reed, registrar, recently reported the following enrollment by schools: Theology, 1,213; Religious Education, 643; Sacred Music, 116. There are 1,-

476 men and 399 women enrolled.

Among the new teachers is Dr. L. Jack Gray, who came from the pastorate of Euclid Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo., to be professor of missions.

A new teacher in the School of Religious Education is Leon Marsh, associate professor of principles of religious education.

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- 10:00 Devotional
10:15 "Developments of Arkansas' Mission Program" _____ Dr. C. W. Caldwell
10:40 "Arkansas' Need for New Missions and New Churches"
1 Rural: Rev. Jesse Reed and Rev. M. E. Wiles
2 Urban: Rev. O. C. Robinson
11:30 "Associational Organization" _____ Rev. Chas. McClard
12:10 "What The Brotherhood Can Do Toward Establishing New Missions" _____ Mr. Nelson Tull

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Devotional
2:15 "Some Essential Things in The Successful Establishment of A Church-sponsored Mission" _____ Rev. Taylor Pendley
3:00 "What The Sunday School Department Can Do Toward The Establishment of New Missions" _____ Dr. Edgar Williamson
3:30 "How We Hurdled Our Hindrances" _____ Rev. Dale Taylor
Rev. Walter Yeldell
Dr. B. K. Selph
Dr. John Miller
4:10 Round Table discussion of Special Problems

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TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:30 "Sources of Financial Assistance for Mission Buildings and Equipment" _____ Dr. R. Elmer Dunham
8:00 "What The Department of Evangelism Can Do Toward Establishing New Missions" _____ Dr. I. L. Yearby

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Children's Page

God's Wondrous World

By THELMA C. CARTER

Do you have a lead pencil handy? Pick it up and look it over! Did you know that a lead pencil contains wax from Brazil, clay from Germany, and graphite from Mexico, Bavaria, and other places?



Today's pencil is made from a cylindrical piece of soft wood, about 7 inches long and five-eighths of an inch in diameter. Pencil lead is a mixture of graphite, clay and water, which in soft plastic form is ground very fine, molded into tiny strips and baked at an intense heat. When dry, the lead is put into the wooden case.

An open metal tube is pushed part way down over one end to hold a piece of rubber, an eraser. The other end tapers to a point. The final part in pencil-making is the color enameling.

Most of us take the simple things of life — like pencils — for granted, never realizing how much debt we have to the many people and nations that contribute ordinary things.

In the same way, we are apt to take our Christian way of life

for granted, never thinking how very special and extraordinary are salvation, prayer and Bible study! Our Bible reminds us of God's greatness in Psalm 86:10, "For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone."

(Is there something about God's Wondrous World you would like to see described in this column? If so please send your suggestions to Baptist Press Syndicate, 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nashville 3, Tenn.)

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RELIGION

Religion ought to be our steering wheel, but too many of us treat it as a spare tire; useful only in a blowout.

—Bendixline

A Song Saves

By GLADYS CLEONE CARPENTER

Wo Wang was on his way to visit his Christian cousin. But not a Christian himself, he stopped at the fortune-teller's booth. Then disliking the prophesy on a bamboo stick, he decided to go to a temple where he could pray.

Wo Wang hired a rickshaw and was soon jogging toward the hills. Later the rickshaw boy passed through an arched gateway and stopped in front of a door in a mud wall.

"This is my humble home, Honorable One," the boy said. "Please enter and drink a cup of tea."

While they were drinking, two scowling men stepped into the room. Suddenly Wo Wang was frightened. He jumped to his feet.

"Thank you for the tea, Da-ga, but it is time to go on."

"Honorable One, this is as far as we go," the rickshaw boy stated.

Now the three men pushed Wo Wang into an inner room. There he was forced to write a note demanding a large sum of money from his family. His father was not at home. It would be days before they could get an answer.

Wo Wang was kept a prisoner

with only bowls of thin soup for his meals. On the third morning, he suddenly heard singing. The words though in Chinese were: Nearer My God to Thee.

Listening carefully he discovered which wall was nearest the music. He smashed his broth bowl and choosing the sharpest piece started to dig in the mud floor near the wall.

The music had stopped. But Wo Wang continued to dig. It was nearly evening when he got a hole dug big enough to wiggle through.

Now he saw a boy's feet.

"Help! Please help!" Wo Wang

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begged wearily.

This boy and another reached down and pulled Wo Wang through the opening.

"Wo Wang!" exclaimed one of the boys. It was his cousin.

Mission services would be held this evening in this room into which Wo Wang had come. It was music for the morning service that he had heard.

Wo Wang's cousin had brought

a lunch and stayed in the hills between services. He hurried to get its remains, a persimmon and millet cake, for Wo Wang.

That night his cousin took Wo Wang home with him and taught him to pray to God thanking Him for his escape.

Wo Wang attended mission meetings with his cousin and soon became a devout Christian.

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- To the offering of information and guidance in the whole field of locating and securing property, and in planning, erecting, and financing proper buildings.
- To the fullest co-operation with all state leadership to help project this movement; to urge and help every district association through its Sunday school and Training Union forces to work at this task with all wisdom and energy; to work for an associational *Missions Committee* in every association.
- Through all these means to propose the forming of a *Missions Committee* in every church and to help create a spirit urging every church to foster one or more new fields of work.
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"Lord, for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray; keep me, My God, from stain of sin, just for today. Let me no wrong or idle word unthinking say; set thou a seal upon my lips, just for today." What an appropriate prayer we each and all can have for beginning our day with God! Says one, "It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of the day, that the weight is more than man can bear." Jesus tells us not to worry, not to have anxious care about tomorrow. "This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." Carlyle's thought provoking statement was "Out of eternity this new day is born; into eternity at night it will return."

We pray for our daily bread, and maybe we seldom think of the many sources from which it comes and of the many hands used to bring it to us! It is no wonder that we pause and give thanks. Then, too, we recall that "back of the loaf is the snowy flour, and back of the flour is the mill, and back of the mill is the sun and the shower and the soil and the Father's will."

Just for today's mercies. Today is the day of salvation with its rich gifts of grace. There is no promise for tomorrow, and even if there were we would not want to lose all that can bring

satisfaction and rejoicing today. John the Baptist told of the fullness from which we have received, "grace for grace," grace instead of grace. That which we need for today is given instead of the grace we received yesterday, and spiritual blessings after spiritual blessings come as we need them.

Iron particles in the sand may not be visible and our fingers may not find them, but a magnet passed through will find them by its power of attraction. The loving heart will find God's blessings as it passes through the day and will rejoice in them, but there be some who do not see or rejoice in the riches of God's grace.

Just for today there are duties and opportunities, blessings, privileges, and we should not be blind to them. They are fleeting. They do not return. Today there is a work for me to do, and it may be a simple homely task, but it awaits my presence and word and spirit to make it great and golden. The little girl was looking so intently at her young lady sister as she was putting an ornament in her hair, that she was asked why. "I was wondering," said the younger sister, "if I would have a star in my crown." She was asleep when the young lady came back, tired of the world and kneeling down she prayed, "Lord,

Letters to an Ex-Priest

By EMMETT MCLOUGHLIN

It's hard to realize that the following letter was written in "free" America:

"I read your article in 'Expose' and was deeply moved by it. I am now finishing my first year at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, after two years at the University of Michigan and an early education that was all public school except for two years in the fourth and fifth grades. I entered the seminary because I wanted to help people and thought that I could do this better as a priest, but now I find that I'm a little disillusioned. Most of the other fellows seem to be in the seminary not so much because they want to help other people, but because they want to make things easier for themselves after they die.

"They are also a bit narrow-minded, won't even examine

let me be the gem in my little sister's crown."

She told the child in the early morning, and we can imagine the joy of them both and of others. Are we saying "Tomorrow, I'll have more time. Tomorrow I will write. Tomorrow I'll be more thoughtful, speak that word of good cheer, give that friend a lift. Tomorrow I'll confess Christ as my Saviour, and will begin the Christian life!" "Boast not thyself of tomorrow." "Now is the day of salvation."

facts: if some priest has made a statement that the theory of evolution is wrong, you can't even convince them by telling them what scientists have discovered.

"These and other things, especially the lack of charity of some priests and classmates, have led me to wonder if the Catholic Church in which I have been brought up (my mother is Catholic, my father atheist) is all it says it is.

"I don't know if I feel the way I do because I have had a public school education and almost exclusively non-Catholic friends and am having trouble adjusting to the more rigid Catholic way of doing things, or if the Church just doesn't live up to the principles of practical Christianity that I have acquired; but I have to find out.

"I am writing this letter to you because I think you can help me. I'm living at home so I can receive mail, but I'd prefer that you put no return address on the envelope so my mother won't learn I've been thinking this way.

"You have been through the same situation I'm in now, so you can undoubtedly give me some advice. Please write me if you can find time, if this letter has been so vague you don't know what I want to know, I'll ask you some specific questions. If you have any fears that I'm doing this as some sort of plot or smear mechanism like you described in your article, just type the letter and don't sign it, that way I won't be able to use anything against you."

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TROUBLE

A woman reminisced that as a small girl she was given chores to do along with her brothers on the farm. One such job was hoeing grass in the cornfield. Sometimes she would do a shoddy job and simply cut off the top of the grass.

Her father remarked one day: "Dear, just cutting off the tops means you will have to do it again. Get the grass out by the roots and you'll never have to do it again."

"Now that I'm mature," the woman said, "I find trouble must be handled like the grass in the cornfield. You must get it out by the roots if you would rid yourself of it."

—Rev. A. Purnell Bailey, G.

GOVERNMENT

The alert citizen worries more about what the government may do to him than about what it can do for him.

—Wheeler McMillen, Editorial, Farm Journal.

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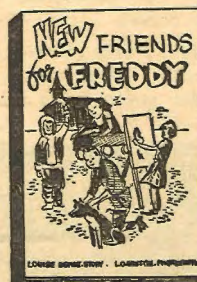
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More Than Conquerors'

By BURTON A. MILEY

The superiority of the Christian life is shown vividly at three points of man's experience. The first is in the realm of hope. A Christian has every right to hope beyond the present. The second is prayer. The believer has the privilege of prayer but he also has others praying for him. One in particular is the Spirit of God who prays beyond human ability to understand. The third is assurance of salvation whereby a Christian can speak of knowing things others cannot know. These three points open to much frustration and fear when they are not covered with the superiority of Christian belief. Hope, prayer and assurance are God's guards to keep impostors out.

The eighth chapter of Romans is noble within its own right. A man who planned his own funeral asked that it be made up of two Christian hymns and the reading of Romans 8. Nothing else would be necessary for a complete service. The eighth chapter begins with "no condemnation" and ends with "no separation" to those who in Christ Jesus, who are more than conquerors. Yet the eighth chapter is not isolated from other scriptures. It is ill to take it alone. The tremendous climax that is reached in the closing verses is the result of the arguments advanced in the first part of the epistle. Man is at his best when he is with God in the salvation God has provided through Christ Jesus.

THE HELP OF THE SPIRIT

"Likewise" in verse twenty-six shows a close connection between what immediately precedes and that which follows. The whole creation has groaned and agonized in pain while looking for release (vs. 22). Expectation is mutely written in nature. Christian people have likewise undergone suffering and endured pain while awaiting the redemption of the body. They were undergirded with a hope for that which is better. The fruits of the hope were unseen but were awaited in patience. The ministry of the spirit is to help through prayer while waiting for that which is better. The Spirit prays as a human cannot pray. He does it with groanings which cannot be put to words. He has a knowledge of objects needed but not known by mortal man. His ministry is effective because He searches and knows the heart of man.

He has the welfare of saints constantly in mind. Romans 8:28 is a marvel. Many have taken stand on this verse to await better days. It is worthy to note that things working together for good is not an automatic operation. It comes about because of love for

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Romans 8:26-39

God and His purpose for man. This is not blinded ideology which sounds good, but has no power. It is a working philosophy of life which undergirds one of Christian faith. Evil continues evil whether it has its manifestations in the Christian economy or otherwise. Pain remains pain while suffering stays suffering. But all things under the hand of God work out for good to the one who loves God and who is set to His purpose.

One ground for certain encouragement is that God co-operates in all things for good to those who love Him. It matters not how bitter circumstances may be, one can learn to discover God's co-operation through them. This is a statement of religious experience by Paul. God's purpose existed prior to discovery of it. The discovery and response lead to new attitudes which prompt response to God without regard to temporal environment. Anytime one responds to God, he has assurance God is going to co-operate with him to make things better.

THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Verses 28-39 give the best assurance of salvation one can receive. It begins with a knowledge of God working through billions of providences for good to those that love Him. This is not a temporary plan with God but His plan of operation throughout the ages. The purpose of God is that men may be conformed to the image of Christ. Therefore God is willing to use every experience to bring this conformation to reality. He chose men because He loved them and called them through the gospel. He justified and glorified them. These steps of ascendancy register the Christian walk. Each carries a significance hard to grasp. God valued man and chose him out of strong desire. He called man to measure up to this value so that man would not lose his soul. He justified him, that is cleared him from guilt, and stationed him apart from condemnation in order that He might fellowship him. He glorified him by a lift to a new plane that is only an indication of the fuller participation in divine perfection. If God is this much for an individual, then who can be successful against him? Who can effectively lay any charge against God? Who shall separate one from this love of Christ? Paul an-

swers by taking the temporal local dangers like tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, and sword and assures that these are not able to separate. The love of Christ makes the Christians more than conquerors. He turns next to those things more universal like death and life. Then the picture expands into powers beyond man like angels and principalities. In order that time might not be left out nothing "present nor anything to come" is included in the table of the unable. Height, depth or any creation are mentioned. The Christian is in full assurance in the love of God. It is the declaration of God's "all out" ministry for man. In Romans 12 the call is for man to answer with an equal "all out" for God.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Any Christian should be ceaseless in gratitude. One who has the privilege to live without condemnation and to go forward when no separation will prevail should be eternally and lastingly grateful unto God who provides such a state. The Christian who surveys the multiple providences with each working to his good can hardly be ungrateful. There is no room for a "sad pan" or "dead heart" in the relation God has given. Gratitude should be as artesian as the flow of water from inner pressure.

A Christian should be encouraged. Many things tend to depress and discourage. The Christian lives on a higher plane. Encouragements come through faith that man possesses in God which Christ has not said that one would be immediately removed from adversities of life. He has promised that adverse things will not be successful against man. Evil has not been removed from the world, but evil cannot be successful against the cause of God.

Every Christian should be assured of salvation. Assurance of salvation is basically a matter of relief. One who believes the Word of God and commits himself to it is assured of salvation because of God's promises. One who experiences a deep religious life with God is assured of God's benevolent dealings. One who has accepted the Spirit of God as the element in which he lives, like a fish lives in water, will be assured by the Spirit's presence.

Every Christian should thus be assured in order that he might enjoy the best in life with the least amount of doubt. If God says it who can truthfully deny it? The presence of God through local and universal enemies to the point of victory is assured. To be conquerors alone should suffice to assurance but to be "more than" is doubled assurance. Can God be depended on?

HAIRSTON RETURNS TO FIELD

Miss Martha Hairston, Southern Baptist missionary to North Brazil, has returned to her field of service after furlough in the States. She may be addressed at Caixa Postal 29, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. Miss Hairston is a native of Warren, Ark., where she makes her permanent American home.

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Church Finance

Baptists believe every word in the Bible. We agree with Paul when he wrote to the church in Corinth, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (I Cor. 14:40). This applies to all phases of church life. A church which raises its finances haphazardly, is not observing this admonition of Paul to the Church at Corinth. Therefore a church budget is basic. The promotion of a budget means the church has a plan for its financial program. In doing this, the church members are led to a deeper dedication to the Lord. "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:20).

THE BIBLE PLAN

Our Baptist churches, have, in the main, adhered to the Bible plan of church finance, namely tithes and offerings. As a denomination, Baptists believe in and practice this God-giving plan. But, many of our churches have been weak in promoting and teaching this Bible plan of Kingdom finance (Tithes and Offerings). Too, our churches are using many methods to raise building funds, subscribe the budgets and to pay off mortgages. The business and professional men saw the need for expert planning and promoting of finance in the churches, so consequently fund raising companies have been organized, and are now doing a flourishing business all over our land.

NEEDS GREATER THAN MONEY

A church promotes a budget campaign, or a building fund campaign because it needs money. But it needs much more than money. If, suddenly, every church in our State Convention could find some wealthy member to underwrite the entire church budget for 1957 the problem of church finances would not be solved. The church is to be a spiritual lighthouse in a world that loves darkness, so its task is that of winning the lost and "teaching them to observe all things." Therefore, the modern church must have a spiritual objective as well as a financial objective in every fund raising campaign. The right kind of a financial campaign will meet both needs, because a spirit of dedication inspires generous giving, and the right kind of giving promotes a spirit of dedication.

A NEW METHOD

The Church Finance Program of Southern Baptists is a new method to promote the Bible Plan of giving. Those who formulated the plans have tried to keep in mind the fact that Christian Stewardship is not man's plan for raising money, but it is God's plan for growing His children. Consequently, the new plan is not primarily concerned with securing more dollars for Kingdom Causes, but the development of Christian character and spiritual surrender.

Here are the basic principles of the proposed program:

1. A scriptural plan, based upon Christian stewardship with the tithe as a minimum.
2. A uniform plan in operating throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.
3. A unified plan, comprehending to total financial needs of the churches in a unified budget, including local expenses, building program, and missions.
4. A detailed program worked out in every essential.

5. A church program, with the responsibility centering in the congregation.
6. A total plan, using every church agency and facility including the Sunday school, Woman's Missionary Union, Training Union, and Brotherhood.
7. A co-operative plan, utilizing all the values of historic Southern Baptist Convention — state convention relationships.
8. A specialized program providing some literature and counsel for those churches desiring help in special building campaigns.
9. An associational program utilizing every associational agency and facility.
10. A simple plan which will largely use volunteer rather than professional leadership, and will serve every church from the largest to the smallest.
11. A complete plan, providing adequate basic promotional materials to be created and distributed by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. — R. D.

Charleston and Pastor Ross

First Church in Charleston has a new pastor. He is Darell S. Ross, formerly of Markham Street Church in Little Rock. Brother Ross feels confident that his church will give over \$2,100 for the Cooperative Program in 1957. This will be a notable increase and we are indeed grateful for this good news. — B. L. B.

Keep Our Public Schools Free

In Bradfordsville, Kentucky, the citizens lost their public high school. The students were forced to attend a local parochial high school or attend high school eight miles away at Lebanon, Kentucky, in another school district.

The court of appeals ordered the county school board to:

1. Re-establish a four-year public high school in Bradfordsville area.
2. Cease the distribution of use of Roman Catholic church literature in the public schools.
3. Stop spending public school funds for religious purposes.
4. Stop halting public school bus runs on religious holidays that are not at the same time legal state or national holidays.

This order came from the courts, after some of the students who refused to attend a Catholic school, missed a year of school and after much time and money was spent by the parents. All of the above came about because a predominantly protestant community in Kentucky lost its high school.

You may ask, how did this happen, if the majority of the Bradfordsville people were protestant? The answer is simple enough when you learn that three of the five school board members were Catholic. With this majority the board elected a Roman Catholic as county superintendent and in turn elected 44 Roman Catholic nuns as teachers.

In our own state we find a few Catholics, who never attended a day of public school, teaching in our public schools. We hope that this is not the beginning, in our state, of what happened in Kentucky. —RD

Missionaries Stay

The Middle East has been a place of turmoil and strife for the last few years. Recently, this caldron boiled over causing pandemonium and bloodshed.

During the crisis, the true metal of missionaries and the true worth of the mission program of Southern Baptists came again to light.

The Baptist hospital remained open during the fighting and Dr. James Young from Louisiana, and Dr. John Roper of South Carolina, cared for the wounded. As reported by the International News Service, "The Baptist Hospital has the best surgical ward in the area and Israelis are bringing them the wounded."

When the fighting was at its worst at Gaza an American destroyer of the sixth fleet dashed into port to carry out a dramatic rescue mission. Among those rescued were nurses Carolyn Cate of Tennessee, and Anne Dwyer of Virginia, but they both returned to duty. Miss Dwyer said, "I am not afraid of bombs, the only thing I am afraid of is to fail my duty."

We have many other missionaries like these around the world serving under the call of God. They are not there because they need a job and they are not working because they want a pay check. Therefore, they do not whimper and whine when hardships become almost too much for humans to bear. Neither do they vacillate or run when danger and death stare them in the face.

Yes, God has called the missionaries and they are staying on the job through thick and thin, lean and fat, easy and difficult. God is calling us to stay on the job with our gifts. The best way for a Baptist to stay on the firing line with the Gospel all over the world is to give through the Cooperative Program. — R. D.

James Fork Increases

Mr. Aaron Fildes writes us that the James Fork Church is increasing its Cooperative Program gifts from 10 per cent to 15 per cent. This is a good increase. James Fork Church is not in a delta section, nor is it in the oil fields. It is in the hills of western Arkansas in Buckner Association. We believe that all churches that are giving 10 per cent or less for the Cooperative Program ought to get a new vision of World Missions. This James Fork Church is setting a noble example for churches that are in the 10 per cent bracket. James Slankard, Ray Gossett and Aaron Fildes are being ordained as new deacons in this splendid Western Arkansas Church. — B. L. B.

South Highland and Branscum

Pastor Branscum of South Highland Church writes us that we can count on them for more mission money in 1957. This church has moved forward under the leadership of Pastor Branscum in an unbelievable manner. Pastor Branscum is one of our great preachers and one of our outstanding leaders. — B. L. B.

"No mother is more compassionate than our gracious God. When we consider how hardmouthed we are, it is a wonder that we are not driven with a sharper bit." Spurgeon

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